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IN THE **STARS**

MONDAY



EVENTS

SAT. MAY 26 FIRST RESPONDERS **APPRECIATION DAY**

First Responders Appreciation Day at Turner Chevrolet, Noon until closing! Food drinks and demonstrations.

MON. MAY 28 **STERLING WHITE MEMORIAL DAY**

To honor lost loved ones who have served our country, 10 am, Sterling White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562.

FRI. JUNE 1 & SAT. JUNE 2 **CROSBY LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

Friends of the Crosby Llbrary will hold a book sale on Friday, June 1 from 1pm to 6pm, and on Saturday, June 2 from 10am to 5pm. The public is invited to come by for some bargains on books to read this summer.

TUES., JUNE 5 SUPERFUND SITE COMMUNITY MEETING

San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site Community Meeting at Highlands Community Center, 604 **Highlands Woods** Drive, Highlands, Texas 77562, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

BIRTHDAYS

May 24--Lisa Dubecak Troy King Cindy Willingham May 25--Tom Nuckols May 26--Stephanie Allen Dunn May 27--Bob Elkins May 28--Ellen Beck Mrs. Mark Collins Rufus Larkin

Blake McCain

Rusty Maxey

May 30--Justin Hodges

GUNS, THREATS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS Police investigate at Huffman, Crosby

of the shooting at Santa Fe High School, an incident in which a student brought a pistol to Hargrave High School in Huffman - Crosby was taking nothing for granted when a threat was found to be written on a bathroom wall indicating there would be a shooting at Crosby High School on May 30, later that threat would allegedly be moved up to May 22.

The Superintendent's Office issued the following statement at 11:55 on May

"We have received a report this morning that a threat was written on a bathroom wall at Crosby High School. The threat alleges a shooting that would take place on May 30th. At this time, administrators and our school resource officers are investigating the threat to determine its source. We are asking that our staff, parents, and students be especially vigilant in the coming days. In the aftermath of any school shooting, hoax threats are often made. However, we are not taking lightly any threat made against student safety. The threat did not name a specific student or group of students. A thorough investigation is in progress and appropriate consequences will be taken once we have more information. We strongly encourage you to directly report any information you have regarding this or other safety threats directly to the school district or you can use the Crosby ISD app, which has an anonymous tip line for the reporting of information related to any type of threat. We will keep you

See Schools Safety,

Later on June 21 at

updated on the situation."



Precinct 3 Deputies turn out in force at Crosby High School after a threat was made on a bathroom wall. The threat is being thoroughly investigated and locals fed the offices special lunches as thanks.

Crosby mourns Santa Fe shooting, local lad

CROSBY - Secondary education is supposed to be about building a future not about eliminating the hope of the future yet in incident after incident the school shootings continue.

This time Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, walked up to the art class of Santa Fe High School on May 18 at about 7:40 a.m. and opened fire with a shotgun. He then entered the building and threw explosives about the area. He killed ten and thirteen were otherwise wounded including a Santa Fe Police Officer in critical condition. That officer and a Texas State



Pastor Keenan Smith of Crosby Church at a memorial beside a portrait of Ryland Christian Garcia who Smith had baptized two years ago that was the youngest killed in the Santa Fe shooting.

Trooper had engaged him and Paguortzis surrendered after being injured See Crosby mourns, Page 3

Crosby ISD names Superintendent finalist



On Tuesday Dr. Scott David Superintendent of Rusk ISD in Rusk, Texas was named lone finalist for Crosby ISD Superintendant. A Board meeting was called for May 24 of this week.

Morman reviews progress in Pct. 2

Mobility and Flooding are the major issues

CROSBY - Pct. 2 County Commissioner Jack Morman spoke to the Crosby/Huffman Chamber at their monthly meeting, last Thursday, May 17th at the Stonebridge County Club.

Morman reviewed all the achievements and plans for his precinct, including roads, bridges, and flooding. But he emphasized, "My top priority is flood control, flood prevention and flood protection." He noted that the unprecedented and historic storm dropped 50" of rain in 4 days, leading to the countywide flooding. He said that 800 or more homes were affected in the Crosby and Huffman areas.

Harris County is at work to alleviate future flooding and property damage, he said. The county is changing and updating Flood Plain regulations, with new rules about the height of buildings above the 500 year flood levels, and more accurate flood plain maps. Unfortunately he said that inside Harris County are 15 mu-



Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman at the Crosby/Huffman luncheon.

nicipalities that set there own rules, and don't

However, to deal correctly with the flood problem, the county is now engaged in a buy-out program. They have set the budget for this at \$40 million, but the first phase has released \$20 million. Many of the homes are in the lower San Jacinto River and Highlands areas, he said. Harris County Flood Control has also asked the state for an addition \$240 million to accelerate the home buyout program.

