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CHANNEL CHATTER

UIL realignment joins Channelview, North Shore with Humble schools

Channelview High School and North Shore will compete against schools from Humble ISD for the two upcoming school years under realignment information released by the University Interscholastic League.

With the new alignment, the Humble schools join Channelview, district rival North Shore and Baytown Sterling in District 21-6A. The district also welcomes C.E. King and Goose Creek Memorial, who are making the jump from Class 5A.

District 21-6A: Atascocita, Baytown Sterling, C.E. King, Channelview, Goose Creek Memorial, Kingwood, North Shore and Summer Creek.

The UIL conducts reclassification and realignment every two years and the 6A designation is the state's largest -- with 2,150 or more students in a high school. The new district will take effect for the 2016-17 school year and will remain in place (at least) through 2017-18.

Galena Park - Jacinto City CIP Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 4 2016
5:45 - light dinner.
6:15- business starts. Meeting adjourns by 8:15 p.m.
At Alvin Baggett Recreation Building, 1302 Keene in Galena Park. Host plant: Pasadena Refining System, Inc.

Meet Candidate Carl Pittman

Join Carl Pittman, Candidate for Harris County Sheriff on Saturday, February 6th from 2 pm to 4 pm at CHINA KO Restaurant, 5310 E. Sam Houston Pkwy N., Houston, Texas 77015.

The meeting room opens at 1 pm so come early (lunch is \$15 per person)

Please RSVP to: Carl@carlforsheriff.com. Questions? Call (281) 452-3120

Neighborhood Safety Meeting

Monday, February 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., East Freeway HPD Storefront, 12001-A East Freeway.

North Channel Chamber hosts annual Gala

HOUSTON -- The North Channel Chamber held their 39th annual Awards Banquet and Member Gala, last Saturday night at the Marriott Gulf Free-way. Featured speaker was Grant Taylor, of TV's Buck Commander, and the TV program Duck Dynasty.

The evening was focused on the members of the Chamber, who received recognition and awards for their contributions to the Chamber.

About 250 persons attended the event, whose major sponsor was Platinum Copier Solutions.

Taylor spoke to the au-



Speaker GRANT TAYLOR of TV's Buck Commander, with new Chamber chairman Lucia Bates, outgoing chairman Kim Gonzalez, and Chamber president Margie Buentello.

dience about his experiences after joining the Buck Commander group in 2011, and the phenomenal interest the public has in their group. He said at the peek of their popularity, they have had 11 million viewer of their program.

Taylor told of how a small, obscure company known as Duck Commander went from producing 10 duck calls a day, to handling 5000 orders a day, and how it became a household name with the TV show "Duck Dynasty." The program is essentially a hunting show, shown on the Outdoor Channel.

In 2013 they sold 1.3 million duck calls, more than all the hunters in the country combined.

In explaining why the show is so successful, he notes that it is funny, relatable, and appeals to an outdoorsman's spirituality.

A new and returning board of directors was sworn in by Constable Ken Jones. Retiring board members Allatia Harris, and Greg Ollis, were recognized for their service.

Ken Jones received a Great Seal award for his service to the community.

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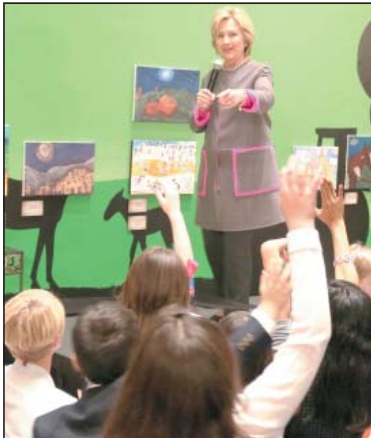
Hillary Clinton visits Houston Childrens Museum

By Allan Jamail

Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton returned to Houston for an evening private event just three months after her last campaign stop in the Bayou City.

The private evening reception billed as a "family celebration" was at the Children's Museum of Houston.

