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CHANNEL CHATTER

SUNDAY



Facebook Party turns deadly

CHANNELVIEW – A party called together on the social media site, Facebook, turned deadly Monday when a confrontation resulted in shots fired.

At about 7:50 p.m. on June 12 in the Uvalde Apartments at 280 Uvalde Road Village, Harris County Sheriff's Deputies were called concerning "shots fired." Three to five gunshots reportedly rang out near the pool in the apartment. Deputies determined that a black male was gunned down. EMS were summoned and the victim was determined to be dead.

HCSO Squad Two was summoned to the scene to conduct the investigation. It was learned that a party was being held at the apartments, invite via Facebook. Witness stated a confrontation ensued between the victim an unknown male and shortly after shots were fired. The investigation is active and ongoing.

Anyone with information are asked to call Houston Crime Stoppers at (713) 222-TIPS (8477) or the Harris County Sheriff's Office Homicide Division at (713) 274-9100.

McNair's Annual Juneteenth

Saturday, June 17, 2017 at J.D. Walker Community Center, 7613 Wade Rd., Baytown TX. 77521. This fun, family oriented event will include parade at 10 am followed by winner's Awarding Ceremony. For additional Parade and event information call JD Walker Community Center at 281-426-3551.

Bids authorized for Galena Manor remediation

GALENA MANOR COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRESS
Galena Park Council Meeting Business

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. - June 6, 2017 Mayor Esmeralda Moya at 6 PM called the meeting to order. After a prayer and pledges to the flags the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting and the Accounts Payable through June 6 was unanimously approved.

Welcoming news for Galena Manor residents was when the Commissioners unanimously approved for the City Secretary to advertise for bids for Phase I of the mold remediation project for the closed Evelyn Churchill Community Building. The building has been the main topic for months at the council meetings sparking protests and heated confrontations between unhappy citizens and city officials.

Phase I work consists of



Detecting mold laden wood and insulation requires special moisture meters with inspectors wearing special protective clothing and respirators

mold remediation and dry-wall removal of the community building.

The Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance 2017-03 related to hearings of the City Commission and Zoning Commission held jointly concerning changes to Business Zoning.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the agreement between Realta Construction and the city of Galena Park for construction ser-

vices at 105 S Main in the amount of \$5,000.

The Commissioners unanimously approved the memorandum of understanding between Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Galena Park Police Department related to commercial vehicle inspections.

The Commissioners unanimously approved changing the employment status of Ernest Nichols from full-time to part-time

employment.

The Commissioners unanimously approved part-time summer employment for the Parks and Recreation Department Kathryn Sheppard, Andrew Bennett, Miguel Gil, Paul Villalobos, Adriana Morales, Alberto Cruz, Alejandro Ocanas, Saeliza Trevino, Monica Espinoza, Kriselda Narvaez, Kevin Avila, Ayleen Valdez, Perla Hernandez, Brianna Narvaez, Cristian Suarez and Crystal De Leon and for

the Water Department Brandon Embry and David Delgadillo.

CRITICISM VOICED

Former Commissioner Robert Clowers at the end of the meeting accused the Mayor of misuse of public funds whenever she gave former Police Chief Eddie Mata \$12,000 in severance pay to resign. He also said the Mayor and Commissioners have not formerly approved and accepted Chief Mata's resignation letter.



Evelyn Churchill Community Center in Galena Manor

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Women's basketball ends season with first-ever national tournament appearance

Season concludes with overall 24-9 record and three letters of intent

PASADENA, Texas – The 2016-2017 season proved to be a significant year for the San Jacinto College women's basketball team, as it ended the season with its first appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I National Basketball Championship.

San Jac completed its season with an overall record of 24-9, including 15 conference wins, earning them a bid to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) na-



Photo by Joe Morales, Rapid Shotz Photography.

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team takes a timeout during its game against Harford Community College at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) basketball national championship.

tional championship tournament. The team went into the tournament as the No.16 seed and faced No. 17 Harford Community College (29-3). It also advanced to the semifinals of the Region XIV tournament, defeating Jacksonville College (10-15) in the quarterfinals before falling to Kilgore College (21-11) in the semifinals.

