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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Galena Park opens Woodland Acres Police Substation

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, Tx. - Woodland Acres: Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018 Galena Park Mayor Esmeralda Moya with City Commissioners Rodney Chersky, Barry Ponder, Interim Police Chief Reese Martin, City Secretary Mayra Gonzales and Economic Development Coordinator Jorge Flores opened a first time ever



Photo by Allan Jamail

Officer James Boyett, Commissioner Barry Ponder, Mayor Esmeralda Moya, Commissioner Rodney Chersky and Officer Jason Adams.

See Police Substation, page 2

Literacy Day

Families are invited to the Legacy of Literacy Day event on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at 6402 Market St. for free books, games and prizes, arts and crafts, face painting and more. Harris County Department of Education Head Start, the Assistance League of Houston and the Houston Department of Health and Human Services host the event.

Pilot Club Bunco fundraiser

Friday, March 23, 2018, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Flukinger Center, 16003 Lorenzo in Channelview. Enjoy an evening of dinner, bunco and silent auction while raising funds for the San Jacinto Pilot Club. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. Table sponsorships are available for \$100.

Early voting started February 20th

Voters in East Harris County can now vote early for the Primary Election, at the following locations: Crosby Branch Library, 135 Hare Road

Early Voting, Page 2



TxDOT holds meetings on I-10E improvements

The Houston District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently holding public meetings in neighborhoods at four locations along the I-10 corridor.

These meetings are called "open house formats (no formal presentations)" and are meant to show the public areas under study, and to receive comments from persons interested in interacting with the planning process.

I-10 is under study because it carries a high volume of auto and commercial traffic, and this is expected to increase in the future due to activity and expansion in the petrochemical industry on the East side of Harris and

Chambers County.

The study is known as a PEL (Planning and Environmental Linkages) study, required by the federal government. The purpose is to gather feedback during planning to inform the environmental review process, including the National Environmental Policy Act. The study encompasses I-10 East from I-69 near downtown Houston, to State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) in Chambers County.

Public meetings were held last week, and this week, at Barbers Hill High School, Goose Creek Memorial High School, Channelview High School, and Mickey Leland College Prep Academy.

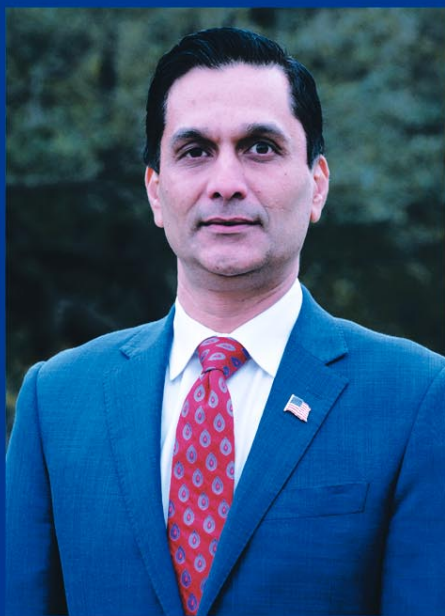
The format was to show large photos and maps of the highway, broken into sections, with drawings that indicated environmental concerns, and aerial photos displaying current road alignments and cross-sections. Forms were provided for public comments to be submitted.

For anyone missing the meeting but wanting to see the information, it is available at the TxDOT offices on Washington Avenue in Houston. It is also on the internet, at the following address: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/houston>

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**Early Voting
Feb 20th - March 2nd**

**Election Day
March 6th**



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COMMUNITY NEWS

North Shore Rotary supports Go-Texan event



At a recent North Shore Rotary luncheon, club president Adam Lund presents a check for \$1000 to the local Go-Texan committee of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. They held a fund-raiser on February 9th at the Galena Park Ag facility on Holland Avenue, to raise money for the Rodeo participants and for scholarships.

Channelview ISD February Students of the Month



Channelview ISD recently honored its February Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium. The Students of the Month include, top row, from left, Anastasia Lawson (Alice Johnson Junior High), Daniela Diaz-Angeles (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center), Leonardo Velasco Alvarez (Channelview High School), Jordan Rodriguez Martinez (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center) and Sabino Ibarra (DeZavala Elementary. Pictured bottom row, from left, are Stephanie Lezama (Crenshaw Elementary), Isaac Gomez (Schochler Elementary), Leilanny Hernandez (Hamblen Elementary), Jessica Sanchez (Brown Elementary), Layla Ray (McMullan Elementary) and Aaron Solis (Cobb Elementary). Not pictured is Marcus Neal from Aguirre Junior High.

Police Substation,

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police substation in the city.

