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## CHANNEL CHATTER

### SHELDON FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW JAN 12-13

The annual Sheldon FFA Open Livestock Show will be Jan. 12-13 at the Sheldon Agriculture Center, 17522 Beaumont Highway, Houston, Texas 77049.

**Thursday, Jan. 12**  
Pigs, Lambs, and Goats  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Open Show Check-In  
7 p.m. - Ring A: Pigs  
Ring B: Lambs/Goats  
\*Showmanship \$5 at the gate after each show.

**Friday, Jan. 13**  
Steers and Heifers  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. -  
Open Show Check-In  
7 p.m.: Open Show  
Steer, followed by Open Show Heifer  
\*Showmanship \$5 at the gate after each show.

### North Channel Chamber Gala

Saturday, January 28th, 2017. Social: 6:00 pm. Past Chairmen GROUP PICTURE: 6:30 pm. (All past chairmen must report to the ballroom dancefloor). Dinner - 7:00 pm. Location: Houston Hobby Airport Marriott, 9100 Gulf Frwy, 77017. RSVP to Blanca@ncchamber.com for this special event.

### HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB 42nd Annual CHILI FEAST

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## Jacinto City plans improvements to Fire Station

Jacinto City is planning to upgrade their current fire station, with a renovation of the existing building and adding space for personnel and equipment. In November, City Council approved a contract with the architectural firm Hoffman-Liu Design Associates and TDCK Architects, Inc., to draw plans for the work.

According to the contract, an addition to the north side of the existing building will be built. It will be two stories, approximately 32 x 60 feet for a total of 3840 square feet of new space.

The architect has entered into preliminary discussions with the city and the fire department, to determine details of their See Fire Station, page 4



## Lt. Governor Patrick on opening of Texas' 85th Legislative Session

AUSTIN – Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued the following statement on the opening of the 85th legislative session: "As the Capitol welcomes legislators from all over the State of Texas, I am proud to gavel-in the opening of the Texas Senate for the 85th session of the Texas Legislature. "Our state faces many challenges this session, but I have great confidence in the commitment of the hard-working senators of this state and the people of Texas who elected them. In all our deliberations, maintaining our conservative principles and protecting Texas values will be our top priority. "I have announced my top 25 priorities for this session and I am eager to get to work."



Lt. Governor Patrick

property taxes in the nation and the high rates are taxing people out of their homes and hampering business growth. This must change.

**SB 3 – School Choice** – There is broad support for legislation to ensure that every parent has the option to send their child to the school they believe is best for them.

**SB 4 – Sanctuary Cities** – No city in Texas should be allowed

to ignore the law. We will end this practice once and for all this session.

**SB 5 – Photo Voter ID** – Nothing is more critical to our democracy than the integrity of the voting process. Photo Voter ID is essential.

**SB 6 – Women's Privacy Act** – A majority of Texans in both political parties and in every ethnic and demographic group believe that women and girls should have privacy and safety in their restrooms, showers and locker rooms. Unfortunately, legislation is necessary to assure that they do.

**SB 7 – Inappropriate Teacher-Student Relationships – "Pass the Trash"** – With the rapid increase in the number of inappropriate teacher-student relationships, legislation is needed to strengthen the reporting and training requirements, and establish appropriate penalties. Priority must be given to protecting our students at every level of the school system.

**SB 8 – Fetal Tissue/Partial**

See Legislative Session, Page 4

## Stephens sworn in as new Judge



JOE STEPHENS takes the oath of office on January 1, 2017 administered by retiring Judge Mike Parrott. He is now Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3, Place 1. The ceremony took place at the Harris County Jim Fonteno Courthouse on Wallisville Road. With Stephens is his wife, and off camera a large number of well wishers. A reception followed the swearing in ceremony. Stephens is well known in the community, having played championship basketball for North Shore, and later for the Houston Rockets and other professional teams. Besides his insurance business, he also has been a member of the Galena Park ISD board of trustees. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 8

## LEGISLATION

### Rep. Gene Green makes Statement on Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Gene Green (TX-29) released the following statement today after the 115th Congress convened:

"It's an honor to represent Houstonians and our City in the 115th Congress. In Washington and at home I am constantly working so that our constituents' voices are represented and so that our region has the policies and resources in place needed for it to be successful and prosperous.