Sophomore guard/forward Ariona Gill (Las Vegas, Nevada/Arbor View HS) recently signed a National Letter of Intent with St. Mary's University and

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San Jac Men's Baseball reaches JUCO national final, loses 15-6

The Alpine Bank Junior College World Series was played in Grand Junction, Colorado, with the title game on Saturday, June 3rd.

The Gators won the Thursday game, against Cowley College (Kansas) 14-3 a shortened game due to the run-rule. In the next game Friday night, against Chipola, they lost and moved to the title game on Saturday. But in the final game, against Chipola College (Florida) they lost 15-6. The Chipola Indians came away with the title victory for the second time in 10 years.

Coach Tom Arrington has taken the Gators to ten playoffs, but lost the title game six times. Gator right-fielder Ryan Johnson was voted an all-tournament player, and tied a tournament record with five doubles.

GALENA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Jacinto City honors student recognized as Presidential scholar

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX – May 25, 2017 At the Jacinto City Council meeting Galena Park High School graduate and U. S. Presidential Scholar Salvador Flores, Jr. receives recognition award.

Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee presented Salvador for his relentless effort to succeed in reaching his goal to receive a college scholarship.

Using a borrowed musical saxophone young Salvador began his music career in middle school by tirelessly practicing daily after middle school. He continued his practicing throughout high school and playing in the school band.

With limited funds Flores made a solo musical video and sent it to the National Young Arts Foundation where it would be reviewed and evaluated for possible entry in the U. S. Presidential Scholar's Foundation.



Standing: Norma Flores and son Salvador Flores Jr. holding his musical award presented by Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee Officers. Seated L – R: Keep Jacinto Clean officers provided cake and refreshments for the ceremony Secretary Linda Jamail, Vice President Irasema Salinas and President Teresa Arzapala.

The Presidential Scholars Foundation is independent from the White House Commission on U.S. Presidential Scholars and the U.S. Department of Education, so it relies on citizen's donations.

His video was selected

by the Young Arts Foundation, which qualified him to compete to be a Presidential Scholar in Miami, Florida with 700 other students throughout the na-

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RECOGNITION

Sheldon ISD honors employees for their service at celebration

Hundreds of Sheldon ISD employees were honored and recognized at the annual SISD End-of-the-Year Celebration June 1 in the C. E. King High School Auditorium.

Sheldon ISD Superintendent King Davis opened the event by recapping the 2016-17 school year. He talked about the progress of the new high school and stadium facility, the district's upcoming sixth elementary campus, STEM Academies at both King Middle School and Null Middle School campuses, School of Choice model, and potential educational decisions by legislators during the 85th Texas Legislative Session.

Also, SISD retirees were once again recognized - as well as the Employees of the Year (Support Services, Paraprofessionals, and Rookies of the Year), Teachers of the Year, and Principals of



25 years service

Pictured (from left) are Deborah Starnes, NEY; and Barbara George, KHS.

the Year.

The bulk of the event included the employee service awards. Sheldon ISD employees received gifts for their employment with the district in increments of five years. The longest-tenured employees with

the district who met this criteria were Barbara George (KHS) and Deborah Starnes (NEY) who each completed 25 years service to the district.

See Service Award Recipients, Page 3

Crosby Rodeo Parade Winners



1st CMS Crosby Middle School Dance Team



TRAILRIDE: 1 Red Tractor Drake Kliese (right).

Crosby - Huffman Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber welcomed David Weekley Homes with a ribbon cutting for their newest home development in Newport Court. Please stop by and visit their model home located at 422 Bayberry Landing Way, Crosby, Tx 77532.



The Chamber welcomed Amegy Bank in Atascocita with a ribbon cutting. They are located at 7031 FM 1960 E, Ste 100 in Atascocita. Please stop by for all your banking needs.



