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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### Community Safety Meeting with Congressman Gene Green

Safety meeting for this month, in this coming Monday, June 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A East Freeway, Houston, Texas.

### Judge Stephens Teen Court

The next Teen Court has been set for Tuesday, June 27th at 6 p.m. Below is the case:

#### Mock Trial:

Charge: Possession of Tobacco and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On 5/13/2017 at 11:30 pm Kylie Jenner 12 yrs asked her friend Travis Scott 16 yr for a ride home when he got off work at Wendy's. Travis agreed that he could drop Kylie off since it was on his way. While Travis was driving Kylie reached in her purse and pulled out a cigar and 1 small bag of marijuana.

Kylie begin taking the tobacco out of the cigar filling it with marijuana. Travis told Kylie to put the marijuana away because his mother would freak out if she knew he gave someone a ride without her permission and she would have a heart attack if someone was smoking and smoking weed on top of that in his car. Before Travis knew it Kylie had fired up the weed. Travis was so nervous he began driving faster and ran a stop sign just two blocks from Kylie's house and just his luck a police officer was at the corner and pulled him over.

The officer found an empty baggie with marijuana residue in the floor board of the vehicle along with tobacco.

Travis and Kylie both received citations for curfew, minor in possession of tobacco and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Argue the case on Travis Scott's behalf.

## Protestors hear that beating case will go to Grand Jury



ON WEDNESDAY, PROTESTORS INCLUDING THE HERNANDEZ FAMILY MARCHED in downtown Houston, holding a rally on the steps of the Harris County Criminal Courts building. They were demanding "Justice for Johnny" and criminal charges against his assailant, Terry Thompson. Late in the day, the DA's office announced that they would refer the case to the Grand Jury for possible charges and indictment.

## Protests grow over beating death at Denny's

Protesters demonstrated last Tuesday, in front of the Denny's restaurant on Sheldon Road in Channelview where a man was beaten and choked so badly that he later died. The demonstrators were making the point that the man Terry Thompson, 41, who beat a Denny's patron, and who is the husband of Shauna Thompson, a Sheriff's deputy, should be charged with a crime, perhaps murder, and so far has not been. A small flowered memorial, with a sign saying #JusticeforJohnny was placed at the site.

Last Sunday night John Hernandez, 24, the victim, and his family had entered the restaurant, but he went outdoors and reportedly was urinating, when



A small memorial sign and flowers mark the spot at Denny's where John Hernandez was beaten.

Thompson arrived with his three daughters. He confronted Hernandez and told him to stop.

What followed was a fight, with Thompson

See *Beating Death*, page 3

## Pollution Pioneer supports SJRC efforts

At their monthly meeting last Tuesday night, the San Jacinto River Coalition heard from a pioneer in this area's fight against environmental pollution.

David Killgore was living in Channelview in 1992, when a company formed by Kay Crouch announced a plan to build an incinerator on land near the DeZavala Elementary school, and to process and burn waste products from all over the United States.

After researching the process, and realizing that the incinerator would pollute the air and affect the health of those living close by, including the children in the school, Killgore formed an organization, Concerned Citizens Against Pollution to try to stop the project.

With the help of then State Senator Gene Green, the legislature passed a bill opposing the project, and it was signed by Governor Ann Richards. In spite of this, the EPA issued a permit for the project and Killgore's



DAVID KILLGORE DISPLAYS A POSTER from the 1990s, when his CCAP group fought against an incinerator project for Channelview.

group went to court to stop it. Their attorney, Jim Blackburn, got an injunction to stop the incinerator, but it was fought by Crouch and her investors for the next 8 years. The investors spent \$21 million dollars versus CCAP's \$50,000. After the 8 years, and facing more court costs, the investor group abandoned the proposal, and Killgore's CCAP had won.

Killgore and his wife Margaret now live in Ruidoso, New Mexico and he remarks about how clean the air is, compared to Houston.



TO SUPPORT THE SJRC in their fight against the Waste Pits, David Killgore presents a check to Jackie Young for \$863, the balance of funds from the CCAP organization.

