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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Chamber Gala set for April 29

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to their 44th Annual Gala.

Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the Sylvan Beach Pavilion,

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HOLDS starting February 22, 2021 will be transferred to Jacinto City Branch Library.

We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this closure may cause. Please, monitor this webpage and HCPL's Facebook and Twitter feeds for updates.

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Thank you and I hope to see you next time.

Sisi Medina, MLIS
Manager, Galena Park Branch Library

COVID-19

Cases as of March 16, 2021

HOUSTON AREA 19 COUNTIES

596,458 POSITIVE
6,067 DEATHS
545,470 RECOVERED

TEXAS

2,737,763 POSITIVE
46,651 DEATHS
19,966,634 TESTS

UNITED STATES

29,546,639 POSITIVE
536,871 DEATHS
374,442,857 TESTS

WORLDWIDE

120,645,738 POSITIVE
2,669,734 DEATHS
68,415,232 RECOVERED

Allatia Harris new Chamber Chair

By Jada Mier

Dr. Allatia Harris was sworn in as Board chairman for the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021, virtually via Zoom at the first Chamber Board meeting of the year. Harris County Justice of the Peace Lucia Bates performed the ceremony, and additional officers and directors took the oath that morning to "promote business growth and quality of life in the North Channel Area."

Raised in Dallas, Harris attended the University of North Texas, where she majored in Communications, obtaining her Bachelor's and Master's Degree. Dr. Harris holds a doctorate in educational administration with a specialization in community college leadership from the University of Texas at Austin where she has been recognized as a Distinguished Graduate. After being in administration in the Dallas county community colleges, a presidency opened up at the San Jacinto Community College North Campus. Not wanting to leave Dallas, Harris was hesitant to interview; when she went to the campus, she fell in love with the North Channel community.



DR. ALLATIA HARRIS

Serving as President of San Jacinto College North for five and a half years, the college changed how it operated. Her position evolved into what she works as today, Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives – Workforce, Community and Diversity.

She started working with the workforce programs, organizations, businesses in the communities, as well as diversity initiatives. As an advocate of education, Harris went on to elaborate on the opportunities community college offers. She says, "this is something I wish people understood, particularly in low-income communities, if you want to work in healthcare and need to work now, you can get a short-term credential, but that doesn't mean you have to stop there." Nationally, Dr. Harris is past president of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges.

When discussing what attracted Harris to the North Channel area, she was honest in saying, "It was a job expectation, but the first year one of the Rotarians got me involved in a project, we were working with another group and funded a home for a disabled veteran who had returned" She goes on "When I started doing the service work, I got hooked."

She explained the chamber "is a voice about road improvements that we need, is the voice for the infrastructure that the communities and businesses need." As new Chairman Harris says, her goal first and foremost is "to get through COVID, it has made a lot of things challenging. We want to keep our businesses connected."

The chamber "works with governmental entities, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, the mayors of Jacinto City, and Galena Park, and Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia to get the word out about vaccinations, food, and water giveaways and resources. We build networks and help keep people connected"

Allatia Harris reports that she is excited to be the new chairman. "When I am with the board even over Zoom, I feel so hopeful and optimistic for the community." She appreciates the group's diverse and welcoming people that are so committed to the community she now helps serve.

Dr. Harris is married to Wayne Dickerson and has one son, Kristoffer, and one grandson, Isaac. She and Wayne enjoy fishing and spending time with their black Labrador Charley.