Mayor Moya said, “Enhancing the safety and security of our residents is our top priority. For the last two years Woodland Acres citizens has expressed to me a concern about the long police response time to their subdivision. Today with the support of Commissioners Rodney Chersky and Barry Ponder we’ve taken action that will provide the immediate police presence on a citizen’s call for the police.”

Moya said, “The police officers stationed and

working out of the substation will patrol this neighborhood cutting down on crimes such as home burglaries and other thefts. Because of the increase in property values the substation and manning it continuously seven days a week is made possible without a tax increase.”

Commissioner Rodney Chersky said, “With the opening of the new Galena Park Police Substation, this is just another ongoing example of Mayor Moya’s commitment to the citizens and taxpayers of Galena Park. We will remain dedicated to our citi-

zens and continue to make improvements and serve our community to the best of our abilities for as long as we serve in office.”

“Mayor Moya once again is taking a building that was all but forgotten turned it into a functional substation for Galena Park Police. This will essentially cut response time from 10 minutes to 2 minutes,” said Commissioner Barry Ponder.

Interim Police Chief Reese Martin said the new substation will have a positive effect on reducing crime and save citizens from having to drive the long distance to police headquarters to make complaints or reports.

“Thanks to Mayor Moya, Commissioner Ponder and

Jacinto City Seniors Valentine’s party



Photos by Allan Jamail

Seniors enjoy meal refreshments music and door prizes.

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, Tx. Heritage Hall – Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2018 three hundred seniors from Jacinto City, Galena Park and North Channel area came to enjoy a delicious meal, music and door prizes.

The meals was served by Mayor Ana Diaz, Council members Allen Lee, Greg Robinson, Carmela Garcia, Fire Chief Rebecca Mier, Constable Chris Diaz,



Serving seniors Heritage Hall staff: Program Assistant Debi Bridgeman, Director Elizabeth Flores, and Program Assistant Maria Espinoza.

Heritage Hall Director Elizabeth Flores, staff Debi Bridgeman and Maria Espinoza.

Early Voting,

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North Channel Branch Library, 15741 Wallisville Road, North Channel

Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market Street, Baytown

Galena Park Library, 1500 Keene St.

Downtown, Harris County Law Library, 1019 Congress Avenue

Early Voting Hours are: Feb. 20-Feb. 23, 8am - 4:30 pm

Feb. 24, 7am - 7pm

Feb. 25, 1pm - 6pm

Feb. 26-March 2, 7am - 7pm

The Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 6. Polls will be open 7am - 7pm. You may vote either Democratic or Republican ballot, but not both.

Voters will be choosing a US Senator, US Congressmen, Texas Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and various department commissioners. Additionally there are State Senators, Representatives, and Justice of the Peace on the ballot. The Democrats have 12 non-binding Prop-

ositions for your opinion.

Leading contenders on the Republican ballot are US Senate Ted Cruz vs. 4 other opponents, US House District TX-29 (Gene Green’s seat), 4 contenders, US House TX-36 Brian Babin vs. no Republican opponents, TX Governor Greg Abbott vs. 2 contenders, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick vs. Scott Milder, Attorney General Ken Paxton unopposed, Commissioner of General Land Office George P. Bush vs. Jerry Patterson and 2 others, State Rep. District 127 Dan Huberty vs. Reginald Grant, Jr., District 128 Briscoe Cain unopposed, Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman unopposed on the Republican ballot, and the Republican ballot has 11 Propositions for voters to express their opinion.

On the Democratic ballot, interesting races include US Senate Beto O’Rourke vs. 2 opponents, US House Sheila Jackson Lee vs. Richard Johnson, and the most contested race, US House TX-29, with 7 Democratic con-

tenders (as well as the 4 Republicans) Tahir Javed, Dominique Garcia, Sylvia Garcia, Hector Morales, Roel Garcia, Pedro Valencia, Augustine Reyes. No doubt there will need to be a runoff, on May 22nd.

Other positions on the ballot are US House TX-36, Dayna Steele, Jon Powell. For Governor, there are 9 contenders, State Senate District 15 John Whitmire and 2 contenders, well-known State Representatives Armando Walle (D-140) and Senfronia Thompson (D-141) are running unopposed, in D-142 Harold Dutton, Jr. is opposed by Richard Bonton, District 143 Ana Hernandez is unopposed, County School Trustee Pos. 3 At Large Richard Cantu vs 2 contenders, Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner (against incumbent Jack Morman) Ken Melancon, Gager Garcia, Danial Box, Adrian Garcia. for Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Pos. 2, Don Coffey vs. Lucia Bates. The Democratic ballot also has 12 Propositions for consideration.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CHANNELVIEW ISD KPRC's Britta Merwin talks science with Schochler students



KPRC-TV Channel 2 meteorologist Britta Merwin visited with Schochler Elementary fifth grade students recently, explaining how science and mathematics plays an important role in predicting the weather. Merwin shared with the students how she had dreamed of being a meteorologist since the age of eight when her local meteorologist visited her school. She is a Emmy Nominated Meteorologist and a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist through the American Meteorological Society. Merwin studied Meteorology at Stony Brook University in New York graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Sciences-Meteorology.

