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CHANNEL CURRENTS

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.

Senior Valentine Dance

All seniors are cordially invited to the Senior Valentine Dance for some fun, food, entertainment and drinks. February 13, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 2:30 p.m. at American Legion, 1601 16th St. Galena Park, Tx. 77547. For questions please contact Jose Ramon 713-480-3641.

Former JC Little League President arrested

By Allan Jamail

JACINTO CITY – Tuesday, February 6, 2018 - Jacinto City police arrested Christopher Vasquez the former Jacinto City Little League president and charged him with felony theft of baseball league funds.

Police said the new league's officials had tried

to get the money from Vasquez for months by sending him letters, so after hearing nothing they decided to file a police report.

Vasquez was surprised by police at Hobby Airport as they took him into custody moments after he arrived on a flight from California.

Chief Joe Ayala said Vasquez is accused of cash-



CHRISTOPHER VASQUEZ

ing a check in September of last year for almost \$17,000 that was supposed to fund new scoreboards. The check from Coca-Cola to the league was endorsed by Vasquez and cashed but never deposited into the league's bank account according to records.

A recent inventory taken by the league indicates there's possibly missing equipment, sponsorship

money and unauthorized purchases made after Vasquez became president.

In a TV interview, Vasquez said he is innocent, and still has the money in a cashier's check for the Little League.

Vasquez is currently on probation for a criminal mischief charge. Court records show the former president stole turf from a business along Tomball Parkway in 2016.

Coach Arrington selected to NJCAA Hall of Fame

San Jacinto College legend for 16 years

By Amanda Fenwick

HOUSTON – Tom Arrington can soon add "Hall of Fame" to his signature, as the veteran coach will enter the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Baseball Hall of Fame this year.

"I am shocked and surprised. It hasn't really sunk in yet," said Arrington, who enters his 18th year at the helm of the San Jacinto College program. "As a coach, my success starts with the players. They are the ones playing the game. It is my responsibility to guide them and transition them along their path. I am very blessed and thankful to have this opportunity."

Arrington owns an overall record of 742-298 (.713) in his 17 years as head coach. He has guided San Jacinto College to 13 conference titles, 11 regional championships, six national runner-up finishes at the Junior College (JUCO)



Head Coach Tom Arrington, middle, will enter the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame this summer.

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 prestigious national tournament.

San Jacinto College Assistant Coach Kory Koepler made the nomination to the NJCAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and says that he views Arrington as a mentor, friend and family friend.

"In my 18 years with Tom, I have learned a great deal about relationships," Koepler said. "He is a leader on many levels. He runs a very organized program and emphasizes to his players and staff a need to grow and develop into community leaders. He cares for his players and for his staff as if they were his own family."

Arrington began his coaching career in 1991 at the College of Mateo before moving on to San Fran-

cisco State University and College of Marin. He came to San Jacinto College in 2000 as an assistant coach, focused on the pitchers, and was named head coach in 2001. In the Spring of 2011, Arrington was appointed athletic director for the San Jacinto College North Campus. He played professionally for the Triple A team of the Texas Rangers; in Guadalajara, Mexico; for the Salt Lake Trappers; and for a Single A farm team of the Mont-

real Expos.

Arrington is an 11-time NJCAA Southern District Coach of the Year, and serves on several NJCAA committees. His service to the community and the sport of baseball, however, doesn't end there. Each year that San Jacinto College qualifies for the JUCO World Series, the team is actively involved with the Challenger baseball program in Grand Junction, Colorado. The relationship between the San Jacinto College and Challenger baseball programs began in 2004 when Arrington reached out to Challenger director Carma Brown about the San Jac team being "buddies" to the Challenger players.

"Our relationship with Coach Arrington and the Gators began on that day, and it has flourished into a very special relationship as well as friendship," said Brown in a letter of sup-

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Channelview HS student surprised with KPRC Scholarship

It was just another normal day for Channelview High School senior Kennedy Henderson. All of the sudden, in the middle of class, some visitors known to Houston area television viewers entered the room with a welcome surprise.

Henderson's face lit up with a wide grin as morning news anchor Owen Conflenti called her to the front of the classroom and presented her with KPRC's \$2,500 Senior Scholarship. She is the first recipient out of 20 Houston area students to receive the award, sponsored by Texas Mattress Makers.

"This is amazing," Henderson said. "This was

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With the camera rolling, KPRC morning anchor Owen Conflenti congratulates Channelview High School senior Kennedy Henderson of being the winner of the KPRC Senior Scholarship.

Commissioner Morman details status of Precinct 2 at Chamber

Speaking last week at the North Channel Chamber luncheon, Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman discussed the ravages resulting from the floods after Hurricane Harvey, and a large range of projects that will be built in the next few years in East Harris County to keep pace with the population growth.

