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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### Galena Park-Jacinto City CIP Meeting Feb. 1

The Community-Industry Partnership (CIP) meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2018. 5:45 – light dinner. 6:15- business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m. at Alvin Baggett Recreation Building in the conference room by the south door, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Host plant: Shell Lubricants.

### Sheldon Little League

Try outs Feb. 3, 5 & 6. Rain Out Date Feb. 8 Online registration only at sheldon.active.sports.com. Questions? e-mail sheldonlittleleague@gmail.com

### Softball to host annual spring tournament

The San Jacinto College softball team will host its annual spring tournament on Friday, Feb. 9, and Saturday, Feb. 10, beginning at 12 p.m., at the Pasadena Girls Softball Association fields in Burke Crenshaw Park, located at 4950 Burke Road in Pasadena.

On Friday, Feb. 9, San Jac will face McLennan Community College at 12 p.m.; Murray State University at 2:30 p.m.; and Ranger College at 7:30 p.m. All San Jac Feb. 9 tournament games will be played on Field 1. On Saturday, Feb. 10, San Jac will play Ranger College at 10 a.m.; Murray State University at 12 p.m.; and Temple College at 3 p.m. All San Jac Feb. 10 tournament games will be played on Field 1.

### Heart Screenings

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is offering free heart screenings, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Feb. 14. Please call 281-428-2273 to register. See also AD, page 8 for more details.

## Flood of Celebrities at Chamber Gala

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce held their 41st Annual Awards Ceremony and Swearing-in last Friday, January 19th at the Houston Hobby Airport Marriott.

It was a night sparkling with good food and great friends, dressed like Hollywood stars.

The featured speaker was Meteorologist Jeff Lindner of the Harris County Flood Control District, and a celebrity spokesperson for the Office of Emergency Management, after the flooding and devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Lindner's face became the most familiar on television, as he reported on the effects of



Featured Speaker Meteorologist Jeff Lindner



Outgoing president Adam Lund receives a commemorative plaque from Incoming president Shalonda Dawkins and Margie Buentella.



Judge Joe Stephens swears in the new board.

the hurricane and the subsequent flooding throughout the county.

Lindner's account of the flood was a painful reminder to many in the audience, who had suffered personal loss at their homes or businesses. But his talk brought a new insight into the pitfalls of trying to predict the weather and warn residents of potential dangers.

As Lindner said of the Hurricane, there was "Nothing comparable in U.S. history." It covered 2000 square miles, and dropped 43.7 inches of rain over several days. This was 12 inches more than the previous record.

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## San Jac Baseball opens 2018 season atop the PerfectGame Preseason Top 25

HOUSTON – The San Jacinto College baseball team is no doubt one of the best teams in the country year in and year out.

Brian Sakowski, PerfectGame's National Scouting Supervisor, says this year's San Jacinto College baseball team has pitching depth and "looks impressive," making it the PerfectGame preseason pick to win the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series. He notes that at least five San Jac players are among the top 60 PerfectGame Junior College top prospect list. That includes INF/RHP Sergio Macias (Laredo, Texas / Alexander HS), C/1B Herbert Iser (Kissimmee, Florida / Osceola HS), LHP Jacob Cantleberry (Greenwood, Indiana / Center Grove HS), OF/INF Alerick Soularie (Humble, Texas / Atascocita HS) and OF/IF Matt Goodheart (Magnolia, Arkansas / Magnolia HS).

San Jac opened the 2018 season last weekend on the road against Panola College and Baton Rouge College in Louisiana. The first home game of the season will be Friday, Feb. 2 against Bossier Parish Community College in a doubleheader. In total, San Jac will play 18 home games this season at JR Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park.

Head Coach Tom Arrington is entering his 18th year at the helm of the program.

He has guided San Jacinto College to 13 conference titles, 11 regional championships, six national runner-up finishes at the JUCO World Series, four third-place national finishes and one fifth-place national finish. His 37 wins at the JUCO World Series is an all-time record, as is his 59 total games played at the national tournament. This summer, he will enter the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame.