"As we look to future, it is critical that we come together to put people before politics and craft responsible, fair, and sensible policies that will move our nation forward.

"That is why I remain committed to fighting for the 20,000 constituents in the 29th Congressional District and the 20 million Americans who now have access to health care coverage because of the Affordable Care Act and to fighting efforts to undo the executive actions that have kept immigrant families from being split apart through deportation. I will push for legislation that strengthens and protects the American economy and increases our job base, ensures veterans receive the benefits they earned, and protects programs like Social Security, Medicaid, and CHIP which provide rungs for Americans to move up the economic ladder."



## SAN JAC COLLEGE LAW ENFORCEMENT

### Caldwell appointed to lead police department

New chief brings more than 30 years of experience to the position

PASADENA, Texas – Bruce Caldwell has been named Chief of Police at San Jacinto College, bringing with him more than 30 years of law enforcement and public safety experience.

Caldwell, who has served as the interim chief of police at San Jacinto College since December 2015, will oversee a San Jacinto College police force of 44 full-time officers that monitor all four San Jacinto College campuses, 10 extension centers and the College administration office. He will also oversee the College's emergency management department and provide leadership for campus safety, crime prevention, parking and traffic control. Caldwell is the

ninth police chief in the history of the department.

"I am honored to be appointed as the Chief of the San Jacinto College police department," said Caldwell, who officially assumed the role on Jan. 1, 2017. "I am excited to continue working with the College administration and the command staff of the police department to provide quality police services to the San Jacinto College community."

Caldwell has been with the San Jacinto College police department since April 2013, when he began as a police lieutenant. In that role he managed investigations,



Bruce Caldwell assumed the role of Chief of Police at San Jacinto College effective Jan. 1, 2017. Photo credit: Jeannie Peng Mansur, San Jacinto College marketing, public relations and government affairs department.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Goose Creek Memorial CTE Expansion Open for Business

Seniors Kaylee Davidson (left) and Mason Pitts work with the application Photo Booth in the new Commercial Photography (Mac) Lab at Goose Creek Memorial High School. The lab is part of the Career and Technology Education (CTE) expansion, which includes nine classrooms upstairs, a full ROTC complex, welding and industrial labs, a flex room for business accounting and a counselors' office complex. Staff and students were able to move in to most of the classrooms and labs as they returned from the holidays.



Photos by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Leah Hopper (second from right), Commercial Photography and Graphic Design and Illustration (Yearbook) teacher, works with juniors (from left) Martin Goraksin and Raven Williams and senior Nisa Ollivierre in the new Commercial Photography (Mac) Lab, part of the Career and Technology Education (CTE) expansion at Goose Creek Memorial High School. Most of the classrooms were ready for use when students returned to school Wednesday after the holidays. Also included in the expansion is a full ROTC complex, with an indoor firing range for soft pellets and two classrooms, along with welding and industrial labs, a flex room for business accounting, and an office complex for counselors. The nine classrooms upstairs include two science labs that meet standards for Lee College, an engineering lab and a classroom for Principles of Human Services.

## GCC ISD Spelling Bee Winners



Gentry Junior School spelling bee winners are (from left) Jacqueline Correa, 2nd place; Madeleine Broussard, 1st place and Allen Cosep, 3rd place. Broussard will advance to the district spelling bee. The Gentry spelling bee sponsor is Lisa Whitaker.

## GCM receives 'Attendance Award'



Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

Goose Creek Memorial High School received the Attendance Award for having the highest high school attendance rate – 93.45 percent - for the second six weeks. Randal O'Brien (back left), Goose Creek CISD superintendent, and Al Richard (back middle), Goose Creek CISD board president, congratulate Christie Speights (back right), GCM academic dean, (front, from left) Susan Jackson, GCM principal, Dustin Fikac and Aaron Salinas at a recent meeting of the GCCISD Board of Trustees.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## GALENA PARK ISD Green Valley Elementary expands Library Collection



Green Valley Elementary (GVE) was awarded the 2016 Laura Bush Foundation of America's Libraries grant. This grant provides schools with new books, so the library can extend and diversify their book collection and encourage students to develop a passion for reading and learning. "The students are so excited to read the new books," said Ms. Bremner, GVE school librarian. "I am so thankful we received this grant to add to our growing library collection." With the grant, Green Valley was able to purchase over 400 books ranging from bilingual to graphic novels. The Green Valley Gators can't wait to check out their new books!