The Chamber welcomed Crosby Dance Academy with a ribbon cutting to show off their facility located at 15110 FM 2100, Suite 8, Crosby, Tx 77532. You may also call them at 832-492-8987 for more information.



The Chamber welcomed Spring Guns & Ammo gun range with a ribbon cutting. Please stop by and visit their location at 5911 FM 2100 in Crosby. They may also be reached at 281-398-9800

COMMUNITY NEWS

Service Awards Recipients,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

10 Years Service

Pictured (in no particular order) are Abdel Moumen, KHS; Melissa Archer, KHS; Cherie Berry, NMS; Kristopher Boring, MAINT; Jennifer Boyd, NEY; Karen Brady, TRANS; Reginald Brown, GE; Mirna Castilla, SE; Shaleka Coleman, RE; Luz Cruz, SE; Joe Dawson, MAINT; Sarai Estrada, CECA; Desirae Feemster, CECA; Gilberto Ferrer, KHS; Maria Garza, NMS; Frances Ghery, KHS; Charac-hel Gordon, CE; Carolin Had-dox, KMS; Troymla Harris, GE; Lisa Harvey, RE; LaToya Johnson, CECA; Tia Jones Alexander, KMS; Diamantina King, NEY; Amanda Langley, KHS; Rita Martinez, SECA; Kimberly Matthews, NMS;



Nora Mendez, NEY; Theresa Neal, CECA; Patricia Nunn, CE; Maria Prieto, KHS; Cathy Quinn, NEY; Jewel Reece, KHS; Myrna Salazar, CE; Clyde Simmons, KHS; Debra Sims, NMS; Giuliana Skok, CECA; and Paul Yarnall, NOC.

15 years service

Pictured (in no particular order) are Lisa Baker, ME; Christopher Beck, KHS; Del-rose Bradshaw, KHS; Angela Butner, SE; Mayra Clemente, SECA; Candace Darby, ME; Maria DeLeon, CECA; Lesley Deutsch, CECA; Deborah Evans, KHS; Joyce Gardner, TRANS; Dana Goosby, NEY; Deirdre Gray, CECA; Joseph Guinto, NMS; Wanda Holt, KMS; Rosalind Jones, TRANS; Hillary Kern, CE; Jeanne Lacy, CECA; Gerry Levesque, KMS; Sabrina Mata, SECA; Zulema Rey, SECA; Jeffrey Romis, KHS; Yolanda Saenz, SECA; Gloria Sanchez, NEY; Rita Valles, ME; J.R. Webster, NOC; and Dana Zuniga, SE.



Channelview ISD Teachers of the Year



20 years service

Pictured (from left) are Joseph Underwood, MAINT; Lynda Parker, GE; and Carmen Huizar, NMS.



Channelview ISD named its Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year at the district's Employee Recognition Ceremony. Aaron Allison, left, from Channelview High School was honored as Secondary Teacher of the Year and Robin Gross from Crenshaw Elementary School was named the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year. Allison serves as the CHS Band Director and Gross is a fifth grade science teacher. Both educators now are in the running to become Region 4 Teacher of the Year and will be recognized at a reception later this summer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vacation Bible School

First Baptist North Channel
June 26-30, 9am-12noon
Pre-K to 5th Grade
13817 Force Street Houston, Tx. 77015
713-453-4640 to register

East Houston Democrats meeting

East Houston Democrats Monthly Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Milton Lusk Youth Activity Center, located at 1022 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, TX 77029 with special guest speaker, Harris County Department of Education Board Member, Diane Trautman. In addition to this role, she is a candidate in the 2018 Election for Harris County Clerk.

After years of Texas voters having the option to vote for an entire party's slate in one swoop, the straight-ticket option will be no longer available beginning in 2020 under a bill Gov. Greg Abbott. This makes it more important than ever before for voters to get to know the candidates as well as to get involved in campaigns and the political process.

EHD will partner with Harris County Tax Assessor Collector Ann Harris Bennett to offer a Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Class later in the summer and has already scheduled several Voter Registration Drives in our community as well. Should you have any questions, please contact Charlotte at 832-896-1633.

