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**North Channel Salutes**  
November 3, 2016 @ Armenta's Banquet Hall, 823 Sheldon Rd., 77530  
Free Expo & Health Fair: 10 AM—2 PM. Public welcome.

**CHANNELVIEW: District hosting community-wide Veterans Day**

The Channelview Independent School District will honor those who served in a community-wide Veterans Day ceremony from 7-9 p.m., Nov. 10 at the Bill Neal Center.

Local veterans and all members of the public are welcome to attend the event. The Bill Neal Center is located at 828 Sheldon Road, next door to the Joyce Hendrix Educational Support Center.

The ceremonies will begin with a "Walk of Honor." Veterans who wish to participate in the special opening event should arrive at 6:45 p.m. The keynote speaker for the event will be retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Dr. Cornell T. McGhee.

Cadets with the Channelview High School JROTC, the Alice Johnson Junior High LOTC and the Anthony Aguirre Junior High LOTC will lead the event. The event will also feature performances from the CHS, Alice Johnson and Aguirre band and choirs. The ceremonies will conclude with a special musical tribute by bagpipe player William Titus.

For more information, contact Maj. Willie Haigler at 281-452-1450, Sgt. Maj. Steve Dunbar at 281-860-3300 or Sgt. First Class Felicia Berguin at 281-452-8030.

## Furr HS celebrates receipt of \$10 M grant

*By Gilbert Hoffman*  
NORTH SHORE – Bertie Simmons is a powerhouse who at 82 years old enjoys life and being a principal of one of the toughest schools in Houston ISD.

Last Saturday, Oct. 29 she held a celebration at Furr High School to mark the receipt of a \$10 million grant from the XQ Foundation, for innovations she proposed in a national grant application.

The community and the students turned out for a day of celebration and fun, including Bertie and her family singing and dancing to some hip-hop music.

Speakers included Russlyn Ali, representing Job's widow and the XQSuper-school project, Juliet Stipeche for Mayor Sylvester Spivey.

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BERTIE SIMMONS, Principal of Furr High School, presided over the XQ Awards celebration. Representing the XQ Foundation was Russlynn Ali, CEO, seen above right. The XQSuperschools project is funded by Laurene Powell Jobs, the widow of Apple founder Steve Jobs. Bertie went to Washington DC to receive the award.



Joining Principal Bertie Simmons in the XQ Celebration were students, invited guests, Houston ISD representatives, local government representatives, Furr High School Students, and these members of Bertie's family. From left, daughter Paula Fendley, Bertie, and two grandchildren. All of her family are involved in education.

## ROASTED! San Jac Chancellor Brenda Hellyer

NORTH CHANNEL – Friends, co-workers, and LULAC members gathered last Thursday evening, to honor San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer with a "Roast & Toast."

The event was held at the San Jacinto College North Monument Room, and after opening remarks by LULAC #4703 Cruz Hinojosa, Jr. and emcee KPRC2 Kathy Hernandez, the roasters got down to their chore of spilling the inside secrets about Brenda. Roasters included Ana Hernandez, Sylvia Garcia, Angi Williams, and Dan Mims. All have known Brenda for many years, giving them lots of material to draw upon. Brenda became Chancellor of San Jac in 2009.

Roaster Ana Hernandez kidded Brenda about liking to play the saxophone, since a little girl in Hayes, Kansas. But she also praised her for successfully leading the college into

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HONORED GUESTS: Kathy Hernandez, Brenda Hellyer, Cruz Hinojosa, Jr.



ROASTERS & TOASTERS: Angi Williams, Brenda Hellyer, Dan Mims, Ana Hernandez, Sylvia Garcia.



Angi thought Brenda likes to referee her own disputes.



Kathy Hernandez, KPRC Channel 2, was the pleasant and pretty emcee.



Cruz presents Brenda with a plaque, to remember or forget the evening.