## Legislative Session,

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**Birth Abortion** – We will continue to fight to protect the dignity and sanctity of life by increasing criminal penalties for buying or selling human fetal tissue, among other protections, and we will ban partial birth abortion in Texas.

**SB 9 – Spending Cap** – We will continue to fight to strengthen the state spending limit so our government lives within its means.

**SB 10 – Hailstorm Lawsuit Reform** – We will rein in the hailstorm lawsuit abuse that is damaging local economies around our state.

**SB 11 – DFPS Child Protection Bill** – SB 11 will strengthen our ability to protect Texas children by enhancing investigations to reduce abuse and neglect and

ensure child safety, addressing access to appropriate treatment and placement options, improving foster care contract oversight and accountability, and strengthening adoptions.

**SB 12 – Protective Vests for Police** – Texas has over 77,000 licensed law enforcement officers and our state has lost more law enforcement officers in the line of duty than any state in America. SB 12 will ensure that the safety of police officers across the state is a top priority, including helping provide police with protective vests capable of stopping high-caliber bullets. Some of the officers killed in the

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## Police Department,

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assisted with crime prevention and training programs, and oversaw the dispatch staff and other personnel. He was also responsible for data collection and analysis, policy revision, budget management and planning, and handled citizen complaints.

"Chief Caldwell has demonstrated quality leadership abilities over the last year," said Mr. Chet Lewis, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs. "I know that he will be successful moving forward in his role as chief of police for our College."

Prior to joining the San Jacinto College police force, Caldwell served 25 years with the Sugar Land Police Department. He be-

gan with that department in 1988 as a police officer and worked his way up to police lieutenant. His duties throughout his time with the Sugar Land PD ranged from patrol officer and evidence handling and submission, to police detective and sergeant managing officer schedules and conducting in-depth criminal investigations before moving into the lieutenant role. During his time with the Sugar Land PD Caldwell was named a distinguished employee.

Caldwell's experience also includes work as a deputy constable with the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office, Houston Community College and Houston Independent

## Former Sheldon ISD Board Member recognized



Pictured (from left) Sheldon ISD Superintendent King Davis and Keith Norwood.

Former Sheldon ISD School Board Member (Place 1) Keith Norwood was recognized at Tuesday's SISKD Board meeting for his eight years of service on the board since 2008.

Norwood is employed at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church as the Director of Operations where he also serves as a Deacon

and dedicated worker in various ministries of the Church. He also serves as the President of the Sheldon Youth Basketball League.

Norwood and his wife are the parents of two daughters, one who recently graduated from King High School.

## Proposed textbook adoptions to be available for public review

Textbooks and materials being considered for adoption for the 2017-2018 school year will be available for members of the Channelview ISD community to review during a public viewing from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23 at Channelview

High School.

Under Proclamation 2017, the following materials are up for adoption: Career and Technical Education, Languages Other Than English, Special Topics in Social Studies, Algebraic Reasoning and Statistics.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Sheldon ISD Science, Technology Fair**  
Sheldon ISD's Science and Technology Fair will be Jan. 11 at Carroll Elementary. The events will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in both the gymnasium and cafeteria.

**Channelview Senior Citizens Garage Sale**  
Neighborhood Garage Sale, Sponsored by Channelview Senior Citizens.  
Saturday January 21st 9AM – 2PM.  
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**The Buckshot Jamboree**  
Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

**Galena Park Senior Dance**  
Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

**North Shore Senior Dance**  
North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday 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 meeting**  
The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at LyondellBasell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit [www.SanJacintoPilot.com](http://www.SanJacintoPilot.com).