Judge Joe Stephen's Teen Court

Judge Joe Stephens' Teen Court will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse located at 14350 Wallisville Road. Student volunteers are needed to serve as defense attorneys, prosecutors, jurors, bailiffs and court clerks. All students in 8th thru 12th grades are invited to participate. Please contact Judge Stephens' Office at MYJP31@JP.HCTX.NET or call 713-274-0760 for more information.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club Meeting

This newly chartered club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

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.

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.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at LyondellBasell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

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OPINION PAGE

Lessons From My Father

He lives on in the words he once spoke
by Charles P. Pierce, AARP Bulletin |
Courtesy of The Pierce Family
The Pierce family men, John Patrick and his son, Charles

My father stopped speaking two years before he died.
In 1989, John Patrick Pierce died from complications of Alzheimer's disease, and now I don't remember his voice. I don't remember how he sounded when he was happy, or sad, or angry. I remember many things he said, but not how he said them. In my memory, it's as though my father is a favorite book I've read, over and over again. It's as if he only exists now as words on a page in my mind, a collection of lessons learned, even if I didn't know I was learning them at the time. They come to me now unbidden, in sudden flashes, in something I write, something in which I can hear his words echo, if not his voice.
One night we were having dinner — my mother, my father and I — and he was talking about something that happened that day. For 35 years my



father worked as a teacher and an administrator at what was then called an "inner-city" high school, in the same kind of neighborhood in which he grew up — the kind he made sure I wouldn't have to live in. His students were poor and working class, and a growing number of them were minority children, and they loved him for how he could affect a stern face while helping them solve their real problems. So, on this day, an outraged gym teacher had sent a student to my father's office to be disciplined because the student had fallen asleep during some arcane physical ritual. The gym teacher wanted something ... to ... be ... done ... immediately.

My father rode out the gym teacher's tantrum. He knew that the student's need for gym class was not very great; he was the starting center on the school's basketball team. So, once the whistle-blower had gone back to his sweaty lair, my father asked the student what had happened. That morning, the student said, there had not been enough food in his house for all the kids, so he, as the oldest, went without breakfast. My father told him that he would square things with the angry gym teacher. Then my father gave him \$10 — big money in those days, more than enough to have a hearty meal with some left over to bring home — and told him to go have breakfast at a diner not far from the school.

"There's one thing I've learned," my father said. "You can't teach a hungry child. It's not possible." I can't remember if he said this sternly or sadly. I can't remember what the words sounded like. But the words themselves lodged somewhere in my psyche, and they come to mind, always, when I, as a journalist, am working on a story about poverty, and the people caught up in it. Occasionally, as an interview turns into a conversation, which is what all good interviews do, I will tell the story to strangers. Invariably, they nod and say my father was right.

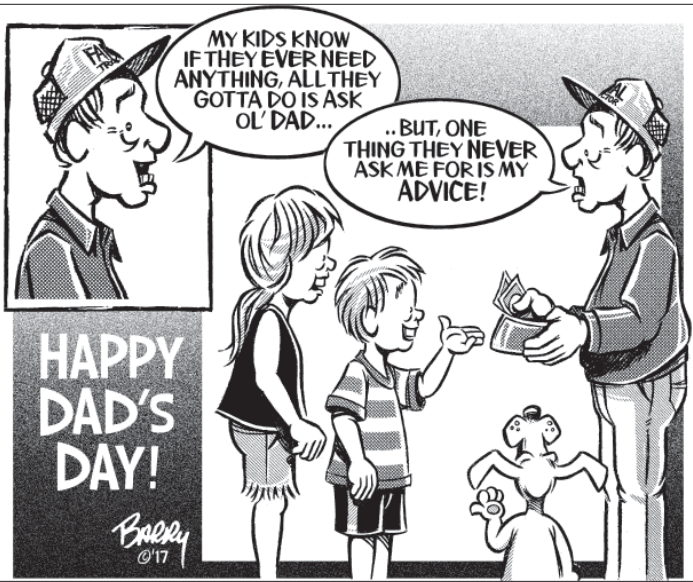
In the last years of his life, while he still had a few dozen words left, my father would occasionally need to go to the hospital for blood work and scans and other tests. Often we would be stopped — in the cafeteria or waiting for an elevator — by a former student who recognized him. "Mr. Pierce!" the now-nurse or aide or orderly would call out, "Do you remember me?" And my father (who could no longer remember that I was his son) would stop and nod slowly at this person. "Why, yes," he'd say, honoring the felt — if not remembered — connection. "Of course."