Galena Park ISD hosts Spanish Spelling Bee



On January 26, the top competitors from GPISD campuses gathered together to see who would become the GPISD Elementary and Secondary Spanish Spelling Bee Champions.



First up, 15 elementary students, who were named their campus Spanish Spelling Bee Champion, competed through many rounds of competition. Victor Martin-

Galena Park ISD crowns Spelling Bee champion



On Friday, February 2, Galena Park ISD hosted the annual Spelling Bee at the GPISD Administration Building. Twenty students, one spelling bee winner from each of the elementary and middle schools, competed for the title of the GPISD Spelling Bee champion! After many rounds of correctly spelling word after word, Diana Delosa from Cunningham Middle School was crowned the Spelling Bee Champ! Victoria Tovar from Woodland Acres Middle School was named the runner-up! Congratulations, Diana and Victoria!

ez from Williamson Elementary was crowned the 2017-2018 Elementary Spanish Spelling Bee winner! The runner-ups were Nayeli Alvarez, Woodland Acres Elementary, and Cesar Ortega, North Shore Elementary.

In the secondary competition, North Shore 9th Grade Center student, Daniela Flores, claimed the victory to become 2017-2018 Secondary Spanish Spelling Bee champion! The runner-ups were Guadalupe Lombera, Early College High School and Stephanie Cristal Moreno, North Shore Senior High. Congratulations, Victor and Daniela!

TxDOT holds I-10 east Meetings,

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[ton/houston-pel-i-10.html](#).

The study would include the city areas of Houston; Jacinto City; Baytown; and Mont Belvieu.

At a high level, a PEL study:

- Identifies transportation issues

- Develops the need and purpose for proposed improvements

- Helps inform planning decisions through public feedback

- Streamlines the project delivery process for NEPA

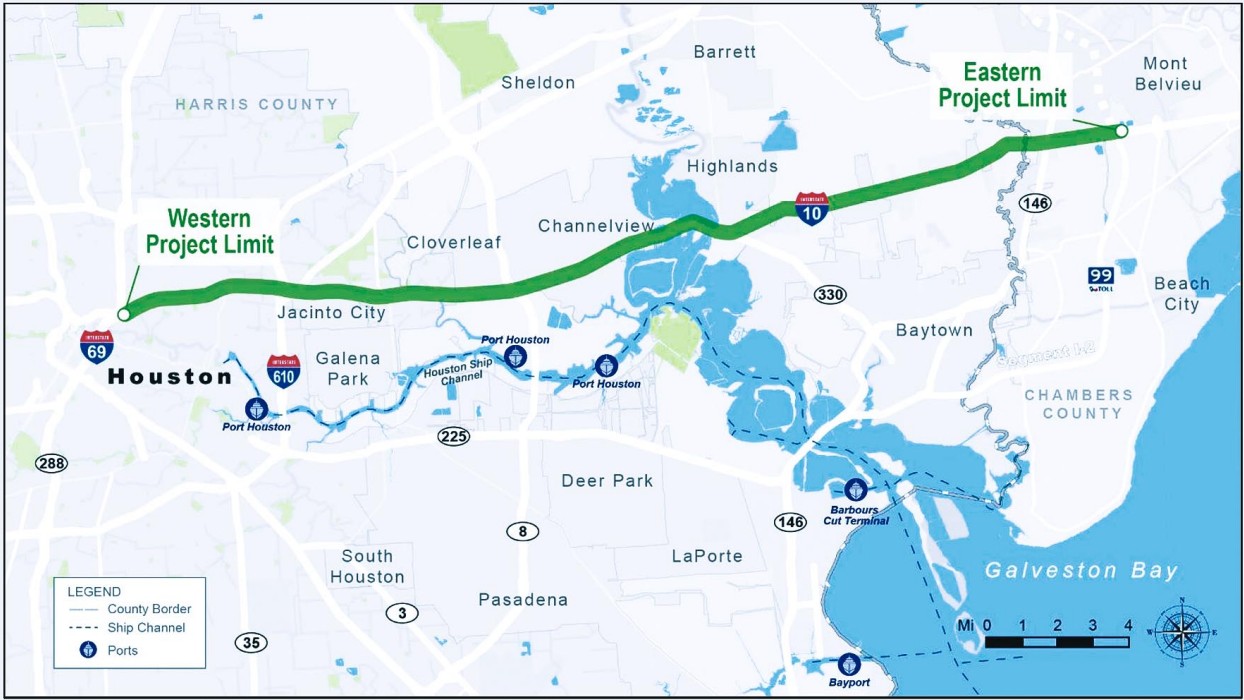
- Identifies environmental constraints, issues and potential future projects