San Jac returns nine players from last year's team, which finished as the national runner-up and an overall 48-18 record. Arrington has added 10 transfers and a slew of freshmen to this year's roster, one that is poised for a

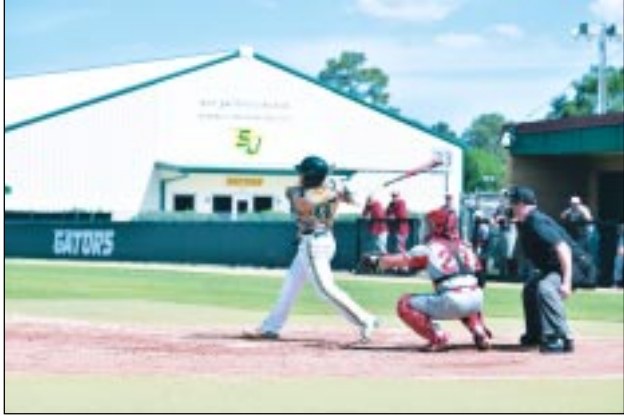


Photo by Andrea Vasquez/SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Sergio Macias and the San Jacinto College baseball team open the 2018 season as the top-ranked team in the nation.

return trip to Junction, Colorado.

For more information about the San Jacinto College baseball team, visit sanjacsports.com.

## Rotary District 5890 hosts International President



Rotary International District 5890 hosted a Million Dollar Dinner last Saturday at the Petroleum Club of Houston. The organization was able to have the Rotary International President Ian Riseley from Australia as the event keynote speaker. They raised \$3.7 million dollars for the Rotary Foundation with this event.

Rotary Foundation has been doing good for the world for the last 100 years. They have 6 main areas of focus. They promote many projects around the globe for peace and conflict resolution, maternal and infant health, disease prevention, local economy, literacy, and clean water. Rotary Foundation is also one of the main force behind eradicating the dreadful disease of Polio. Please go to Rotary.org for more information.

The event was organized by the following people: (from left to right) Eric and Sandra Liu, Bill and Debbie Palko, Bill and Suzi Howe, and Juliet and Ian Riseley.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Susan G. Komen Casino Night charity gaming fun



Expressions were found to change quickest at the roulette wheel Saturday, Jan. 27 as Community Bank of Texas hosted the Susan G. Komen Casino night benefitting Susan G. Komen – Houston Affiliate, all of which followed the Susan G. Komen Fun Runs against Cancer earlier in the day. The event at Community Bank was presided over by Patricia Vice, who became involved in the fight against cancer years ago for family and friends’ encounters with the disease. Tables were sponsored by local supporters including Community Resource Credit Union and Crawfish Shak. Players enjoyed a night of casino like gambling for prizes and the experience of fellowship and fighting cancer. Tables included the favored blackjack, poker, roulette and a dice table. Hector’s Of Crosby was the caterer of a delicious fajita meal with all the trimmings and sumptuous margaritas. The bargain of the night was that for \$10 to charity one could buy \$1,000 in chips and play until they burned at the tables or until winnings were amassed enough to buy prizes that included a 9 m.m. pistol. a fabulous fishing trip and a wonderful trip to Oregon.

## Elementary school attendance winners



Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman  
Randal O'Brien (back), Goose Creek CISD superintendent, and Pete Pape (right), board president, congratulate (front, from left) Edward Villanueva, Highlands Elementary principal, and students Giselle Valdovinos, third grade; Bert Dillow, second grade; Hank Barrientes, fourth grade and Amber Joseph, fifth grade, for having the highest elementary attendance percentage, 95.99 percent, for the third six weeks.

## School Board Recognition Month



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman  
Elsa Mendoza from the office of Senator Sylvia Garcia, presents the Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees with a Proclamation for School Board Recognition Month. Pictured with Mendoza are (from left) board members Agustin Loreda III, vice president; Ben Pape; Pete Pape, president; Jessica Woods, secretary; Howard Sampson, assistant secretary, and Ricky Clem. Not pictured is Al Richard.

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# North Channel Area Chamber GALA

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He said that even in the Emergency Center, the staff had a hard time perceiving the strength of the storm, and the disaster to the public. And the magnitude of the disaster was measured by 8900 calls to 9-1-1 asking to be rescued from flood waters. The Hurricane affected everyone from Victoria to Louisiana. In Harris County, Hunting Bayou, Greens Bayou, Buffalo Bayou, Luce Bayou, and the San Jacinto River all overflowed their boundaries. Lindner recounted the worry that prevailed at the Emergency Center, as the rain continued through the September 2nd weekend, and then on Sunday September 3rd flooding hit. On that day all Houston freeways were under 8 to 10 feet of water in some sections, and travel was im-

possible, including emergency vehicles. The decision was made by the OEM to ask the public for help since all resources had been deployed. The OEM estimated that between 15,000 and 25,000 people were at risk that Sunday. He told of the difficult decision that was made, to open the gates on the two reservoirs in West Houston. He said this was to save lives, irregardless of damage to property. These dams were built in the 1940s, and not adequate for today's runoffs. Lindner thanks the traditional media, and the new social media, especially Twitter, for helping to communicate to the public. He said that pictures of the flooding were helpful. Lessons have been learned from this hurricane and flood, and he said that on January 1st of this year, new county regulations require bulding 36" above the 100 year flood plain.