Vaccine shots administered at East Houston Hospital

Streamlined process means patients quickly get life-saving shots

By Allan Jamail

East Houston, TX. – March 17, 2021 the East Houston Hospital & Clinic located in Houston's North Channel area (12950 East Freeway) is quickly making a positive name for itself by providing the best quality and convenient patient experience for most any medical services provided at Houston's Medical Center. To review all their services visit: www.adhealthcare.com

North Channel Star writer Allan Jamail said, "Since the start of the virus vaccinations I have seen many other locations and facilities administering the life-saving vaccine but nothing compared to the vaccination process I witnessed today at the East Houston Hospital & Clinic. CEO Rubin Shah was personally on hand making



East Houston Hospital's LVN Jasmine Tamez vaccinates patient Amin Rosado with his first dose of the COVID-19 virus vaccine. The hospital streamlined the vaccination process so patients could quickly get in and out to minimize their wait time. Most patients received their life-saving vaccine in about 30 minutes total time.

Observers L – R: Rubin Shah, CEO of the East Houston Hospital & Clinic, RN Hilda Bentley Director of Surgical Services, RN Miriam Keary and RN Cynthia Wallace. Photo by Allan Jamail

ing sure their streamlined process was going as planned." "Hilda Bentley, RN-Director of Surgical Services kept her eyes on every phase of the processes, ensuring top quality

medical practices were maintained." Patients weren't having to wait long to get their shot, mostly moving in and out in approximately 30 minutes total time.

CEO Shah stated that their East Houston Hospital and Galena Park Clinic have a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines which they're making available to members of

the community who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Age 50 and older.
- At least 18 years old with at least one chronic medical condition (examples include Cancer, Chronic Kidney Disease, COPD (See sign-up form on East Houston Hospital website for examples.)
- Frontline healthcare worker / First responder / Essential working / Law enforcement / Teacher / Child care provider / Family care provider / Bus driver.

Anyone who qualifies or has a family member or friend who qualifies should as soon as possible go to their website and complete the online form to schedule an appointment at either the East Houston Hospital or Galena Park Clinic, a map is also provided. <https://www.ehhc.care>

Channelview concerned about dredging for more barges near Superfund Waste Pits

CHANNELVIEW – According to the C.H.I.C. community action group, residents in the San Jacinto River Estates area along the San Jacinto River near the Waste Pits received a notice letter last week from the Corps of Engineers, calling attention to a dredging and mooring project in the river near Meadowbrook Park and asking for comments within 15 days.

This is apparently a continuation of a project that was attempted last year, by the landowners TimTom Holdings and Holtmar Land LLC. In that project, excavated materials from the south side of I-10 were to be hauled to Beach City, and deposited in a landfill site near a park and residen-



Construction activity along River Road includes piles about to be driven into the water to support a new set of berths for barges. Dredging of 15,000 cubic yards of waste material will take place in the same area and be sent to a new landfill in Devers.

tial area. Complaints by citizens and the city government managed to stop that work.

Carolyn Stone of C.H.I.C. says she believes that this project is using an old permit, with a different description of the work. She believes they would need a new permit for this, which is a different project.

According to the Corps, the applicant proposes to mechanically dredge approximately 15,000 cubic yards (405,000 cubic feet) of material from a 2.50-acre area of the San Jacinto River. The dredged material would be placed in a scow barge, transported and off loaded into watertight haul trucks for final disposition on a 5.0 acre upland

tract lined with a geosynthetic clay liner.

The final dredge material placement area is located approximately 35 miles northeast of the project site in the city of Devers.

The project also involves the installation of 576.75 linear feet of bulkhead to stabilize the shoreline in two separate areas and three 36-inch steel monopile moorings within the San Jacinto River and two on land. Barges would be secured to these moorings.

C.H.I.C. has asked for broad support to oppose this project, which may endanger the Waste Pits, and awaits more information from the Corps of Engineers.

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PCT. 2 TALK
By Commissioner Adrian Garcia



All-inclusive parks in Precinct 2

Hello again, Harris County Precinct 2!

First let me say, I have been so impressed with the resiliency and generosity of you all as we enter recovery-mode yet again. This time it's from the Great Freeze and Power Outages of 2021. I've watched as residents have donated money, time, and energy to food and water distributions, while their own homes still have fresh damage from busted pipes and water leaks. That's the spirit of Precinct 2, and once again, I am inspired by you. My hope every day is that my office is reflective of the wonderful people who live here.