The major effort to deal with flooding would come after the approval of a \$2.5 billion bond issue, which the county will put up for vote on August 25th. Actually, Morman said the amount

is being calculated now, and may be more or less that that figure, depending upon what is in the "package." The county would use the money for channel widening, desiltation projects, and construction of more detention basins. The date of the bond election, August 25, is symbolic because that is the one-year anniversary of when Hurricane Harvey stuck the area.

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★ COMMUNITY PAGE ★

Taiko drummers take over Crosby library

CROSBY – The Edith Faye Cook Cole Harris County Public Library was the noisiest place around briefly Saturday morning as the stirring sound of drums and wild shouts raised local interest in higher learning for a little extra time last weekend.

None would speculate if this was a promotion for their giant book sale coming up soon.

However a troop of Japanese Drummers, Kaminari Taiko, put on a performance that astounded many got others involved and moved the Earth a little.

It is a Japanese tradition that gets the casual observer involved and enjoying.

The fact is lessons in Japanese drumming, Taiko is being offered in lessons. Interested parties of adults and adults with children are offered at the e b s i t e www.ilovetaiko.org and their are a variety of workshops on can sign up for that cover the basics of rhythm, form, spirit, and stage presence. The Beginner Taiko class is open to students ages 16 and up and is now offered on Sundays 9:00 until 10:15 a.m.

Recreational Taiko is a short-term course for personal enrichment and a little exercise with a fun element. Students learn new rhythms and songs. They form a group and learn to play together, great for group building.



Five arrested for Crosby Kroger robbery



Five were arested by a combination of Harris County Sheriff's Deputies and Houston Police Department on US 90 for their role in a robbery of the Kroger store in Crosby. At about 9:17 a.m. five men armed with weapons and crowbars arrived riding in a maroon van. They went straight to the cash drawers and left the store after terrorizing everyone inside. The crew drove to the Crosby Meadows Apartments on Krenek Road behind the CVS Pharmacy; abandoned the van and boarded a white Ford Crown Victoria. They then headed to US 90 on Krenek. Robbery investigators recovered three cash drawers with cash still inside. Multiple law enforcement vehicles were present at the arrest.

Harris County releases Hurricane Harvey "After Action Report"

(Houston, TX) - The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) has released its Hurricane Harvey After Action Report (AAR) which reviews the county's overall response efforts. Some of the items listed are quick fixes, while others will require a major long-term investment of time and money.

"Planning and practice pay off, but real events show how ready we truly are," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "Hurricane Harvey's test of our emergency response highlighted remarkable successes and areas for improvement. Applying those lessons will certainly make us better prepared for the next disaster."

The AAR was created with the input and collaboration of numerous local, state, federal, private and non-profits organizations. According to the report, the overall response and recovery efforts by HCOHSEM and its partners demonstrated professional and well-practiced levels of planning, coordination and collaboration.

Some of the major strengths that were listed as sustains include:

- Pre-positioning county, state, and federal assets enabled quick deployment
- Pairing civilians and resources with skilled professionals to assist with rescue operations
- Utilization of First Contact Program to provide immediate essentials

• Support from regional public safety information officers in the Regional Joint Information Center

The report also identified some primary areas for improvement includ-

- Developing a countywide Continuity Of Operations Plan
- Training non-traditional support personnel who may be involved in disaster response operations
- Transitioning from response to recovery operations in the Emergency Operations Center
- Working with the City of Houston to address the current Donations Management strategy

"The Harvey report represents a substantial effort by both the county and its partners, but it is only one of many tools we will use to better serve our residents," added Judge Emmett. "Many of the lessons outlined in the report are already in place, and the process for identifying the next steps continues."

Furthermore, Harris County also conducted an AAR on Regional Joint Information Center operations, and other county departments have conducted internal reviews as well.

While Harris County works to improve its response to future disasters, it continues to focus on the long road to recovery facing our most devastated communities.





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★ COMMUNITY PAGE ★

Crosby High School Symphonic Band to participate at International Conference



CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND is 1 in 5 USA bands to be invited to The Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference 2018. Kevin Knight and Michael Lehew, Directors.

Crosby mourns,

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in the shooting. He is now charged with capital murder

As the data about munitions piles up, as the information about benefits and dangers of metal detectors become clear and all the piles of rhetoric mount, it becomes clear that officials don't know what to do.

The youngest student to die was Christian Riley Garcia, a new freshman at Santa Fe High School. Witnesses indicate Pagourtzis jumped up on the new guy yelled "surprise" and shot him in the chest.

The Garcias had lived in Crosby, they got three acres from a relative and decided to make Santa Fe home. A new and beautiful beginning for a faith based family. Pastor Keenan Smith had baptized Ryland and knows their story well.

"This is the worst thing that can happen to a parent that loves their children. The only comfort there can be in a time like this is in knowing they had dedicated their life to Christ." declared Smith to reporters after a brief memorial, "I don't know what comfort there can be for others."

What was heavy on the heart of the pastor Monday was that none of the parents or families of the deceased had been able to see their lost ones bodies. Forensics is a rigorous science, nothing can be left to chance or done outside of order but a mother may need to touch her son's hand.