After he died, a letter came from the teachers' retirement board detailing my mother's survivor benefits. Across the bottom was a handwritten note from the woman who'd processed the papers. She'd been a student of my father's, and she was sad to learn he had died. Her senior year had been a tough one, she explained, and she had not gone to the prom. My father, with my mother, had chaperoned the dance, and the next school day, he brought in the prom souvenir and handed it to her. "Here," he said, "you deserve this." She still had it, she wrote. And I still have her story.

My father applied what he'd learned about parenting from his own father, an Irish immigrant who'd become a city cop because his parents were planning to send him into the priesthood in the old country. My grandfather died of cancer when my father was fighting in the Pacific. My father had been in law school when World War II began, and when it was over he never went back. Years later, his sister speculated that after what he'd seen, he needed the healing energy and optimism of young people. So he came home and taught for a living, and shared his gift for imparting lessons in such a way that his students, or his only son, would listen.

He lives on that way, a silent memory. The generations of my family were interrupted by the eruption of a disease that eventually had a hand in the death of my father and all of his siblings. In my case, I listen deep in myself for the echoes of what once was taught in a voice I no longer remember. And that is how my father and I stay together.

Charles P. Pierce is a writer-at-large for Esquire and the author of four books. He lives outside Boston.



Governor demands action, calls lawmakers back to Austin

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 6 announced a special session of the Texas Legislature to begin on July 18 to address issues that went unresolved during the contentious 140-day regular session that ended May 29.

Abbott explained why he thinks it necessary to order lawmakers back to Austin. "Considering all the successes of the 85th legislative session, we should not be where we are today," he said. "A special session was entirely avoidable and there was plenty of time for the legislature to forge compromises to avoid the time and taxpayer expense of a special session. As governor, if I am going to call a special session, I intend to make it count," he added.

Special session agenda items Abbott named for lawmakers to address will begin with sunset legislation — bills on the continuation or abolishment of certain state agencies, including the Texas Medical Board.

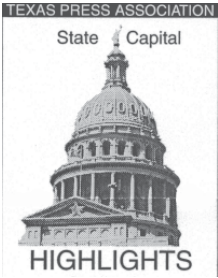
Once the sunset legislation meets the governor's expectations, he said, the rest of the items on lawmakers' to-do list would be as follows:

- Teacher pay increase of \$1,000;
- Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices;
- School finance reform commission;
- School choice for special needs students;
- Property tax reform;
- Caps on state and local spending;
- Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land;
- Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects;
- Speeding up local government permitting process; and
- Municipal annexation reform.

- Also:
- Texting while driving preemption;
- Privacy;
- Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues;
- Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers;
- Pro-life insurance reform;
- Strengthening abortion-reporting requirements when health complications arise;
- Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;
- Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud; and
- Extending maternal mortality task force.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



Senate, reacted to the governor's announcement with a Twitter social media posting: "The people of Texas have a right to expect that we will finish the job on these critical issues."

House Speaker Joe Straus did not react, but during the regular session he and Patrick disagreed over the so-called "bathroom bill" addressing the treatment of transgender students and property tax reform. Both items are on the special session call, with the bathroom bill referred to as "privacy."

Paxton applauds decision

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 6 announced his support of the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to give states more time to comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard, an ozone regulation issued in 2015. Texas has a pending lawsuit contesting the rule.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt sent a letter to governors informing them that the Clean Air Act enforcing federal agency is extending the deadline for promulgating initial area designations for the standards by one year.