- PEL Timeline and Process

Following is a high-level timeline; ongoing agency and stakeholder involvement occurs throughout the entire PEL process.

Phase I: Spring 2017 -

I-10E Study Limits



Summer 2018
Conduct data collection
Analyze existing conditions

Determine corridor needs and concerns

Identify vision for the corridor with community input

Phase II: Fall 2018 - Summer 2020

Develop and screen conceptual ideas and alternatives that support the corridor vision

Consider viable alternatives

Present PEL findings

After the PEL study process, the NEPA process will then be initiated and additional public involvement will be required and planned.

The whole planning, environmental review, engineering, and construction for the work is expected to take at least 10 years.

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OPINION PAGE

Smart Security practices for Spring Break Travel

(NAPSI)—As a father, Maurice Gibson says his smartphone is integral in documenting his children’s memories from vacations. But as an assistant dean for the College of Information Systems and Technology at University of Phoenix, he worries about the risk of losing much more than his data if his phone is hacked.

Gibson warns that people may overlook cybersecurity best practices when traveling if they focus primarily on protecting information like credit card numbers or passwords. He encourages Americans instead to look at cybersecurity as a way to protect not only personal data but memories.

“Most of our experiences today are captured in moments through our smartphones. I have children, and we’re always taking photos of them while on vacation. Losing those photos is like losing their childhood,” Gibson says. “For me, looking at cybersecurity on a personal level helps to incorporate smart cybersecurity practices.”

Three-fourths of Americans bring their smartphone with them on vacation, according to a survey from University of Phoenix. The survey also found that 48 percent of respondents worry about cybersecurity risks while traveling. However, 55 percent feel that the need to use personal devices on vacation outweighs cybersecurity risks.

Americans practice habits that put them at risk of cyberattacks, but very few take measures to prevent data breaches. Three in 10 access credit card or banking websites while on vacation and 23 percent make purchases online. However, only 39 percent of those

surveyed update antivirus software before traveling and fewer than a quarter (24 percent) change passwords2.

Gibson shares three tips to help prevent data breaches this spring break.

Post photos online from the hotel or home, not in public.

Gibson says that people should be wary of how often they post photos online or on social media while traveling, especially on unsecured public Wi-Fi networks, which are often used to avoid mobile data limits and provide criminals an opportunity to breach devices. Rather than logging online at a coffee shop or in the hotel lobby, he says to wait until you are in your room and can use a network that is password protected.

Disable Wi-Fi auto-connect and location tracking services.

Gibson encourages travelers to disable their phone’s feature that allows it to auto-connect to public Wi-Fi networks when in public, as well as turn off location tracking that can make it easier for criminals to track and access data. Refrain from providing information on how long you will be away because it can put your home at risk.

Avoid making online purchases in public.

Popular spring break destinations can be prime locations for criminals looking to steal credit card information or other data. Gibson warns travelers not to make online purchases on public Wi-Fi. These networks are not secure and can be monitored by anyone, making sharing payment information dangerous. If you must make purchases online in public, use your phone’s more secure hotspot.

Counties currently declared disaster areas include: Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Patricio, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, and Wilson.



Hazard mitigation funding for Harvey recovery becomes available

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott traveled to Rockport and Houston on Feb. 13 to announce the availability of new funding for hazard mitigation projects along the Gulf Coast following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

Abbott invited cities and counties to submit applications for projects and said the funding would provide an estimated \$1 billion for hazard and flood mitigation projects designed to both help Texas rebuild and reduce the risk of future damage from flooding and Hurricanes.

The funding, to be administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management, can be used for:

- Buyouts and elevations of flood prone properties;
- Drainage and reservoir projects that eliminate future flooding;
- Projects to lessen the frequency or severity of flooding;
- Flood risk reduction projects such as dams, retention basins, levees, floodwalls; and
- Large-scale channeling of waterways.

Of the estimated \$1 billion that Texas will receive, \$500 million in funding is available now, while the remaining funding will be provided on or before August 25. Additional funds may also become available as FEMA continues to process and approve project requests from Texas cities and counties, the governor's office said.