"I don't care what mountains you have to move you can't tell me they can't prep those bodies so that parents can see their dead children any earlier than 9 days later. They need to let a parent have five minutes alone with that child." Smith stated.

"After the incident, the parents sat out there for nine hours without any notification clinging to some measure of hope. I was there with all of her family (Christian's mother) and she said all you will be doing is just sitting waiting like all of us. Trying to believe the best until you know otherwise. Eventually the officials come and ask her for a photograph of her son on her cell phone, she shows them hoping for a discovery but they walk away and hours later they return to say 'Ma'am we are sorry but the only people here are the family of the deceased. 'That was her confirmation."



★ OPINION PAGE ★

Gift ideas for dads and grads

(StatePoint) Whether you're shopping for Father's Day or celebrating the accomplishments of a graduating senior, make a point of selecting thoughtful, unforgettable gifts this "dads and grads" season. Here are five ideas to get you started.

1. The gift that keeps on giving. These days, there are monthly subscription boxes for just about everything. From stylish socks to slick grooming tools to jazz records to fine wine, take stock of your gift recipient's interests and needs and give a gift that keeps on giving.

2. The gift of form and function. A timepiece upgrade makes for a sophisticated yet functional gift that will keep your recipient on time for all appointments. Check out connected timepieces such as the EDIFICE EQB800, which features Casio's Smartphone Link capability. Pairing with the wearer's smartphone, the watch can access the correct time for over 300 cities worldwide. Users also have the capability to swap their specified home time and world time, as well as update alarms and other time settings. By automatically syncing with a time server four times daily, the watch ensures ultimate accuracy.

3. The gift of your company. A pair of event tickets is a great way to show your dad or grad that you want to spend time together. Whether it's a day at the ballpark or your favorite band is coming to town, scope out the perfect event to attend together.

4. The gift of entertainment. Is your dad or grad's entertainment center in need of an upgrade? Consider gifting a projector for better gaming and movie nights. For a mercury-free option, check out Casio Lamp-Free projectors, which combine a laser and LED light source for high-brightness and energy efficiency, using half the amount of power per unit than its traditional lamp-based counterparts. Those from the Advanced Series, like the XJ-F210WN, reach full brightness in as fast as five seconds and feature Intelligent Light Control to automatically adjust the projection brightness according to ambient light. This innovative feature will ensure that movie fans have spectacular visuals any time of day and in any lighting conditions.

5. The gift of music. Has your gift recipient always wanted to play piano? Gift the tools needed for success. For beginner keyboard players, one good option for learning at home is Casio's CT-X700, a portable keyboard featuring a Step-Up Lesson System that displays proper music notation and correct hand positioning, allowing beginners to learn songs at their own pace. The keyboard's new AiX Sound Source faithfully reproduces the sound of acoustic instruments such as guitar, drums, bass, brass, wind instruments, string ensembles and more. Additionally, it includes an extensive library of 600 tones and 195 rhythms.



Governor speaks about issues related to shooting at high school

AUSTIN — Local, state and federal law enforcement on May 18 responded to a shooting that left 10 people dead and 10 others injured at Santa Fe High School near Galveston.

One of the school's 1,400 students was taken into custody, authorities said.

Gov. Greg Abbott ordered flags to half-staff until May 22 in memory of those who lost their lives in what he called "probably the worst disaster to strike this community."

During a news conference at the high school, Abbott said he plans to work with members of the Texas Legislature and with educators, parents and students across Texas "on swift solutions to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again." He mentioned background checks and "strategies to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose an immediate danger to others." He also suggested more safety personnel and mental health intervention capabilities on school campus-

"In the fog of the aftermath of a catastrophe like this, the answers are not always immediate, but the answers will come by us working together," Abbott said.

Goal: To end harassment

Texas House Speaker Joe Straus on May 16 established a workgroup of House members to recommend additional steps to prevent and eradicate sexual harassment in the Legislature.

Straus tasked the workgroup with reviewing existing sexual harassment policies, STATE CAPITAL
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By Ed Sterling



researching best policies and practices from other states and providing recommendations for any rule changes that would support a professional work environment.

"This is the next step in our effort to make sure that sexual harassment is not tolerated at the Texas Capitol. Now that a stronger and more transparent sexual harassment policy is in place, this workgroup will recommend additional ways to make the legislative work environment safer," Straus said.

The House Committee on Administration adopted a sexual harassment policy in December, clarifying ways Texas House employees can identify and report sexual harassment and get assistance. The policy also requires House staff to undergo new anti-harassment and anti-discrimination training. All current members of the Texas House have completed that training, Straus

Straus named state Reps. Linda Koop, R-Dallas, and Donna Howard, D-Austin, as co-chairs of the workgroup. Other members include Reps. Angie Chen Button, R-Richardson; Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park; Nicole Collier, D-Fort Worth; Lina Ortega, D-El Paso; Abel Herrero, D-Corpus Christi, Tom Oliverson, R-Houston, Gary Van-Deaver, R-New Boston; and Gene Wu, D-Hous-

Sales tax holiday

Texas families and businesses can save on the purchase of certain water and energy efficient products during the state's "Water-Efficient Products" and "Energy Star" sales tax holidays.