Clinton took questions mostly from the large group of children within the packed crowd. She stressed some of her goals of wanting to increase the minimum wage, making it easier for voting and improving the nation's education system so all children regardless of race, religion or economic status will get



EXCLUSIVE PHOTO BY ALLAN JAMAIL / NORTH CHANNEL STAR
Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton talks to kids at Houston Children's Museum during a private party on January 19.

See CANDIDATE CLINTON, p. 8

Judge Emmett addresses State of the County

County Judge Calls for End to Political Divisiveness, United Effort to Address Local Challenges



Despite widespread criticism of government on a national and state level, County Judge Ed Emmett said in his 2016 State of the County Address this week that Harris County government consistently provides exceptional services to residents while maintaining an extremely strong financial position.

Emmett cited the county's AAA bond rating and recent improvements in emergency management, flood control, criminal justice and veterinary health as examples of county gov-

ernment's effectiveness.

"Harris County is one of the best run local governments in the country," Emmett said.

"The commissioners courts before I arrived made it so, and it is my primary goal to work with the current court to maintain that status."

But despite its successes, county leadership faces serious challenges in the coming years, especially in dealing with transportation, health care and the future of the Astrodome, Emmett said.

Emmett spoke to a record 1,100 people attending his ninth State of the County Address, sponsored by the Greater Houston Partner-

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Maritime Center now open for all maritime training



The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime Campus is now open. It is located at 3700 Old State Highway 146 in La Porte, Texas.

Photo credit: Jeannie Peng-Armaso

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SCHOOL / COMMUNITY

CHANNELVIEW ISD:

Crenshaw PTO helps students get in the 'swing' of things



Students enjoy the new swing set that was funded by Crenshaw Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. The PTO raised more than \$7,000 for the construction of the structure.

A generous gift from the Crenshaw Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has created another popular spot for students to enjoy on their campus playground.

Crenshaw's PTO raised more than \$7,000 for the construction of a new swing set and framing for landscaping around the structure. Professional construction crews installed the blue steel frame that holds six swings. PTO members purchased and spread the mulch at the base of the swings for the finishing touches.

According to Crenshaw nurse and PTO liaison Lillie Crist, parents con-

ducted a variety of fundraisers over the past year to make the students' dreams of the playground addition come true.

"Last year's Spring Festival was a huge fundraiser," Crist said. "It gave us a financial boost and helped the project to get off the ground."

Assistant Principal Kim Roberts said the new swing set sees plenty of activity during nice weather.

"On bright and sunny days, the kids can't wait to have their turn on the new swing set," she said. "We are very appreciative to our PTO for going the extra mile for our students."

GALENA PARK ISD:

North Shore Chorale performs



The North Shore Senior High School Chorale was invited to perform at the TASA (Texas Association of School Administrators) Conference, opening up for the first main assembly on Monday, January 26. Under the direction of Enrique Collazo and Adam Bendorf, the choir performed several numbers for the large crowd. Before the last notes of their patriotic finale faded from the room, the choir was met with a standing ovation.

SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

Maritime Technology and Training Center grand opening set

PASADENA, Texas — The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime Campus is now open for maritime training along the Port of Houston.

Located at 3700 Old State Highway 146 in La Porte, Texas, the 45,000-square-foot Maritime Technology and Training Center sits 14 feet above ground and is home to more than 40 maritime courses. "I have to say the new building looks amazing, and it really has a college maritime feel to it," said Jennifer Williams, who moved from New York a couple of years ago to at-

tend the San Jacinto College maritime transportation associate degree program. "Having the view of Bayport is great for incoming students and for them to be able to visually see the different types of vessels and piping systems."

Williams will spend her remaining semester training in the maritime center alongside the water as she completes courses in integrated operations, bridge resource management, and radar unlimited, before her second summer internship.

The ground level of the Maritime Technology and Training Center showcas-

es a training dock with lifeboats, davits, and fast rescue craft, and coming soon, a separate industry dock for crew changes. This also allows for vessel specific training for local maritime companies and serves as an aquatic training facility for sea survival and life raft training. There are 15 classrooms; engineering simulators to train maritime engineers for hydraulic, electric, pump control, motor control, heating and air conditioning, and refrigeration; and a multipurpose space for industry conferences and corporate partner meetings.