We are emerging from the thaw with so much work to do, however, now that spring is on the horizon, it's finally the time of year that our area parks can be a welcome place for ANYONE to get some rest and relaxation. Under my direction, all Precinct 2 Parks will be welcoming to all visitors.

The crown jewel of these efforts will be James Driver Park in Aldine. As the first county-owned all-inclusive, fully accessible park, James Driver Park will offer something for everyone. The goal of the expansion is to create a space where children and adults of all abilities can have access to fun. I believe parks should be for everybody, and this expansion will be a great attraction for the East Aldine community.

You may be wondering, "what does 'all-inclusive and fully accessible' mean for me and my family?"

Here's what to expect: James Driver Park will have widened walking trails that can accommodate two wheelchairs, side by side. The playgrounds will feature specially designed, wheelchair-friendly equipment where ALL kids can spin, sway swing, slide, and splash. It will have a misting area and plenty of shade for relief from our hot summer days, plus covered dining spaces. There will also be a sensory garden featuring indigenous perennials, an accessible event lawn for music and other entertainment, a designated area for taco and other food trucks, and so much more. We are so excited to debut the brand-new James Driver Park this summer.



James Driver Park in Aldine. The first county-owned all-inclusive, fully accessible park.



James Driver Park in Aldine.

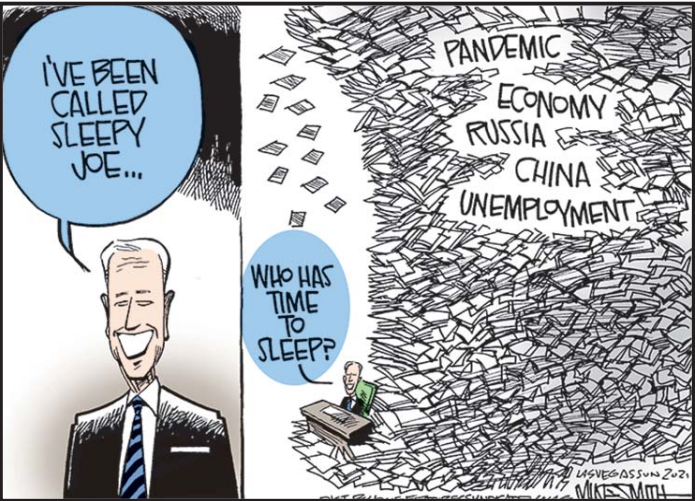


James Driver Park in Aldine.

James Driver Park isn't the only Precinct 2 park that is becoming more accessible. Going forward, most trails in our parks will be expanded to be six to eight feet wide to accommodate wheelchairs. We are upgrading playgrounds to offer more accessible activities such as an ADA-compliant zip line (Bay Area Park in Clear Lake). We've added more splash pads, inclusive swing sets (Burnet Park in the Lynchburg-area), roller slides (Stratford Park in Highlands), and ADA-accessible workout equipment (Highlands Park in Highlands, Crowley Park in East Aldine, and Riley Chambers Park in Barrett).

As long as I am your Precinct 2 Commissioner, my team will always work to ensure that residents of our community will have many options to take a break from the grind of our daily lives. And after the last few weeks, months, and year we've just had, these changes to our parks couldn't come at a better time.

Stay safe everyone!
-Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



State's jobless rate still double the record low rate

The state's unemployment rate dropped to 6.8% in January, down a tick from December's 6.9% rate but double the record low of 3.4% in May 2019. It is unclear what effect the mid-February winter storm had on employment, when power outages swept the state and many roads were impassable. We'll find out next month.

What is certain is that state lawmakers must grapple with a revenue shortfall as they build a biennial budget, since sales tax revenues are down from the previous year. The state comptroller's office announced February sales tax revenues totaled \$2.68 billion, down 7.5% from the same period last year.