## GALENA PARK ISD Galena Park HS crowns the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen



GPHS Principal Gardea, Queen Eloisa, King Osvaldo and Seretha Augustine, associate principal at GPHS

Last Friday night, October 21, Galena Park High School announced Osvaldo Perla and Eloisa Ruiz as the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen! Osvaldo is on the A/B honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society and

Spanish Honor Society. He is a 2-year varsity cheerleader and vice president of LULAC. Osvaldo plans to attend A&M West Texas to pursue a degree in the medical field. Eloisa is on the A/B honor roll, takes AP classes and is an active

member at her church. She is on the varsity volleyball and soccer team. Eloisa plans to attend the University of Houston to obtain her bachelor's degree in social work.

Congratulations, Osvaldo and Eloisa!

## SAN JACINTO RIVER COALITION Protestors from SJR Coalition demonstrate at Waste Management offices

HOUSTON – Led by executive director Jackie Young, demonstrators representing the San Jacinto River Coalition paraded in front of the offices of Waste Management on Monday, urging them to acquiesce and agree to remove the toxic wastes on their property in the river.

On September 28 the EPA announced that their Proposed Plan called for the complete removal of the toxic material, and a backfill of clean soil over that.

However, Waste Management and International Paper, the Responsible Parties, have countered with a proposal to cap the wastes with

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DEMONSTRATORS FROM THE SAN JACINTO RIVER COALITION parade in Halloween costumes last Monday in front of the offices of Waste Management in downtown Houston. The Coalition is asking the company to remove all the toxic waste material now in a storage pit in the river. The federal EPA has issued a Proposed Plan that would call for the removal of 202,000 cubic yards of material, on the north and south sides of I-10 at the expense of the PRP, or Potential Responsible Parties. Waste Management and International Paper have called for a permanent concrete cap instead. The current fabric and stone cap has failed many times.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Crosby Community Center programs offer knowledge

**Decorative Painting With Cindy:** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Master decorative artist Cindy Forsythe teaches the art of decorative painting.

**Beginning Line Dancing:** Mondays at 10:45 a.m. These volunteer-led classes teach the basic steps of country-and-western line dancing.

**Ceramics:** Wednesdays at 6 p.m. A volunteer instructor teaches how to pour slip into molds, painting techniques, and glazing procedures. Ceramic pouring is offered the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

**Beginning Spanish:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. Volunteer instructor Maria Rojas leads this class that focuses on basic language skills required to function in a Spanish-speaking environment.

**Crazy for Canasta!:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and stay for an enjoyable afternoon of cards.

**Train Dominoes:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. Join in the fun of playing Train with fellow domino players.

**Pickleball:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. Played with a paddle, wiffle-style ball, and net, pickleball is the latest craze to sweep the nation. Open to participants of all fitness levels ages 50 and better.

**Quilting Classes:** Thursdays at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Take this opportunity to quilt, share ideas, and enjoy the fellowship of other quilters. Quilters of all experience levels can attend these sessions.

**Party Bridge:** Thursdays at 1 p.m. Play party bridge every Thursday and meet other intermediate level bridge players from the Lake Houston area. This class is not suitable for beginners.

Crosby Community Center is located at 409 Hare Road, Crosby 77532. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs, please call (281) 462-0543.

### College & Career Ready

Join Goose Creek Consolidated ISD at the College and Career Fair, November 9, 2016, 9:30 am-3:30 pm at Highlands Jr., 1212 East Wallisville Rd., Highlands Texas 77562.

### Wreck fatal on FM 1942

CROSBY – A driver died Monday night in a single vehicle wreck in northeast Harris County.

The incident happened about 11:30 p.m. in the 3100 block of F.M. 1942 near Holy Road, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies said Blayne Pyeatt was driving a 2004 Honda Accord east-bound on FM 1942 at a high rate of speed when the car veered from the roadway. The car then hit a driveway and crashed into a grassy area. The vehicle flipped and hit a utility pole. Pyeatt was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the car, apparently during the roll over. He died at the scene.