The state comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save more than \$10 million in state and local sales tax during the Memorial Day weekend May 26-28.

As of May 1, more than 60 percent of the state was in abnormally dry or drought conditions, and the upcoming summer heat puts a strain on the power grid. Those factors make it a good time to upgrade outdated water systems and inefficient appliances, Hegar said.

Program funds repairs

Gov. Abbott and Land Commissioner George P. Bush on May 15 announced more than 15,000 Hurricane Harvey-stricken homes have received repairs through the Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering program in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The program provides basic repairs that allow homeowners to live in their homes and their communities as they make more permanent repairs to their homes. Up to \$20,000 in repairs, including restoring electricity, air conditioning/ heating and hot water, debris removal, limited drywall and insulation and restoring functional bathroom and kitchen facilities, have been provided to return the homes to safe, sanitary and secure standards, the officials said.

Paxton files opioid suit

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on May 15 announced that his office had filed a consumer protection lawsuit in a Travis County state district court alleging that Purdue Pharma violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act relating to the company's manufacturing and marketing of prescription opioids, including OxyContin.

The attorneys general of five other states took similar legal action on May 15 against the Stamford, Connecticut-based company.

"My office is holding Purdue Pharma accountable for fueling the nation's opioid epidemic by deceptively marketing prescription painkillers including OxyContin when it knew their drugs were potentially dangerous and that its use had a high likelihood of leading to addiction," Paxton said.

AG Paxton reminds Texans of May 31 deadline to claim Western Union refunds

Austin, TX. May 21, 2018 - Attorney General Ken Paxton today reminded Texans of the May 31 deadline to submit claims in a \$586 million settlement with Western Union affecting consumers who were deceived into sending payments to scam artists using the company's wire transfer service. As many as 39,000 Texans are eligible for refunds.

"Texans who were tricked into sending funds via Western Union and qualify for refunds deserve justice, but many may not know about this opportunity," Attorney General Paxton said. "My office is reminding affected consumers that May 31 is the deadline to submit a claim so they can get back funds lost to wire transfer scams."

Texans who were a victim of a fraudinduced wire transfer using Western Union between January 1, 2004, and January 19, 2017, may file a claim online at http://www.western.nionemissio.com

Last year, Attorney General Paxton announced a multistate settlement with Western Union over complaints by people who were tricked into using the company's wire transfer service to send money to third parties involved in various schemes to defraud consumers. Western Union agreed to establish an antifraud program to deter such criminal activity in the future.

The settlement is being administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Victim Asset Recovery Program, which will be reviewing all claims submitted by consumers. The global settlement requiring Western Union to forfeit \$586 million dollars was entered with the Federal **Trade Commission** and Department of Justice. The multistate settlement included Texas, 49 other states and the District of Columbia.



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ROUND-UP

Library announces annual Summer **Reading Program!**

"Libraries Rock!" is the theme of the 2018 Summer Reading Program, which begins on Monday, June 4 at the Chambers County Library System. The libraries in Anahuac, Winnie, and Mont Belvieu have some incredible programs scheduled this year, thanks to some really wonderful program presenters and underwriters.

There are three program levels this year, designed to

accommodate all ages of readers and listeners. **Kids!**

Infants through 11 years of age are encouraged to participate in the traditional Reading Club, which runs from Monday, June 4 through Saturday, July 14, at 1:00 p.m. Special event programs will be held almost weekly at each library, and children will receive certificates and reading incentives based upon their reading. This year, youngsters will be given a backstage pass and a game board to color in a space for every day they read at least 20 minutes. The game board has levels that inform kids when to show the librarians their progress, and receive incentives throughout the 6 week program.

Teens!

Ages 12-18 can enroll in the Teen Summer Reading Program. Events at this level are geared for the older youth, and again, will be held at each of the county libraries. At each of the branches, for every 2 books read or heard, simply fill out a bookmark with the titles and enter to win a drawing each week for great prizes. Visit your local branch to see additional (fun!) ways to enter weekly drawings.

Adults! Adults can also participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. For every 2 books read or heard, adults will fill out a bookmark with the titles and enter to win a drawing each week for great prizes. Book Club meetings will continue at all the branches throughout the summer. There will also be special adult programs at each branch this year including, ice cream socials, movies, crafts, and more! Check your local branch for details.

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Check out the website at www.chambers.lib.tx.us. Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch at Mont Belvieu is 281-576-2245.