Sales taxes account for most of the state's revenues. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced in January that the state was running a \$1 billion deficit for the current budget. Hegar estimated state budget writers will have an estimated \$112.5 billion in revenue available for the next two-year budget, which is nearly \$500 million less than the total current budget.

Hegar said the forecast could change due to uncertainties such as the continuing effect of the pandemic, oil and gas revenues and how quickly the state's economy rebounds as the state fully reopens.

ABBOTT, PATRICK SPAR OVER PUC, ERCOT

The market monitor for the Public Utility Commission has revised its claim that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas overcharged power companies by \$16 billion during the winter storm, saying last week that the actual amount is \$4.2 billion.

Gov. Gregg Abbott has made legislation relating to correcting any ERCOT billing errors an emergency item. In a highly unusual move, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick showed up at a state senate committee hearing to question the lone remaining member of



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the PUC — new chair Arthur D'Andrea. Patrick on Friday night called on Abbott to replace D'Andrea after he fills the other two vacancies on the PUC. Patrick also said Abbott should intercede to "correct" the pricing error.

Abbott quickly — and tersely — responded to Patrick, saying that, as a former Supreme Court justice and former Attorney General, the governor's legal view is that he does not have "independent authority to accomplish the goals you seek," which is why he made the issue an emergency item for the Legislature to consider. This saga is far from over.

PARTS OF TEXAS STILL FACE DROUGHT

Despite record snowfalls in much of the state, precipitation in February was below average, which led to an increase in the area of the state affected by drought. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, said rain during April, May and June will be crucial. The expected breakup of the La Niña weather system in April could bring a return to normal amounts of rainfall in May and June, Wentzel wrote.

He noted that there will be pockets of drought almost always in such a vast state. Right now, the United States Drought Monitor shows 62 percent of the state is in some stage of drought, with the most severe areas located in parts of the Panhandle and the

Rio Grande Valley. Only 10.8 percent of the state's area has normal rainfall conditions, primarily in Northeast Texas.

COVID-19 VACCINES STEADILY RISING ACROSS STATE

With another 800,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines arriving in Texas this week, more than 5.2 million people have received at least one dose, and 2.78 million are fully vaccinated — about 9.5% of the state's population. The latest shipment is down from the 1 million first doses delivered last week, which included the first large batch of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Last week the Texas Department of State Health Services announced that vaccinations have been expanded to people over 50 years of age. Previously, school and child-care workers were added to the Phase 1B list, which also included people over 65 and those with underlying medical conditions.

"We've seen a remarkable decrease in the number of hospitalizations and deaths since people 65 and older started becoming fully vaccinated in January," said Imelda Garcia, DSHS associate commissioner. "Expanding to ages 50 to 64 will continue the state's priorities of protecting those at the greatest risk of severe outcomes and preserving the state's health care system."

COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS CONTINUE TO DROP

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas dropped again last week to 31,916 — down 26% from the previous week. A total of 1,117 deaths were reported, down 35% from the previous week. To date, there have been 2.7 million cases in the state since the pandemic began, with 46,366 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients also continue to decrease, with 4,219 patients currently in Texas hospitals, according to TDSHS. That's down 14% from the previous week and 70% lower than the record high of 14,218 hospitalizations in mid-January.

TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS LAUNCH WEBSITE HONORING ICONIC WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY

The Texas Young Lawyers Association this week launched an online site intended to educate students about women in our nation's legal history who have fought for equality and civil rights, and who have helped shape American culture. The project is designed to give Texas high school teachers an effective tool to teach students about such iconic women as Rosa Parks and Susan B. Anthony. The site can be accessed by anyone at: iconicwomen.tyla.com.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Cheese Fondue

It's our anniversary, and Peter and I will be celebrating, like everyone has this past year, the best we are able.

