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Texas Legislature starts 86th Bi-Annual Session

Rep. Ana Hernandez Sworn-in



ANA HERNANDEZ, State Representative for District 143, is shown at the first session of the 86th Legislature after her swearing-in ceremony. Pictured with Ana is Amir Khan and Debra Barrera Carrizal.

(Austin) Tuesday marked the beginning of the 86th session in the Texas Senate, a 140 day term in which state leadership has pledged to tackle the complex issues of public school finance reform and property tax reform. Governor Greg Abbott was on hand to welcome the members, new and current, and promised to finally resolve these issues. "We are going to step up and address it," he said. Other major issues facing the Legislature this session include state pension funds and contracting oversight, but like Abbott, Senate leader Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and newly elected House Speaker Dennis Bonnen have highlighted property tax and school finance reform as critical issues this session.

Two men charged in 7 yr-old girl's murder

Jan. 8, 2019 – Harris County Sheriff's Office homicide investigators have filed a capital murder charge against Larry D. Woodruffe, 24, and Eric Black Jr., 20, for the Dec. 30 shooting death of 7-year-old Jazmine Barnes.

Jazmine's mother was driving Jazmine and her three sisters southbound on the East Sam Houston Parkway feeder road near Wallisville Road at approximately 6:50 a.m. on Dec. 30 when they were fired upon by someone in another vehicle.

Investigators identified Woodruffe, and Eric Black Jr. as suspects based on a tip. Subsequent investigation revealed evidence that corroborated the tip, and both men were taken into custody on Jan. 5 in East Harris County.

Woodruffe was booked into the Harris County jail on a felony drug possession charge, pending further investigation.

Black then admitted to taking part in the shooting and was charged with capital murder.

Last Tuesday, on the basis of additional corroborating evidence, prosecutors with the Harris County District Attorney's Office accepted a capital murder charge against Woodruffe.

"I am grateful to our dedicated investigators, the partner law enforcement agencies that provided vital assistance, and tipsters from across the nation who pulled together to support our work to get justice for Jazmine," Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said. "Our work is not finished, but I believe the people of Harris County can take comfort in knowing we have made great progress."

At this time, investigators do not believe Jazmine's family was the intended target



Larry D. Woodruffe



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San Jacinto College has \$1.3 billion impact on local economy

College's effect equals 2.4 percent of region's total gross regional product



One of San Jacinto College buildings.

PASADENA, Texas – A recent study has found that San Jacinto College had a \$1.3 billion impact on the region's economy in fiscal year 2016-17.

The study, conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI), reported that the impacts created during the 2016-17 fiscal year are comprised of \$143 million in added income from operations spending, \$24.4 million from student spending, and another \$1.1 billion from alumni. The College's impact equals 2.4 percent of the region's gross regional product, and a total of 13,044 jobs.

"This study takes into account the investments of our students, our taxpayers, and our communities," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "It reflects our ongoing efforts and commitment to improve our communities and the Gulf Coast region by providing an educated and skilled workforce, and offering our students a quality education that allows them to pursue a

higher education credential or gain and maintain employment in high-demand careers."

In return for their investment in the College, the present value of the higher future earnings that San Jac's students will receive over their working careers is \$1.6 billion. This amounts to a return of \$6.30 in higher future earnings for every dollar that students invest in their education. The study also found that students receive a 19.8 percent annual return on their investment in a San Jacinto College education.

Taxpayers provided \$139.2 million of state and local funding to San Jac in fiscal year 2016-17. In return, taxpayers will receive an estimated present value of \$586.2 million in added tax revenue stemming from the students' higher lifetime earnings and the increased output of businesses. Savings to the public add another estimated \$34 million in benefits. The average annual return on investment for

taxpayers in the San Jacinto College District is 10.8 percent.

For every dollar that society spends on San Jacinto College during the 2016-17 fiscal year, society receives a cumulative value of \$21.80 in benefits for as long as the 2016-17 fiscal year San Jacinto College student population remains active in the state workforce.

"The results of this study confirm the value of a certificate or associate degree from San Jacinto College," said Mrs. Marie Flickinger, Chair of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees. "For more than 50 years, we have provided an education that is producing a return on investment for our students and the taxpayers in our region. It is critical that we continue to work hard, and invest in our people and our communities, so that we can provide quality training and transfer programs that are producing more graduates and helping to fill the workforce pipeline in the region."