Highlights of the new

facility include the three ships bridge simulators, donated by the Houston Pilots in 2013. These room-sized replicas of ship control bridges are part of a 3,748 square-foot simulation suite, complete with instructor stations, debrief classrooms, and development stations.

San Jacinto College will host a grand opening for the Maritime Technology and Training Center on the Maritime Campus from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. For more information about San Jacinto College maritime, visit sanjac.edu/maritime.

Former GPISD culinary arts student to intern at Walt Disney

Ricardo Arenas, a former Galena Park High School culinary arts student and 2015 Johnson & Wales scholarship recipient is making tremendous progress in his studies. As a freshman, Ricardo was presented with the opportunity to intern at Walt Disney World in Florida. Marty Stout, Johnson & Wales Admissions Representative stated, "It is very rare that a freshman interns at Walt Disney World."



Chef Vasso Espinosa, his culinary arts instructor at Galena Park High School, isn't surprised by this honor. "Ricardo was always a hard worker and dedicated to learning. Whatever he sets as a goal, he will accomplish," Chef Vasso said.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Three arrested in home burglaries

(Harris County-TX)-HCSO Patrol Special Operations Crime Control Division (CCD) east district, are credited with arresting and charging three men involved in at least 5 home burglaries in the Channelview and Crosby area.

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016, members of the east district CCD unit conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an expired temporary license tag. While conducting the traffic stop, deputies A. Aulds and F. Salazar smelled an extremely strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle.

The driver Brian Bermudez, 22, and passenger Gerardo Guevara, 26, were detained. During the traffic stop, a complainant stopped and reported to deputies the vehicle was the same that was seen on video tape at a burglary of their residence earlier in the week.

The deputies went to the complainant's house, and the vehicle was matched to the one used in two separate burglaries of residence next door to each other.

A suspect then confessed to deputies his involvement in a series of house burglaries in the area.

The suspect then led



Gerardo Guevara Brian Bermudez



Guillermo Escutia Abel Escutia

deputies and CCD Sgt. S. Malkowsky to the residence where stolen property was kept. While arriving at the residence two other suspects, Guillermo Escutia and Abel Escutia, were detained after they were found to have marijuana and methamphetamine on their person.

Deputies received a consent to search form, and HCSO Safe Homes Unit investigators recovered over 70 items of stolen property totaling more than \$50,000.00 in value.

Numerous television sets, electronic goods and cameras, as well as high end designer hand bags and laptop computers.

Deputies also recovered two large bags of marijuana in the search.

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Seven Channelview Falcons sign letters of intent



Channelview Falcons signing college letters of intent to play football are, front row, from left, Lafayette Stephens Jr. (Southwestern University), Tre'Michael Tutt (Texas A&M-Kingsville), Anthony Means (Texas A&M-Commerce), Bishop Ozan (Howard Payne University), Darien Archie (Blinn Junior College) and Joel Soanes (Blinn Junior College). Another commitment, four-star quarterback Jalen Hurts, signed from the University of Alabama campus where he is enrolled. Hurts graduated from CHS in December. Congratulating the signees are their coaches, top row, from left D.J. McNorton, Terry Bunn, Head Coach Averion Hurts, Malcom Frank, Tim Jones, Ephraim Patterson and Randall Tannert.

Seven Channelview Falcons signed letters of intent to play college football and pursue their academic degrees on National Signing Day, Feb. 3.

Six of the Falcons signed their commitments at a special ceremony in front of family, friends, coaches and teammates at Channelview ISD's Bill Neal Center. Four-star quarterback Jalen Hurts, who graduated in December, officially signed his

scholarship papers to play for the Crimson Tide from the University of Alabama campus, where he is now attending classes.

During the local ceremonies, wide receiver Anthony Means signed to play for Texas A&M-Commerce, while Tre'Michael Tutt will take the field for Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Two additional wide receivers also signed letters of intent. Lafayette Stephens Jr. will attend

Southwestern University in Georgetown near Austin and Bishop Ozan committed to Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

A pair of Falcons will line up on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball for nationally-ranked Blinn Junior College in Brenham. Offensive lineman Joel Soanes and defensive end Darien Archie signed with the Buccaneers.