We have not yet won the vaccine lottery. I recently received a note from the health department that basically said, "Don't get your hopes up." Newspaper columnists are not, apparently, considered essential workers and, of course, I am not. Meanwhile, we continue to visit my sister-in-law, Lori, whose health remains precarious.

So our anniversary celebration this year will not be spent going to a restaurant or a hot spring or a hotel in town. Instead, we are having cheese fondue on the patio.

Facebook (which knows everything) knew it was our anniversary and made a video of Peter and me. Since we rarely take pictures at home, all the pictures were taken somewhere far away. It was surprising, being reminded of all the places we have been, all the occasions we have celebrated in the last six years.

My closet is filled with dresses and skirts that have not seen the light of day for a year. They look like artifacts from another era. I won't be wearing a dress today either. But we are having cheese fondue.

The sun is out, but it is still March, so we'll dress warm. Peter will heat up the cheese in a little electric pot. And for dessert, we'll have pumpkin cake with his mother's burnt butter frosting. I think it will be a memorable anniversary—and memories are tricky things, in my experience.

Sometimes I feel as if I've forgotten nearly everything I've ever done. I am so caught up in the present moment and the present day. Even 10 years ago seems like another lifetime. In many ways, it is.

I realize I am becoming more and more like my grandmother.

One evening, toward the end of her life, I watched her listen to a long-winded story her brother told about the perfect baked potato. My Great-Uncle John was looking at the potato he had just been served and reminiscing about what a good potato should look like, how they used to make them in a Chicago restaurant, decades ago.

I could see my grandmother's growing impatience with this story about long-ago potatoes, and finally she burst out, "John! That potato is 50 years old!"

My grandmother lived a long time, and I believe she enjoyed most of it, in large part because she didn't spend much time on old potatoes.

Life changes and people move on, and that's not a bad thing. Living in the past doesn't make the best use of my brain or my limited time on earth. In general, I'm satisfied with the few scattered and fragmented memories I've hung onto.

But this past year will be one I will remember.

There will be all the years that happened before, and there will be this year. We will remember this anniversary for being the one we didn't go out (at least, not farther than the patio). It's been the year of small celebrations. It's been the year of cheese fondue.

Sometime later this year, I will wear a fancy dress somewhere. I will put on shoes with heels, and I'm sure it will feel odd, having lived in the equivalent of pajamas all year. We'll go out, and we'll see people and eat in a restaurant. We have all that to look forward to.

But today we are having cheese fondue.

And I'll remember this anniversary better than most because it was different. And because we celebrated the best we were able.

Till next time, Carrie
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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA JOE CARTWRIGHT SCHULER

Patricia Joe Cartwright Schuler, age 84 of Montgomery, Texas passed away on March 10th 2021. She was born to Jasper and Morgan Cartwright on August 16, 1936 in Montgomery County. She married Bobby Schuler in 1958. After their marriage they moved to Channelview, Texas. Upon completion of her business administration degree at Sam Houston State College she went to work for Humble Oil and Refining Company in Houston. After three years she paused her career to stay at home to raise their two daughters. Once the girls started school, she began working on her teaching certification from Sam Houston State College and began teaching 5th grade at DeZavala Elementary. She eventually earned her master of science degree and then her certification in professional mid-management administration from the University of Houston Clear Lake. She began her administrative career as assistant principal and then principal at Crenshaw Primary beginning in 1985. She



retired and returned back to Montgomery County enjoying teaching Bible classes, using her Master Gardener skills while gardening, and quilting demonstrating her dedicated love to God, family, friends and educating others. She was a member of the Rabon Chapel Church of Christ and taught a ladies bible study until the last few months of her life.

Patsy was preceded in death by her husband Bobby Schuler, her daughter Carolyn Brown and her brother Duncan Cartwright. She is survived by her daughter Annette and husband Randy Sullivan of Franklin, Texas and two grandchildren Ben Sullivan and Elaine Sullivan and special family members Michael and Ann Brown, Hayley and

Kyle Finley and their new lump of loving, son, Davis Finley and Dustin and Jennifer Ragsdale.