AG Paxton joins coalition

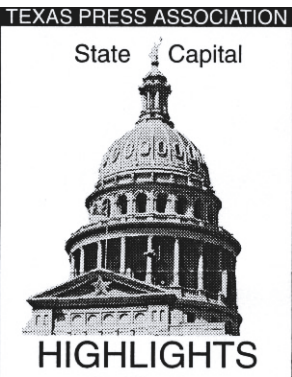
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 13 joined a bipartisan coalition of 56 states and territories urging Congress “to end secret, forced arbitration in cases of workplace sexual harassment.”

In a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



coalition led by Florida and North Carolina asked Congress to pass legislation to ensure that sexual harassment victims have a right to their day in court.

“Congress today has both opportunity and cause to champion the rights of victims of sexual harassment in the workplace by enacting legislation to free them from the injustice of forced arbitration and secrecy when it comes to seeking redress from egregious misconduct condemned by all concerned Americans,” the states’ attorneys general wrote.

Electioneering addressed

Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 14 dispatched cease-and-desist letters to Brazosport, Holiday and Lewisville independent school districts regarding alleged violations of the Texas Education Code for unlawful electioneering.

Those school districts, Paxton said, used taxpayer resources to distribute messages to their staff and the public advocating for or against certain political candidates and measures.

“My office fully encourages Texas schools to edu-

cate their students on civic duties and assist them in registering to vote. But pushing faculty or others to vote for a particular person is a clear violation of the Texas Election and Education Codes,” Paxton said.

The letters include screenshots of the school district’s political messaging on social media, as well as campaign videos. In some cases, Paxton said, districts distributed partisan information on behalf of the school district as a government entity, using resources that belong to Texas taxpayers.

African-Americans honored

Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 9 proclaimed the month of February to be African-American History Month in Texas.

“As a state and nation shaped by the diversity of our citizens, it is vital we recognize and celebrate the different races, nationalities and backgrounds of the land we love. In particular, African-Americans have made tremendous contributions to our society.

“Having faced slavery, many forms of oppression, deep-rooted adversity and the very real dangers of demanding equality and change, the contributions and achievements of African-Americans are imbued with a unique strength and resilience, which are respected and greatly valued in the Lone Star State,” Abbott stated in the proclamation.

Heart health is focus

State Rep. Walter “Four” Price, R-Amarillo, authored House Resolution 2683 in the 2017 session of the Texas Legislature to recognize February as “American Heart Month in Texas.”

On Feb. 14, Price, who chairs the House Committee on Public Health, noted that heart disease is the leading cause of death among adult Texans and the leading cause of death for women.

“February is the perfect month to raise overall awareness of potential heart disease and encourage specific individual attention to heart health, given the celebration of Valentine’s Day. My hope is that everyone takes the time to love his/her very own heart by seriously thinking about heart health,” Price said.

How to spend your money with companies that share your values



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(StatePoint) From small one-time purchases to monthly service fees, you may not think much about what happens to your money after spending it.

But beyond the typical considerations, such as price and product features, many savvy shoppers are starting to pick their brands and services based on new criteria like ethics. An ethical company treats both its employees and customers fairly and practices environmental sustainability. Luckily, there is some guidance out there for those consumers who want to spend their money with companies that share their values.

Your Wardrobe

Patagonia’s mission statement is to “build the best product, cause no unnecessary harm, use business to inspire and implement solutions to the environmental crisis.” A leader in social and environmental responsibility efforts in the fashion industry, the company is fair-trade certified for all its sewing production and is dedicated to transparency. Consider shopping here if you want to look good and feel good.

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One good resource to check out is “The World’s Most Ethical Companies” list, released annually by the Ethisphere Institute. It offers a quantitative assessment of a company’s performance in corporate governance, risk, sustainability compliance and ethics, and knowing a company or brand has scored high on this particular assessment can help set your mind at ease.

For the 10th year in a row, that list includes T-Mobile, which, among other initiatives, committed to move to 100 percent renewable energy by 2021, the only major wireless provider to do so. As one of only five honorees in the telecommunications industry to receive recognition from the Ethisphere Institute in 2018, they also landed on Best Place to Work lists for parents, diversity, the LGBTQ community and more. T-Mobile was also given a perfect score of 100 percent on the Corporate Equality Index by the Human Rights Campaign. For the full list of the 2018 World’s Most Ethical Companies, visit worldsmostethicalcompanies.com.