Morman called it an Historic Flood, noting that in the past five years there have been three flood events in the county that exceeded the 100 year flood plans. In the county, over 30,000 homes were flooded, he said. Resources to help people were overwhelmed, and the county had to ask for the help of the general public for boats and evacuation rescues. He

noted that Pct. 2 dump trucks were used as first responder emergency vehicles due to their high ground clearance.

Pct. 2 is now in the recovery phase. A total of 260,000 cubic yards of debris have been picked up and hauled away. The Lynchburg Ferry, closed due to damage to both landings, is being repaired and scheduled to re-open in March.

To alleviate future damage from floods, the county is implementing new regulations calling for buildings to be elevated higher. Home buyouts have also occurred, and will continue. So far \$20,000,000 has been allocated for this, and 21 homes have been purchased to date.

The county has request-



Jack Morman
Pct. 2 Commissioner

ed funds from the federal government of \$10 Billion dollars for new projects, but so far the money has not been appropriated. The county is planning on a bond issue in the fall, ask-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Flood Forum on TV explores solutions to flooding



Mayor Sylvester Turner and County Judge Ed Emmett were the featured speakers on the program. In general, they agreed that this was “a defining moment” and time for major funding with help from state and federal partners.

HOUSTON –Television Channel 2 KPRC sponsored a forum last Monday night, featuring the two government leaders in the area, Mayor Sylvester Turner of Houston, and Judge Ed Emmett of Harris County.

The two leaders were discussing the devastation from the floods after Hurricane Harvey, and what the plans are to alleviate future disasters. In addition, they answered questions from viewers that were phoned into the program.

In general the leaders agreed that this was the time for action to solve the flood problems of the area.

Emmett said that Harvey had changed our lives, and changes are needed in the regulations that govern building. He said they were based on a 100 year flood plain, when actually that most recent floods, 3

in 3 years, indicate a 500 year flood event instead. He said this change was being implemented in the county since January 1st.

Both leaders said that more money was needed, to help those who are suffering from the Harvey floods, and to improve infrastructure to minimizing flooding in the future.

Emmett said that a new third reservoir was needed, probably at a cost of more than \$500 million. He noted that these reservoirs are federal projects, not county.

Turner noted that the city’s drainage fee was not intended to solve flooding problems, and flood projects would cost billions. Both speakers said that the state should release some of its “rainy day” fund to Houston.

“If this isn’t a rainy day, what is?” they quipped.

Emmett noted that

Congress had appropriated \$51 billion for flood, and had another bill that would release \$81 billion for natural disaster relief in four states. They urged quick action to pass this, but said it wouldn’t be enough.

Emmett said that the County was planning on having a bond referendum later this year for the Flood Control District, and the public would have to decide whether they would pay for flood relief.

In the question period, Cynthia Neely asked why projects could not be required to retain 100% of their water run-off.

Environmentalist Jim Blackburn noted that Harvey was not a surge event but a rain and wind storm, and that a surge event would have been even more devastating. Plans for a so-called “Ike Dike” have been forwarded, but the cost is into many billions, he said.

Officials are interviewing subject in fatal hit and run

On February,05, 2018, the Harris County Sheriff’s Office Vehicular Unit received word from Harris County Precinct 4 Constables Office , that the subject involved earlier in the hit and run wanted to turned themselves in to their agency.

According to the Harris County Sheriff’s Office Vehicular Crimes Division (VCD), the hit and run crash occurred at approximately 1:00 a.m. on February 5, 2018 in Harris County, TX., the victim,

57-year-old Michael Hughes, was walking across the center turn lane in the 11400 block of Jones Road.

The suspect vehicle was traveling northbound on Jones Road and entered into the center turn lane, striking Hughes.

The suspect vehicle then fled the scene without providing aid to the victim.

Mr. Hughes died at the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

The subject is now being interviewed by VCD investigators.



Michael Hughes, victim.

Charges are pending until further investigation.

State Sales Tax Revenue totaled nearly \$2.7 billion in January

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.67 billion in January, 9.1 percent more than in January 2017.

“Growth in sales tax revenue occurred across all major economic sectors,” Hegar said. “The strong growth in revenue was led by collections from the mining, construction and wholesale trade sectors. The manufacturing, retail

trade and restaurant sectors also saw strong gains.”

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January 2018 was up 10.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor

fuels and oil and natural gas production also rose in January 2018:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$427.7 million, up 5.1 percent from January 2017;
- motor fuel taxes — \$304.6 million, up 3 percent from January 2017; and
- oil and natural gas production taxes — \$407 million, up 63.9 percent from January 2017.

Governor Greg Abbott appoints San Jacinto River Authority Board of Directors

Austin, TX – February 6, 2018 – Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) issued the following statement commending Governor Greg Abbott for appointing three new board members to the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA).

“I am appreciative of Governor Abbott for appointing three well-qualified individuals to fulfill SJRA’s duties and responsibilities,” said Senator Creighton. “Charles “Ed”

Boulware (Montgomery), Mark Micheletti (Kingwood), and Kaaren Cambio (Kingwood) will bring extensive experience to the board of directors.”