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(AUSTIN) – A Crosby resident claimed a top prizewinning ticket worth \$1 million in the Texas Lottery® scratch ticket game, Millionaire Club. The ticket was purchased at Kroger 318, located at 19300 W. Lake Houston Parkway, in Humble. The claimant elected to remain anonymous.

This was the second of five top prizes worth \$1 million to be claimed in this game. Millionaire Club offers more than \$70 million in total prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.39, including break-even prizes.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$28 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$58 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$22 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch

ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$103 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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Garcia brings 35 years of experience in public service to Precinct 2

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – January 1st – Former County Sheriff Adrian Garcia took the oath of office to become Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner, bringing 35 years of experience in public service.

"It is the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of Precinct 2 as County Commissioner," said Garcia. "I am deeply grateful to the voters, volunteers and my family for their support of my commitment to public service."

Commissioner Adrian Garcia is committed to fulfilling his promise to voters: making education a priority in county government and connecting Precinct 2 residents to opportunities in the region, while tackling some of our biggest challenges.

"The campaign is over and it's time for all of us to come together, roll up our sleeves and begin the hard work improving our communities. We're already off



Commissioner Adrian Garcia takes Oath in Harris County

was appointed by Mayor Lee Brown as Director of the Mayor's Anti-Gang Office and in 2003, was elected to Houston City Council. With the support of his peers on City Council, he would be confirmed as Mayor Pro-Tem by Mayor Bill White. In 2008, Commissioner-Elect Garcia continued his service by being elected to the office of Harris County Sheriff – the largest sheriff's office in Texas and the 3rd largest in the United States. Experiences that will serve him well as County Commissioner.

Precinct 2 is home for the Commissioner who was born and raised in the Northside and still lives there today with his wife and where they raised their daughter.

"Serving as County Commissioner for Precinct 2 is a dream come true. I'll work hard every day to live up to my dad's example and adhere to his words of wisdom while protecting the trust placed in me by the voters," said Commissioner Garcia.

to a great start – because Precinct 2 is blessed with the most humble and hard-working people I know," said Commissioner Garcia.

Commissioner Garcia will work to adopt equitable and environmentally sound solutions to infrastructure and flood control – and to provide quality and accessible services and programs to help Precinct 2 residents get family-sustaining jobs.

Commissioner Garcia's commitment to public service began as a Houston Police officer. In 1994, he

Highlands Chamber of Commerce Community Awards

The Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce will host the Annual Community Awards and Directors' Installation Banquet on February 21, 2019, at Monument Inn. We will present awards to

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GALENA PARK ISD

Two Galena Park ISD students receive congressional certificate

Galena Park ISD would like to congratulate North Shore Senior High 10th Grade Center student, Guadalupe Jimenez Puente, and Galena Park High School student, Lilyana Nieto, for receiving a congressional certificate from Congressman Gene Green in recognition of their hard work and outstanding service to the GPISD community.

Guadalupe and Lilyana are both members of the Superintendent Student Advisory Board, which is a school-community partnership that provides students with the opportunity to meet informally with Dr. Williams, superintendent of schools, and her Administrative Cabinet. The students selected to be members are active, highly respected leaders on their campus.



Guadalupe, left, and Lilyana, right.

In the congressional certificate, Congressman Green stated, "I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and wish you success with your future education and career pursuits." Congratulations, Guadalupe and Lilyana!

GALENA PARK ISD

North Shore Mustangs Honored at 39th Annual Touchdown Club Awards Dinner

On December 13, the Touchdown Club of Houston hosted the 39th Annual Touchdown Club Awards Dinner. The Touchdown Club of Houston recognized the Top 10 offensive and defensive football athletes, as well as the area's Top 10 coaches. The North Shore Mustangs were well represented for the evening being the only school to have a finalist in all three categories.

Coach John Kay was named the 2018 Coach of the Year, Tony Bradford, Jr. walked away with the title of the Touchdown Club's Defensive Player of the Year and James Taylor was nominated for Touchdown Club's Offensive Player of the Year. Coach Kay has been the head coach for North Shore for the past four years and led the Mustangs to win the 2015 State Championship title. This is Coach Kay's fourth time to be nominated for Coach of the Year. Bradford, who is on the defensive line, is committed to play football at Texas Tech University. Congratulations to Coach Kay, Tony Bradford and James Taylor!