### Nelson's car prober on video



On Oct. 28 the man depicted at left with headlight and apparently a beard was videotaped walking past a residence with another man. This depicted individual entering a car that did not belong to him on Pecan Street in Crosby as the homeowners were out. The man rummaged through the car, dash, back and front seats and glove compartment as though in search of something. Just before leaving with his partner, he turned to the camera and gave us this look. Three suspects have been sighted in the Nelson Subdivision shortly before burglaries.

### Crosby Band students of the week



**SECTION OF THE WEEK:** The Big Red Machine would like you to meet the Percussion section. Members of the CHS band leadership chose the Percussion section as this week's section of the week. The section was chosen for the students' enthusiasm, preparedness, time management and their music and marching skills.



**STUDENT OF THE WEEK:** Abigail Jensen is a freshman in the Big Red Machine and plays the Euphonium.

### Holiday Bazaar & Country Auction

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### Benefit for Tracie R. Barron

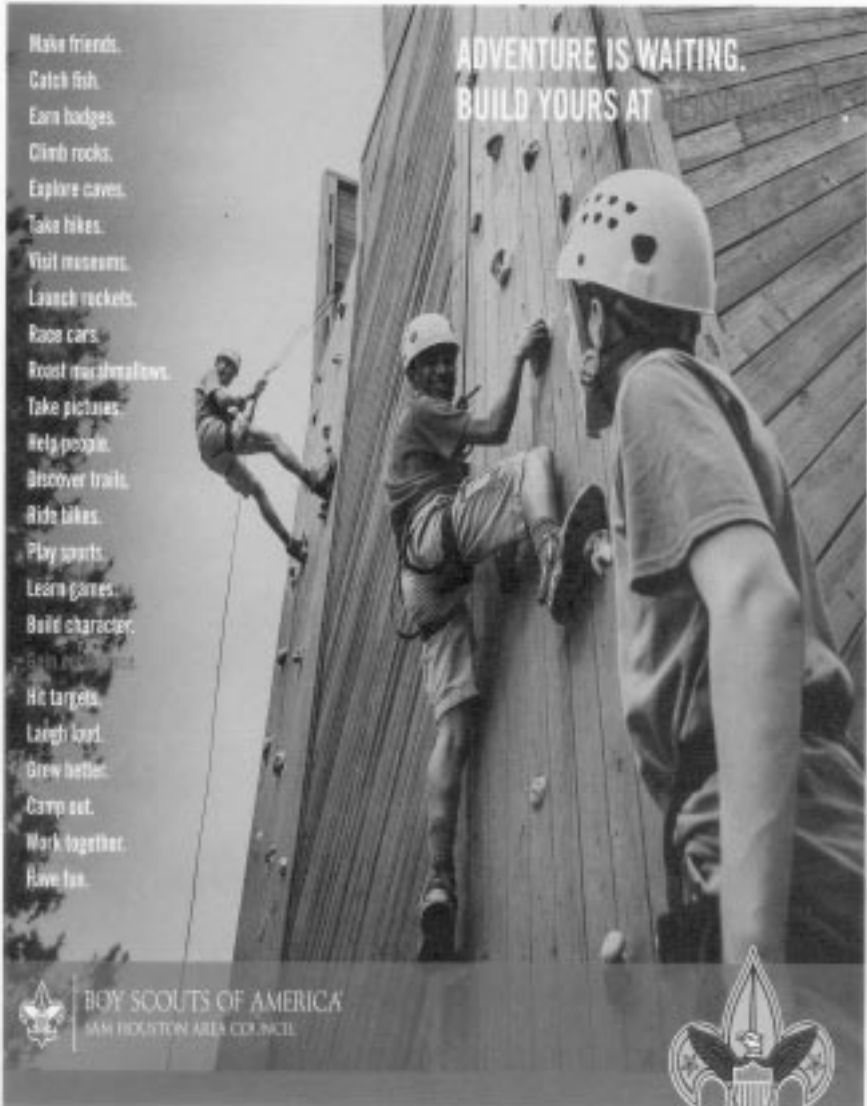
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# SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

## SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

### Student engagement is key to learning

HOUSTON — A guide on the side rather than a sage on the stage.