SJRA is an appointed governmental body with the mission to protect and conserve the water resources of the San Jacinto River basin. On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Coast. Throughout the following several days, the storm produced between 30 to 60

inches of rainfall throughout Senate District 4 and across southeast Texas.

“I fully intend to continue working with the entire board of directors and the general manager as well as all stakeholders to ensure that SJRA fulfills their duties to the highest degree,” said Senator Creighton. “I believe the new board members will add much needed representation from different parts of the river basin.”

Baytown Police Department helps puppy find her family



Everyone loves a happy ending - Kudos to BPD Officers and Detectives Rodrick Edwards, Joshua Cuccio, Felipe Gallegos, and Shane Darsee! Their teamwork on a BMV (burglary of a motor vehicle) case led to the recovery of this stolen, furry-bundle-of-joy. Missing for 16 days, the puppy will be reunited with her owner!

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KPRC Scholarship,

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Channelview High School student Kennedy Henderson and her classmates celebrate after she was presented with the KPRC Senior Scholarship. The \$2,500 award is also sponsored by Texas Mattress Makers.

such an unexpected surprise, but I am excited that my family is here to share it with me.”

Several of Henderson’s family members, including her grandmother, whose home was affected by Hurricane Harvey were in attendance. Her parents, who are both Channelview educators, were also there to support their daughter, along with her brother, who is a junior at CHS.

Henderson is an outstanding student, ranked sixth in her class. She plans to attend Prairie View A&M University in the fall, where she will

major in Chemical Engineering. Her involvement at CHS includes serving as a member of the National Honor Society and participating in the Modified Early College Program (MECA) at San Jacinto College. Through her success in MECA, Henderson will receive her Associate’s Degree in May, along with her high school diploma.

In addition to her academic success, Henderson has excelled in athletics. She is a Class 6A State Powerlifting finalist, a three-time Region III Track and Field finalist and the 2016-2017 Area

Shot Put champion.

“My parents have shown me that education is the key to success and the door to many opportunities,” Henderson said. “As I begin my college journey, I know it will further develop my perspective of looking at life as well as broadening my ability to think critically and solve problems.”

The scholarship presentation and feature story on Henderson recently aired on KPRC Channel 2. It can be viewed by going to www.click2houston.com/community/scholarships.

New East Houston Basketball Team opens season Feb. 23/24



By: Jordan Smith

Tickets for the first ever game in East Houston United history go on sale today. The East Houston United is the latest addition to the rapidly expanding ABA, otherwise known as the American Basketball Association. This association was reimagined in 1999 by Joe Newman and Richard P. Tinkham. Previous to 1999, the ABA existed in another form starting in 1967 until 1976 when the ABA merged with the NBA.

Head Coach and Team President Kevin Williams, who is from North Shore, is excited about the beginning of the United organization.

“We are looking forward to hosting the Gymrats for our inaugural game,” said Williams. “To have a Professional team from Japan visit East Houston is big for our team, fans, and organization. We know we will have a tough time with this team and we are look-

ing forward to the challenge. To bring professional basketball to East Houston where me and my partners were born and raised is something we take pride in and with our fans’ support, we can do amazing things in the community.”

The United will be taking on the Shizuoka Gymrats in their first ever game at 7 p.m. on Friday Feb 23rd at San Jacinto College North. For tickets to this game, click here. The Gymrats are a team based out of Shizuoka, Japan who have been participating in the ABA for seven years, travel to the United States every year to go against other teams in the ABA. This will be the first time the Gymrats and United have ever met.

Some of the players on the United roster, just like Kevin Williams, have ties to the Houston area as well. Three players on the roster- Weston Lund, Dontae Johnson and Taylor Brimmer- are all gradu-

ates of North Shore. Other players on the roster include Chris Rios and Brandon Taylor (Galena Park High School), Jerrod Tillman (Channelview), Josh Anderson (CE King) and CJ Calhoun (Furr High School).

East Houston United will take on the Shizuoka Gymrats in the United’s first ever game at 7 p.m. on Friday Feb 23rd at San Jacinto College North. Then, the United will play at 8 p.m. on Saturday Feb 24th at San Jacinto College North as the United take on the San Antonio Texas Titanium.

Tickets are now available online at <https://www.eventbee.com/v/0902/event?eid=172260832#/tickets>. For more information, you can email East Houston United info@ehunited.com. Don’t forget to like the United on Facebook at facebook.com/EastHoustonUnited and follow them on Twitter and Instagram @ehunited.

Promising Practices for Priority Schools Leadership Summit at HCDE on Feb. 13 targets turnaround schools

Feb. 2, 2018 - School leaders and experts on turnaround schools gather to strategize for “Promising Practices for Priority Schools” on Feb. 13 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Harris County Department of Education, 6300 Irvington, Houston, Texas.

Focus or priority schools are Texas schools which are targeted for low graduation rates and low achievement in reading and math.