Two Galena Park High School football players headed to the Texas High School All-Star Football Game

Galena Park Independent School District would like to congratulate the following Galena Park High School football players, Pedro Saldano and John Juaneau, for being selected to play in the 2019 Texas High School All-Star Game.

Showcase Athletics

will host the game on Saturday, January 12 at 3:00 pm at the South San Stadium in San Antonio. Pedro and John will proudly represent themselves and the school district at the All-Star Game.

Good luck, Pedro and John! We are rooting for both of you!



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MUSTANGS STATE CHAMPIONS - HIGHLIGHTS



TRICK PLAY / DEFENSIVE BACK REVELS CATCHES TD PASS: Mustangs Coach Kay's trick play using Defensive Lineman Jordan Revels on offense, scoring off a Demetrius Davis pass.

Photos by Allan and Linda Jamail



BANKS 80 YARD TD RECEPTION: Mustang receiver Shadrach Banks scores on a 80 yard touchdown pass from QB Demetrius Davis leaving a falling defender on the turf. This set a new record for the longest passing touchdown in championship history.

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OPINION PAGE

Kernels about pecan trees

By Lynette Parsons

The pecan is the Texas state tree, being native to about 150 counties and capable of growing and producing in all Texas counties. The tree is popular for landscaping and as a source of nuts. Proper attention to cultural requirements and pest control will help to assure a long and productive life for home pecan trees

Soil and Site Requirements

Pecans are native to river and creek bottoms, the soils of which are deep, fertile and well-drained and have substantial water-holding capacity. Pecans require at least 3 feet of well-drained soil above the minimum depth of the water table to develop a strong root system. Pecans planted on shallow soils having poor internal drainage never develop into large, productive trees.

There is not enough space in this article to provide all the wonderful information available on pecan growth; excerpts have been reprinted here, but there are three excellent sources for complete discussion. Two are from Texas A&M and one is from University of Missouri Extension. They can be found online.

“Home Fruit Production – Pecans”, by John A. Lipe, Larry Stein, George Ray McEachern, John Begnaud and Sammy Helmers, Extension Horticulturists.

“Homeowner’s Fruit and Nut Spray Schedule”, by Jerral D. Johnson, George Philley, James V. Robinson and George Ray McEachern, Extension Horticulturists.

“Pecan Pest Management: Insects and Diseases”, by George S. Smith and Maureen H. O’Day, Department of Entomology, University of Missouri, with William Reid, Kansas State University.

Fertilization of young trees – Nitrogen is necessary for rapid tree growth and is the only soil-applied nutrient that most pecan trees ever need. It is important to apply nitrogen in frequent small amounts during the first few years.

Freeze damage is very common on young pecan trees fertilized after the month of June, so do not fertilize after this date.

Mature Trees - Nitrogen

Apply 1 pound (2 cups) of 21-0-0 or 33-0-0 for each inch of trunk diameter in late March before bud break. If the tree produces a very heavy nut set in May, make a second application in late May or early June. Apply the fertilizer broadcast on the surface starting 3 to 5 feet from the trunk and extending out a few feet past the tree canopy. Water the fertilizer into the soil promptly.

Zinc - Frequent zinc sprays are essential for rapid tree growth. Trees deficient in zinc usually have small, weak leaves, highly branched (rosetted) twigs at shoot tips and, in severe cases, dieback of twigs and branches

During the first 7 years, trees grow best if foliar sprays of zinc are applied at least every 2 weeks throughout the growing season of April through early August. If the trees are not growing, reduce the spray frequency. Spray mature trees with zinc at least three times between bud break in late March or early April and early June

Irrigation - Irrigation is essential for survival and rapid growth of young trees and for consistent production of quality nuts on bearing trees. Each irrigation should be sufficient to thoroughly soak the soil. Water regularly from mid-March through September. Ideally, water at least weekly, especially in mid-summer. Apply at least 1 inch of water each irrigation. The water needs of trees will vary from 1 inch per week in the spring to more than 2 inches per week in mid-summer. If lawn grasses are under the trees competing for water, apply additional water to compensate.