That is how Dr. Richard Bailey, who recently retired from San Jacinto College, describes his personal teaching philosophy. "Lecture is important, but I also strived to be a coach and mentor and encouraged class discussions," the longtime educator remarked. "The real key to learning is having students engaged, getting them personally involved. I liked for students to become so knowledgeable that they could teach the class. In fact, I would let students teach in class on occasion. The Latin proverb 'Docendo Discimus' is true: 'Men learn while they teach.'"

Evidently his teaching style is effective. Through the years the popular professor and administrator has won awards for teaching excellence, as well as the respect of students and fellow educators. In his 45 years as an educator, he won the Ottis Lock Award for Excellence in Teaching, won a NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Excellence Award, was twice nominated for the state Minnie Piper Award (the equivalent to a campus teacher of the year award), and has served as

president of the Texas Association for Institutional Research.

Bailey's position with the College at retirement was vice president of accreditation and special initiatives, where he served as the primary liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, as well as overseer for numerous district-wide student success initiatives such as Achieving the Dream, the STEM Council and Men of Honor. His other administrative positions with San Jacinto College have been director of research and institutional effectiveness and North Campus vice president of instruction. In the classroom, he served as a history professor at the North Campus for 13 years.

His 39 years of experience with San Jacinto College ranked as one of the longest tenures at the time of his retirement. He is one of the few employees who has worked with every one of San Jacinto College's six chancellors — Dr. Tom Spencer, Dr. Tom Sewell, J.B. Whitely, Dr. Jim Horton, Dr. Bill Lindemann and Dr. Brenda Hellyer.

At a recent reception, many students, friends and colleagues gathered to bid farewell to Bailey. "Dr. Bailey's contributions to San



Dr. Richard Bailey

Jacinto College and the community are far reaching," commented Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College president and deputy chancellor. "He is versatile and always willing to participate in every aspect of the College. He helped lay the foundations for many of our current student success initiatives. He has been a leader, friend and mentor for many employees and students. You can see his work and contributions throughout the successes of the College."

Bailey, 69, grew up in Fort Worth and graduated from the city's Northside High School in 1965. He holds three degrees in history from Texas Christian

University, a bachelor's, a master's and a Ph.D. He and Kim, his wife of 35 years, have three adult sons and four grandchildren, ages 1 to 6 years old.

His retirement plans include enjoying more time with his grandchildren, as well as "sleeping as late as I want at least a few days a week." He also plans to enjoy two of his favorite hobbies, playing guitar and tying "flies" used in fly-fishing. "Tying flies is sort of a craft and hobby I enjoy doing," he commented. "I don't get out and fly-fish like I used to, but my oldest son does, so I keep him well stocked with flies."

His retirement won't be all R and R. He plans to finish an academic history project he has in the works that deals with early 1800s Texas history from the Mexican perspective. Bailey has a "fairly good" ability to translate Spanish, and he is translating from Spanish to English several writings about Texas history viewed from the perspective of Mexican historians. He also will continue to serve as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Clear Lake, where he teaches two courses — Current Trends in Higher Education and Higher Education Law and Policy.

## Roast & Toast,

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the top 10 in the country, as judged by the Aspen Institute.

Sylvia Garcia praised her for showing leadership by a woman, saying "she sets an example of how a woman can be in charge." But she also mentioned that she answers her own phone.

Angi Williams said that they had a trait in common, liking designer handbags. Then she presented Brenda with a "purse raincoat" to protect that priceless attachment. She also gave Brenda a striped replica of a referee's jersey, noting that Brenda liked to call her own decisions.