“There is a fierce urgency of now to change the trajectory of schools that serve students of color and from poverty,” said Deirdre Williams, officer for Harris County Department of Education’s Educator Certification and Professional Advancement. “This summit will be a safe space for leaders in turnaround schools to share their chal-

lenges and to gain insight into addressing those challenges.”

The summit is headlined by national presenter, social-justice authority and author Laurence “Larry” Payne, host of the voice of Dialogue Houston. A panel of school turnaround thought leaders lead discussions on change. A breakout session focuses on instructional leadership.

Moderator for the summit is Deirdre Williams, an HCDE leader credited for her school turnaround work and expertise in developing systems to improve schools. Kelly Brown, associate professor of educational leadership at Lamar University presents on cultural competence, social justice and leading for equity and facilitates the panel discussion.

Turnaround experts include Tory Hill, superintendent of Sweeney Independent School District; Tangela Hughes-Beston, principal at Youens Elementary, Alief ISD; Nicole Moore, chief school officer-south area, Houston ISD; Christopher Pichon, senior director for school administration, Galena Park ISD; and Valerie Vogt, chief academic officer, Lamar Consolidated ISD.

Breakout sessions include RTI, formative assessments, effective turnaround leadership, data-enhanced PLCs, supporting new teachers, and power standards.

To register, go to www.hcde-texas.org/register (workshop number 11759). For information, email LeadNow@hcde-texas.org.

Fire destroys Cloverleaf mobile home



Cloverleaf firemen extinguish the remaining embers after a fire destroyed an unoccupied mobile home at 13815 Waxahachie. Possible cause for the fire was thought to be a nearby trash fire that spread to the home. (Frank Nadolney photo)

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OPINION PAGE

5 Ways digital technology is helping students learn



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(StatePoint) As classrooms are getting modern makeovers across the country, here are five ways new digital technology is helping students to better absorb the curriculum.

1. Tablets. Tablets in the classroom give students instant and portable access to research and resources, as well as educational games and videos -- all right at their fingertips. These devices can be used as collaborative tools, and can also accommodate all different types of learners, helping teachers address the needs of all their students.

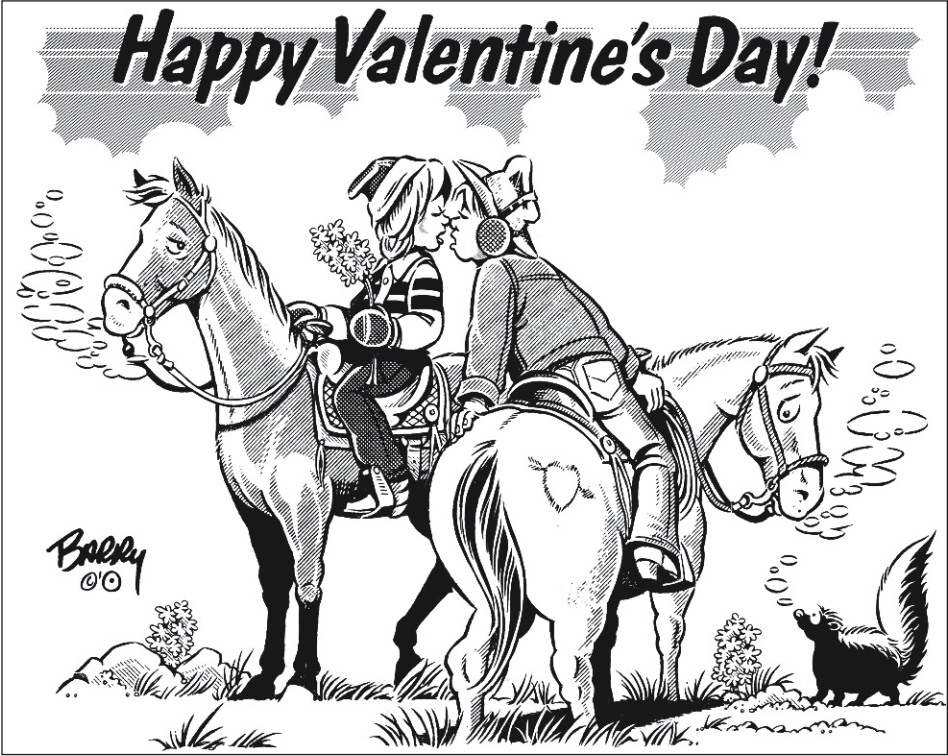
2. Keyboards. Musicians who are just getting started can get an educational boost with new tech tools, such as Casio's LK-265 keyboards, which are outfitted with a Voice Fingering Guide and Step-up Lesson System. These features enable students to learn built-in songs, phase-by-phase, at their own pace. Additionally, the LCD display facilitates learning of both music notation and correct hand positioning, while its Scoring System evaluates performance, so users can track their progress. Another asset for students is the free compatible Chordana Play app, which automatically plays 50 songs, from pop to classical and more, and is expandable through MIDI files that can be downloaded from the internet.