Since 1980, wrote Pruitt, total emissions of the six principal air pollutants have dropped by 63 percent and ozone levels have declined by 33 percent. Despite the continued improvement of air quality, costs associated with compliance of the ozone NAAQS have significantly increased.

"Texas has continually reduced ambient ozone concentrations in the state without stifling the growth of Texas's industry or population, and looks forward to continuing efforts to improve air quality while bolstering the Texas economy," Paxton said.

Hegar distributes revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 7 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$640 million in local sales tax allocations for June, an amount 3.6 percent more than in June 2016.

Allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

The cities of Round Rock, Frisco, San Antonio, Midland and Odessa saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations, Hegar said. The cities of Houston and Austin saw small decreases, he added.

Hurricane readiness begins

Hurricane season began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management on June 5 brought together personnel from more than two dozen state and federal agencies at the Texas State Operations Center in Austin for a weeklong hurricane exercise.

Dubbed Hurricane Charlie, the exercise was conducted "to bolster our preparedness efforts for this year's hurricane season," said Nim Kidd, chief of the division. "Early preparation is critical to saving lives when a hurricane or severe weather occurs, so we are asking the public to do just that — get ready now."

For more information, visit www.texasprepares.org.

Governor Abbott signs 2018-2019 State Budget into Law

AUSTIN — June 12, 2017 — Governor Greg Abbott today signed the 2018-2019 state budget into law.

In addition to signing the budget, the Governor vetoed approximately \$120 million in spending from the budget.

"I am once again signing a budget that addresses the most pressing challenges faced by our state," said Governor Abbott. "This budget funds a life-saving overhaul of Child Protection Services, continues to fund the state's role in securing our border, and ensures that the workforce of today and tomorrow have the resources they need to keep Texas' economy growing and thriving. Lastly, this budget restrains state-controlled spending below the growth in the state's estimated population and inflation."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick applauds Gov. Abbott for signing

AUSTIN - Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today following Gov. Greg Abbott's signing of the 2018-2019 state budget into law:

"The Texas Senate took the lead on the conservative state budget which Gov. Abbott signed today. This budget is more than a billion dollars less in general revenue than our current budget and contains no new taxes and no new fees. It maintains almost \$11 billion in the Rainy Day Fund and upholds our commitment to spend taxpayer dollars wisely and live within our means. Importantly, the budget includes my priorities of providing high-caliber bullet proof vests for law enforcement, maintaining border security and increasing funding for Child Protective Services. We have met the challenge of keeping this budget well below the growth of our population times inflation while meeting the critical needs of the state in a tight budget cycle."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stratford Library EXPO
June 22nd

Stratford Library in Highlands will be hosting an EXPO on Thursday June 22nd from 2-4 pm. A variety of groups will be on hand to provide information about services and resources available in the area. Fun activities and information for all ages! The Stratford Library is located 2 blocks behind Foodtown at 509 Stratford in Highlands. Follow them online at www.hcpl.net or on Facebook as “Stratford Branch Library.”

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Crosby Alumni Assoc. Mtg.

“The Crosby Alumni Association has announced the dates of the meetings for planning the annual All-Classes CHS Alumni Reunion to be held on August 5, 2017 at the American Legion Hall.

The meetings will be held at the Crosby Community Center on Hare Road beginning at 6 pm. The dates are: June 20 and July 11. All graduates of Crosby High School are invited to attend these meetings regardless of year graduated.”

Support Ministry Group

First Responder Peer Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Crosby Church, 5725 Hwy. 90, Crosby, TX. 77532. This is a safe venue within fire, law enforcement & EMS to discuss openly the realities of what you have experienced on the streets or over the phone or radio. For questions, please call 281-328-1310.

Eastgate Church Vacation Bible School

"HERO CENTRAL" will be June 26 - 30, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to Noon for ages 4-10. Hey Kids, come enjoy learning about your strength in God that is better than all the Super Heroes.