**JC/GP Metro Go Texan BBQ Cook-Off**  
The Jacinto City/Galena Park Metro Go Texan Subcommittee of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is once again hosting its annual BBQ Cook-Off. This will take place January 13-14, 2017, at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion located on Wallisville Road. All proceeds raised at this event go toward awarding scholarships to deserving high school senior from Galena Park High School and North Shore Senior High. Our committee is responsible for multiple \$18,000 scholarships.

They are in need of VIP Judges on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Please contact Terri Moore at [tmoores@galenaparkisd.com](mailto:tmoores@galenaparkisd.com), phone: 832-832-1063 or text: 832-256-5079.

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# COMMUNITY PAGE

## SHELDON ISD: ElementaryS tudents collect items for humane sociaty



As part of their service learning project, Sheldon ISD gifted and talented students from each elementary campus collected more than 500 items to donate to the Humane Society.

## Legislative Session Part II,

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deadly Dallas sniper ambush earlier this year had bullet-proof vests that were ineffective against high-caliber rounds.

**SB 13 – Union Dues** – SB 13 will ensure taxpayer funds are not used to support the collection of union dues.

**SB 14 – Ethics Reform** – SB 14 will strengthen Texas ethics laws, and ensure government officials and employees are held to high standards that inspire the public's confidence in a transparent and ethically principled government.

**SB 15 – First Responder Property Tax Relief** – SB 15 will create a homestead tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a first responder killed in the line of duty. The bill will include spouses of previously deceased responders.

**SB 16 – License To Carry Fee Reform** – SB 16 will continue to support 2nd Amendment rights by making lawful carry more affordable for the average law abiding citizen. Texas currently has one of the highest License to Carry fees in the country, and we

will fix that.

**SB 17 – Franchise Tax Reduction** – SB 17 will continue to explore phase-out options of the franchise tax.

**SB 18 – Tuition Set-Asides** – SB 18 will stop Texas families from being forced to subsidize college costs for others.

**SB 19 – Tuition Reform** – The state has increased funding for higher education, but tuition and fees have continued to rise. Taxpayers must be assured they are getting a quality education at a cost they can afford. SB 19 will prevent tuition and fees from continuing to outpace what hard-working Texans earn.

**SB 20 – Prohibiting Abortion Insurance Coverage** – It's imperative that we continue to fight for life and for those who do not have a voice. SB 20 will protect Texans from being forced to pay for someone else's decision to end an innocent life.

**SB 21 – Convention of States** – I support the efforts of Governor Greg Abbott in adopting a call for an Article V "Convention of States" to limit the power of the

federal government.

**SB 22 – Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)** – By targeting workforce-ready partnerships between K-12, higher education and industry, we will continue to improve our workforce and prepare students to be successful in today's competitive and rapidly changing economy.

**SB 23 – E-Verify** – I will continue the efforts of the Texas Legislature in the electronic verification of employment authorization. This will ensure that individuals employed by state partners are also authorized for employment.

**SB 24 – Religious Liberty – Sermon Safeguard** – The Senate will continue to protect the most fundamental First Amendment religious liberty rights by protecting pastors from forced testimony and shielding sermons from government subpoena power.

**SB 25 – Wrongful Birth** – The Senate will continue to fight to protect and value the lives of children born with disabilities by prohibiting this cause of action in Texas.

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## Jacinto City plans improvements to Fire Station

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needs.

The new addition will include a Day Room/Training Room, 2 offices for captains, a chief's office, EMS supply storage, firemen's gear storage, kitchen, an interview or isolation room, and toilets and stairs on the first floor. An enclosed outdoor patio will be off the day room.

On the second floor, there will be bunk rooms for 6 firemen, and lockers, laundry, showers and toilets. Facilities will be provided for both men and women fire personnel.

Extensive renovation is required in the existing building due to its age and wear. Planned for the building are new overhead doors, a new truck bay, new exercise room, and equipment storage.