3. Virtual reality. Now students can go all over the world without a permission slip. Virtual field trips in classrooms using smartphone-based

Virtual Reality (VR) technology can expose students to places they wouldn't be able to see otherwise. Also, using VR in an educational setting can help students develop an understanding of the technology, which may be helpful down the line, as more industries adopt it for business applications.

4. Calculators. Updated digital technology integrated into calculators enables students to learn math in a whole new way. For example, Casio's addition to its PRIZM line, the fx-CG50, offers an improved catalog function so that teachers can use commands more easily and quickly, offering support to students. Expanded features include the ability to easily draw 3D graphs such as planes, cylinders and spheres, and view them from various angles to better analyze their shapes. These features help ensure students are getting the most out of the educational tools in the classroom while enhancing their understanding of mathematics.

5. Projectors. These days, new projector models are giving educators a greater ability to project images, video and lessons wirelessly from their mobile devices and laptops. For example, Casio's Core Series LampFree Projector, which features a mercury-free laser and LED hybrid light, minimizes classroom downtime by reaching maximum brightness in as fast as five seconds. This technology can enhance lessons by enabling collaborative learning and communication.



Straus: Audit reveals need for stronger oversight at state agency

AUSTIN — House Speaker Joe Straus on Jan. 31 said a new state audit raises questions about the management of the state Health and Human Services Commission and illustrates the need for legislative hearings.

A report released last week by the State Auditor's Office found that HHSC allowed Superior Health Plan Inc. to report approximately \$29.6 million in bonus and incentive payments paid to affiliates' employees, even though those payments were not allowed under the state's contract with Superior. The state agency also approved Superior's request to report affiliate profits as costs without following the approval process contained in the state's contract with Superior.

"This audit highlights serious weaknesses in HHSC's oversight of its own contracts. Taxpayers have a right to expect that the Commission will hold providers to contract requirements. Unfortunately, this isn't the first example of HHSC failing to properly enforce requirements in taxpayer-funded contracts. This audit shows that there is a lot of room for improvement at HHSC," Straus said.

Some \$80 billion of the state's \$217 billion budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium is funding the Health and Human Services Commission and the agencies it oversees.

Revenue total increases

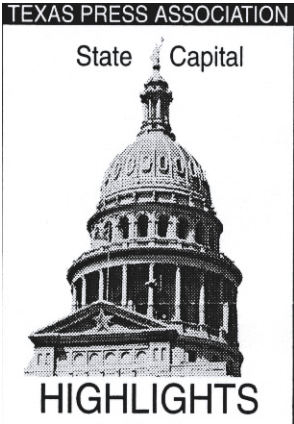
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 2 announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.67 billion in January, an amount 9.1 percent more than the total recorded for January 2017.

Sales tax revenue is the largest source of funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections. Growth in sales tax revenue occurred across all major economic sectors in January, led by collections from the mining, construction and wholesale trade sectors.

Manufacturing, retail trade and restaurant sectors also saw strong gains. Hegar reported total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in January was

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



up 10.8 percent compared to the same period in 2017.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuels and oil and natural gas production also rose in January. Notably, oil and natural gas production taxes, which totaled an estimated \$407 million for the month, were up 63.9 percent from January 2017.

Get ready to vote, Texans

Feb. 5 was the voter registration deadline.

On Jan. 31, Secretary of State Rolando Pablos reminded Texans to be ready to cast their vote in the March 6 Primary Election.

Pablos encouraged eligible voters to ensure that they (1) are registered to vote in their county of residence; (2) are aware of what they need to bring to the polls in order to cast a ballot; and (3) contact their county elections office to (a) become familiar with their ballot; (b) locate their appropriate polling location; and (c) plan their trip to the polls.

"I commend all Texans who take responsibility for their civic duty by exercising their right to vote," Pablos said, adding: "Most importantly, I encourage all Texans to work together to ensure that our youngest generation is instilled with a tradition of voting and encouraged to make their voices heard at the ballot box."

Paxton hails court ruling

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised a Lubbock federal court's Feb. 1 ruling in his lawsuit seeking relief from obeying 2012 guidelines issued under President Obama by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The guidelines limit the ability of employers, including the state and its agencies, from categorically excluding convicted felons from certain employment positions.

In part of his multi-pronged order, Senior U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings ruled in partial agreement with the state's position, saying, "There are certainly many categories of employment for which specific criminal history profiles of applicants would be a poor fit and pose far too great a risk to the state of Texas and its citizens."

However, Cummings added that "a categorical denial of employment opportunities to all job applicants convicted of a prior felony paints too broad a brush and denies meaningful opportunities of employment to many who could benefit greatly from such employment in certain positions."

Cummings ordered the EEOC to promulgate an enforceable, substantive rule.