Do not reduce late summer watering on bearing trees that are maturing a full crop until after shuck split. Water every 6 to 7 weeks in the fall and winter, if rainfall is short, to avoid root stress or freeze damage.

The root system of a pecan tree is at least two times the width of the tree canopy. Water the entire root soil area to stimulate maximum growth and production. Drip and microsprinkler irrigation systems can be used to deliver water efficiently, but use sufficient drip emitters or sprinklers to provide water to at least 50 percent of the soil root area under each tree. Drip systems that water only a small percentage of the root area are inadequate during droughts.

Insect issues – Here’s a short list of problems with nuts resulting from insect or fungal issues. Shucks won’t open, small white worms tunneling in shucks = Hickory shuckworm. Round, 1/8” diameter hole in the shell = Pecan weevils. Black spots on kernels = Stinkbug damage. “Stick-tights” (shuck adheres to nut shell) = Pecan scab. Premature nut drop = Pecan nut casebearer. Kernels poorly filled = Hickory shuckworm.

Environmental issues – Premature nut drop = Poor pollination, drought stress. Shriveled kernels = Drought and heat stress in September and October. Kernels poorly filled = Crowded or old trees, shallow soil, late summer drought stress, or poor nutrition.



Texas Legislature to convene with list of big issues to tackle

AUSTIN — The 86th Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 8 as the partial shutdown of the federal government that began Dec. 22 enters a third week.

As always, lawmakers’ priorities will be the writing of a two-year state budget and deciding how to fund it. In the 140 days of the regular session, they also will consider public education funding, property tax reform, health care, public safety, transportation, water and a host of other issues.

After the oath of office is administered by Texas’ new Secretary of State David Whitley, the first order of business for the 150-member Texas House of Representatives will be to elect a new speaker to succeed Joe Straus, the San Antonio Republican who presided over the body for five consecutive two-year terms. In the fall, Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, eventually secured more than 76 pledges from fellow House members, the minimum number needed to win the race for speaker. Other House members who declared their candidacy for the office and later withdrew include Republicans John Zerwas of Richmond, Drew Darby of San Angelo, Travis Clardy of Nacogdoches, Phil King of Weatherford, Walter T. “Four” Price IV of Amarillo, Tan Parker of Flower Mound and Democrat Eric Johnson of Dallas.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, won a second four-year term, and again will preside over the Texas Senate. The lieutenant governor and the speaker will choose committee chairs and committee members before

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

hearings commence and proposed legislation is heard.

Oldest WWII veteran dies

Richard A. Overton, America’s oldest-living World War II veteran, died Dec. 27 in Austin. He was 112.

Born May 11, 1906, in Bastrop County, Overton lived in his home on Austin’s Richard Overton Avenue, a street renamed in his honor on his 111th birthday.

Overton enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940 and served in the 188th Aviation Engineer Battalion, an all-black unit operating on various Pacific islands, including Hawaii, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Palau and Guam. He mustered out of the service in 1945.

Services with full military honors and burial are set for Jan. 12 in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

“Richard Overton is an American icon and a Texas legend,” Gov. Greg Abbott said on Dec. 28. “With his quick wit and kind spirit he touched the lives of so many and I am deeply honored to have known him. Richard Overton made us proud to be Texans and proud to be Americans. We can never repay Richard Overton for his service to our nation and for his lasting impact on the Lone Star State. On behalf of Texas, Cecilia and I offer our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.”

Founder of airline dies

Herb Kelleher, chairman emeritus of Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, died Jan. 3. He was 87.

The New Jersey native arrived in Texas in 1967 to open a law practice. With

client and business partner Rollin King, Kelleher incorporated Air Southwest Co., later named Southwest Airlines.

In June 1971, the fledgling carrier opened gates at Love Field in Dallas and began service to Houston and San Antonio. The airline, with its fleet of Boeing 737 aircraft, grew to be a major carrier with destinations from coast to coast and in other countries.

Tax collections increase

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Jan. 3 said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.87 billion in December, an amount 4.7 percent more than collected in December 2017.

“Growth in state sales tax revenue continues to be led by remittances from oil- and gas-related sectors,” Hegar said. “The year-over-year rate of growth has moderated, as expected, due to strong collections from a year ago, as well as the decline in the price of crude oil.”

Also, Hegar said, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2018 was up 6.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago.