Bill Palko scholarship recognition



The North Channel Chamber Foundation presents a \$5000 scholarship to Mauro Gutierrez of San Jacinto College.



Great Seals presented to Lucia Bates, Jim Wadzinski, and Bill Palko.



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New and Returning Board members after their swearing in at the Gala.

Photos courtesy of Blanca Beltran and Gilbert Hoffman

## SUPERBOWL LII

# Patriots want to tie Steelers with 6th Lombardi prize: Eagles looking for backup Foles to carry them to title

One of the most tumultuous seasons in NFL history (players protesting the National Anthem, declining at-game attendance and TV ratings, continued serious injuries to star players) comes to a conclusion on Sunday in Minneapolis at U.S. Bank Stadium when the New England Patriots take on the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl LII.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has to hope this ultimate game of ultimate games is the best ever, and it has a good chance of being just that.

And it's a good thing they are playing this game indoors. The projected high temperature for Sunday is 13 degrees, with a projected low of -3. Tell me again why playing in a cold weather city is a good idea?

The Patriots, led by head coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady, will be looking for their sixth Lombardi Trophy, which would tie them with the Pittsburgh Steelers for the most in NFL history. The Eagles, who were the best team in the NFL (that's tough for the Cowboy fan to admit!) until Dec. 10 when quarterback Carson Wentz was lost for the season with a torn ACL injury, have rallied behind back-up quarterback Nick Foles to reach their third SB in team history.

Foles struggled a bit after taking over for Wentz, but he came through when his team needed him the most in the NFC title game against the Minnesota Vikings and their No. 1 ranked defense. Foles, an Austin Westlake product, threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns to lead Philly to a 38-7 route of the Vikings and a spot opposite Brady and Co.

Should Foles pull off a third



KEENEY'S KORNER

By MIKE KEENEY

straight underdog win (the Eagles were underdogs in both of their home playoff games against Atlanta and Minnesota and will enter as the underdog in this one), he would become the second Westlake quarterback to win a Super Bowl, the first being Drew Brees, who led the Saints to the Lombardi Trophy with a win over Indianapolis in 2010 following the 2009 season.

The Patriots are looking to become the only team in NFL history to win back-to-back Super Bowls twice. They won in 2004 and 2005 and are the defending champs heading into No. 52 after rallying from a 28-3 deficit at NRG Stadium last February.

New England had to rally from a 10-point deficit with less than 10 minutes left in the AFC Championship game against Jacksonville to return to defend their title as Brady connected with wide receiver Danny Amendola (7 receptions, 84 yards, 2 TDs) for two fourth-quarter scores to save the day for NE fans. The Patriots won without the services of All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski (69 receptions, 1,84 yards, 8 TDs) who sustained a concussion late in the second quarter and did not return. Gronk is in the NFL's concussion protocol, but he should be good to go come Sunday.

Even without his top offensive weapon, Brady was still able to pull out the victory and that's what makes him perhaps the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time). He is a master at taking what the defense gives him, so if that means using his running backs as receivers, so be it, or dinking and dunking to his wide receivers. When a big play presents itself, you can be sure Brady (4,577 yards passing, 32 TDs) will be ready to strike.

Brady will be facing a very good Philly defense on Sunday. The Eagles can bring pressure from their front four and have fast an quick linebackers who can drop into coverage. Their secondary is solid as well and loves coming up with the big turnover to turn games in their favor. In the NFC title game, defensive back Patrick Robinson's 50-yard interception return for a touchdown turned the game in the Eagles favor and it was pretty much lights out for the Vikings after his pick six. Robinson's score tied up the game and it was all downhill for the Eagles after that.

Offensively, the Eagles have plenty of weapons for Foles to turn to. They have two capable and productive running backs in Jay Ajayi (946 yards, 1 TD) and LeGarrett Blount (766 yards, 2 TDs). Philly acquired Ajayi from the Dolphins after he sulked his way out of Miami. He gives the



Eagles the speed threat at running back, while Blount is used in short-yardage situations. After a slow start to the season, the New England defense improved greatly behind defensive coordinator Matt Patricia's guidance. This will be Patricia's last game as Belichick's DC, as he will become the head coach of the Detroit Lions once this game concludes. The Patriots are tough against the run, which means Philly head coach Doug Pederson, a former backup QB to Brett Favre, might want to attack a suspect NE secondary.