Dan Mims recalled the time that Brenda was

caught in a locked hotel closet and confused about how to escape. He mentioned her driving habit of breaking toll gate arms, and also the time she couldn't find her cell phone, because she was talking on it. But he also praised her for presiding over the college as it grew from 200 students to over 6000 now.

In her remarks Brenda defended herself against some of the barbs, but in good humor said "I don't think reverse is a necessary gear."

Cruz thanked all, and reminded the audience that this was a scholarship benefit dinner.

## Furr XQ Award,

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er's office, Congressman Gene Green, and school board members.

The grant will be for \$2 million each year for 5 years, and Bertie intends to use it for social workers, a mentorship coordinator, student travel, a clinic, an immigrant center, and an educational training center. Her innovation approach will include individual instruction and competency-based education. She believes in her students, and letting them advance on their own schedule.

When Bertie came to Furr 16 years ago, it was plagued by gang violence. She faced up to the 15



Congressman Gene Green congratulates Bertie Simmons on winning the XQ grant.

gangs, and won them over and got their help in changing the school.

Next year she will get a new building, built beside the old structure, and this will help to accomplish many of her goals.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CHANNELVIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Groundbreaking set for new Channelview Fire Station on Del Dale

Harris County Emergency Services District 50 will hold the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Channelview Fire Station Nov. 3, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at 1210 Dell Dale, Channelview, TX. 77530.

### New - evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

Meetings will begin on November 1st at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church (next to WalMart) and continue every 1st Tuesday of each month. The charter ceremony for this new club, made up mostly of former Anchors, will be Saturday, Jan 21, at 6 pm. More information to follow. For answer to your questions or to JOIN us, call Ericka at 832-264-1565.

### 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.

### Jacinto City Branch Library

- Thursday, Nov. 3, JC T.A.G. Meeting, 6 pm.
- Friday, Nov. 4, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1 pm.
- Saturday, Nov. 5, Family Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.
- Monday, Nov. 7, ESL Discussion Class, 4 pm.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Children's Story Time, 11:20 am.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9, ESL Class (Clase de Inglés), 12:30 pm.
- Thursday, Nov. 10, Anime Night: Food wars, 6 pm.
- Friday, Nov. 11, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1 pm.

#### COMPUTER CLASSES:

They will be suspending computer classes at this location until further notice. There are free computer classes at Galena Park Library, 713-450-0982 and North Channel Library, 281-457-1631. Jacinto City Branch Library is located at 921 Akron, Jacinto City, TX 77029.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## GALENA PARK ISD North Shore Marching Band advances to State UIL Competition



On October 29, the North Shore Senior High School Band competed in the UIL Area F Marching Band Contest at the GPISD Stadium. The NSSHS marching band gave a stellar performance and qualified for the finals by placing 1st overall out of the 29 participating schools. They will now compete at the UIL State Marching Band Contest at the Alamodome on Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m.

This Saturday, GPISD will host a community performance and send-off pep rally for the North Shore band at the GPISD Stadium on Wallisville Rd. The pep rally will start at 7:15 p.m. and is free for everyone! We invite all community members to come out to support the band as they get ready to compete in San Antonio.

Congratulations to the North Shore Senior High School marching band! The band is under the direction of Shane Goforth. The assistant directors are John Reed and Clay Jasper, and the color guard instructor is Bucky Flores.

## SHELDON ISD Employees of the month



(photo by DERIK MOORE)

Sheldon ISD board members recognized three of its top Operations Department Employees of the Month for October at Tuesday's school board meeting. Pictured (from left) are Board President Ken Coleman; Claudia Frias, Custodial Employee of the Month; Kim Avery, Transportation Employee of the Month; and Superintendent King Davis. Not pictured is Marcus Robinson, Maintenance Employee of the Month.