In the month of December, the comptroller’s office reported the following revenue from other major taxes:

— Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes: \$395.9 million, down 4.5 percent from December 2017;

— Motor fuel taxes: \$314.3 million, up 3.5 percent from December 2017; and

— Oil and natural gas production taxes: \$478.5 million, up 20.7 percent from December 2017.

5 ways to raise a confident, adventurous child

(Family Features) From taking steps toward the stairs to learning that bubbles don’t taste good, exploration is a part of development for babies and young children. While it’s an exciting time, it also can be coupled with anxiety and hesitation as parents find themselves saying “no” or jumping in when baby discovers a new space.

An Open for Adventure survey from Babyganics found a majority of parents (69 percent) believe a child can learn to be more confident if he or she is allowed to explore freely as a baby. However, letting go doesn’t always come naturally for parents.

Clinical health psychologist Dr. Bobbi Wegner encourages parents to be explorer parents, which focuses on raising resilient, confident and adventurous humans through challenge and discovery. She offers these tips for parents:

Aid in discovery. Encourage and applaud baby’s healthy risk-taking, such as mastering a challenging stair climb or pushing through moments of frustration and failure. Additionally, create teachable moments that introduce your child to necessary limits. For example, if you have hot coffee in the morning and your little one wants to touch the mug, let him or her gently touch a warm area of the mug with a fingertip and repeat that the mug is “hot” to help encourage exploration and flex baby’s senses.

Let baby be free. While you may think baby gadgets are necessary for playtime, consider rethinking those toys. Instead of searching for stimulation through lights and sounds from a toy, allow your baby to explore the natural environment. Look for opportunities that allow him or her to make a manageable mess and even get wet or dirty. This could be as simple as playing with a container filled with water or letting your baby pull up grass in the backyard. These small unstructured play adventures can help develop independence and confidence.

Engage the senses.

Exposing your baby to new flavors and smells helps engage him or her on a multi-sensory level. For example, allowing your baby (at an appropriate age, typically between 4-7 months) to try new foods can provide a feeling of accomplishment while also exposing him or her to different textures and flavors. Encourage even more sensory exploration by allowing your baby to smell the food and even play with it using his or her fingers.

Provide early exposure to new places. Bringing baby along to restaurants and other public spaces allows for positive exposure to new places, people and sounds, which can help build the immune system, encourage social interaction and support development. While letting a child explore in a public setting like an airport or train station can make many parents anxious, carrying products such as Babyganics Alcohol-Free Hand Sanitizing Wipes can help ease parents’ apprehension and keep little hands germ-free while on the go.

Wait a moment. It’s common for parents to intervene the moment baby awakes from a nap or starts moving toward the stairs. Try pausing, allowing your little one to naturally find his or her limits while managing your own fears and worries. This tactic can allow your young explorer an opportunity for cognitive and social-emotional development with you as a safety net nearby. “Parents often look to their own internal response to guide parenting: ‘If I am worried then it must be dangerous, and I should not allow my baby to do it,’” Wegner said. “When in fact, parents should prioritize their baby’s exploration and needs to provide learning opportunities rather than allowing their own anxieties to impede their children.”

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LIFESTYLE

Harris County Judge Hidalgo kicks off historic term with community-wide engagement initiative

Harris County, TX - After her historic inauguration with more than 2,200 attendees, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced that she is launching a new civic engagement program designed to help shape the first year of her administration.

Judge Hidalgo capped her inauguration remarks with an emphasis on opening the doors of County government at a public ceremony celebrating 81 newly elected Harris County officials. She highlighted the need for elected officials to “proactively inform our community about County government, and bring lessons from our community and from thought leaders into our policy agenda.”

Judge Hidalgo’s initiative, Talking Transition: Harris County, will provide a forum for residents to discuss the issues that matter most to them, learn about County government, and weigh in on pressing public policy matters.

The first program of its kind in Harris County, Talking Transition will allow Judge Hidalgo and her team to obtain a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the issues and ideas that most impact County residents, as they work to shape their agenda.

“Throughout my campaign, I pledged to increase transparency and accountability in Harris County government. Too few residents know how County government works and how to engage with it,” said Judge Lina Hidalgo. “For me, public service means ensuring that our most vulnerable residents have the same voice in our local government as the most powerful among us.”