Foles has plenty of options in the passing game. He has two solid wide outs in Alshon Jeffery (62 receptions, 874 yards, 11 TDs) and Nelson Agholor (62 receptions, 827 yards, 8 TDs) and one of the best tight ends in the league in Zach Ertz (74 receptions, 824 yards, 8 TDs). In the NFC title game, Jeffery caught five passes for 83 yards and two touchdowns, the biggest being a 53-yard score late in the second quarter that turned the game into a rout. Ertz had eight catches for 93 yards in the title game and will be motivated to out do Gronk in the biggest game of the year.

Brady also has a load of weapons to turn to offensively. Running back Dion Lewis will take care of the running game, while James White, SB LI's hero, will be the pass-catching back on third down situations. When he

wants to spread the ball out, he can turn to Amendola (68 receptions, 743 yards, 4 TDs), Gronk, or deep threat Brandin Cooks (65 receptions, 1,082 yards, 7 TDs). In the AFC title game, Cooks had a nice day with six receptions for 100 yards. This will also be offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels' final game as Belichick's OC. He is expected to be named the head coach in Indianapolis following SB LII.

Don't be surprised if McDaniels calls on a Kenny Britt, Phillip Dorsett or Rex Burkhead to come up with a key play in the game.

This should be a close game that goes down to late in the fourth quarter. The Eagles proved after Wentz went down that they are not a one-man team and have enough pieces in place to pull off the upset. The Philly offensive line is one of the best in the NFL and they should be able to give Foles time to make plays downfield. New England must pressure Foles early. If they let him get comfortable as the Vikings did, that secondary could be in for a long day.

But New England has a pretty fair QB themselves in Brady and when your team needs to pull off a drive late in the game, there's no better quarterback in history than No. 12. He's proven it time-after-time and big-game pressure does not phase him, just ask the Atlanta Falcons. Experience could also


play a huge factor in the outcome. The core of this New England team has played in seven straight AFC title games and four of the last seven Super Bowls. During Belichick's reign, the Patriots have played in eight big games in the last 18 years, a remarkable accomplishment in perhaps the most difficult of team sports. The Eagles don't have the playoff experience the Pats do. Defensive end Chris Long played for the Pats a year ago and won his first title. Pederson will lean on his knowledge of the team to help the Eagles prepare for this one, but remember, they are taking on the master in Belichick, so that may or may not have much affect on this game.

And there is one other factor to consider in who wins this game. There has been some speculation that this could be the swan song for Belichick and Brady (I don't buy into that one bit) and what better motivation than to go out on top with a sixth Lombard Trophy to hoist. New England will have to replace both coordinators in the offseason, but something tells me Belichick has two names already in place.

Again, I expect a competitive game and I think the Eagles have a real shot in this one, but they don't have Brady. Look for No. 12 to be the difference maker once again as the Patriots win Lombardi Trophy No. 6. My pick, New England 27, Philadelphia 24

VALENTINE'S AT CYPRESS TRAILS

Gussie up in your Favorite Valentine's Day Outfit! There is a contest for the Best Dressed Woman, Man, and Couple. \$50 Gift Cards will be awarded to the winners in each category (times 2, in the Couples division). Contest will be held February 10 - February 14 by pictures, taken at the ranch each day. Results will be announced by February 20. Watch our Facebook for results also.



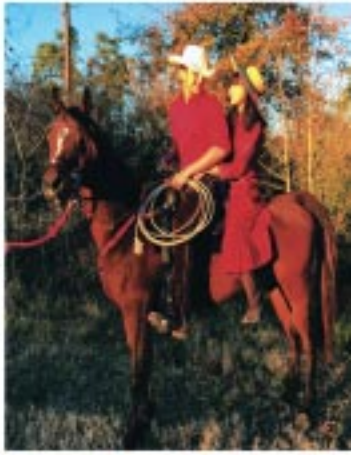
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# OPINION PAGE

## Brady Briefing: Building American Prosperity

By U.S. Congressman  
Kevin Brady

President Trump will deliver his first State of the Union Speech this week. My guest is Jim “Mac” McInvale, a successful businessman, founder of Gallery Furniture and world-class philanthropist who embodies the American Dream.

President Trump’s first year has energized the sluggish U.S. economy he inherited by balancing regulation and enacting the first tax reform bill in 31 years—which I’m proud to have authored.

In just one month since the tax cuts were signed into law, more than 250 American businesses have announced pay raises, bonuses, expanded maternity and paternity leave, and increased 401(k) contributions. Some have already announced major new investments here in the U.S. exceeding 30,000 new jobs, and others have reversed their decision to move their company overseas—now they are staying here in America.