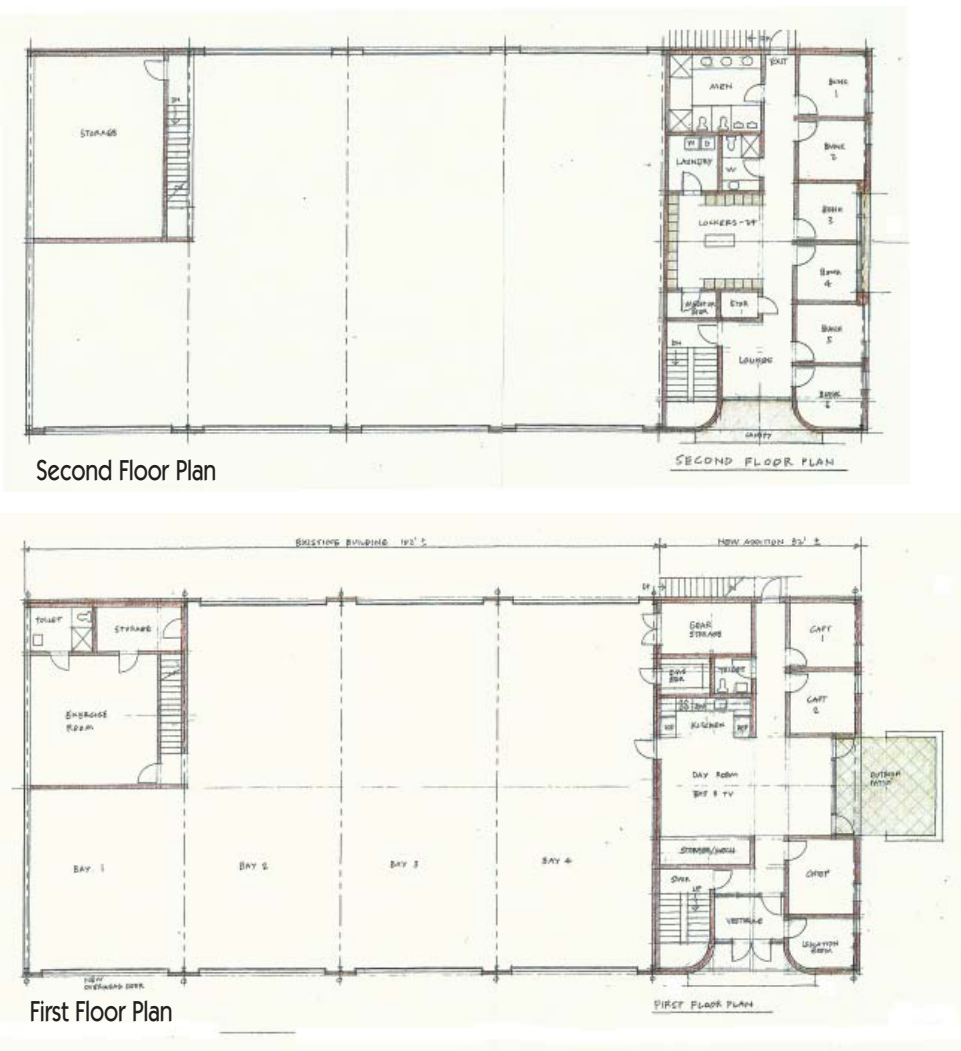
In addition, electrical service and security service need upgraded and replaced due to its age.

The existing building is about 50 years old, and has had minimal remodeling over the years. City Manager Lon Squires, and Fire Chief Rebecca Meir, have indicated the work is required to continue to provide adequate EMS and fire service to the community.

City Council was shown preliminary drawings at their regular meeting on August 11. The drawings show a brick veneer building, with an entrance facing Mercury Drive. New overhead doors and a brick facade over the existing metal building are indicated, although those items are subject to the budget.

The preliminary project cost has been calculated at \$500,000, but the work will be offered for public bid to contractors, for a final price.

The current schedule is to complete the drawings in the spring, and complete construction before the end of the year.





LIFESTYLE

OBITUARIES

Gilbert Guerra

Gilbert Guerra, 79, of Channelview, Texas, passed away on December 25, 2016.