Your Glass of Wine

Red or white? The next time you imbibe, consider going beyond the wine’s flavor and potential pairings, seeking a bottle from a company that you know treats its employees well. Included in Glassdoor’s 2018 Best Places to Work Employees’ Choice list was E. & J. Gallo Winery, a family-owned company with a strong internal program to foster diversity and career development among underrepresented communities.

Whether you’re shopping online, hitting the mall or choosing services that help you connect with friends, family and the world around you, consider doing a bit of research before making your next consumer decision to ensure you’re comfortable with where your money is headed.

Governor Abbott extends disaster declaration for Texas Counties impacted by Hurricane Harvey

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation extending the State Disaster Declaration for Texas counties affected by Hurricane Harvey. This proclamation will ensure that all Texas counties declared disaster areas will continue to be eligible for assistance as they recover and rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. There are currently 60 counties included in the state disaster declaration.

State Disaster Declarations must be renewed every 30 days for assistance to remain available. Governor Abbott will continue to renew them as they are needed throughout the recovery process.

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The Greatest Missionary

Dr. Mark Trice

Who is the greatest missionary of all time? Would you say Paul? Many would, but there is One greater even than Paul. That would be Jesus. When Jesus, in Mark 6:15, told His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, He was simply telling them to do what He had been doing all along.

Because of our need, Jesus accepted a mission. He chose to leave His home in Heaven and come down to Earth, to become part of our culture and like us in a very real way, so that He could give us the Good News. Those who accepted His message were changed; their lives were never the same again. And those who had been following Him most closely did as He commanded and set about changing the world.

Through thousands of years, that message remains the same, and Jesus' command remains the same. As Christians we are all called to go into the world and share the Gospel, to offer those in the world we live in the opportunity to come to know the wonder of having a relationship with God Himself. In truth we are all, as followers of Jesus, supposed to be on a mission every day of our lives.

If we truly have the love of God in us, we should want to share that love with everyone around us. We should want to open our hearts and be sensitive to those we come in contact with. Does the man beside you on the bus appear depressed? Maybe he just needs to be reminded that Jesus loves him, that God cares. Is your neighbor sick in the hospital? A visit could be just what they need. We are, as it has been said time and time again, the hands and feet of Jesus.

Of course, as individuals we can't each literally cover the whole world. This is where supporting missionaries comes into play. My monetary donations to missionaries in Mexico helps provide a home for orphans, supports daring missionaries as they go out into areas that have never heard the Gospel, enables the training of Pastors and the raising up of new churches. It is absolutely amazing to think how much a missionary in a foreign country can do with what amounts to pocket change to us here in the US. Truly, most people have no idea what a difference even \$20 a month can make, how many lives it can change.

So, one Christian to another, I encourage you to follow the lead of the Greatest Missionary and get the Word out.

Sacred Heart Catholic School participates in Academic Competition



Sacred Heart Catholic School Beta Club participants.

Last week Sacred Heart Catholic School attended the Texas Junior Beta Club Convention last week in Grapevine, TX. This is an academic competition that serves the private school communities.

We are so proud of our Beta Club members and all of their hard work and dedication in preparing for convention. Congratulations to our academic achievers!

- We received the following awards:
- GOLD Key Award - Club Award
 - Book Battle - Div. I - 3rd Place - Sabene B., Bailey S. & Alexandra W.
 - Poetry - Div. I - 2nd Place - Gracelyn R.
 - Science Div. I - 3rd Place - Jocelyn G.
 - Science Div. II - 3rd Place - Andrew W.

- Social Studies - Div. I - 2nd Place - Sara M.
- Speech - Div. I - 2nd Place - Lizbeth M.
- Special Talent - Div. II - Golden Ticket - Savannah S.
- Color Photography - Div. I - 2nd Place - Sara M.
- Handmade Jewelry - Div. I - 2nd Place - Lizbeth M.
- Painting - Div. I - 2nd Place - Jocelyn G.
- Trading Pins - Div. II - 2nd Place - Laurel R.

The Beta Club would also like to thank all of the teachers, sponsors and parents who helped us prepare for the Convention as well as those who came along to chaperone. We could not have done it without your help. THANK YOU!

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Psalm: 46:1

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Jeanette Notgrass



Dorothy Jeanette Notgrass age 85, went to be with the Lord on Saturday February 3, 2018. She was born in Crestview, Florida on August 7, 1932 to Bessie May Turner Sanford and James William Sanford. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing, going to church, shopping and dining with her friend, Wilma but most of all enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a religious, sweet, precious loving lady and a role model for her family. She could be considered strong willed at times and will be loved and missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Bessie Sanford; her husband, Billy Gene Notgrass; her sons, Billy Michael

grass Jr., Tim, April, Jamie and Jennifer Notgrass, Aaron, Allison, Andrew and Adam Notgrass, Gary, Charles and Tiffany Nickens, Reba Notgrass. Also survived by 24 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A visitation for family and friends was held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Wednesday evening February 7, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Services were held on Thursday afternoon February 8, 2018 in Sterling White Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Interment was at Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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Leviticus 19:32

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ASK DIAMOND JIM



Diamond Jim: "How is natural yellow gold made into white or rose gold?"