C. E. King High School Panthers sign letters of intent



Seated L to R: Javen James (LB) McMurry University; Anthony Oliver, (OL) Cisco Junior College; Johnathan Brantley (QB) Tulane University; Robert Oliver (OL) Cisco Junior College; Desmond Coleman (WR) Cisco Junior College. Not pictured: Trayveon Williams, RB, Texas A&M University (Williams was a December graduate and is currently enrolled at TAMU). Standing L to R: Joshua Sadler, Defensive Coordinator; Don Price, Head Football Coach Demetrius McCall, C. E. King HS Principal; Dwayne Nunez, Offensive Coordinator.

National Signing Day, which is usually on the first Wednesday of February, is the first day that a high school senior can sign a binding National Letter of Intent for college football with a school that is a

member of the United States National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

National Signing Day celebrations were held on the morning of Wednesday,

February 3, 2016 at C. E. King High School's Competition Gym.

Congratulations to the 2016 C. E. King Panther Football Players who signed letters of intent.

ement as the enemy, yet they want to be part of government. Such people have vilified government employees, yet they expect quality in emergency management, flood control and all other services.

We should encourage young, bright, talented individuals to join public service."

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ship and the League of Women Voters.

He concluded the event by calling on attendees to help him battle an increasingly pervasive pessimism regarding government and

government officials.

"I ask you to push back against those who want to play politics with county government," Emmett said. "In the world of politics, too many candidates see gov-

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OPINION PAGE

Rep. Wayne Smith helps secure donation for the Battleship Texas Foundation

Representative Wayne Smith (R, Baytown) today hosted Hal Lenox, the Western regional director of government affairs for General Motors, and announced the company's donation of \$10,000 to the Battleship TEXAS Foundation aboard the historical battleship alongside members of the Battleship TEXAS Foundation, members of the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board, and Conrad Garcia, Jr., President of the Chapter 22 Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

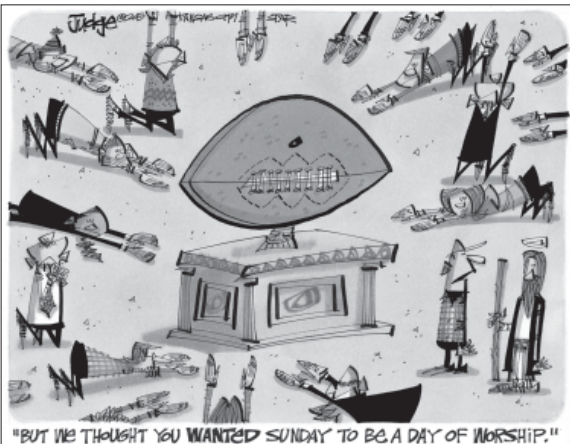
In 1948, the Texas Legislature permanently anchored the Battleship TEXAS near Buffalo Bayou and the Houston Ship Channel at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. The 100th anniversary of the Battleship TEXAS was recently celebrated, and many gathered to honor the battleship's legacy while paying tribute to the surviving crew members who proudly served on the ship during World War II.

"We are fortunate to have several of the most remarkable and thought-provoking landmarks in the state in our own backyard: the San Jacinto Battleground, Monument, Museum and the Battleship TEXAS," Rep. Smith said. "As a veteran, I am proud to support preserving this historical treasure as a symbol of our nation's military history. I want to thank General Motors for their generosity in recognizing the importance of donating to the preservation of this magnificent ship."

While the Battleship has taken on a lot of repairs in the past few years, Rep. Smith remains committed to raising funds to repair and hopefully one day dry berth the TEXAS in its current location. During the recent legislative session, Rep. Smith helped ensure \$25 million was allocated in the state budget to go toward repairs on the Battleship TEXAS. Both state and federal entities responsible for the ship's well-being are moving forward with a repair initiative to improve the ship's overall sustainability and keep her afloat until more funds can be raised to permanently dry berth the ship.