Because the CCAP still had an active bank account, Killgore decided to donate all the remaining funds, \$863 to the San Jacinto River Coalition for their efforts to clean up the Waste Pits and other environmental problems.

In her review of the latest update from the Dallas Office of the EPA, regarding the San Jacinto Waste Pits, Executive Director Jackie Young noted that the PRP will replace 69 signs that have aged too much. She also noted that a quarterly inspection had been made, with no visual

damage present. Topographic and bathymetric surveys were also conducted, but their results were not yet announced.

Both Young and Killgore expressed concern that the EPA budget under President Trump may be cut a great deal, slowing or stopping some environmental Superfund clean-ups. She indicated that several groups nationally were considering a coalition that would be stronger than one, and able to negotiate better with the EPA. To further this action, she said SJRC should make a list of issues for national attention, from our own local experience. Members of the audience then made suggestions. Young indicated they would continue this effort until the end of the month.

Suggestions included making studies independent of industry backing; and the elimination of conflict of interest situations for those within government that must make environmental decisions.

## COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

### Jacinto City marks Public Works Month at Council



Photo and Story By Allan Jamail  
Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee presents Kyle Reed Public Works Director a 21 Year Service Award at the Council Meeting of May 27, 2017.

Standing L - R: Public Works employees Javier Gonzales, Alcario Banda, Ovidio Trevino, Public Works Director Kyle Reed (left with award) Council Woman Carmela Garcia, Gandelario Alcanan and Javier Duran. 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.

#### Kyle Reed Public Works Director receives 21 Year Service Award

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. - May 25, 2017 at the council meeting National Public Works Week was recognized by the Mayor

and City Council with a resolution praising the Jacinto City Public Works Department for the services provided to the citizen's everyday lives. The resolution complimented the efficient operation of the city's public works systems and programs such as

water facilities, wastewater facilities, water transmission and distribution systems, sewer collections, streets and traffic systems, parks, public buildings, fleet management and storm water management.

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## HOUSTON SYMPHONY

### Summer concert series plays at North Shore HS



ABOVE: Houston Symphony and Associate Conductor Robert Franz play a program of familiar songs from movies, plays, and other popular venues. Each summer the Symphony plays five Community Concerts at schools and churches as part of their Community Concert series, to bring the sound of an orchestra to everyone. The annual concert was last Wednesday evening, at North Shore High School auditorium, and was well attended.

LEFT: Conductor Robert Franz engages the audience in narrative and participation. He invited this young lady, Nicole, to come up on stage and actually lead the orchestra in playing a number, a John Phillip Sousa March entitled "The Washington Post."



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR

**Library Computer Class**  
Stratford Library - Highlands offers beginning computer classes every Monday night at 6:30 PM. The classes include Computer Basics, Email & Internet, Word, Library Apps, and Resume Help. No experience necessary! Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 832-927-5400 to sign up or with any questions. The Stratford Library is located at 509 Stratford Highlands, TX 77562, 2 blocks behind Food Town.

**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.

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## Jared Jamail presents 2017 Scholarship recipients



2017 Scholarship Recipients are Carrie Butkiewicz, Nicolas Kroschel, Jailene Polanco, Maria Vaca, Juan Enrique Fernandez and Kailey Fuchs. Congratulations!!!

## Fatal Accident on US 90 in Crosby

CROSBY – Accident investigators for the Harris County Sheriff's Office were called to the Main St. exit on U.S. 90 at about 1:30 a.m. last Sunday for a fatality accident involving a wrecker truck stopping to help another stranded vehicle and an automobile.

According to the report of Deputy R. Sanders, "Timothy Howell was operating a grey 2003 Ford F350, a marked Harris County tow truck, eastbound in the 20400 block of US 90. Lori Howell was seated in the front right passenger's seat of the Ford. Timothy Howell observed what appeared to be a stalled vehicle in the inside shoulder. As Howell began to approach the rear of the vehicle, he activated his yellow overhead lights and began to pull over, behind the vehicle. Howell was in the process of slowing down, as he was positioned partially in the inside eastbound lane and the small improved inside shoulder.

The report indicated that the man that died was apparently at fault.