These daily reports underscore the steady progress our economy is making under President Trump’s leadership and the Republican-led Congress. With a new tax code built for growth, I’m confident our economy will continue to improve. In fact, the next boost is just around the corner.

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In the coming days, Texans and all American workers will begin to receive their first paycheck since the Tax Cut and Jobs Act went into effect. Under the new law—which lowers rates for Americans at all income levels and nearly doubles the standard deduction—the federal government will take less of your paycheck for income taxes. For a family of 4 living in Conroe or The Woodlands making \$92,113 that could be as much as \$2,632 in 2018—that’s a big deal!

Letting hard-

working taxpayers keep more of their income is just one of the many ways the new tax cuts bill is improving lives in our nation—and it’s only the beginning. As each new part of the tax law takes effect, families will see more of the benefits. That means a stronger economy with more jobs, fairer taxes, and bigger paychecks for Texans and taxpayers nationwide.

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I’m relieved Senator Schumer and Congressional Democrats reversed course and joined Republicans to reopen the government. What a needless shutdown—and for what? An unrelated agreement on immigration with a deadline weeks from now?

The shutdown hurt our troops, delayed crucial Harvey disaster aid, and risked children’s health insurance for more than 400,000 Texas children and pregnant mothers. With tens of thousands of Texas victims of Hurricane Harvey waiting for assistance, Senate Democrats, led by Schumer, are still refusing to approve the \$81 billion disaster relief bill passed by the GOP House last year.

Regardless of where you stand on illegal immigration and DACA—is it reasonable to shut down the government over it or hold crucial Harvey disaster aid hostage?

Regrettably, too many Democrats in Congress have their priorities wrong. Instead, they should be working with Republicans and the President in a bi-partisan way to find common solutions.

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After reading the classified memo on the political abuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act I am calling for its release to the public. The memo is disturbing and raises serious concerns. A full, thorough investigation into possible privacy, procedural and criminal violations is needed. This is not how FISA should work.

*U.S. Congressman  
Kevin Brady chairs the  
House Ways and Means  
Committee*



## Governors urge congressional leaders to pass disaster aid funding

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and the governors of California, Puerto Rico and Florida on Jan. 24 asked U.S. House and Senate leaders to hurry up and pass supplemental disaster funding, and to send the legislation to President Trump.

“Over the past several months, we have received numerous assurances that adequate disaster funding was imminent,” the governors wrote in a joint letter. “Its continued delay only exacerbates ongoing uncertainty in devastated areas. Simply put, the communities devastated by these storms cannot be completely put back together until the federal government makes good on its promise to our citizens. If ever there was a time and role for the federal government to urgently help its citizens rebuild communities damaged by epochal disasters, now is the time to step up and fill that role.”

The letter, signed by Abbott, California Gov. Jerry Brown, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló, and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, was addressed to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California.

The governors also said in their letter, “While no longer front page news in Washington D.C., ongoing suffering becomes more acute the longer Congress waits to finish its work and pass a substantial disaster supplemental funding package” for critical relief measures in communities damaged by “epochal disasters.”

**Paxton files DACA brief**  
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Jan. 25

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



was joined by 12 other states in filing a court brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling that would prevent the Trump administration from phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in March.

The ruling, issued by a U.S. District Court in California earlier in January, blocked the federal government from phasing out DACA, an Obama-era policy.

Paxton, in the text of the 36-page brief, informed the Supreme Court that Texas would be forced to consider whether to file suit challenging the June 15, 2012 memorandum by President Obama that created DACA and provided for its continued implementation. It is furthermore stated that such a challenge would be brought by June 15, 2018, in order to avoid issues about the possible application of a six-year statute of limitations.

“Without this court’s prompt intervention, the district court’s injunction could last for over a year, frustrating the very purpose of the executive’s de-

cision here of promptly terminating disputes about the legality of a past policy by taking an undisputedly lawful course going forward,” Paxton said.

### Special Ed: Survey open

The Texas Education Agency on Jan. 23 made available an online survey to solicit feedback from the public on its draft corrective action plan for special education.

The survey, available on the agency’s website, is open to anyone wishing to provide input on the draft plan.

At the direction of Gov. Abbott, the TEA drafted an initial corrective action plan concerning support and delivery of special education services in public schools. The draft addresses issues identified in a recent federal monitoring report, including the proper identification of special education students and assuring access to services at the local level.