Visitation was held on Friday, December 30, 2016 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm with a Rosary at 12:00 pm; funeral service was held at 1:00 pm, at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg, Highlands, Texas.

Gilbert worked for many years at T.E. Mercer Co., then at AMF/Tuboscope. He retired after working for them for 18 years. He was a member of St. Andrews Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rosie Guerra, and children:



John, Joe, Gilbert, Christy Edwards, Irene Guerra, and Rita Cozior.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family please visit [www.sterlingwhite.com](http://www.sterlingwhite.com).

Marian Ruth Claybaugh

Marian Ruth Brandon Claybaugh was born in Garber, Oklahoma on August 3, 1933. She passed away peacefully on December 14, 2016 at the age of 83 in Crosby, Texas following a long illness with Parkinson's disease.

Predeceasing her were her parents Arthur Brandon and Louise White, and four siblings – Dixie, Clea, Betty, and Gene. Surviving her is husband Dr. Bill Claybaugh and two daughters, Louise Brown and Jeanette Schade with husband David Schade DDS. Grandchildren include Dr. Kyle Brown with wife Catherine Dunlap, Dr. Kimberly Rogers with husband Trevor Rogers, and Eric Schrimsher with wife Kathleen Schrimsher. Marian's great grandchildren are Elizabeth "Elsie" Brown and Thomas Brown.

Marian grew up in Oklahoma, and as an adult, lived in several states and traveled extensively throughout the world.

Marian enjoyed many interests including cooking, sewing, china painting, collecting antique furniture, pie baking and flower arranging. She held several positions of leadership in the Newport Garden Club and Federation of Garden Clubs of Houston, including President.

Marian wants to be remembered as someone who "always wanted to learn something new."

The family is very grateful for the caregivers who have helped Marian during the past few years, Janet Coker and Mary Urban. Following cremation in Baytown, Texas coordinated by the Earthman Funeral Home, a memorial service for Marian is planned in Enid, Oklahoma.

Arrangements were under the direction of Earthman Funeral Home, 3919 Garth Rd., Baytown, TX 77521; (281) 422-8181. To view the online obituary and post a tribute for the family, visit [www.earthmanbaytown.com](http://www.earthmanbaytown.com).



Arthur Ray Board III

Arthur Ray Board III, 65, passed away January 5, 2017 surrounded by his family in Houston, Texas. Arthur was born February 23, 1951 to parents Arthur Ray, II and Maxine (Peterson) Board in Houston, Texas.

Arthur married the love of his life, Sharon on August 23, 1968 and they raised a large family in the community that they loved. Arthur served his community and touched so many lives in different ways. He cared for his family as well as helping other children, and did so on the Sheldon ISD school board, as a 4H Leader, and coaching little league baseball.

Arthur was also dedicated to his position as an Operations Coordinator at Lyondell Chemical until retiring. He was an avid sports fan, and loved his Houston teams, especially the Texans and Astros.

Arthur is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lavada Board Wolf; and brother, Tommy Leonard. He is lovingly survived by his wife of 48 years, Sharon Board; children, Arthur Board IV and wife Tracy Pace, Ronnie Board and wife Laura, Jeffrey Board, Gregg Board and wife Tiffany, Sandra Board, and his "favorite daughter", Jenny Dornak and husband David Plunkett; sister, Linda Theriot and brother, David Harrison; grandchildren, CeCe Pace, Taylor Board, Ashlyn Board, Justin Music, Kristin Music, Tiffani Music, Amber Brohawn, Amie Cowl, Brenden and Stephanie Board, Tyler Robbins, Haylee Board, Kimberlee Board, Rylee Board, Kadin Swearingen, Trevor Jones, Kendall Dornak, Daren Dornak, Jr., Ty



Plunkett; great-grandchildren, Ava Cain, Kasyn Harris, Jackson McCoy, Zoey Picasso, Oliver Baker, and baby Board 2017, to be born to Brenden and Stephanie Board; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many dear friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you would consider donating blood to your local blood bank, which was a blessing to Arthur in his final days.