"At that time, Roberto Rodriguez was operating a black 2003 Ford Expedition eastbound in the 20400 block of US 90, at a high rate of speed. Rodriguez failed to yield right of way to the tow truck and the front left of the Ford struck the right rear of the tow truck. Rodriguez was found on scene with no signs of life."

Witnesses indicated that the vehicle operated by Rodriguez had been observed driving fast and weaving through lanes prior to the accident.

Timothy and Lori Howell were both transported to Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital by ambulances from HCESD#5 (the ambulance service for Crosby) and another from North Shore, with nonlife threatening injuries. This case remains open and is under investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office Traffic Enforcement Division."



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Beating Death,

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son on top of Hernandez, choking him and not stopping when other patrons tried to intervene. The assailant's wife who was an off-duty Sheriff's deputy arrived at that point and helped her husband restrain the man. At that point they both saw that Hernandez had stopped resisting, lay motionless and was not breathing.

The deputy then began CPR until an EMS unit arrived and transported him to LBJ hospital.

The family reported to the media that Hernandez had died Wednesday night May 31st at the hospital, when they removed life support.

The Sheriff's office is investigating the incident including surveillance video from the restaurant, and cellphone video of the fight itself taken by a citizen observer.

It is not clear from the video who started the fight, but the deputy's husband was seen with an ice bag on his face later.

The Sheriff's office has issued several statements about the incident, as follows:

(Harris County, TX) the Harris County Sheriff's Office is investigating an incident that occurred at 11:40 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, 2017, in a restaurant parking lot in the 17700 block of the Crosby Freeway in east Harris County.

The Sheriff issued an update Tuesday, as follows:

The Harris County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday presented the Harris County District Attorney's Office with the findings of an investigation into the May 28 altercation between John Hernandez, 24, and the husband of an off-duty Harris County sheriff's deputy.

Hernandez died following the altercation, and the preliminary findings of an autopsy were released on Tuesday, concluding the investigation.

The deputy on Tuesday was placed on administrative duty indefinitely.

Anyone with information regarding the case, who has not already been contacted by investigators, is urged to contact the Sheriff's Office Homicide Division at 713-274-9100.

## Jamail congratulates Kyle Reed, public works director



Photo by Linda Jamail

Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee founder and former mayor Allan Jamail (right) presents Kyle Reed, Public Works Director a 21 Year Service Award at the Council Meeting of May 25, 2017.

Jamail said, "I call on all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the services provided by our public works professionals and to recognize the contributions which public works officials and employees make every day to our

health, safety, comfort and quality of life. Many times in the night when we're home asleep in a warm bed our public works crews are out in the freezing rainy weather fixing water leaks so we can wake up with safe drinking water."

## Jacinto City's newest Police Officers



L to R: Officer Ali Kamali and Officer Michael A. Garcia

## Boy killed in a drive-by shooting

A boy was killed in a drive-by shooting on Sunday afternoon in northeast Harris County.

The 16-year-old was walking in a group at 1 p.m. in the 14000 block of Lorne, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

A male suspect pulled up at a nearby intersection in a blue Dodge Avenger,

according to the sheriff's office. He got out of the car and shot at the group several times, hitting the victim. The suspect fled, according to the sheriff's office.

The victim, identified as Cary Griffith, died at East Houston Regional Hospital, that agency said.

## Body found In Greens Bayou near Westmont

Houston police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of a person found at 1018 Westmont Drive at 9:15 a.m. last Sunday, June 4.

According to HPD Homicide Division Detectives M. Coleman and T. Tyler, nearby residents saw the victim floating in Greens

Bayou and called 9-1-1. The victim was recovered from the bayou and was found in an advanced state of decomposition. No apparent signs of trauma were found on the victim's body.

The gender and identity of deceased, believed to be male, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

The investigation is pending cause of death.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### San Jacinto Pilot Club Crawfish Boil

San Jacinto Pilot Club will host its annual Installation Banquet Friday, June 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. In the home of Julie and Jerry Fallin, 118 N. Burnet Drive, Baytown, TX 77520. \$20 per guest. RSVP Julie Fallin at 281-221-1616.

### Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club Meeting

This newly chartered club meets on 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](http://www.SanJacintoPilot.com).

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at Old River Terrace UMC in Channelview. Information as follows:

VBS Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God June 21-23 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
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OPINION PAGE

Governor Abbott announces Special Session

AUSTIN – June 6, 2017 – Governor Greg Abbott today announced a legislative special session that will begin on July 18th, 2017. In his announcement, Governor Abbott identified 20 items that will be included on the special session call.

"Considering all the successes of the 85th legislative session, we should not be where we are today," said Governor Abbott. "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."

Special session agenda items will include:

- 1. Sunset legislation
- 2. Teacher pay increase of \$1,000
- 3. Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices
- 4. School finance reform commission
- 5. School choice for special needs students
- 6. Property tax reform

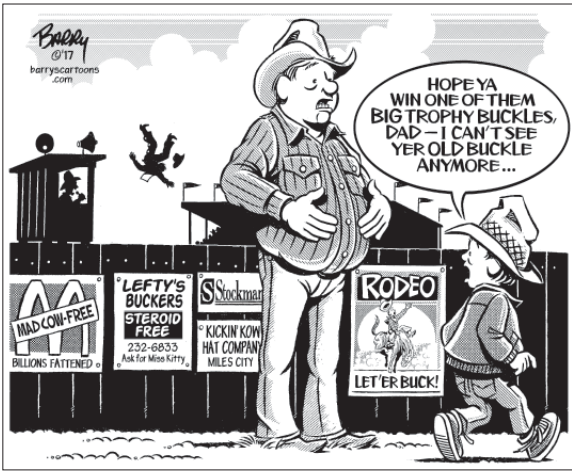
- 7. Caps on state and local spending
- 8. Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land
- 9. Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects
- 10. Speeding up local government permitting process
- 11. Municipal annexation reform
- 12. Texting while driving preemption
- 13. Privacy
- 14. Prohibition of taxpayer dollars to collect union dues
- 15. Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion providers
- 16. Pro-life insurance reform
- 17. Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise
- 18. Strengthening patient protections relating to do-not-resuscitate orders
- 19. Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud
- 20. Extending maternal mortality task force

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick applauds call for Special Session

AUSTIN— June 6, 2017 – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement today following Governor Greg Abbott's announcement that he is calling the Texas Legislature back to Austin for a special session beginning July 18, 2017:

"I want to congratulate Governor Abbott for his big and bold special session agenda which solidly reflects the priorities of the people of Texas. Almost every issue he ad-

ressed today passed the Senate during the regular session and I am confident the senators are ready to hit the ground running to move these issues forward. The people of Texas have a right to expect that we will finish the job on these critical issues and I am happy to join with the governor in doing the work they elected us to do. I continue to be proud to serve with Gov. Abbott and look forward to working with him in the upcoming special session."



State budget awaits final approval from governor

AUSTIN — Governor Greg Abbott as of June 4 had not signed Senate Bill 1, the 2018-2019 state budget finally approved by both houses of the 85th Texas Legislature on May 27. SB 1 appropriates \$216.8 billion in total spending for the state's budget during the 2018-19 biennium.

A long wait for Abbott's signature may fit a pattern. The governor did not sign the 2016-2017 budget until June 20, 2015, the final day for him to approve or veto legislation. The governor has the power to veto line items in the bill, instead of rejecting it wholesale.

SB 1, a lot to contemplate at 969 pages in length, could take every remaining day for the governor's office to digest, until this session's veto deadline of June 18.

The budget bill, however, has already earned the approval of state Comptroller Glenn Hegar, who signed the document on June 1. "Even before I released the Biennial Revenue Estimate back in January, lawmakers understood this session would be difficult and coming to a budget consensus would require sacrifice and compromise," Hegar said. "I commend legislators for crafting a conservative budget that remains within my revenue forecast."

Bills signed and not signed

A mere 1,211 of the 6,631 bills, concurrent resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments filed by state representatives and senators this session gained passage by both houses. That comes to 18.3 percent, or a success rate of about one in five.