"I am continuously grateful for the generosity and support of the numerous individuals and organizations that have a strong interest in this project," Rep. Smith said. "I specifically want to thank the Advisory Board as they have had a large part in supporting this cause with me. Jimmy Burke and Calvin Mundinger, former Mayors of Deer Park and Baytown, have a lengthy and cherished relationship with the Battleship and I believe it is imperative that we continue to keep our local leaders and community involved in the preservation of this ship so that our future generations will be able to visit and continue to enjoy this national treasure as we all have been blessed to do."

To learn more or to make a donation, please visit www.BattleshipTEXAS.org.



TxDOT awaits go-ahead signal for gridlock-reducing projects

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation on Jan. 27 reported that on average, Texas drivers in five of the state's largest metropolitan areas lose about 52 hours and \$1,200 annually due to traffic congestion.

Upon approval by its oversight body, the Texas Transportation Commission, TxDOT plans to improve drive times and reduce costs through what it calls an accelerated \$1.3 billion effort addressing gridlock in some of the state's most congested areas.

"The major metro areas of Texas — Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio — represent more than two-thirds of the state's population and 97 percent of the state's most congested roads," said Texas Transportation Commissioner J. Bruce Bugg Jr.

"These areas see some of the worst congestion in the nation. We've just completed a listening tour in these major areas and have gathered valuable local input from transportation leaders regarding their priorities and where we can quickly address some needs. This is the initial phase of a new statewide plan to address congestion," he said.

If adopted, these metro area projects will begin construction to enhance existing efforts and address gridlock on the state highway system. The projects, which add up to more than 42 miles, include interchanges, flyovers and congestion relief efforts at some of the state's worst choke points. They will be funded using \$1.3 billion made available through ending the use of diversions of highway money by other agencies, according to TxDOT.

"For years we've been committed to addressing congestion, and this year we're getting a jumpstart

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on that part of our core mission," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "As the severity of congestion in the Lone Star State continues to grow, we are committed to delivering projects many Texans need and deserve to reduce the amount of time they spend in traffic."

The Texas Transportation Commission also will consider another \$800 million in additional funding for connectivity and safety, maintenance, repairs to the energy sector and border infrastructure funding. The commission is expected to vote on all these projects when it considers the quarterly Unified Transportation Plan at its monthly meeting on Feb. 25.

Resettlement prompts suit

The Texas Health & Human Services Commission on Jan. 26 filed suit in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, in response to the federal government's acknowledgement that a family of seven Syrian ref-

ugees had arrived in Texas as Jan. 22 without state authorities being officially informed in compliance with a Dec. 7 court order requiring such notification.

The state agency contends that because the group of refugees "presumably includes a military-aged male," the state's security has been harmed, and at minimum, "Texas is entitled to see the person-specific information related to Syrian refugees the Defendants intend to re-settle to Texas."

Disaster assistance sought

Gov. Greg Abbott on Jan. 26 declared a state of disaster and requested individual assistance for Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Franklin, Rockwall and Van Zandt Counties. Abbott also requested public assistance for Bailey, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Ellis, Hall, Hardeman, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Kaufman, Kent, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Navarro, Parmer, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Titus and Van Zandt counties.

The declaration comes after preliminary damage assessments were finalized and federal declaration criteria were met. If President Obama grants Abbott's request, affected citizens in those counties may apply for federal individual assistance grants of up to \$33,000 and low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In addition to the counties included in the presidential disaster declaration request, Abbott added Hockley, Liberty, Terry and Wichita Counties to the state disaster declaration issued on Dec. 27. "Public Assistance" grants can be for emergency work (debris removal and emergency protective measures) and permanent work on roads and bridges, water control facilities, buildings and equipment, utilities, parks, recreational facilities and other items.

"The severe weather that swept through Texas last December devastated many homes, businesses and lives," Abbott said. "A disaster declaration will provide Texans the resources needed to begin rebuilding after this tragedy."

Registration deadline passes

Feb. 1 was the deadline to register to vote in Texas' March 1 Primary Election and the May 26 primary runoff election.

Those whose registration was completed on time are free to vote in either the Republican or Democratic Primary, but not both. Early voting begins Feb. 16 and continues through Feb. 26.

The deadline to request a ballot by mail is Feb. 19.