Eastgate Church is located 6 miles east of Huffman on FM 1960, then south 1/4 mile on CR 611 (at the Shell station). For more information, call 713-898-0779.

Cameron Cares donates to Crosby ISD

It was a pleasure for Cameron Cares Inc. to present Crosby ISD with a check totaling \$500 on June 5 to help pay off unpaid student lunch accounts. Cameron Cares Inc. is a non profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated in memory of Cameron B. Chapman whom we lost to depression and ultimately resulting in suicide October, 2015. Their mission is to give back to the community by feeding the less fortunate and providing information regarding suicide awareness and prevention. Please visit their website for more information: <http://cameroncares.org>.



(left to right): Josie Smith, Treasurer; Gwen Chapman, President; Regina Rein, Secretary and Carla Merka, Chief Financial Officer Crosby ISD.

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Which book could be summarized, "God will hold us accountable for all our actions"? Daniel, Hosea, Zephaniah, Haggai
 3. From Genesis 28, who had the vision of angels going up and down a ladder reaching into heaven? Joseph, Ahab, Ehud, Jacob
 4. What does Paul say is the supreme gift of the Spirit to believers? Faith, Love, Holiness, Eternity
 5. From Genesis 19, where did Lot encounter an angel? Wilderness spring, City gate, New temple, Tent door
 6. Where did Jesus turn water into wine? Bethany, Nazareth, Cana, Gethsemane
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portant aspect of getting custom jewelry made at a reasonable price. A jeweler who has experience making custom, one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry knows what is needed to manufacture custom jewelry. For the customer, designing custom jewelry is really easy to do and here are the steps;

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5) Chances are very good that from beginning to end, you should plan to meet with your jeweler at least two to four times before you see the final finished product. This is necessary because the jewelry will need your review and approval of any chang-

es for the final rendering(s) before they can begin melting gold, making the item, and setting the stones.

If this sounds complicated, it really isn't. You are the boss, the customer, the design consultant, and the final approval. The jeweler is responsible for making all of the changes and for manufacturing your very own custom piece of amazing jewelry. He/she is also responsible to making sure you know the entire cost before they make your jewelry. The great think about making a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry is that the cost can be raised or lowered simply by changing the amount of gold or diamonds used in the piece. Maybe instead of using 14K gold, 10K gold may be a wiser and more cost effective alternative. The piece will look just as amazing and will allow you to save some money in the process.

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Harris County Property Tax Exemptions remain among the State's most generous

Commissioners Court Again Approves Large Exemptions For Homeowners, Seniors and the Disabled

Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously approved a set of property tax exemptions this morning that will virtually eliminate county property tax bills for thousands of older or disabled homeowners here and greatly reduce tax bills for nearly everyone else.

Court members approved an annual extension of the 20 percent exemption for all Harris County homesteads, as well as the \$160,000 exemption for homesteads belonging to disabled owners or those 65 years of age or older. When combined, those exemptions guarantee that disabled and senior homeowners pay no Harris County taxes on homesteads assessed at \$200,000 or less and greatly discounted tax bills on more expensive homes.

The court's decision again places Harris Coun-

ty among the state's most generous counties in granting property tax exemptions, especially those for seniors and disabled homeowners. No other surrounding county offers a senior or disabled exemption higher than \$100,000, with most at or around \$25,000.

Harris County first approved its \$160,000 exemption in 2008, the year after Commissioners Court also approved the county's largest-ever property tax rate cut.

"Increases in property value have us all concerned and talking about property tax bills," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "But Harris County goes much further than other counties in Texas when it comes to protecting homeowners - especially older and disabled homeowners - from ballooning tax bills."

The exemption applies to taxes levied by Harris County, the Harris County Hospital District, Harris County Flood Control District and Port of Houston Authority tax bills.

Scholarship,

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tion. After his solo performance and extensive interviews he was selected as one of the nation's, 161 students.