## Sheldon ISD recognizes Educators of the month



(PHOTO BY DERIK MOORE)

Members of the Sheldon ISD Board of Trustees recognized its Educators of the Month for October at Tuesday's board meeting. Pictured (from left) are Board President Ken Coleman; Talitha Law, Royalwood Elementary; Laterrica Williams, Sheldon Elementary; Marisela Barrow, Sheldon Early Childhood Academy; Rachel Cline, Carroll Elementary; Keila Martinez, Cravens Early Childhood Academy; Jonathan Hurst, Sheldon Early College High School; Quracia Brown, Monahan Elementary; Cynthia McFadyen, King High School; Kerri Williams, Garrett Elementary; Superintendent King Davis; and Amanda Sims, Null Middle School. Not pictured is Bridgette Moncur, King Middle School.

## Sheldon ISD students of the month



(PHOTO BY DERIK MOORE)

Sheldon ISD Board members honored the district's Students of the Month for October at Tuesday's board meeting. Pictured (from left) are Board President Ken Coleman; Saphaire Ramirez, Monahan Elementary; Janell Harris, King High School; Jace Crockerham, Cravens Early Childhood Academy; Melissa Chicas, Null Middle School; Kinsley Gray, Sheldon Early Childhood Academy; Angel Montellano, King Middle School; Daniel Lozano, Sheldon Elementary; Malique Harris, Sheldon Early College High School; Alma Rodriguez, Royalwood Elementary; David Sam, Garrett Elementary; Briseis Montelongo, Carroll Elementary; and Superintendent King Davis.

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OBITUARIES

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Adolphus Ray Dodson, a long time resident of Galena Park, Texas and recent resident of Baytown, Texas, passed away on October 30, 2016 at the age of 90.

Dolph was born on July 6 1926 in Pike, Texas to parents, Luther Dodson and Carrie Callus Dodson. Dolph served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He retired from Air Products after 20 plus years. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend, but most of all he was a Christian and raised his family to have a relationship with God and to always put God first in your life. He always loved spending time with family and loved working in the Church and helping others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by wife, Emma Lou Dodson & son, Randy Dodson; by sisters, Odie Guthrie, Faye White, and Alice Dodson; by brothers, Ivyl & Iris Dodson.

He is survived by son, Ricky Dodson & wife, Ruby; daughter, Becky Tice & husband, Mark and daughter-in-law, Becky Dodson; by grandchildren, Shane Dodson & wife, Wendi, Chad Dodson & wife, Kayla, Chel-



sey Sheffield & husband, John, Ricky Dodson & wife, Randall, Ryan Dodson & wife, Kiyoko, Austin Tice and Landry Tice; by great-grandchildren, Makenzi Dodson, Savannah Leigh, Brady Dodson, Karleigh Dodson, Randy Sheffield, Tripp Sheffield & Carter Dodson; as well as by sister, Virginia Leatherwood, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A visitation and service will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the First Assembly of God of Galena Park, 1211 2nd Street, Galena Park, Texas with Pastor Glenda Guthrie officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with services to celebrate his life at 2:00 p.m. He will be laid to rest in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery following the celebration of life.

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LITTLE  
BIDDY BITS  
By Danny Biddy

"I'm Full!"

My grandson was seven at the time. He was eating his second bowl of potpie, when he remembered the bag of candy on the counter. Luke put his spoon down and announced, "The beef potpie section of my tummy is full, but my Dot (candy) section is not!"

What are you feasting on these days? The Bible speaks of our need for spiritual nourishment. In John 6:35 Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

BIBLE  
TRIVIA  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Obadiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. Which Babylon king went insane living in the fields eating grass? Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon, Daniel, Herod
  3. From Genesis 23, what was the first land purchase in the Bible? Garden, Hilltop, Cave, River shore
  4. Which apostle was foreordained to minister to the Gentiles? Thomas, Paul, Andrew, John
  5. According to Song of Solomon 1:2, what is love better than? Food, Wine, Money, Song
  6. Who was Hananiah's father? Abiah, Azur, Allon, Aretas
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## Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone for November?"