### Reported: 6 measles cases

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Jan. 23 announced that six measles cases among unvaccinated people in Ellis County were being investigated.

DSHS officials have advised health care providers in the area to take precautions and consider measles as a possible diagnosis in patients with a fever and rash in addition to a cough, runny nose or conjunctivitis.

The highly contagious nature of measles means it is possible that more cases will occur in the community. People involved in the outbreak have connections to Waxahachie and Midlothian, state health officials said.

### DPS implements HB 1729

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 25 announced that customers applying for or renewing a driver license, identification card or commercial driver license may donate \$1 or more to the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant program.

As of Jan. 8 the program — administered by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor — had received more than 8,900 donations for a total of nearly \$25,000, the DPS reported.

## Three steps toward a better retirement In 2018

(NAPSI)—For seniors who have already entered retirement, there are some important things that can be done in 2018 to make it better and more fulfilling:

1. Consider your spending. Create a budget and track your expenses.

Most experts say you’ll need at least 70 to 80 percent of your current income to live the same lifestyle in retirement, so after you figure what you’ll get from Social Security and any other income sources, you’ll need to create a nest egg that can throw off that much without your having to use any of the principal.

Also, your retirement can last for a good long time. According to AARP, a healthy, upper-middle-class couple who are 65 today have a 43 percent chance that one or both partners will live to see 95. Financial planners now advise that you withdraw no more than 3.5 percent a year out of your savings for both your regular expenditures and one-time items like a new roof or a big vacation for the money to be around as long as you are.

2. Take that dream trip while you can. Research by Joseph K. Goodman of Washington University in St. Louis, and Sarah Lim at Seoul National University, South Korea, among others, shows experiences bring more happiness than things. You want to get in as many good times as you can while your health holds out.

Another impetus: Many hotels, resorts, restaurants, attractions and tour operators offer special discounts for older travelers. For example, for less than \$100 you can get a lifetime pass that lets you enjoy every national park in the country. Ask when you book about discounts for seniors and you may save enough for an extra trip or two.

3. Inventory your assets for sources of cash. For example, take a good look at any life insurance policy you no longer need. It could be sold for a significantly greater amount than the policy’s cash surrender value through something called a Life Settlement. You get a cash payment and the purchaser assumes all future premium payments in exchange for the benefit. Candidates for life settlements are typically aged 70 or older, with a life insurance policy that has a death benefit of at least \$100,000.

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Iran Wilburn King



Iran Wilburn (Bill) King, 81, passed away peacefully in St. Lukes Hospital at 10:47 am, January 20, 2018, with his closest family members holding his hand. He will be remembered by many as an avid sports fan and fisherman, but more importantly as a genuine, vibrant man who never met a stranger. Bill was born May 21, 1936 in a small town in northeast Louisiana called Newellton. He spent most of his youth in Ferriday, LA. He told countless stories of the State Championship football teams of Ferriday High School that he was a part of in the early 1950's. He later spent several years traveling the world as an employee of Hydril Co. in the oil industry. It's doubtful that anyone watched more sports (of almost any kind) than Bill. He loved the LSU Tigers and would keep track of anything to do with LSU athletics. He was the most devoted Houston Astros fan, and as fate would have it, he was able to witness them win their first World Series title in team history.

Another passion of his was fishing. He was famous for being on the water before the sun came up and not leaving the water until just before the sun set. For over 30 years, the family freezer remained stocked full of fish fillets...often enough to feed the neighborhood. Even at the age of 81, Bill was an avid reader. He would consume books like nobody we've ever seen. On average he would read about 2 books per week. When he wasn't watching ESPN or reading, he loved listening to Bluegrass of any kind, but Bluegrass Gospel is what he enjoyed most. There were many times he would open the garage door and fill the cul-de-sac with his favorite songs. If there was anything that trumped all else, it was Bill's love of family, including his wife of 47 years, Sherry, and his grandsons, Kolby and Kyler. When he wasn't on the field helping coach those two boys, he could be heard from the bleachers, over everyone else, cheering them on. If one were able to sum up Bill King's legacy, it could be done in 2 words...be kind. The message that can be heard in his favorite song "You Don't Love God (If You Don't Love Your Neighbor)" was exactly how he lived his life. Cremation by: Blackwell & Vazquez Woodforest, 750 Uvalde, Houston, TX 77015, 713-453-1900

Patsy Jean Dunn



Patsy Dunn left this earthly home on Thursday Jan 25th to spend eternity with our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ. Mrs. Dunn was born on Sept 25th, 1935 and passed Jan. 25th 2018. She was 82 years old. Mrs. Dunn lived a full life, marrying Billy Ellison Sr, at an early age and together, they had four children, and lived in Odessa, Tx. They moved to Monahans, Tx. In early 1963. They were very involved with their family, and spent time boating, camping, fishing and later motorcycle riding. Mrs. Dunn was a Girl Scout Leader for her daughter, Denece. She loved to garden and can the fruits of her labor. She collected historical postage stamps, dolls and coins. She loved to crochet, do needlepoint and knit. What ever she did, she did it well. Mrs. Dunn was the family historian and spent many hours and days researching the Ellison, Watts, Martins, Crouches and Mooney families. She managed convenience stores in Monahans, for many years.