★ OPINION

What to bring the tax preparer

(NAPSI)—While a plate of cookies may be nice to bring a hostess, what your tax preparer would prefer (at least in the office) is that you bring in the proper paperwork. Here's a list of the most likely paperwork to provide:

What You'll Need

1. Last year's return, the last two years if this is your first appointment. Chances are much of the information—Social Security numbers, address and the like—will be the same, saving everybody time and reducing the risk of errors.

2. Your W-2. W-2s must be mailed to employees by January 31. They show your income and how much you've already paid in income taxes. If you've had more than one job this year, you need a W-2 form from each of them.

3. 1099s. If you're a freelancer or part-time worker, you should have 1099 forms from everyone for whom you've worked this year. These forms are also used to report earned interest, cancellation of debt, dividends received and proceeds from broker transactions.

4. Receipts for donations. Keep the receipts for all charitable event sponsorships, money or food for holiday charities and any other money donations. Keep a list of items and the values you assigned them along with the receipts for any household goods, toys and clothing donations. If you volunteer, keep a record of your mileage and other expenses.

5. 1098 forms. Homeowners can deduct mortgage interest. Also deductible are student loan interest and tuition paid to colleges and universities.

6. If you have a home office, you can deduct some of your rent, mortgage, utilities and so on. Bring any relevant receipts.

7. If you've been looking for work, bring receipts for whatever the search has cost you—transportation, paying to join a job search website, hiring a résumé writer or taking relevant courses.

This list should get you started, but a tax expert such as an enrolled agent (EA) will let you know about any additional documentation needed to complete your return.

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Linda Jernigan Head

Services for Linda (Lyn) Jernigan Head, 68, of Tyler, were held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Chaplain Tim Wade officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Ms. Head passed away Friday, January 29, 2016 at home.

She was born January 12, 1948 in Center, TX, to Johnnie and LaVida Jernigan.

She graduated from Crosby High School in 1965 and attended Durham College in Wichita Falls, TX. from 1966 to 1968. Lyn held the position of Secretary (Queen B) with H&H X-Ray Services.

Lyn was preceded in death by her former husband Roy Head Sr. and her

parents Johnnie and LaVida Jernigan, all of Tyler.

She is survived by her loving family including her brother Jay Jernigan and wife Pam of Georgetown, TX., her sister Shirley Tarver and husband Glen of Tyler, their adopted brother Johnny Dale Baumbach of Crosby, her sons Roy Dean Head Jr and wife Denise of Bullard, Clint Head and fiancé Shannon Mercer of Flint, Grandchildren Tyanne Head John and husband Matt of Bullard, Jayden Mercer of Flint along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Tim Brittain, Matt John, Judd Long, Coty Carnes, Tommy Dickerson and Jamie Sawyer.

Honorary pallbearers were Steven Phillips, Chris Balliet and Dylan Searcy.

If desired, memorials may be made to any Shriners organization.

Charles Edwin Martin Sr.

Charles Edwin Martin Sr., age 79, went to be with the Lord on Saturday January 30, 2016.

He was born in Rosebud, Texas on March 15, 1936 to Florence Eugene White Martin and Edwin Leon Martin. He was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous friends. He was a proud Retired United States Air Force Veteran after serving 20 years, served with the Port of Houston for 13 years and retiring as the Chief of Police. He served as a Deputy with the Harris County Sheriff's office and also retiring there after seven years. He was a very loving, caring and honorable gentleman, always concerned about others, and a devoted father who had a strong love for his family and his God. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



He is preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Alice E. "Jean" Matthews and Vivian Y. (Yvonne) Kluck.

Charles is survived by his children, Cheryl DeLoach (and husband, Walter); Wendy Tristan (and husband, Fernando); Charles E. Martin Jr. (and wife, Nicole) and Frank L. Martin (and wife, Tracy). His grandchildren, Karl Carlson III, Jason DeLoach, Amy Terrazas, Jeff DeLoach, Jacob Wood-

all, Cristofer Martin, Dalton Tristan, Haleigh Martin, Hannah Martin and Colton Martin; his great-grandchildren, Aleksandra Terrazas, Kaylee DeLoach, Gavin DeLoach, Arabella Terrazas and Abel Terrazas; his brother, Jimmy R. Martin and his sister, Mary Ann Cobb (and husband, Norman). Also survived by other relatives and friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Thursday evening February 4, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.. Services will be held at Highlands Baptist Church 111 Canal St. on Friday afternoon February 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Interment will be in Sterling-White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562.