**NOVEMBER BIRTHSTONES**  
Individuals born in November can choose between two sunny gemstones to brighten up this chilly month. November's birthstones, topaz and citrine, are both known for their calming energies, bringing warmth and fortune to those who wear them.

Topaz and citrine look so similar, in fact, that they've often been mistaken for one another throughout history. They are actually unrelated minerals, and topaz occurs in a wide spectrum of colors far beyond yellow. Both of November's birthstones are fairly abundant and affordably priced, even in large sizes, which means everyone can find a way to fit topaz and citrine into their budget.

### TOPAZ OVERVIEW

Through much of history, all yellow gems were considered topaz and all topaz was thought to be yellow. Topaz is actually available in many colors, and it's likely not even related to the stones that first donned its name.

The name topaz derives from Topazioz, the ancient Greek name for St. John's Island in the Red Sea. Although the yellow stones famously mined there probably weren't topaz, it soon became the name for most yellowish stones.

Pure topaz is colorless, but it can become tinted by impurities to take on any color of the rainbow. Precious topaz, ranging in color from brownish orange to yellow, is often mistaken for "smoky quartz" or "citrine quartz," respectively—although quartz and

topaz are unrelated minerals.

The most prized color is Imperial topaz, which features a vibrant orange hue with pink undertones. Blue topaz, although increasingly abundant in the market, very rarely occurs naturally and is often caused by irradiation treatment.

The largest producer of quality topaz is Brazil. Other sources include Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Russia, Australia, Nigeria, Germany, Mexico and the U.S., mainly California, Utah and New Hampshire.

Measuring 8 on the Mohs scale, topaz is a rather hard and durable gem. Its perfect cleavage can make it prone to chipping or cracking, but when cut correctly, topaz makes very wearable jewelry.

Topaz is a soothing stone that has been said to calm tempers, cure madness and eliminate nightmares.

### CITRINE OVERVIEW

November's second birthstone, citrine, is the variety of quartz that ranges from pale yellow to brownish orange in color. It takes its name from the citron fruit because of these lemon-inspired shades.

The pale yellow color of citrine closely resembles topaz, which explains why November's two birthstones have been so easily confused throughout history.

Citrine's yellow hues are caused by traces of iron in quartz crystals. This occurs rarely in nature, so most citrine on the market is made by heat treating other varieties of quartz—usually the more common, less expensive purple amethyst and smoky quartz—to produce golden gems.

Brazil is the largest supplier of citrine. Other sources include Spain, Bolivia, France, Russia, Madagascar and the U.S. (Colorado, North Carolina and California). Different geographies yield different shades of citrine.

With a hardness of 7 on the Mohs scale, citrine is relatively durable against scratches and everyday wear-and-tear—making it a lovely option for large, wearable jewelry.

Citrine is sometimes known as the "healing quartz" for its ability to comfort, soothe and calm. It can release negative feelings, spark imagination and manifest fresh beginnings. It's even called the "merchant's stone" for its tendency to attract wealth and prosperity.

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## Investors Should Avoid "Great Expectations"

Apart from death and taxes, few events in our world are consistently predictable – and investment returns are definitely not one of them. What can you, as an individual investor, do to cope with the ups and downs of the financial markets and make progress toward your long-term goals?

To begin with, you should be aware that the financial markets have fluctuated greatly – daily, monthly and yearly – over the past three decades. Overall, though, the financial markets trended upward, as measured by major indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S & P 500. Of course, as you've no doubt heard, past performance can't guarantee future results.

What was responsible for this long upturn? Most experts cite several factors: sharp declines in inflation and interest rates, vastly improved worker productivity (largely brought on, for at least a few years, by more advanced and efficient information technology), growth in emerging markets and a long run of strong corporate profits.

Can a generally positive investment environment continue in the years ahead? As mentioned above, it's pretty hard to forecast the performance of the financial markets. And you can be fairly certain that the market volatility we've seen – those large price swings – will not disappear any time soon. So to help position yourself to better withstand these sharp movements, consider the following:

- Modify your expectations. Don't count on high or even positive returns

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By Edward Jones

throughout all your years of investing. Try to "bake in" reasonable return expectations to your long-term investment strategy. A financial professional may be able to help you with this.