Barbers Hill High School Top Ten



The Top 10 students of Barbers Hill High School Class of 2018 gathered before the school's original arch, built in the year 1930, to celebrate 13 years of hard work & achievement. The Top 10 are, in order of rank and left to right, Sarah Mask, Valedictorian, Mason Smith, Salutatorian, Joseph Muscat (3), Lauren Willingham (4), Lauren Gray (5), Mattelynn Lansford (5), Zennia Wong (7), Victoria Freeze (8), Mason Dooley (9), and Jorja Johnson

West Chambers Pilot Club awards scholarships



West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. presented Scholarships to four students from Barbers Hill High School. The Scholarship winners are Lauren Willingham, Hayley Harris, Bianca Texis, and Blake Capp-



Submitted by Linda Gilmore/West Chamber County Pilot Club, Inc.

West Chambers County Pilot Club, Inc. also initiated new member Jennifer Pinion at the May meeting. Jennifer is the Barbers Hill High School Anchor Club Adviser, she is a hard worker and a great addition to the Pilot Club. Membership Chair and Past-President Pam Sapp presented Jennifer with a certificate and a yellow rose to welcome her into the Club.

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital recognizes Lawrence as DAISY Award Winner

BAYTOWN — (May 17, 2018) — Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital recognized Jamie Lawrence, RN as a winner of the May 2018 DAISY nursing award.

Lawrence, an ICU nurse, was honored for her compassion and encouragement in caring for her patients. The DAISY (diseases attacking the immune system) Award is part of the DAISY Foundation's program to recognize the "super-human" tasks nurses perform every day. Community Resource Credit Union is the corporate sponsor of the award at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital.

In the nominating letter, Lawrence was praised for her kindness and leadership skills in helping a cancer patient seeking assistance in having his power of attorney/advance directive documentation signed. After listening intently to the patient, Lawrence got other care team members involved to expedite getting the paperwork signed. She also explained to the patient what the next phase of treatment

would entail and helped in easing the patient's anxiety and confusion over this difficult diagnosis.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, Calif., and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died in 1999 at the age of 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families. Each month, a nurse is selected by a nursing committee to receive the DAISY Award.

At a presentation in front of the nurse's colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors, the honorees receive a certificate commending them for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." The honorees are also given a beautiful sculpture called A Healer's Touch; hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe of Zimbabwe, Africa.

One day while Barnes was in the hospital, he asked his family to bring him a Cinnabon cinnamon roll plus enough for all the nurses in his unit. With the help of Cinnabon's parent company, FOCUS Brands, the DAI-SY Foundation carries on this tradition by serving Cinnabons to all the nurses in the award recipient's unit in thanks for everything they do for their patients and families.



Jamie Lawrence, RN

Bonnie Barnes, president and cofounder of the DAISY Foundation, stated, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide acutely ill patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the superhuman work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of the DAISY Award."

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY

Award program. Nurses are heroes every day, and given the current national nursing shortage, the Daisy Award plays an important role in letting our nurses know their work is highly valued.

About Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital has provided Baytown and East Houston with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist San Jacinto provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never losing focus on compassionate and patient-cen-Houstonmethodist.org/ sanjacinto.

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Morman talks roads and floods,

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Some of the money would be used for buyouts. and the county estimates there are 5,500 homes eligible to be removed from the flood plains.

Also, some of the money would be used for matching funds, to get additional funds from the federal government. Morman said \$500 to \$700 million might be required for this, but would bring in twice that amount in federal grants.

The bond money might also be used to construct a third resevoir on the west side of Houston, a much discussed need after the flooding from Harvey that inundated so many homes in the neighborhoods below the Addicks and Barker-Cypress Reservoirs.

MOBILITY

The other major topic that Morman covered was roads and bridges.

Of immediate interest was the widening of FM2100, in two areas. The planned new road profile would be 2 lanes in each direction with a middle turn lane, for a total of five lanes. This would be built from Magnolia in Barrett Station, to Thorn near Highlands. The other project is rebuilding FM2100 from South Diamondhead Boulevard to FM1960 in Huffman, with a similar profile. Morman indicated that land acquisition is underway for these two projects and he expects construction to

start in late 2019. Morman and his director of infrastructure. Jeremy Phillips, discussed the repaying of existing streets throughout the Highlands, Crosby, and Huffman communities. This project has

been ongoing for over a year, and is referred to as BetterStreets2Neighborhoods. The total budget for this is over \$8 million dollars, and is being paid for with county funds.

The Mobility project

that will have the largest impact on the precinct and East Harris County, is a new bridge over the Houston Ship Channel. This is a \$2 billion dollar project, that will see 4 lanes in each direction, plus shoulders for safety. Engineering is now underway on this important project, and the bridge is expected to be finished by 2022 and in operation by 2023. In addition to the bridge, highways approaching the bridge will be widened, and lanes added, to match the capacity of the bridge.

School Safety,

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about 4:07 p.m. "The threat that was discovered in a boy's bathroom this morning at Crosby High School is still being investigated. Because so many students had already accessed that bathroom before the threat had been reported, it has proven difficult to narrow down the person who might have originally posted the threat. Regardless, administrators and our school resource officers are exhausting all avenues to determine the source of the threat. We will update if there is new information."