A special thank you to Duncan and Bitsy Cartwright's children Russell, Gentry and Joe Cartwright and Beverly Harris and all their families for the love and care each of them have given their Aunt Patsy especially in her later years. She loved you all. The ladies at Cynthia's Touch Senior Services, Claudia, Cynthia, Jackie, Jennifer, Kellie, Margaret and Patricia have given these last few months much joy and comfort. Her heart quickly filled with love for you all.

Family and friends are invited to attend the visitation for Patricia Sunday, March 14, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Metcalf Funeral Directors, 1801 E. White Oak Terrace, Conroe, Texas 77304. A celebration of life will occur Monday, March 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Rabon Chapel Church of Christ, 17975 Rabon Chapel, Montgomery, Texas 77316. An interment will follow at Cartwright Cemetery.

PANSY MYERS SKRLA

Pansy Myers Skrla, fondly known to many as "Nanny", 91, went home to meet the Lord on Saturday, February 27, 2021, at her home in Crosby, Texas. Pansy was born in Damon, Texas, on December 28, 1929, to Dale Lee Myers and Georgia Garey Myers.



Pansy graduated from Cedar Bayou High School in 1947 and went on to attend college at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas, graduating in 1952. Pansy loved to work and help others. She worked from 1952-1960 at Lillie Duke Hospital in Baytown, Texas. Pansy transferred to Gulf Coast Hospital, later known as Bay-Coast Hospital, in 1960 and worked there until January 6, 1995, where she retired as an Operating Room Supervisor.

Pansy was a faithful church member, attending the Crosby Church of Christ since its opening from 1954 until death. During all this, Pansy met the love of her life, Steve Skrla Sr, and married on June 6, 1953. Steve and Pansy found residency in Crosby, Texas, where they raised five children and built a life together for 49 years. Family meant everything to Pansy, and she made sure they knew it by being present as often as she could for her children,

grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Pansy is preceded in death by her husband, Steve Skrla Sr, her parents, Dale and Georgia Myers, her brothers, Perry, Dudley, and George, her sisters, Margaret and Gloria, and her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Skrla.

Survivors include her five children, Susanne Selensky (husband David), Steve Skrla Jr. (wife Donna), Pat Dale Skrla, Cindy Campbell (husband Joseph), and Michael Skrla (wife Kim); grandchildren, Jared Selensky (wife Michelle), Lesel Selensky-Smith (husband Shawn), Steve Skrla III (wife Linda), Scott Skrla (wife Sherry), Eric Skrla (wife Jessica), Wesley Skrla, Kevin Skrla, Joshua Campbell, Cyndel Campbell, and Mackenzie Skrla; and great-grandchildren, Ensley Smith, Makenna Smith, Steve Skrla V, Owen Skrla, and Olivia Skrla. Pansy is also survived by her older

sister Dorothy Eddleman, sister-in-law Georgia Krauskopf, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honoring the family as Pallbearers are Steve Skrla Jr, Pat Dale Skrla, Michael Skrla, David Selensky, Joey Krauskopf, and Dax Smith. Honorary pallbearers will include Pansy's seven grandsons, John Smith, and Jerry Bolls.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the Focused Care Unit at Cedar Bayou Nursing Home, Omnix Health Care Services, and Chris Hays, M.D for their loving care of our Nanny.

Friends are invited to visit with the family Monday, March 8, 2021, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at Crosby Church of Christ in Crosby, Texas. The Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 10:00 am at Crosby Church of Christ in Crosby, Texas.

The Skrla service will be live-streamed Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 10:00 am on the Crosby Church of Christ web page at www.Crosbychurchofchrist.com.