To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

God Is On The Job

The earth is spinning on its axis at over 1000 miles per hour and is traveling around the sun in its yearly orbit at approximately 18 miles per second, yet does anyone feel dizzy? Do you even feel any motion? So is it not possible that the Lord is at work though we cannot see or feel Him?

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 2:13, "We thank God continually because, when you received the word of God you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe."

Danny R. Biddy, Pastor of the Church on Old River since 1977.

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CRCU presents check to Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation



David Frazier (fourth from left), CEO of Community Resource Credit Union, presents a check to Kathy Clausen, Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation president, as CRCU's gold level donation to the Education Foundation. Also pictured are (from left) Mike Wilson, vice president of finance and governance; Sandra Bell, vice president of marketing and events; Jim Wadzinski, vice president of development; Roxie Krisher, Foundation Board member; Barbara Walling, Foundation Board member; Barbara Wilson, Foundation member at large and Gilbert Santana, Foundation immediate past president.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of 1 Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. "All things are possible to him that believeth" is from what book's 9:23? Psalms, Malachi, Mark, Ephesians
3. What/where is the longest verse of the Bible? Matthew 2:6, Esther 8:9, Romans 9:7, Luke 6:1
4. "Absent in body, but present in spirit" is from what book's 5:3? 1 Corinthians, 1 Timothy, 1 Peter, 1 John
5. From Judges 14, who called his wife a heifer? Saul, Elijah, Samson, Peter
6. What was the Hebrew name of Paul? Simon Peter, Andrew, Haggai, Saul

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Mark; 3) Esther 8:9; 4) 1 Corinthians; 5) Samson; 6) Saul

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me. Come, my beloved, let us spend the night in the villages. Let us rise early and go to the vineyards; let us see whether the vine has budded and its blossoms have opened... there I will give you my love.

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- **Loss of health** – If you were ill or injured, you might be out of work for weeks or months. Your employer may offer you some type of disability insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient. So you may also want to purchase an individual plan to cover as much of your after-tax income as possible. You'll have the flexibility to create a policy that is tailored to your needs, budget and overall financial goals. However, policies vary widely in cost and benefits, so you'll want to shop around for the coverage that best meets your needs.

ASK THE EXPERT

By Edward Jones

- **Loss of life** – Death may be an uncomfortable topic to discuss. However, if you were to pass away, it would be emotionally devastating to your loved ones – but it could also be financially catastrophic. Would your family still be able to pay the mortgage? Could your surviving spouse afford to send your kids to college? Without

life insurance, your death could leave your family without the ability to cover financial obligations. The exact amount you require depends on a variety of factors, such as your family's expenses, size of family, savings needs over time, and so on. Generally speaking, you can choose between two broad categories of insurance: term and permanent. Term insur-

ance, as the name suggests, is designed for a specific number of years and only provides a death benefit. Permanent insurance is typically more expensive, because, in addition to the death benefit, it offers a savings component. A financial professional can help guide you through your options to determine which one is appropriate for your needs.

- **Loss of property** – If you own a home, you already have homeowners insurance, but it doesn't hurt to periodically check your policy to make sure it's kept up with any improvements or additions you've made to your house or other property. If you're under-covered, and had to pay out-of-pocket for some major damage, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. And while you're making sure your property is covered, you might also want to consider adding "umbrella" coverage, which can provide extra protection to you in case someone is injured at your home, or even at an event at which you may be in charge, such as a Scout meeting.

With luck, you can avoid all the threats to your financial security and that of your family. But you can't count on always being lucky – so you need to take "financial disaster preparedness" measures soon.

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Diamond Jim: "Should I be buying gold and silver?"



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1. Convert at least 50% of your portfolio into cash and gold.