Talking Transition: Harris County is expected to be the largest civic engagement program in the South. It is modeled after similar



Harris County Judge Hidalgo

programs in New York and Washington, D.C., and made possible by the Houston Endowment and the Ford Foundation.

“Houston Endowment recognizes the value of community voice in good governance,” said Ann Stern, president and CEO of Houston Endowment. “By ensuring all voices are heard, we can continue to enhance our region’s assets, achieve equitable outcomes, and resolve issues that are important to the residents of Harris County.”

Talking Transition will address seven public policy areas - education, housing, transportation, resiliency,

health, justice, and economic opportunity - through a series of public events across the County. The initiative includes a variety of ways for Harris County residents to interact with and learn more about their local government. The core components include:

Transparency Project: Announcements throughout the County will provide easily-digestible information about how County government works and eye-opening statistics intended to motivate residents to learn more.

Civic Saturdays: Offered at a seven locations around Harris County, Civic Saturdays are a series of full-day public events happening on consecutive Saturdays:

- **Civic School:** Features classroom-style lessons for Harris County residents to learn about how County government works.
- **Town Halls:** A large gathering organized around a specific policy area that will give residents a chance to share new ideas for improving their communities and to hear from others.
- **Action Plan Workshops:** Smaller working groups for people who have devoted time to specific issues to focus on how to best realize community-driven ideas through County government.

Survey: Teams of canvassers will be spread throughout the County to ask residents about what needs to be improved among County services, what would help them engage more with County government, and what needs to be prioritized when it comes to prioritizing the County budget. The survey will also be available both online and at each Civic Saturday.

All Talking Transitions events are free and open to the public. A full schedule of activities will become available online at www.talkingtransition.us.

OBITUARIES

John Hughes



John Hughes, 72, went to be with the Lord at 2:10pm on January 2, 2019. He was born in Goose Creek, Texas, on October 16, 1946. He was the oldest of five children born to James John Hughes, Jr. and Bonnie Rose Compton Hughes. He was raised on Jones Road in Highlands. He was a graduate of Robert E Lee, Lee College and attended University of Houston. John started his years as a fireman at Highlands Volunteer working with his dad. He held many positions during his service. HE was honored for 50 years of service in September of 2015. He joined the City of Baytown on October 1, 1970 as First Firefighter hired – before that you were hired as a Driver Trainee. He moved up ranks and retired April 30, 2006 as Lieutenant. John enjoyed woodworking, and was an avid reader. He collected books and comic books for many years. He loved cats and had several over the years. John will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sue Hughes Franta; and his former wife, Glenda Hughes.

John is survived by his wife, Ruth Byford Hughes; his sister, Becky and Steve Barnett; his brothers, Richard and Jean Hughes, Dr. James and De Hughes; his aunt, Florence Compton; uncle, Billy and Dorothy Compton survive

John. He is also survived by his daughters, Katrina Williams and Michal Hughes; and grandchildren, Madison and Blayne Williams, and Lyric and Ava Vera. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

A special Thank You to Harbor Hospice – especially Terry and Donna. His former coworkers and firefighters will serve as pallbearers.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 10:00am to 11:00am at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 11:00am. Arrangements 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.

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Northside Baptist Billboard in Highlands

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Church of Highlands, nsbchighlands.org. The Billboard also has the SBC logo of the Cross, the World, and the Bible. The Billboard faces North and is located on Main Street (FM 2100), close to Battlebell. It can

be easily seen from the front parking lot of Woodforest National Bank. This is part of an outreach by Northside that also includes mailing postcards to all residents of Highlands (77562) that include the biblical “Plan of

Salvation” and forgiveness through Jesus. For more information see the Link on “Salvation” at nsbchighlands.org. As always, Northside invites everyone to join them for singing and worship each Sunday at 11am and 6pm.

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Psalm: 46:1

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. The villains, Sanballat and Geshem, are mentioned in only which book (KJV)? 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, 2 John

3. From Ephesians 5, what did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? Water, Laughter, Love, Holy Spirit

4. Who condemns drinkers who start early in the morning? Job, Isaiah, Ruth, Esther

5. From 1 Kings 10:26, which king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen?

David, Jehoash, Solomon, Neco

6. According to many, who wrote the book of Revelation? John, Jude, Matthew, Peter

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Nehemiah; 3) Holy Spirit; 4) Isaiah (5:11); 5) Solomon; 6) John (the Revelator)

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1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB



Unity Brings Healing

As I age, I have discovered that when a disaster strikes, be it a natural disaster such as a hurricane or tornado or a senseless killing, many people come together to make a difference. In joining with others who are going through the same emotions, the sense of unity brings about healing. The sooner we unite; the sooner the healing begins.