Gold is a chemical element with the symbol Au (from Latin: aurum) and the atomic number 79. In its purest form, it is a bright, slightly reddish yellow, dense, soft, malleable and ductile metal. Gold is commonly formed into bars or coin for use in monetary exchange. Gold is the most malleable of all metals; a single gram can be beaten into a sheet of 1 square meter, and an ounce into 300 square feet. Gold leaf can be beaten thin enough to become transparent. The transmitted light appears greenish blue, because gold strongly reflects yellow and red. Such semi-transparent sheets also strongly reflect infrared light, making them useful as infrared (radiant heat) shields in visors of heat-resistant suits, and in sun-visors for spacesuits. Gold is a good conductor of heat and electricity and reflects infrared radiation strongly.

White Gold
White gold is an alloy of gold and at least one white metal, usually nickel, manganese or palladium. Like yellow gold, the purity of white gold is given in karats. A common white gold formulation consists of 90 wt.% gold and 10 wt.% nickel. Copper can be added to increase malleability. The alloys used in jewelry industry are gold–palladium–silver and gold–nickel–copper–zinc. Palladium and nickel act as primary bleaching agents for gold; zinc acts as a secondary bleaching agent to attenuate the color of copper. The nickel used in some white gold alloys can cause an allergic reaction when worn over long periods (also notably on some wrist-watch casings). This reaction, typically a minor skin rash, occurs in about one out of eight people and because of this, many countries do not use nickel in their white gold formulations.

Rose, red, and pink gold
Rose gold is a gold and copper alloy widely used for specialized jewelry. Rose gold, also known as pink gold and red gold, was popular

in Russia at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and was also known as Russian gold although this term is now obsolete. Rose gold jewelry is becoming more popular in the 21st century and is commonly used for wedding rings, bracelets, and other jewelry. Although the names are often used interchangeably, the difference between red, rose, and pink gold is the copper content: the higher the copper content, the stronger the red coloration. Pink gold uses the least copper, followed by rose gold, with red gold having the highest copper content. Examples of the common alloys for 18K rose gold, 18K red gold, and 18K pink gold:

18K Red gold: 75% gold, 25% copper
18K Rose gold: 75% gold, 22.25% copper, 2.75% silver
18K Pink gold: 75% gold, 20% copper, 5% silver
12K Red gold: 50% gold and 50% copper.

Up to 15% zinc can be added to copper-rich alloys to change their color to reddish yellow or dark yellow.

Rose gold
Also known as "Crown Gold". The highest karat version of rose gold is also known as crown gold, which is 22 karat. Eighteen karat red gold may be made of 25% copper and 75% gold. For 18 karat rose gold, typically about 4% silver is added to 75% gold and 21% copper to give a rose color. 14 karat red gold is often found in the Middle East and contains 41.67% copper. High-end musical flutes are very commonly made of solid rose gold, the most common being 14K.

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Feinberg headlines College's annual Lyceum lecture event

HOUSTON – Pixar Animation Studios' Danielle Feinberg will serve as the keynote speaker for San Jacinto College's "Extraordinary Mystery: Unlocking your Potential" Lyceum lecture event on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the San Jacinto College South Campus.

This year's event will focus on the College's eight career pathways: Arts, Humanities, Communication and Design; Business; Construction, Industry, Manufacturing and Transportation; Education; Health Sciences; Public Safety and Human/Consumer Services; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM); and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The event will feature a morning session and afternoon session with faculty speakers from a wide range of disciplines. Feinberg will give her keynote presentation at both sessions.

Feinberg is the director of photography for lighting at Pixar Animation Studios. She began her career at Pixar in 1997, after receiving her bachelor of arts in computer science from Harvard University. Her first entry-level position was as a render wrangler on the movie "A Bug's Life." Soon afterward, she was leading the otherwise all-male department. She went on to light many of Pixar's films, including "Toy Story 2," "Monsters, Inc.," and served as the director of photography for lighting on the Oscar-winning films "Finding Nemo," "The Incredibles," "Ratatouille" and "Wall•E," Feinberg's first



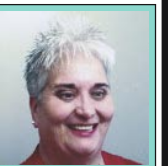
Danielle Feinberg

movie directing the lighting as director of photography. Since then, she has served as director of photography for lighting on the Oscar-winning Pixar film "Brave" and the 2018 Oscar-nominated "Coco."

