

POLICE | ARREST

Galveston man arrested in Freddiesville shooting death

» **HITCHCOCK**

A 24-year-old man was arrested Monday and charged with murder in the shooting death of another man in unincorporated Galveston County last week. Muntravian Martin, 24, of



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Martin is accused of shooting Tyreece Beverly, 21, of La Marque, outside a home in Freddiesville, Trochesset said. Freddiesville is an

unincorporated community just east of Hitchcock. Beverly was shot multiple times and died before reaching a local hospital, Trochesset said. No other details about the shooting were released on Tuesday.

Martin was held on \$150,000 bond and was in custody at the Galveston County Jail on Tuesday afternoon, according to jail records. — *John Wayne Ferguson*

POLICE | ARRESTS

Three arrested after League City stabbing

» **LEAGUE CITY**

Three suspects have been charged in connection with a Monday evening stabbing that sent one man to the hospital, police said. Jerry Baxter, 51, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, said John Griffith, spokesman for the League City Police Department. His bond is set at \$40,000.

Ashley Schroder Crowley, 24, was charged with assault causing bodily injury, Griffith said. Her bond is set at \$2,500.

Gavin Fruge, 23, was charged with assault causing bodily injury, family violence,



JERRY BAXTER



ASHLEY SCHRODER CROWLEY

Griffith said. Police arrived and found a man with multi-



GAVIN FRUGE

ple stab wounds. Witnesses told police seven people had been at the residence during the stabbing, Griffith said. Witnesses told police Fruge was moving out of the house and he and his girlfriend, Crowley, assaulted another woman at the home, Griffith said.

During the assault, a man tried to intervene and was stabbed multiple times by Baxter, police allege. Police later found and arrested Baxter at his home in Huntsville, Griffith said.

— *Matt DeGrood*

WINTER STORM | BIDEN'S FUTURE VISIT

Biden to visit storm-ravaged Texas on Friday

» **WASHINGTON**

President Joe Biden will visit Texas on Friday as the state begins its recovery from a devastating winter storm that caused serious damage to homes and businesses across the state and left many without power or clean water

for days. The White House announced Tuesday that Biden and his wife, Jill, will travel to Houston on Friday. While there, he'll meet with local leaders to discuss the ongoing recovery from last week's winter storm, and will visit a COVID-19 health center where vaccines are being distributed. Millions of Texas residents remain under boil-water notices after the freezing temperatures and heavy

snowfall caused power outages and burst pipes across the state, prompting local officials to warn Texans about the safety of their tap water. Some Texans have been left cleaning up extensive damage done by heavy snowfall and burst pipes in their homes and businesses, while others have been saddled with thousands of dollars in electricity bills after power grid failures affected production and demand. — *Associated Press*

WINTER STORM | EDUCATION



JENNIFER REYNOLDS/The Daily News

Jessica Medellin, project director for Galveston Independent School District's Texas Afterschool Centers on Education program, carries a box of fresh produce to a car Tuesday. Medellin helped distribute 140 boxes of fresh produce from The Common Market to students and their families in need following the freeze last week.

School districts pitched in to help during hard freeze

By **MYER LEE**
The Daily News

» **GALVESTON**

Local school districts helped support Galveston County residents during and after the winter storm by opening warming centers, distributing water and meals to families and washing laundry for students who had no other means to do so.

Galveston Independent School District's Family and Community Engagement program partnered with the University of Texas Medical Branch and the Galveston County Food Bank to distribute food Friday, said Jessica Medellin, director of the district's Texas After School Centers on Education.

"We filled a need," Medellin said. "At a time when grocery stores were empty, we were able to get food into people's hands."

The group served 384 households and assisted 1,592 people with the distribution, Medellin said. The district also partnered with St. Vincent's House,

2817 Postoffice St. in Galveston, to provide clothes and diapers for families and with Little Red Box Grocery, 905 43rd St., to deliver lunch boxes to families, she said.

Texas City Independent School District prepared and delivered 250 meals on Feb. 16 to senior citizens who had been without power and hot food for two days, said Melissa Tortorici, director of communications for the school district.

The school district also had delivered water to staff members' homes and provided laundry assistance to families who needed their clothes washed, Tortorici said. More than 500 people benefited from the district's assistance, she added.

The district, like others, helped hundreds of people as it dealt with problems of its own. The power was out and pipes burst at several campuses, Tortorici said. But the district still provided a warming center at Blocker Middle School, 1800 Ninth Ave. N., for three days. Santa Fe Independent

School District opened a warming center for a day at its high school, assistant Superintendent Patti Hanssard said.

Friendswood Independent School District opened the cafeteria and gym of Friendswood High School, 702 Greenbriar Drive, to the community as warming centers for families, said Dayna Owen, director of communications and public relations.

The district also helped locals with Fisd Cares, an organization that helps residents with many problems including food, living expenses and child care, Owen said.

"The Friendswood Community sticks together," said Thad Roher, superintendent of Friendswood Independent School District. "Just like during Harvey, a year of COVID and now the Great Freeze of 2021, we will get through it together because that is who we are."

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The Daily News. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

NOMINATIONS!

HELP US FIND OUR 2021 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Daily News is accepting public nominations for 2021's Citizen of the Year. Making a nomination is easy. Just scan the QR code or visit www.galvnews.com/coy and provide the information sought on the digital form.

In the interest in keeping this effort manageable, we won't accept nominations by any means other than the online form — no email, no text, no hard copy.

The nomination period closes March 12. No nominations will be accepted after that date.

From those nominations, The Daily News will select 20 finalists and, from those, one Citizen of the Year. The finalists will be honored and the Citizen of the Year revealed during a special event on May 20.

All 20 finalists will be featured in a glossy magazine to be published in The Daily News on May 19, the day before the event.

So how about it, Galveston County? Who's your pick for Citizen of the Year 2021?

HOW TO NOMINATE

Scan: QR code with your smartphone or visit www.galvnews.com/coy

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