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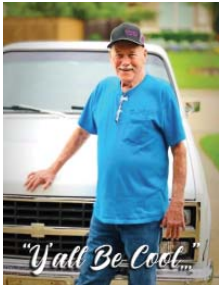


KENNETH H. MUNGLE

June 11, 1941 – March 8, 2021

Kenneth H. Mungle (a.k.a. Johnny, Unc, Poppa) of Seabrook, TX, age 79, passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours of Monday, March 8, 2021. A devoted father and friend to all who knew him. Committed to his craft, Kenneth was at work up until Wednesday, March 3, 2021 when he fell ill—a testament to his dedication for being there for others—even when he himself did not feel well.

He is survived by his son and only child Kenneth "Kenny" Mungle, daughter-in-law Myna Estes Mungle, grandsons Jason and Nicholas Noland, great grand-



children Gage Noland, Kennedy Noland, Grayson Noland, Isabella Noland, David Matthew Noland, Micah Noland and Ruby Noland, step-daughter Tonya Cline and her children Brett Davidson, James Cline and Rachael Cline, step-son Kelly Vrana, step-daughter-in-law Nikki Wingo, niece Madison Nichole Vrana, nephew (and

best friend) Dalton Michael Vrana, along with his work family at Kenco Bucket Trucks, Brit, Cassie, Daniel, Eddie, Ernest, Fatal, Humberto, Jenne, Jo Jo, Kalif, Leroy, Mandy, Michael, Pam, Patricia, Randy, Richard, and Ricky.

Please join Kenneth's family in celebration of his life on Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm CT at Kenco Bucket Trucks, 5901 Bayway Drive, Baytown, TX 77520.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the COPD Foundation online via copdfoundation.org/ donate. Please indicate this as a gift in memory of Kenneth H. Mungle.



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YVONNE MARIA WADE

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated this MARCH 15, 2021.



by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

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Proposals for RFP-MA 21-002 Fundraising Items will be received by the Galena Park Independent School District until Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM CST. At that time proposals will be opened at the GPISD Administration Building, 14705 Woodforest Blvd., Houston, TX 77015. Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud.

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King High School Earns Dual AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award

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KHS is one of 56 schools to achieve this national honor. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access in AP Computer Science courses. During the 2019-20 school year, King High School had 27 total enrolled in this course and 17 were female.

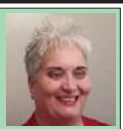
In 2019, King High School was one of only 56 to be recognized for closing the gender gap in both AP computer science courses.

“Today's students need the power to shape technology, not just cope with it,” says Stefanie Sanford, College Board chief of global policy and external relations. “Young women deserve an equal opportunity to become the next generation of entrepreneurs, engineers and tech leaders. Closing the gap in computer science education empowers young women to build the future they want.”

Providing female students with access to computer science courses is necessary to ensuring gender parity in the industry's high-paying jobs and to drive innovation, creativity, and representation. The median annual wage for computer and information technology occupations was \$88,240 in May 2019. However, a code.org analysis of 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics data finds women represent just 24% of the 5 million people in computing occupations.

Sheldon ISD is one of the fastest growing school districts in the greater Houston area. With more than 10,28 students, the district increases in student enrollment at roughly 2-3% annually. Sheldon ISD has 12 campuses: two early learning centers, six elementary schools, two middle schools, one comprehensive high school, and one accelerated high school program. Its mission is to provide students with personalized learning opportunities to graduate them ready for college and a career. King High School offers six career academies to equip students with resources and skill sets for their chosen path after high school.

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Happy Birthday Pablo Gaeta

On Thursday, March 11, Galena Park I.S.D. (GPISD) honored Pablo Gaeta, transportation department bus aide! Mr. Gaeta recently celebrated his 91st birthday and was presented with the ‘Ironman Award’ for being the eldest employee in GPISD. The transportation department celebrated this milestone in Mr. Gaeta's life by hosting a small birthday party. The event was filled with love and laughter with his co-workers who cherish their friendship with Mr. Gaeta. Thank you, Mr. Gaeta, for your years of service to GPISD!



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