Abbott comments on arrests

Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement following the announcement by the Texas Department of Public Safety that the Texas Rangers on Feb. 1 had arrested four suspects on charges of misconduct at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

"Misconduct on the part of employees entrusted with the responsibility of protecting our youth will not be tolerated," Abbott said.

The arrests come after Abbott directed the Texas Rangers to investigate reports of sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships at state youth detention facilities.

Hot tips to help you avoid home heating fires

(NAPSI)—Heating equipment is the second-leading cause of home fires in the United States. More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year.

Following these Dos and Don'ts, however, can help protect your home and family:

Do have a qualified service professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to code and manufacturer's instructions and then have the system inspected annually.

Don't use your stove to heat your home or dry your clothes.

Do install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and test them monthly.

Don't plug a space heater into an extension cord.

Do plug it directly into an electric outlet.

Don't leave any heating appliance unattended.

Do turn heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Don't use a space heater or any appliance with a damaged cord.

Do place any heater at least three feet away from anything flammable.

Don't use old, worn heating pads or electric blankets with frayed cords. These cause almost 500 fires a year, almost all of them involving electric blankets that are more than 10 years old.

Do place heaters on level, flat surfaces on the floor, not on tables, shelves or chairs.

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Denise Lynn




Philips

Denise Lynn Philips, 53, of Houston, Texas, passed from this life, January 30, 2018. Denise was born July 19, 1964 in Mansfield, Ohio to parents, Charles and Joyce Johnston. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce Johnston-Mortimer. She is survived by children, Steven Phillips, and Lauren Aranda, by father, Charles Johnson, Sr. and brother, Charles Johnston, Jr.; as well as by many other family and friends.

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"Mothers" by Käthe Kollwitz (1919)

Goose Creek Memorial Explorers at work

By Susan Passmore

At first glance, it might appear that Goose Creek Memorial High School has an abundance of police officers working games and other extracurricular events, but a second look confirms that most of them are students, clad in immaculate black uniforms or crisp shirts and khakis. These Explorers, members of the Practicum in Law Enforcement class, provide additional security to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Under the direction of Officer Michael Auzenne, post advisor, who teaches the class, 28 young women and men are gaining practical experience in a field that has piqued their interest.

"I'm a freshman, and I want to be on a SWAT Team someday. I heard that this class gives you police experience, and I want to get all the experience I can," said Explorer Sgt. Xavier Mayes. Explorer Lt. Emily Hansen, a junior, plans to be an arson investigator.



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Officer Auzenne, post advisor, gives Explorers (from left) Khe'Shawn Beauchamp, Sgt. Xavier Mayes, Lt. Emily Hansen, Vanesa Puente and Liliana Calderon information about the events they are working at Goose Creek Memorial High School that evening.

"I will become a volunteer firefighter when I'm in college to get experience before I become an arson investigator. This class gives you hands-on experience in law enforcement, especially if you want to be a police officer. It helps you

figure out if law enforcement is for you," Hansen said.

According to Auzenne, who spent 13 years with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, this is a nationwide program. Explorers were originally run

by the Boy Scouts of America. Auzenne and the Explorers fall under the Goose Creek CISD Police Department's area of supervision, and they have developed a partnership. "The number of Explorers at GCM has increased,

so we plan to be more involved with conducting trainings with them. Our goal is to get them to a level where they can go to competitions," said Sgt. Antonio Alfaro of the GC-CISD Police Department. "We also hope to be able to offer the program at Lee and Sterling."

Explorers can compete in state and national competitions in categories such as Traffic Stops, Domestic Violence Calls, Crime Scene Investigation, Individual Fitness (including obstacle courses) and Bike Patrol.

"These are things you learn in a police academy," Auzenne said. "Explorers will be able to go to a competition when they learn what they need to compete."

GCM Principal Susan Jackson feels that the Explorer program has built morale and school spirit as well as changed the culture of the campus.

"When students respect other students, it's a whole different level of respect. The Explorers are wearing their uniforms and saying, 'This is our campus and we respect it. This is what we expect, and we won't put up with drugs, alcohol or breaking rules,' and other students respect them for speaking up for their school," Jackson said.

The Practicum in Law Enforcement is in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster. Students within this pathway will earn a Public Services Endorsement.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Valentin in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ..."? Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth

- 3. Solomon and who exchanged the memorable line, "For love is strong as death."? The Shulamite, Delilah, Queen of Sheba, Rachel
- 4. From Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up stripes: but love covereth all ..."? Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies
- 5. What couple's tragic death was comparable to Romeo and

Juliet's fate? Samson/Delilah, Annanias/Sapphira, Jacob/Rachel, Hosea/Gomer

6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Truth; 3) The Shulamite; 4) Sins; 5) Annanias/Sapphira; 6) Marriage

Audio/Video students win awards



Stewart Career Center Audio/Video Production students are recognized at a recent meeting of the Goose Creek CISD board of trustees for outstanding achievement in the Association of Texas Photography Instructors Fall Contest, which included more than 6,800 entries from 87 schools in seven states. Pictured are (from left) Julian Laubach from Robert E. Lee High School, an actor in two productions; Brandon Lewallen from Goose Creek Memorial High School, honorable mention for Advanced Dramatic Short Film and 1st place for Advanced Comedic Short Film; Kody Walker, GCM, 1st place for Advanced Dramatic Short Film and Desiree Barrios, GCM, 2nd place for Advanced Thematic Film. The students are under the direction of Ric Morris.