Unless you have been away from all forms of communication, you obviously have heard about the killing of seven year Jazmine Barnes on December 30. I do not want to go back over all of the details, but unfortunately, there were many other things within less than two weeks in our community that have many people hurting. Two young men arrested on drug related crimes on Friday, December 28. The killing of Jazmine the morning of December 30. The killing of a young man and many road-blocks near North Shore Elementary the night of December 30. An intoxicated father who wrecked on December 31, killing his own child. A pedestrian killed near Dell Dale and Interstate 10 later in the week. A few days later, a man in a wheelchair killed by an 18 wheeler at Interstate 10 and Sheldon.

Add in the number of car accidents, thefts and burglaries in our commu-

nity as well as the increased number of those soliciting on the street corners and the number of "homeless camps" from Mercury Drive to the San Jacinto River and it is shocking.

For healing to begin, we must find common areas to work on. We cannot expect our elected leaders to do all of the work; much less our law enforcement officers and businesses. We must ALL get involved to bring unity which will in turn bring healing as we work together to improve our community. No, it may never be the same as it was, but I pray it becomes better.

With all of the tragedies listed above and more, our community has not really been able to celebrate the victory that North Shore Mustangs earned on December 22 in their game against Duncanville. We need to come together and celebrate the good as well as work to heal the hurts.

Currently, there are community leaders working together to organize some projects to help in 2019. Will you be a part of the healing? I invite you to pray, get family, neighbors, coworkers, neighbors talking about what YOU can do to help. Keep watching the news. Change is coming.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is The Independent Jewelers Organization (IJO)?"



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Sheldon ISD placed on College Board's 9th annual AP District Honor Roll for significant gains in student access and success

Sheldon ISD is one of 373 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 9th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. To be included on the 9th Annual Honor Roll, Sheldon ISD had to, since 2016, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

"We're proud to have been named to the College Board's 9th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for our efforts to expand access to AP coursework and improve student performance on AP Exams," Sheldon ISD Superintendent King Davis said. "This is just one more indicator that informs us that we are headed in the right direction."

National data from 2018 show that among American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half are participating. The first step to getting more of these students to participate is to give them access. Courses must be made available, gatekeeping must stop, and doors must be equitably opened. Sheldon ISD is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds

"Success in Advanced Placement is a combination of students' own motivation and the opportunities educators provide for them," said Trevor Packer, senior vice president of AP and Instruction at the College Board. "I'm inspired by the teachers and administrators in this district who have worked to clear a path for more students of all backgrounds to earn college credit during high school."

Helping more students learn at a higher level and earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to

college professors. Many districts are experimenting with initiatives and strategies to see how they can expand access and improve student performance at the same time.

In 2018, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admissions process. Inclusion in the 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2016 to 2018, looking across 38 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2018 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2016 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.

When these outcomes have been achieved among an AP student population in which 30% or more are underrepresented minority students (American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander) and/or 30% or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch), a symbol has been affixed to the district name to highlight this work.

The complete 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll may be found at <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/honor-roll>

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

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this January 8, 2019

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 36241

APPLICATION Southwest Shipyard, L.P., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 36241, which would authorize modifications to and continued operation of a Barge Rail Surface Coating Facility located at 18310 Market Street, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.791666&lng=-95.065277&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility and/or related facilities will emit the following air contaminants: exempt solvents, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The applications were submitted to the TCEQ on November 28, 2018. The permit renewal will be issued in conjunction with the amendment. This permitting action also includes the incorporation of changes in emission factors related to this permit. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. The applications will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, and the TCEQ Houston regional office, 5425 Polk Street, Suite H, Houston, Harris County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the applications are administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the applications.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the applications. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the applications. A public meeting about the applications will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the applications or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the applications, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the applications, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for these applications.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the applications, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for these applications. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the applications, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for these applications.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the applications. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues submitted by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the 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 air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

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