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2 men’s basketball players earn all-American honors

Season concludes with overall 33-2 record

PASADENA, Texas – The 2017 season came to a close for the San Jacinto College men’s basketball team with two players being named all-Americans, their 21st overall appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Basketball National Championship, and a Region XIV title.

Sophomores Corey Davis (Lafayette, Louisiana/ Lafayette HS) and Jordan Duffy(Upper Marlboro, Maryland/ James M. Bennet HS) were selected as all-Americans by the NJCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Committee. Davis, who has signed a national letter of intent to the University of Houston was named first team all-American, while Duffy, who signed a national letter of intent to the University of North Texas, was named third team all-American. Sophomore Chris Harris (Houston, Texas/ James Madison HS) has also signed a national letter of intent with the University of Houston.

This season the team had an overall winning record of 33-2. They remained undefeated for the majority of the season and were seeded No.1 heading into the Region XIV championship tournament. They were also seeded No. 1 heading into the NJCAA national championship tournament. San Jac won two games before falling to Northwest Florida State (27-4) in the quarterfinals.

“This was a special season that I will never forget”, says Head Coach Scott Gernander. “It ended a little sooner than we thought, but that’s something that comes with competing in sports. We accomplished almost all of our goals. Thirty wins in college basketball is something to be extremely proud of and something every team must work hard to earn.”



Dyer grabs a rebound over two Northwest Florida players in the first half during the quarter final game of the NJCAA men’s national tournament. Photo credit: photo submitted.

Several players received all-Region honors. First team all-Region was awarded to sophomore guards Corey Davis and Jordan Duffy. Second team all-Region was awarded to freshman guard Tay Hardy (Natchitoches, Louisiana/ Lakeview HS) and honorable mentions were awarded to sophomore guard James Kirksey (Chester, Pennsylvania/ Chester HS, Clarendon College) and freshman guard Kabir Mohammed(Lagos, Nigeria/ National Christian Academy).

In addition to the player’s

honors, Head Coach Scott Gernander was also named the region’s coach of the year. This is his fifth season as head coach and he has led the team to five national tournament appearances.

The men’s basketball team will hold tryouts for the 2017-2018 season on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The tryouts will take place at Anders Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College Central Campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Questions about tryouts should be directed to the San Jacinto College men’s basketball office at 281-476-1849.

CHANNELVIEW ISD Falcon Basketball Camp

Skills, drills and a few scrimmages in between highlighted the Channelview Falcon Basketball Camp recently. One of the drills, as shown here, involved eye-hand coordination by dribbling two balls in rhythm at the same time. The camp was well attended as more than 100 male and female students in grades 3-12 participated in the three-day event.



National Tournament,

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sophomore forward Jasmine James (Innisfil, Ontario/ Nantyr Shores Secondary School) signed a National Letter of Intent with The University of Memphis to continue their education and basketball careers. Amieya Jackson also signed a National Letter of Intent with Arkansas Tech University.

“These past two years San Jac has made history and it was great to have experienced that and to have played under amazing coaches and with such talented people. My next step is to further my education and basketball career at the next level,” said James.

On the season, Eryka Sidney (Houston, Texas/ Wheatley HS) lead the team in single game 3-

points made with 7 per game. She also lead the team in single season 3-points made with 73 in total and was third in the region for 3-point percentage. Gill lead the team in total rebounds in a season with 303 and is the team’s all-time leading rebounder with 467. In addition, she was third in the the region for rebounds per game at 9.5.

Several players received all-american, all-region, and all-conference honors. Sidney earned honorable mention all-American and was named Region XIV freshman of the year. Sidney and Gill were selected to the all-Region XIV team, making them two of the top 10 players in the Region. The pair,

along with sophomore James were named to the all-conference team.

After being named the Region XIV Coach of the Year and following two successful seasons at the helm of San Jac women’s basketball, Head Coach Michael Madrid took an assistant coaching position at the University of Texas-El Paso. Kayla Weaver, former assistant coach of the San Jac women’s basketball team, will be taking over as head coach for the upcoming season.

For more information about the San Jacinto College women’s basketball team visit the San Jacinto College athletics website.

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