Mrs. Dunn loved to read and her favorite books were Louis Lamar and the The King James Bible. In her retirement years, she was an active member of the Immanuel Baptist Church and was the Church Treasurer. She was in charge of the Church Prayer chain up until just 2 weeks ago. Her Mother Evelyn Crouch, her Father R.Q. Martin and grandchild, Kris Ellison preceeded her in death. She leaves behind: Her children and their spouses: Billy & Velma Ellison Kenneth and Yong Ellison Denece Johnston David Robert Ellison She has 8 Grand Children 14 Great Grand Children and 1 Great Great Grand Child. She also leaves her brother James and Bonnie Damron, and her sister Gloria Jean and Billy Joe Dunn. She has many nieces and nephews along with friends and extended family. Rest in Peace Patsy Dunn. A Celebration of Patsy's life will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 7pm at Sterling-White. Services have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To send the family condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com

Josephine Laura McCorvey Bruce



JOSEPHINE LAURA MCCORVEY BRUCE passed away Wednesday, January 24, at the age of 90 in Pasadena, Texas. Josephine was born December 8, 1927, in Dallas, Texas to Willis Eagleton and Minnie Lee McCorvey. She was a lifetime homemaker, with a short stint early in life as a secretary. She outlived three husbands, John Emmons, J D Moses and Grady Bruce. After her first marriage she returned to Galena Park, Texas, where she had attended High School and remained the rest of her life there, close to family members. In her later years she was both a participant, as well as a volunteer at Heritage Hall Senior Center in Jacinto City, Texas, her home away from home. At the Hall she was presented with several certificates of appreciation for her devoted and invaluable service there as well as from the Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Josephine was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Donald, Neal, Elwood, Raymond and Allan; sisters Zelle, Edith and Margaret. She is survived by her son Melvin Emmons

and wife Crissie, two grandchildren, Mike Emmons and Michelle Emmons Bagley, three great grandchildren, Amelia Bagley, Isaac Bagley and Bret Bagley, along with several nieces and nephews, and her "Hall Family" friends. Visitation took place at San Jacinto Funeral Home from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 29, followed directly by the funeral services at 10:30 a.m. A brief graveside service was held at the adjacent San Jacinto Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers we would like to suggest consider making a memorial gift to First Christian Church of Pasadena in Josephine Bruce's memory. 4848 Preston Rd. Pasadena, Texas 77505.

BIBLE TRIVIA

- by Wilson Casey
1. Is the book of Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. From Revelation 21, what perfectly square city is described as having walls made of jasper? New Damascus, Jericho, New Jerusalem, Philadelphia
  3. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses' death? Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham
  4. Saint Luke said Jesus was about how old when he began to teach? 20, 30, 40, 50
  5. What is the biblical word of "Didymus" translated as? Sinner, Heathen, Teacher, Twin
  6. What was the trade occupation of Paul? Shepherd, Carpenter, Tentmaker, Tax collector
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) New Jerusalem; 3) Joshua; 4) 30; 5) Twin; 6) Tentmaker

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The day first became associated with romantic love within the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children, in order to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

**Court of love**  
The earliest description of February 14 as an annual celebration of love appears in the Charter of the Court of Love. The charter, allegedly issued by Charles VI of France at Mantes-la-Jolie in 1400, describes lavish festivities to be attended by several members of the royal court, including a feast, amorous song and poetry competitions, jousting and danc-

ing. Amid these festivities, the attending ladies would hear and rule on disputes from lovers. No other record of the court exists, and none of those named in the charter were present at Mantes except Charles's queen, Isabeau of Bavaria, who may well have imagined it all while waiting out a plague.