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VS1 • 45.52ct

The Hope Diamond may be the most famous colored diamond in the world. A team of GIA gemologists graded it in 1988. Because they were able to weigh the diamond unmounted, they quickly made a notable discovery: the diamond was 45.52 ct, and not 44.50 ct, which had been its previously recorded weight. GIA graders also reported that the Hope Diamond is a cushion antique brilliant. The diamond was color graded as a natural color Fancy dark grayish blue diamond. Since the 1800s, the Hope Diamond had been described as being flawless. Technical specifications aside, the Hope Diamond captivates the imagination like no other gemstone.

The Dresden Green

41.0ct

In late 1988, GIA gemologists secured permission to examine the famed Dresden Green diamond in the Green Vaults, which was then in East Germany. They were particularly excited, as it promised to provide insight into dis-

tinguishing natural from laboratory-irradiated green diamonds (radiation is usually the cause of color in both instances). Because the diamond's history had been recorded since 1741, researchers could be confident that it had not been treated in a laboratory. As the diamond remained mounted upon examination, GIA gemologists were not able to issue a grading report.

Idol's Eye

VVS1 • 70.20 ct

Another famous diamond shrouded in myth, the Idol's Eye was probably mined in India's Golconda District - an area famed for producing fine diamonds. There are many tall tales about the diamond, including one that says the Idol's Eye is also the Nassak. This has been disproven. The first confirmed documentation of the Idol's Eye was in one of the lots being sold at auction by Christie's London in July 1865. GIA gemologists confirmed that the Idol's Eye weighs 70.20 ct. Its color grade is Very Light blue and its clarity is VVS1 (Very very slightly included).

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Coach Arrington,

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port to the NJCAA Hall of Fame selection committee. "The Challenger kids and program are better because of this cherished relationship. Tom understands the big picture and sees that his program and players are enriched by this opportunity as much as our Challenger players."

In addition to working with the Challenger baseball program in Grand Junction, Colorado, Arrington and his players regularly visit children and families in the burn unit at Shriners Hospital to deliver toys during the holiday season. He and his staff also host a Little League coaches clinic for local little league coaches, and the team support breast cancer awareness efforts and military families during each season.

Several years ago, Arrington began recognizing former San Jac baseball players who have gone on to have successful careers both on and off the field as San Jac Legends. These players are honored at a reception and prior to the start of a game at the Tournament of Champions. Each player is also recognized on the outfield wall mural at John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park.

"We are so proud of Coach Arrington on all that he has accomplished at San Jacinto College, and congratulate him on his induction to the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame," said Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College vice chancellor for strategic initiatives. "Year after year, coach Arrington leads a tremendous program that

continues to have success both on and off the field. This honor and recognition is well deserved."

The Mill Valley, California, native began his playing career at College of Marin where he was an all-conference selection. He then played two years at Texas A&M University where he earned two letters, was an all-conference selection, and named the Southwest Conference tournament most valuable player. He also earned the C.E. "Pat" Olsen MVP award. He holds a master's degree from San Francisco State University.

Since 2008, 11 of Arrington's players have been recognized by the NJCAA for academic excellence. During his head coaching tenure, 12 student-athletes have earned NJCAA all-American honors. Each year, numerous players earn scholarships to continue their education and baseball careers at four-year universities or are selected during the Major League Baseball draft.

"I grew up watching him, going to Grand Junction, and seeing him get a lot of recognition," said Alden Arrington, who is not only Arrington's son but also a player on this year's team. "Getting into the Hall of Fame is the ultimate goal for a coach, so it's pretty cool."

Arrington will officially be inducted to the NJCAA Hall of Fame during the banquet at the 2018 JUCO World Series this summer.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit sanjacsports.com.

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ing voters for 1 or 2 Billion dollars for Flood Control projects.

A major improvement in flood control is now being built, known as the Laud- er Retention Basin in the Aldine area. This will alleviate flooding in Greens Major highway projects planned or under construction include a new Beltway 8 bridge over the ship channel, with 8 lanes and shoulders, and widening of the East Belt (E. Sam Houston Parkway) to 8 lanes and shoulders. These projects are underway, and completion is scheduled for 2022.

Another important project is an overpass on Federal Road, over the PTRR tracks. This \$20 million dollar project is expected to take 2 years to build, and will alleviate delays for traffic headed to the Washburn Tunnel and Galena Park.