Now you might think that 50% is a lot to put in cash and gold... but the truth is, liquid investments like these are key to avoiding market volatility. And they allow you to quickly pounce on the once-in-a-decade opportunities that will emerge from the financial wreckage. But if you haven't begun to build your cash stockpile, don't panic... You still have time. Since the market peaked in May, the average stock in the S&P 500 is only down 11%. But I predict a lot more downside still lies ahead of us. I think we'll eventually see the average stock in the S&P 500 decline more than 30%."

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Monthly dance is the 2nd Thursday, Feb. 11, from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

San Jacinto Pilot Club

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Mr. Gatti's on Uvalde at noon.

North Channel Library events

-Friday, Feb. 5 & Saturday, Feb. 6 Library Book Sale.
-Mon., Feb. 8, 6 pm, Klds' Craft Black History Month: Djembe Drum Making.
-Tue., Feb., 9, 10:30 am, Toodler Time; 1:30 pm, Deussen Park's Traveling Naturalist.
-Wed., Feb., 10, 4:30 pm, Valentine Kids' Craft.
-Thur., Feb., 11, 10:30 am, Baby Time; 12 pm, AARP Tax Help; 4:30 pm, Me&Teen Valentines' Day.
-Saturday, Feb. 13, 11-12:30 pm, Ask A Lawyer.
Library is located at 15741 Wallisville Rd., Houston, TX. 77049. Call 281-457-1631 for more information on other programs.

Chamber Gala,

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The Ambassador of the Year award went to Charlotte Jackson of San Jacinto College.

The Board Member of the Year was awarded to Joe Stephens.

Committee Member of the Year was Allatia Harris of San Jacinto College.

Two Business of the Year were recognized with awards: Mike Williams of Edward Jones, and Ronnie Dwaury of Bestway Oilfield.

The Dr. Ed Lehr Chairman's award, named for the first chairman of the chamber, was awarded to Lucia Bates of LB Marketing Solutions.

The evening closed with remarks and thank-you's from the outgoing chairman, Kim Gonzalez, and introductory remarks from the new chairman, Lucia Bates.

Silver sponsors of the Gala included CenterPoint Energy, East Houston Regional Medical Center, Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, LyondellBasell, Physicians ER, Port of Houston Authority, United Community Credit Union, and Woodforest National Bank.



Speaker Grant Taylor, Buck Commander



Retiring board members Allatia Harris, Greg Ollis



Award to Ken Jones for service to the community



Lucia Bates presents a present to Kim Gonzalez

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FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE - PCT. 3 PLACE 1

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- North Channel Chamber of Commerce Board Member
- Barrett Station Civic League President
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- Masters Degree in Business Administration (B.A. & M.B.A.)
- Former HOUSTON KICKER
- Small Business Owner (The Joe Stephens Insurance Agency)
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- Businessman, Husband, Father

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CANDIDATE CLINTON,

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a proper education so they can reach their goals.

Hillary told the story of her mother, Dorothy Rodham, who was abandoned as a child and sent to live with abusive grandparents. At age 14, Rodham left her grandparents' home and went to work as a nanny. Through the kindness of her em-

ployer she got a high school education and was able to overcome the obstacles of her childhood.

Clinton finished by saying, "My mom's life and what she went through are big reasons why standing up for kids and families became such a big part of my life."

SAN JAC COLLEGE MLB players to be honored

San Jacinto College will honor former students and coaches who have excelled in collegiate and professional baseball at the Legends ceremony, to be held Friday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park, located at the San Jacinto College North Campus, 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

As the next Constable for Precinct 3, Michel Pappillon promises to...



- Mandate every officer in his administration undergo a psychological evaluation every five years, so that all officers are given the opportunity to prove their sanity according to the five year schedule.
- Will use the influence of his authority to Lobby Texas Legislature to ensure psychological evaluations are done every five years.
- Work to improve the police and citizen relationship.
- Mandate that officers receive More Shoot/Don't Shoot Training.
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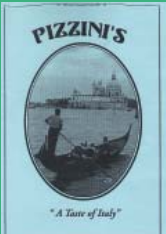


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