Gov. Abbott signed Senate Bill 5, the voter photo-identification bill that opponents promised would be challenged in federal court over constitutionality. Supporters said the bill by Joan Huffman, R-Houston, would allow a person to sign an affidavit stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining a photo ID and cast a regular ballot. Opponents, however, testified that proposed changes in the law still would have racially discriminatory effects. The bill is slated to take effect Sept. 1.

HB 62, the statewide ban on texting while driving, has not yet been signed by the governor. Authored by Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, HB 62 has been sitting on the governor's desk since May 25.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



"State sales tax collections in May indicate a Texas economy expanding at a moderate pace," Hegar said. "Growth in sales tax revenue occurred across most major industry sectors, including oil and gas-related sectors. Only the construction sector showed a slight decline."

Hegar also said total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2017 is up 3.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago, but state franchise tax revenue for fiscal 2017 totaled \$3.2 billion in May, 8.9 percent less than in May 2016.

Some praise withdrawal

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton thanked President Donald Trump for his June 1 decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement.

According to the United Nations, the international agreement's goal is "to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius."

Examples of other officials publicly applauding President Trump's decision last week were: Texas Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian, U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, and U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert of Tyler.

Revenue total reported

Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 2 announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.5 billion in May, an amount 4 percent more than in May 2016.

Preparedness tips to stay safe this hurricane season

Houston, TX, May 31, 2017 — Hurricane season started on June 1, and forecasters are predicting a 45 percent chance of an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season this year, threatening both coastal and inland residents between now and the end of November. To help families stay safe, the American Red Cross is issuing the top six hurricane preparedness tips should a hurricane or tropical storm head for your community.

Here are the top six things you should do now to be ready for Hurricane Season 2017:

1. Talk with household members and create an evacuation plan. Be prepared to evacuate quickly and evacuate if told to do so.
  2. Build an emergency kit with a gallon of water per person, per day, non-perishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, medications, supplies for an infant if applicable, a multi-purpose tool, personal hygiene items, copies of important papers, cell phone chargers, extra cash, blankets, maps of the area, and emergency contact information.
  3. Get access to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) radio broadcasts. Purchase a battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA weather radio in the Red Cross Store.
  4. Protect windows with permanent storm shutters or invest in one-half inch marine plywood that is pre-cut to fit your doors and windows. Identify a place to store lawn furniture, toys, gardening tools and trash cans (away from stairs and exits) to prevent them from being moved by high winds and possibly hurting someone.
  5. Be informed. Learn about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for pets. If travel is in your plans, learn about how emergency situations are communicated at your destination.
  6. Download the free Red Cross Emergency App for expert guidance on what to do before, during and after hurricanes as well as 34 other types of emergencies. All Red Cross apps can be found in smartphone app stores by searching for American Red Cross or by going to redcross.org/apps.
- If someone already has a disaster kit, now is the time make sure the food and water is still okay to consume and that copies of important documents are up to date. If an emergency plan already exists for the household, family members should talk about it again so everyone knows what to do and where to go if an emergency occurs.

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CAROL LOUISE LUTZ

Carol Louise Lutz (Hoffman) Cady died on Thursday, May 18, 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona from congestive heart failure. She was 78 years old.

Carol was a graduate of New Castle (Pennsylvania) High School, class of 1957. She later graduated from Lawrence County Vo-Tech school, with a degree as a Practical Nurse, in 1974. Nursing was her life-long passion and occupation.

After moving to Phoenix in 1976, Carol worked as an LPN at Boswell Hospital in Sun City for 28 years, where she was beloved by her patients and fellow workers. She retired in 2002. Her interests included camping and fishing with her husband Dean, oil painting, her dogs, and house plants. She was a member of the Copper State African Violet Club. She loved to paint lighthouses and covered bridges, continuing until her death. She was a member of Palmscroft Church.

Carol was born on February 23, 1939 to Bernard A. Lutz and Thelma L. Lutz, who preceded her in death. She was married to Doyle Dean Cady in 1980, who preceded her in death in 2013. She is survived by two daughters from her marriage to Gilbert Hoffman, Susan Lynn Hoffman and Patricia Allison Hoffman, and grandson Derek Geffs, all in Phoenix. She is also survived by her most beloved son-in-law, Terry Blanchard. She also leaves aunts Ida Kenny and Emma Uarda Montgomery, and cousins Debbie Kimura, Kay Evans and Amy Seidita in Florida, and Aaron Montgomery in Palm Springs.