Friends joined the family for visitation Tuesday, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services officiated by Pastor Harlo Hakes were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2017 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services followed at 2:00 p.m. at Waller Cemetery in Waller, Texas under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Arthur's family encouraged everyone to wear Houston Texans and Astros attire at his service, as he was wearing his favorite Texan's jersey.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Which two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

2. Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on "what" in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance

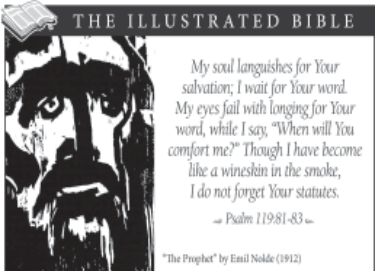
3. From Matthew 1:20-21, who told Joseph (in a dream) the Baby's name was to be Jesus? Angel, Mary, Innkeeper, The Magi

4. Which book proclaims the first day of the new year is for resting and a memorial sounding the trumpet? Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

5. Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the "what" of God? Likeness, Approval, Glory, Redemption

6. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th.

ANSWERS: 1) Mark/John; 2) Moving forward; 3) Angel; 4) Leviticus; 5) Glory; 6) 7th



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be held at Channelview Church of Christ, 1301 Sheldon Rd., Channelview with Mr. Barry Day officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon with services to celebrate her life starting 12:00 Noon. She will be laid to rest privately on Monday, January 16, 2017at Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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## Diamond Jim: "Is a Goldsmith the same as a Jeweler?"



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**Goldsmith**

A goldsmith is a metal-worker who specializes in working with gold and other precious metals. Historically, goldsmiths also have made silverware, platters, goblets, decorative and serviceable utensils, ceremonial or religious items, but the rising prices of precious metals have curtailed the making of such items to a large degree.

Goldsmiths must be skilled in forming metal through filing, soldering, sawing, forging, casting, and polishing metal. The trade has very often included jewelry-making skills, as well as the very similar skills of the silversmith. Traditionally, these skills had been passed along through apprenticeships, however, more recently jewelry arts schools specializing solely in teaching goldsmithing and a multitude of skills falling under the jewelry arts umbrella are available. Many universities and junior colleges also offer goldsmithing, silversmithing, and metal arts fabrication as a part of their fine arts curriculum.

At least in Europe, goldsmiths increasingly performed many of the functions we now regard as part of banking, especially providing custody of valuable items and currency exchange, though they were usually restrained from lending at interest, which was regarded as usury.

**Gold**

Compared to other metals, gold is malleable, ductile, rare, and it is the only solid metallic element with a yellow color. It may easily be melted, fused, and cast without the problems of oxides and gas that are problematic with other metals such as bronzes, for example. It is fairly easy to "pressure weld", wherein similarly to clay two small pieces may be pounded together to make one larger piece. Gold is classified as a noble metal—because it does not react with most elements. It usually is found in its native form, lasting indefinitely without oxidation and tarnishing.

**History**

Gold has been worked by humans in all cultures where the metal is available, either indigenously or imported, and the history of these activities is extensive. Superbly made objects from the ancient cultures of Africa, Asia, Europe, India, North America, Mesoamerica, and South America grace museums and collections throughout the world. Some pieces date back

thousands of years and were made using many techniques that still are used by modern goldsmiths. Techniques developed by some of those goldsmiths achieved a skill level that was lost and remained beyond the skills of those who followed, even to modern times. Researchers attempting to uncover the chemical techniques used by ancient artisans have remarked that their findings confirm that "the high level of competence reached by the artists and craftsmen of these ancient periods who produced objects of an artistic quality that could not be bettered in ancient times and has not yet been reached in modern ones."

In medieval Europe goldsmiths were organized into guilds and usually were one of the most important and wealthiest of the guilds in a city. The guild kept records of members and the marks they used on their products. These records, when they survive, are very useful to historians. Goldsmiths often acted as bankers, since they dealt in gold and had sufficient security for the safe storage of valuable items. In the Middle Ages, goldsmithing normally included silversmithing as well, but the brass workers and workers in other base metals normally were members of a separate guild, since the trades were not allowed to overlap. Many jewelers also were goldsmiths.