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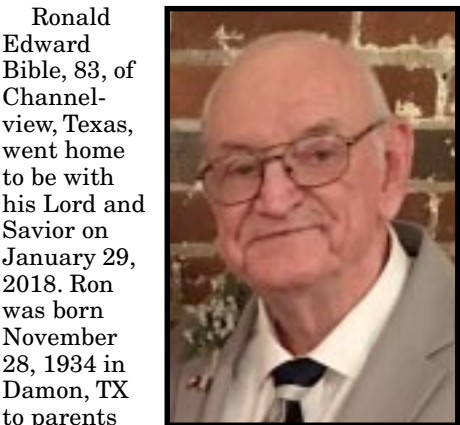
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## OBITUARIES

### Ronald Edward Bible



Ronald Edward Bible, 83, of Channelview, Texas, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 29, 2018. Ron was born November 28, 1934 in Damon, TX to parents Grady Elden Bible and Iva Jones Bible. He attended Needville High School and then he honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. He resided in Channelview since 1956 and married Alma Joyce Massey in October 27, 1957. He attended Modern Barber College and was owner and barber at Bible's Barber Shop in Channelview from 1956 to 1969. He went to work at Metropolitan Life Insurance from 1969 to 1990 and was an award winning agent for the Freeway Branch. In 1991 he opened Bible's Insurance Agency in Channelview where he continued to sell insurance as well as retirement plans. He sold the agency in 1999 and assumed the semi-retired life where he continued participating in various community activities such as Athletic Booster Club, Lion's Club, and North Channel Chamber of Commerce. He was a long time advocate for the Channelview Independent School District in many capacities. He was one of the co-founders of what is now the Channelview FFA Fair and Livestock Show, and served on several district improvement committees for CISD. He was one of the founding members of the Channelview Scholarship Committee, and board member of Channelview Senior Citizen Advisory Council. He was a member of the M.D. Anderson 100 Donor Club and worked elections for the Channelview Fire District. He was a 60 year member of Channelview Church of Christ where he served as a deacon for 11 years, an elder for 8 years, and 7 years as volunteer prison minister, as well as teaching numerous Bible classes. He led several summer mission trips with the youth over the south and he worked extensively in personal evangelism, always loving to share the Lord with those who didn't know Him. He also was on the board of Peach Valley Summer Christian Camp. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alma Joyce Bible; by children, Ronda Stockton and husband David, of Deer Park, TX; Pattie Blake and husband, Matthew, of Whitehouse, TX; Penny Grimsley and husband Steve, of McKinney, TX; and Grady Bible of Austin, TX; by 16 grandchildren Joshua Onken, Rebecca Blake Paterson, Kyle Onken, Rachal Blake, Brok Onken, Joanna Blake, Katie Onken Marshburn, Philip Grimsley, Andrew Grimsley, Gregory Bible, Bergen Bible, Aaron Blake, Jon Blake, Ellie Bible, Landen Blake, and Lily Blake, and 13 great-grandchildren; by numerous other family and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and by three brothers and a sister. Visitation will be from 5-8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Channelview Church of Christ with services to celebrate his life at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Channelview Church of Christ, 1301 Sheldon Rd., Channelview. He will be laid to rest in Houston National Cemetery with military honors at 1:45 p.m. under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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ADDITION TO FIRE STATION, JACINTO CITY, TEXAS  
Sealed bids, in duplicate, on Bid Forms provided, addressed to The Mayor and City Council, City of Jacinto City, Jacinto City, Texas, Harris County will be received at the City Hall, 1301 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas 77029 until 4:00 p.m. Thursday, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 and then publicly opened and read during the Thursday, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for furnishing all labor, material, and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of "Fire Station Addition".  
Accompany Bids with acceptable Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount bid in the Base Bid, payable without recourse to the City of Jacinto City, or a Bid Bond of like amount from an approved surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract. Successful contractor will provide insurance and performance bonds as detailed in Instruction to Bidders, and a list of experience with similar projects, and references. The City of Jacinto City reserves the right to reject all bids, or choose a contractor in their best interests, regardless of cost.  
Plans and Specifications will be available from a DropBox link, <https://goo.gl/UZW3Pe> or purchase them from B and E Reprographics, 3664 Walnut Bend Lane, Houston 77042 at non-refundable cost. Two sets of drawings are required, a Base Bid set and an Alternate Bid set, plus hardware schedule and project manual. Examine documents at the office of the architect, Hoffman-Liu Design Associates, 5906 Star Lane, Houston TX 77057 or at Dodge Data & Analytics, AGC Plan Room, VIRTUALBX.COM, ISQFT.COM, other plans rooms, and City Hall in Jacinto City. BIDDERS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE SITE, AND VIEW the existing Jacinto City Fire Station, 1126 Mercury Drive, Jacinto City, Texas 77029.  
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