Carol will be greatly missed by family and friends. The family will hold a private memorial later in the year.



Rotary project is a school in Ghana

Beth Brady, a past president of the LaPorte Rotary club, and now a fund raiser for an international project, a school in Ghana, spoke to the Highlands Rotary Club last Tuesday at their regular weekly luncheon.

The national Rotary theme this year is "Rotary Serving Humanity" and this includes an international project for each club.

In fact, over the years the Highlands Rotary club has helped support many international projects, including the eradication of Polio, and clean water supplies for villages in Mexico. Their current project is a school in Ghana, Africa which is being run by Kathleen Gibbs, and called Joy2theWorld.

Gibbs was previously a Farmers Insurance agent in Houston, as Beth Brady is now. The school in Ghana was started a few years ago, with only 7 children, and now serves between 40 to 50. Rotary has helped the school with donation of books, and financial support for improvements to their building.

The school teaches all grades from 1st to high school, and encourages students to plan for college after that. The school uses a unique system where they actually pay the children a small sum to attend, but then help them budget their money for necessary food, school supplies, a college fund, and a few personal items.

Brady encourages individuals to sponsor a child, which costs \$30 per month. The parent pays another \$15 per month.

The Joy2theWorld organization is a 501c3 charity, and has a website at [www.joy2theworld.org](http://www.joy2theworld.org), and a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/joy2theworldORG](http://www.facebook.com/joy2theworldORG).



LAPORTE ROTARIAN BETH BRADY updates the Highlands Rotary Club on their international project for a school in Ghana. Rotary started to help with a container of donated books, and now provides financial support for the project, along with several other clubs in District 5890 in Houston. Brady brought her "Art Guitar" which was for a fund raiser at an auction.

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# ASK THE EXPERT

Diamond Jim: "What are the recommended Anniversary Gifts that couples should get for each other?"



## ASK DIAMOND JIM

Anniversary gifts really depend on each person's tastes. Some people prefer a more modern approach to anniversary gifts while others may like the more traditional gift ideas. In order to help answer your question, I'm listing both "Traditional Gifts" and "Modern Gifts" as they relate to the Anniversary Year (number of years together). This way you can compare and decide for yourself what speaks best to you and your tastes.

### Newlyweds 1-5 years

Year	Traditional Gift	Modern Gift
1st	Paper	Clocks
2nd	Cotton	China
3rd	Leather	Crystal or Glass
4th	Fruit or Flowers	Appliances
5th	Wood	Silverware

### Truly Devoted 6-25 years

Year	Traditional Gift	Modern Gift
6th	Candy or Iron	Wood
7th	Wool or Copper	Desk Sets
8th	Bronze	Linens or Lace
9th	Pottery	Leather
10th	Tin or Aluminum	Diamond

11th	Steel	Fashion Jewelry
12th	Silk	Pearls
13th	Lace	Textiles or Furs
14th	Ivory	Gold
15th	Crystal	Jewelry
16th		Watches
17th		Silver
18th		Hollowware
19th		Furniture
20th	China	Porcelain
21st		Bronze
22nd		Platinum
23rd		Brass or Nickel
24th		Copper
25th	Silver	Silver Plate

26th		Musical Instruments
27th		Silver
28th		
29th		
30th	Pearl	
31st		
32nd		
33rd		
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35th	Coral	
36th		

### The Golden Years 26-50

Year	Traditional Gift	Modern Gift
26th		Original Pictures
27th		Sculpture
28th		Orchids
29th		New Furniture
30th	Pearl	Diamond
31st		Timepieces
32nd		Conveyances
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46th	Sapphire	
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### Soulmates 51-75 years

Year	Traditional Gift	Modern Gift
51st	Emerald	Emerald
52nd	Diamond	Diamond
53rd	Blue Sapphire	Star or Gray Sapphire
54th		
55th	Platinum	Platinum
56th	Diamonds or Diamond-like	Diamond or Gold

I think it's safe to say that when you get to your 50th wedding anniversary and beyond, giving and receive jewelry and other gifts is still wonderful however the real gift is that you are both still together. Blessings come to us in many forms and I think that sharing your life with someone you love is the greatest blessing of all!