**Contemporary goldsmithing**

A goldsmith might have a wide array of skills and knowledge at their disposal. Gold, being the most malleable metal of all, offers unique opportunities for the worker. In today's world a wide variety of other metals, especially platinum alloys, also may be used frequently. 24 Carat is pure gold and historically, was known as fine gold.

Because it is so soft, however, 24 Carat gold is rarely used. It usually is alloyed to make it stronger and to create different colors; goldsmiths may have some skill in that process. The gold may be cast into some item then, usually with the lost wax casting process, or it may be used to fabricate the work directly in metal.

In the latter case, the goldsmith will use a variety of tools and machinery, including the rolling mill, the drawplate, and perhaps, swage blocks and other forming tools to make the metal into shapes needed to build the intended piece. Then parts are fabricated through a wide variety of processes and assembled by solder-

ing. It is a testament to the history and evolution of the trade that those skills have reached an extremely high level of attainment and skill over time. A fine goldsmith can and will work to a tolerance approaching that of precision machinery, but largely using only his eyes and hand tools. Quite often the goldsmith's job involves the making of mountings for gemstones, in which case they often are referred to as jewelers.

A 'Jeweler', however, is a term mostly reserved for a person who deals in jewelry, (buys and sells) and not to be confused with a goldsmith, silversmith, gemologist, diamond cutter, and diamond setters. A 'jobbing jeweler' is the term for a jeweler who undertakes a small basic amount of jewelry repair and alteration.

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After being sworn in by retiring Judge Mike Parrott, the new Justice of the Peace Joe Stephens posed for a photo with most of the staff who will be working with him, at the Fonteno Courthouse Annex on Wallisville.

# Highlands Rotarians selling Chili Feast tickets

Early birds will be entered in a special drawing



HIGHLANDS ROTARIANS DIANA WEAVER, AND STEVE DOBBS are 2016 and 2017 Chairmen of the Chili Feast, and urge you to purchase your ticket early from any Rotarian, or at local businesses and banks. Tickets purchased by Jan. 23 will be eligible for an additional drawing, for an iPad mini. Winner of the raffle will have their choice of a 2017 Chevy Camaro, or a Chevy 1500 Crew Cab Pick-up. For more information, or to purchase the \$100 ticket, call 713-252-8000. The public is invited to attend the Chili Feast, on February 4th, 11 am to 3 pm, at the St. Jude Church social hall on Main Street in Highlands. The Raffle, and live and silent auctions will take place, as well as a great chili lunch.



## Highlands Rotary Club's

### 42nd Annual CHILI FEAST

## Raffle & Auction

St. Jude's Catholic Church  
808 S. Main Street, Highlands  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

Win a new 2017  
**CHEVY CAMARO or  
SILVERADO C1500 DOUBLE  
CAB TRUCK from  
Turner Chevrolet.  
YOUR CHOICE!!**



### Raffle Tickets \$100.00 Donation Meal Tickets \$7.00

Raffle Tickets purchased prior to Jan. 17, 2017 will be eligible for an iPad Mini Drawing.  
Winners need not be Present to Win!  
Payment of all local, state and federal taxes will be the responsibility of the winner.  
Proceeds donated back to our Community for Scholarships & Community Programs.

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Tickets also available this year on FACEBOOK!

**ADDITIONAL PRIZES:**

1st Ticket Drawn	\$100 Gift Card	400th Ticket	Samsung Galaxy Tablet
50th Ticket	Fit Bit Activity Tracker	450th Ticket	Browning Game Camera
100th Ticket	Bose Bluetooth Speaker	500th Ticket	Go Pro Camera
150th Ticket	\$150 Gift Card	550th Ticket	Shotgun
200th Ticket	Kindle Fire HD	600th Ticket	\$250 Gift Card
250th Ticket	Xbox One Game System	650th Ticket	Yeti Cooler
300th Ticket	\$200 Gift Card	699th Ticket	42" TV
350th Ticket	Amazon Echo	700th Ticket	2017 Chevy Camaro or Silverado C1500 Double Cab Truck (Color & Model may vary from Pictures)

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