Safety measures were offered on May 22 they were and related to May 29 and next year.

"School resource officers are on-site at CHS and CMS. We will also have school resource officer presence on each of our elementary campuses. Our SROs are no longer on traffic duty in the morning in order to allow them to be on campuses.

We are employing additional School Resource Officers to increase presence at each campus through the end of the school year.

- K9 units conducted a sweep at Crosby High School this morning and nothing was found to indicate an imminent threat.

Beginning this week, Crosby Middle School campuses will not allow students to bring backpacks to school for the remainder of the year. Teachers will provide necessary resources to students in class.

Beginning Tuesday (May 29th) of next week, Crosby High School campus will not allow students to bring backpacks to school for the remainder of the year. Teachers will provide necessary resources to students in class. Female students will be allowed to bring a small purse for personal items. Any students in athletics can keep their workout clothes or needed items in their athletic locker. Students are completing Mac-Book turn-in this week, and next week will be finals week with early release each day

All campus main entrances are secured and do not allow open access to student areas without appropriate screening.

Periphery doors around each campus are locked regularly to prevent unauthorized entry and are only accessible by staff members with appropriate entry credentials.

Our Crosby ISD app includes an anonymous tip line that filters tips directly to each campus.

A camera assessment has been performed at each facility and additional cameras have been added to increase coverage. Older cameras have already been replaced with new cameras that provide higher definition coverage.

Administrators and other staff will be participating in National Incident Management Strategies (NIMS) June 11 and 12.

For 2018-2019 School Year: - The Emergency Operations Plan will be aligned to match NIMS strategies and available to key staff via MyEOP app.

We will be implementing a Threat Assessment Team to provide a vehicle for staff to refer students who exhibit concerning behavior.

Crime Stoppers will renew efforts in the fall to promote student reporting efforts and to publicize available tip lines. This summer, we would like to host a community forum to discuss potential solutions moving forward. This is an extremely complicated issue with no clear answer and we want to work in collaboration with our community and field experts to determine the best solutions for the safety of our students and staff.

A special called Crosby ISD Board of Trustees meeting was called for May 24 at 7:00 in the Operations Building.

Crosby's Interim Superintendent Kirk Lewis is- $_{
m the}$ following statements concerning preparedness.

"It's hard to believe we find ourselves mourning again the loss of life inside a school. That this one is so close to home drives the loss more deeply in our hearts. Our prayers go out to the Santa Fe community and the parents of those

Since the tragedy in Florida in February, Crosby ISD administrative teams and teacher leaders have been conducting response training. Members of our senior staff have learned from presentations from local law enforcement officials to the Secret Service. Much of the information we've been given is being incorporated into a complete revision of the district's Emergency Operation Plan currently being drafted by experts in school safety at the Harris County Department of Education.

Our principals and teachers have conducted multiple trainings of staff since February ensuring that our staff fully understand the fluid nature of

active shooter incidents and the multiple possible responses based on each individual campus. It is important for our district and campus teams to know how to quickly evaluate a situation and appropriately respond to it. Our initial training has been focused on preparing our people. Our training and drills will extend to students at an age appropriate level in the days to come. In the event of an incident on one of our campuses today, I believe our teachers are much better prepared to provide the instructions our students need as they deal with the threat.

Please understand the reality of what we know. Most of these active shooters were students who most likely sat through active shooter drills and were fully aware of what students were being told to do. That reality means our teachers and staff must be fully trained and ready to react to very dynamic and fluid situations. It also must temper, to some extent, what we share stu-

In light of this most recent occurrence, however, we will conduct a basic, active shooter drill before the end of the school year at our schools and follow up with more specific training as school begins next year.

Our heart's desire and fervent prayer is that our schools and our students and staff will never face this kind of threat. Yet, we must prepare as if it could happen any day.

This is certainly not the message I prefer to send out this time of year. I'd much rather extol the achievement of the Crosby students as we prepare for the end of school and for graduation. Amid the tragedy, we will pray, do the things we can do, and find the heart and will to still celebrate the joy of this time of year."

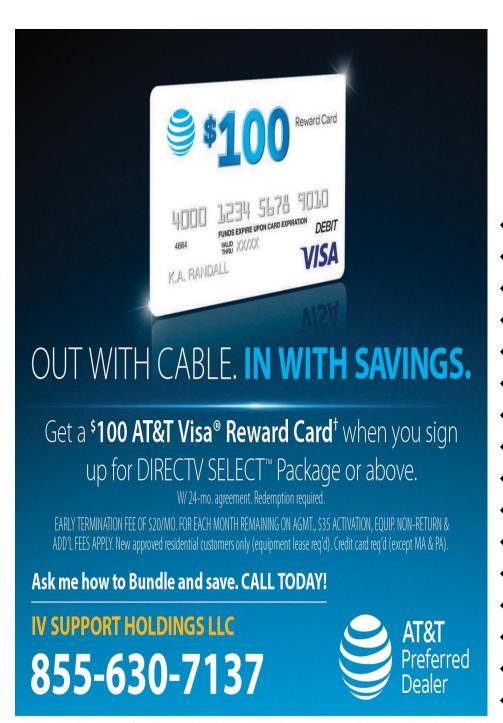
On Monday, May 21, officials at Huffman ISD confirmed that a student was arrested with a gun in his backpack at Hargrave High School. School officials had gotten a tip concerning a male with a pistol in his backpack and intent to harm himself. Huffman went on a brief lockdown as a precaution. while a K-9 Officer swept the high school. Parents were then allowed to pick up their student. Students and administration were congratulated on making the tip count and no one

was injured.