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San Jacinto College selected for prestigious national initiative

PASADENA, Texas — San Jacinto College has been chosen to join the Frontier Set, a national initiative comprised of 31 educational institutions across the country, focused on improving student outcomes and better preparing new generations of students for the college experience.

Amongst these 31 institutions, only 12 are community colleges and only three are from Texas.

The Frontier Set is a network that brings together a diverse group of high-performing two- and four-year colleges, organizations and state systems that are pioneers in transforming the way they operate to improve student success in learning, credential and degree completion, and transition to the labor market.

"We are honored to be a part of the Frontier Set initiative," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and college president. "This gives us the opportunity to work with forward-thinking and innovative institutions who, like San Jacinto College, are on a continuum of transformation regarding student success."

San Jacinto College was encouraged to apply for entry into the initiative by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, an organization that recently awarded the college a 2017 Rising Star Award, placing them among the top 5 in the nation of more than 1,100 community colleges.

As a Frontier Set institution, the College will have access to funding to advance implementation of student success reforms in the form of targeted grants over the next four years, support in planning accelerated implementation and transformational change strategy, targeted on-demand support from the Aspen Institute's technical assistance team and cross-sector collaboration and learning through structured and intentional network-building activities.

The Frontier Set, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is designed to increase post-secondary credentials and degree attainment, a goal also held by the College.

"Our goal is to remove barriers for students and to understand where we may have unintentionally created barriers," Williamson said. "Access to the Frontier Set will help us to track and analyze our programs, making sure that all aspects of the institution serve to create independent learners ready to be successful at a transfer institution or in the workplace."

Frontier Set members have committed to document, collaborate and share best practices to improve not only their individual performance but to also spur collective progress. By facilitating knowledge sharing within and across sectors, the Frontier Set helps institutions avoid "reinventing the wheel" and instead draws on experience from

others about what works and why it works for improving student success.

"Our work with the Frontier Set complements our transformational work with the American Association of Community Colleges' Pathways Initiative," said Dr. Kelly Mizell, program leader for the Pathways Project. "Dedicated members of administration, faculty and staff have worked the last year to redesign many aspects of the College to help our students successfully achieve their educational goals. As members of this initiative, we share our successes and lessons learned with other members and collectively our work will benefit from the experiences and expertise of dedicated educational professionals."

As a Frontier Set college, San Jacinto College has committed to:

- Integrate key solutions within broader efforts to strengthen pathways to completion/transfer, including: redesigned advising, enhanced digital learning and courseware, and strengthened developmental education
- Engage with the Frontier Set Network
- Build a strong implementation and network engagement team
- Accelerate improvements in student success and strengthen capacities for sustained reform
- Submit data and set targets on near-term and long-term key performance indicators.

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SPORTS & CLUBS

Channelview's Cobbs signs with Paris JC



Channelview High School's Kia Cobbs signs her letter of intent to play for Paris Junior College in Northeast Texas. Cobbs was the team leaders and starting forward for the Lady Falcons.

Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club awards scholarships



These are the GP/JC Rotary Club scholarship recipients for 2017. A total of 38 scholarships were awarded recently totalling -over 17,000.00 dollars.

CHANNELVIEW ISD

Lady Falcon Hall signs with McClennan



Channelview High School girls basketball player Kiki Hall signed her letter of intent to play basketball for McClennan Community College in Waco this fall. Hall started at point guard for the Lady Falcons during her high school career.

CHANNELVIEW ISD

Falcon soccer players sign with colleges



Three Channelview Falcon Soccer players all signed college scholarships during a recent ceremony. Emilio Rivera, left, signed with Tabor College, while Noe Estrada and Henry Estrada will play for Bethel College. Congratulating them is Head Coach Carlos Galuppo. The Falcons advanced all the way to the Region III Final and finished among the state's "elite eight" teams.

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