Feinberg says she always encourages young girls and women to stay interested in science and enjoys using the excitement of movie making to inspire her audience showing them the math and science behind computer animation. She currently resides in Oakland, California, where she has a fine art photography company and serves on the advisory board for digital film making at the Art Institute of California.

"Extraordinary Mystery: Unlocking your Potential" takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Proscenium Theatre inside the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center (Building 15) at the San Jacinto College South Campus located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston. The morning session begins at 10 a.m., and the afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB



It Is YOUR Responsibility

One of the local social media groups has been making a list of the concerns from the area. With community safety meeting scheduled for this week, some of us decided to collect those concerns and try to weed out the ones that really are not appropriate to be calling Harris County Sheriff about. In reviewing the list, I learned quite a bit of information about the community members. While there are a few who have lived in the area for less than five years, there are many more who have lived out in the North Channel for decades. Or should I say, there are several generations of residents who still live in our community? I never gave it much thought, but in 1971, my family relocated to North Shore. Now, 46 years later, there are four generations of my family living in 77015.

When reviewing those concerns, I noticed that some of writers take great pride in our community. Many have memories which are near and dear to their hearts and they have a longing for those days to return. Then there are some residents who have lived here less than five years. They mention many of the things are community is lacking and too often mention negatives about the area. There are some who have lived here 20-30 years and they complain about how bad things are but at the same time, it is home to them. One young man referred to Cloverleaf as "Cloverdump" and it stung.

My first thought was "He doesn't even know the history of his own community." Then I started thinking about how sometimes we hear something so much we hear believe it. Too many people believe that the area east of Evanston, south of the ditch that separates Holly Park from Alderson, west of the Sam Houston Parkway and north of Interstate 10 is a community of poverty, drugs, prostitution and crime. In reality; it has long been

home to families who work hard, love deeply and just want to succeed like many others. In the past 20 years, it has also become home to many undocumented individuals as well as many parolees. It is a community that seems to accept people regardless of their past.

One thing I have always notice is the parent who have children in elementary school make every effort to participate in activities at the school and often the number of documented volunteer hours exceeds most of the other schools in the area. Somehow in the rush to teach our children about passing standardized tests, we have missed out on teaching the children to take pride in their neighborhood. Instead of just listening to someone else call the area by a derogatory name, I suggested this young man learn the history. I suggested that if he does not have anyone older that knows the history, perhaps make a phone call to Frank Nadolney who still has a real estate office located on Nimitz Street.

The Nadolney family originally owned the land considered "Cloverleaf" where they operated a dairy farm. Many of the streets in Cloverleaf have special meaning to the family. The Nadolney family donated the original land for the elementary school to be built. And just as life happens, just a few hours after sharing this with the young man, I went to a meeting at Channelview High School. Want to take a guess who I ran into? Frank Nadolney. As we started talking, some of the others at the meeting who had never heard his story were mesmerized.

I say all of this to say that it is our responsibility to learn the history as well as get involved and solve the concerns we have about our community. Each one of us has a responsibility to make it a better place.

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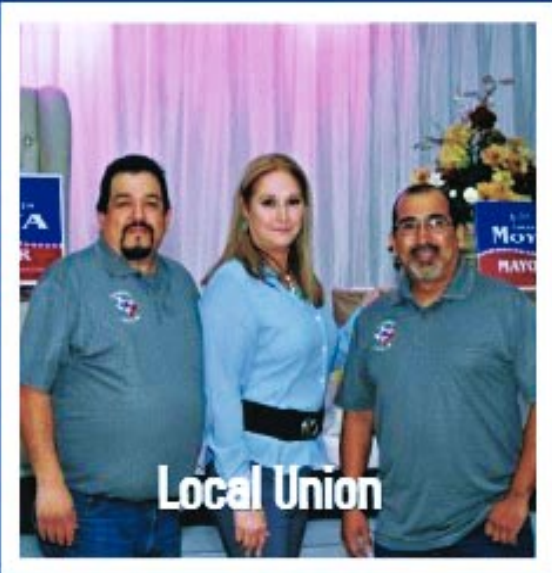
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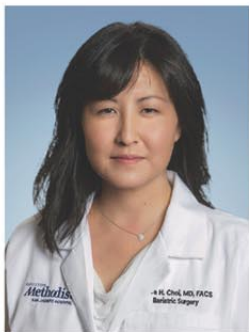
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