Remembering Christian Garcia



Keenan Smith eulogizes Christian Garcia at a special memorial inside Crosby Church Pastor Smith had ministered to the lad's spiritual development. Smith talked of Garcia's dedication to serve his country and his God in life. He was murdered in the Santa Fe shootings on May 18.



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★ LIFESTYLE PAGE ★

Crosby Chamber awards scholarships



Kaytlyn J. Kuta, middle, and Brandon K. Fletcher, right, from Hargrave High School in Huffman, Texas received the Ken Moran scholarship for outstanding achievement last Thursday at the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.



Ryland K. Hicks, Hunter Houser, and Lauren A. Brummett from Crosby High School received the Ken Moran scholarship for outstanding achievement last Thursday at the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH Feel the Fall. Listen to the Pain

By Dr. Mark Trice

If you have ridden many horses, run the roads on a bicycle, or raced through the dirt on a screaming motorcycle, chances are you have felt the ground rise up and meet you in an abrupt fashion. They say if you fall off a skyscraper it's not the fall that kills you, but the sudden stop.

We were all taught by our parents to get right back up and go on. As we get older, our falls seem to hurt just a little bit more, our recovery time seems to take just a little bit longer. Our desire to get back up and ride is just a little bit more delayed than it used to be. Are we not as tough, not as flexible... or have we just aged and increased in wisdom?

We all experience falls in life. Sometimes people, life, and circumstances have a way of taking us off the horse of success we seem to be riding so effortlessly across the pastures of our God-given assignments. (Jer 29:11) God has always had great plans for

righteousness on you.

HOSEA 10:12

our lives, and He still has those plans even in these times: He will use our falls.

Sometimes the fall makes us look up and realize that God is waiting for us to call upon Him. Even if our hurts are deeper than being bucked off a horse, or a tragic accident... Yes, some things are worse than physical pain, like when a friend or church member betrays you, speaks ill of you, goes behind your back... When you want to get even, but you know you can't; when you're just brokenhearted.... (Ps 34:18) God is still there. He heals the brokenhearted and those who have a crushed spirit. I wonder how Jesus felt as He was betrayed by those closest to Him. It was truly love that held Him to the

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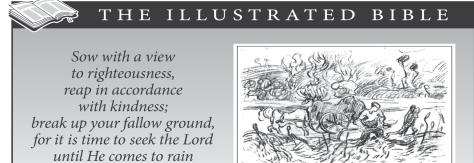
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(Ps 147:3) You may have fallen, you may have been hurt, but you have a great Father who is a doctor or anything else you might need. So, when you feel the fall, listen to the pain. Recover and learn; don't make the same mistakes over and over. God has great plans and success for you.

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Taking those few seconds to buckle your seat belt is the most crucial step you can take to protect yourself in a crash. Those few seconds can save your life and save your friends and family from having to go through a needless tragedy. Fortunately, most Texans now buckle up, but some groups of motorists continue not taking the message to heart by not consistently using their seat belts. The demographic of motorist most likely to be unrestrained are men and young adults, especially pickup truck drivers and their passengers. In 2016, the use of seat belts in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 14,668 lives of occupants ages 5 and older. Sadly, in 2016, there were 10,428 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United

In Texas, among teens ages 13-to-15 years old, 62 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in traffic crashes were not using restraints in 2016. Nationally, among young adults 18-to-34 years old killed in crashes in 2016, more than half (57 percent) were completely unrestrained — one of the highest percentages for all age groups. And, men make up the majority of those killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2016, 65 percent of the 23,714 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed were men. It comes

as no surprise that men wear their seat belts at a lower rate than women do — 52 percent of men in fatal crashes were unrestrained, compared to 40 percent of women.

Buckling up is not just important during the daytime. Between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. is when more crashes and fatalities happen. Crash stats from the Texas Department of Transportation show that the majority (57 percent) of fatal crashes in Texas happen at night. In 2017, of all Texas crashes in which people died and weren't wearing a seat belt, 57 percent of those happened at night as well. It is important to wear your seat belt, day and night, to be protected in the event of a crash.

Unbuckled passengers are also dangerous to others in the vehicle. In the event of a crash, the unbuckled passenger become a large projectile flying around the vehicle who can injure or kill other occupants in the vehicle - including those who are buckled up!