A widening of the Crosby-Lynchburg Road is planned from Barrett Station to Highlands, to be completed in four phases. Phase 3 is south of Barrett is currently under construction, and will cost \$12

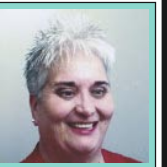
million. The final complete to Highlands will follow, at a cost of \$20 million.

Morman said that his office also has improvements planned in two major parks in the precinct, Juan Seguin Park near the San Jacinto Monument, and Riley Chambers Park in Barrett, which will get a new ball park and other improvements.

Morman noted that the EPA had made a Final Decision, to remove the toxic material in the Waste Pits along the San Jacinto River. He praised this action, saying it reflected the wishes of most of the communities nearby, and was the safest and most complete choice. It also is the most favorable if the possibility of Hurricane surges is considered. The removal will take about 2 and + years, and will not start until legal and engineering work is completed in the next year.

Ending on a positive note, Morman said he expected 2018 to be a better year, hopefully without hurricanes, floods, and toxic waste pits.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB



Giving Back to Your Community

In the world we live in, many people "leave home" and never return to their community. There are bankers, doctors and educators among others who have graduated high school from the east side of Houston and after graduating from college, they will not return to the community. Often, Class Reunions are planned for a downtown location or something more centrally located to an airport. I know several of my high school classmates who have parents that moved and the classmates feel there is no reason to come back to our community.

I may be different but I believe you owe something to where you came from. And I must say that late in 2017, one of the young men that I have watched grow up and is now a successful business owner and what he had to share with me was so exciting that I know the people in offices down the hall heard me shouting. This amazing young man, Cedric Washington, wanted to introduce me to Kevin Williams and they wanted to share with me that they were the proud owners of the most recent American Basketball Association (ABA) team. In the time since Cedric first told me, I cannot tell you how many times I have found myself sharing with someone else about the upcoming inaugural season opening weekend.

I knew of the ABA as the late Moses Malone was a friend of mine who had shared that he started with them, before the ABA and NBA joined together. He also shared that the ABA had reformed in 2000. Once the community learned of the sad news that San Jacinto College would be discontinuing their basketball programs in 2018, several groups in Houston had an interest to purchase a team and perhaps rent the facilities. When Cedric, Kevin and others who had

grown up in East Houston started talking about it, they put their money and the hearts where their mouths were.

And now, we are just a few weeks away from not only seeing homegrown team owners but many of the young men who will be playing on the East Houston United team are from this area as well. These men are not just looking at owning a team or playing on a men's professional basketball team, but they are deeply rooted in the North Channel Area. Most of the guys still live out here, their children attend schools on the east side and they attend church out here. Most of the guys are entrepreneurs and active volunteers in our community. These are the men who have coached youth sports, served as mentors to many young people and are married to women who give back all of the time to the community. One example I often think of is Cedric's wife Dynita. Not only does she have a very successful child care business, but is always one of the first to volunteer when there is a need in the community. It doesn't matter if there is a homeless person living in their car or a grandparent wondering how they are going to feed the grandchildren, Dynita is cooking as soon as she hears of the need.

To know that families will be able to come out and watch a professional basketball game in their own community for less than they can park for a game downtown is a huge incentive. Knowing that the young children and teenagers can sit and watch as the East Houston United take on a team from Japan for the Opening Game and recognize the men on the court is something that excites me. For more information on the team, the owners and the players, please visit www.ehunited.com.

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The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Galena Park City Hall, Water/Wastewater Office, 2000 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FORA CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Galena Park at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mark Havran, LJA Engineering, Inc., at (713) 657-6014.

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Galena Park names North Channel Star as City's official newspaper

GALENA PARK, TX. – February 6, 2018 – Galena Park Mayor Esmeralda Moya and City Commissioners Eric Broussard, Rodney Chersky and Barry Ponder voted unanimously to officially recognize the North Channel Star as the official news publication for the city.

Allan Jamail North Channel Star writer was present and stated, “In behalf of the North Channel Star and the citizens of Galena Park I want to thank the Mayor and Council. The citizens of Galena Park deserve to have a local newspaper that covers news in their city and to inform them of the business of their city government.”

Jamail said his beginning in Galena Park began when he was one year old in 1945 when his parents moved to Galena Park. He said he knew a lot about the city. Now as a resident of Jacinto City and a former volunteer firemen, emergency management director, police chief, city councilman and mayor he knew city government well



Jamail speaks at Galena Park Council Meeting.

and knows how to report on it. Jamail said he hoped to always write positive stories but should there be something negative come to him that's news worthy then he's going to write about it too. He told those present if they know of a crime that's been committed to not expect him to investigate it, instead report it to the police and if they're uncomfortable with that then report it to the Harris County District Attorney's office. If someone's charged and its news worthy he promised to have it published.

“With the city entering the political season, I'm not going to write political stories to take sides in the upcoming election, that's what political ads are for. Please feel free to contact me at 713-674-2847 or the newspaper at 713-977-2555 with news stories,” Jamail said.

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