Here are some of the myths about seat belts:

• Vehicle type: There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that their large vehicles will protect them better than other vehicles would in a crash. The numbers say otherwise. Nationally, 61 percent of pickup truck occupants who were killed in 2016 were not buckled up. That's compared to 42 percent of passenger car occupants who were not wearing seat belts when they were killed. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single most

effective way to stay alive in a crash.

• Seating position: Too many people wrongly believe they are safe in the back seat unrestrained. Forty-seven percent of all front-seat passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2016 were unrestrained, but 57 percent of those killed in back seats were unrestrained.

• Rural versus urban locations: People who live in rural areas might believe that their crash exposure is lower, but in 2016, there were 13,732 passenger vehicle fatalities in rural locations, compared to 9.366 fatalities in urban locations. Out of those fatalities, 49 percent of those killed in the rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared to 46 percent in urban locations.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Family and Community Health Agent, Alexis Cordova, from Liberty County, reminds drivers that this year's "Click It or Ticket" Campaign is scheduled for May 21 -June 3, which includes Memorial Day weekend. During this time, extra law enforcement will be on the road day and night enforcing the seat belt and child restraint laws in an effort to save lives. Those officers are not out to write tickets, but instead want to help prevent the needless tragedy of motor vehicle acci-

Remember: Buckle up day and night and save your life - not just during "Click It or Ticket," but every day of the year!

Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital Hosts Stroke Seminar

BAYTOWN — (May 17, 2018) — As part of the recognition of May's designation as National Stroke Awareness Month, Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital hosts a Stroke Seminar on May 22 intended to help Baytown area residents understand their risk of stroke.

The seminar, scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. in the Boardroom at the hospital's Garth campus, is hosted by Trudy Istre, nurse practitioner with the Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital Primary Care Group.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is cut off by a blood clot (ischemic stroke) or a ruptured blood vessel (hemorrhagic stroke). As the blood supply is stopped, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs. That's why if you or someone you know shows symptoms of a stroke, early intervention can make all the difference, so getting immediate medical care by calling 911 is absolutely crucial.

Life Saving Guidelines

The American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association's "Get with the Guidelines" stroke program helps ensure consistent, evidencebased stroke care. The guidelines promote such practices as performing brain imaging quickly; administering the clot-dissolving medication called recombinant tissue plasminogen activator (rtPA), within three hours from the onset of ischemic stroke symptoms; administering anti-platelet or anticoagulant medications at prescribed intervals; risk factor management, including high cholesterol; educating patients and caregivers about stroke prevention and warning signs, and providing smokers with smoking cessation information.

Signs of Stroke? **Act FAST!**

If you think someone might be having a stroke, remember the "F.A.S.T" test from the National Stroke Association:

Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one

arm drift downward?

Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

Time: If a person shows any of these symptoms, call 911 immediately.

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After a stroke, rehabilitation is needed to help survivors relearn skills that may have been lost. Rehabilitative therapy generally begins within 24 to 48 hours after the stroke. Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital's care team includes physicians, rehabilitation nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists and vocational ther-

As a Gold Plus Primary Stroke Center, Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital is committed to helping stroke patients achieve the best possible long-term outcomes. To register for the seminar,

houstonmethodist.org/ events, or call 281-428-2273.

Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge Summer Day Camp

Anahuac, TX — Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be hosting annual Jr. Ranger Summer Day Camp July 23 - 26, 2018. Topics covered will be insects, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and wetlands. Applicants must be 6-11 years old to participate. Applicants will be entered into a random drawing which will take place at 4:00 pm on May 25th, 2018. Selected applicants will be notified. You do not have to be present to be selected. Once selected, payment and registration is due by 4:00 pm on June 8th, 2018, or your child will be disqualified and replaced by another applicant. Cost is \$25 for the four day camp. Register in person at Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Visitor Center, 4017 FM 563, Anahuac, TX 77514

By mail: Anahuac NWR, PO Box 278, Anahuac, TX 77514 or Fax: 409-267-4314, Attn: Stephanie Martinez . For more information, please contact Stephanie Martinez by emailing stephanie_martinez@fws.gov or calling 409-267-3337.

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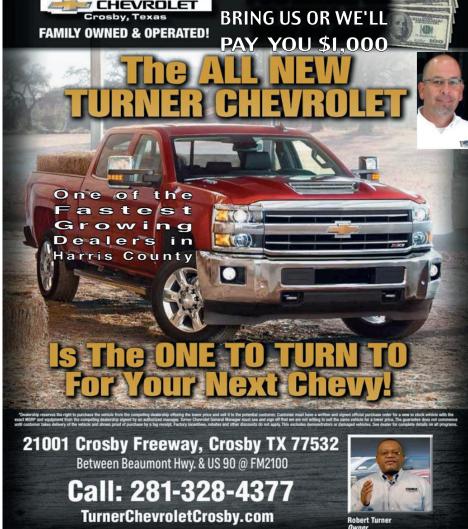


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