- Don't make rash moves to "beat the market." If the market doesn't consistently yield double-digit returns, you might think that you need to take drastic actions, such as investing much more aggressively than your risk tolerance would normally allow. For example, you might be tempted to pursue some "hot" stocks that you heard about through a friend, co-worker, or one of the so-called experts on the cable television shows devoted to investing. But by the time you hear about these stocks, they may not be so "hot" anymore – and they may never have been so hot for you, given your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance. So, instead of ratcheting up the aggressiveness with which you invest, look for other investment techniques to help yourself advance toward your financial objectives.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

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Accompany Bids with acceptable Cashier's or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total amount bid, payable without recourse to the District, or a Bid Bond of like amount from an approved surety company, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract.

Secure Plans and Specifications from LJA Engineering, Inc. at 11821 East Freeway, Suite 360, Houston, TX 77029, Phone (713) 450-1300 for Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per set, non-refundable.

Examine documents at the East Houston office of LJA Engineering, Inc., Amtek Plan Room, McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, Houston AGC ISQFT Plan Room, AGC of Texas, and the District.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference for prospective bidders, suppliers, etc., will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the District Office located at 15902 Market Street, Channelview, Texas 77530.

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# Waste Pits,

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a permanent concrete seal. At a technical presentation to the public on Oct. 20, the EPA cited a study by the Corps of Engineers explaining that the current cap had been breached many times in its two year existence, and could not be relied on to serve properly for the next 100 years.

Community leaders such as Congressman Gene Green, and County Attorney Vince Ryan backed this position of the EPA. In addition, the public was given the opportunity to voice their opinion on whether the waste pits should be capped or removed. About 35 persons spoke, with only two in favor of keeping the pits capped.

Now the EPA has asked the public to submit additional comments in a 60 day period, ending on November 28th. Their intent is to make these comments part of the evaluation and determination of the Final Record of Decision, which will end the study process and proceed to the actual solution. This ROD is due to be released early in 2017, according to Gary Miller of the EPA.

In the meantime, the public is asked to submit their comments, either on the EPA website: [www.epa.gov/tx/forms/sjrw-comments](http://www.epa.gov/tx/forms/sjrw-comments), or by email: [R6\\_San\\_Jacinto\\_Waste\\_Pits\\_Comments@epa.gov](mailto:R6_San_Jacinto_Waste_Pits_Comments@epa.gov), or by mail at to Remedial Project Manager, U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue (6SF-RA), Dallas, Texas 75202.



## SHELDON ISD Senior night at King HS another success



More than 200 parents attended Senior Night on Oct. 4. at C.E. King High School. Administrators, counselors, and college advisers facilitated consultations using personalized Next Phase packets, which provided specific steps on the college application, financial aid, and admissions processes. Herff Jones and San Jacinto College provided giveaways, and Klein HS senior Jamarr Mackey was the winner of a \$500 scholarship drawing (courtesy photo).

## Teen sexually assaulted by fake police officer in Channelview

(Harris County, TX) – The Harris County Sheriff’s Office Child Abuse unit are releasing surveillance video and seeking information on a suspect involved in the Sexual Assault of a Child, which occurred in the Channelview area of Harris County, Texas.

On Saturday, October 15, 2016, at about 4:30 a.m. an unknown black male approached a 16-year old female who was walking down the sidewalk.

The male identified himself as being a member of Law Enforcement, and instructed the female to enter into his vehicle.

The male stating he was going to take her to a Police Station for being in violation of curfew.

Instead, the male is accused of taking the female under the overpass of the Crosby Freeway (Hwy 90) where the San Jacinto River passes under the freeway, and forcing the victim to perform oral intercourse on him, as well as forcing the victim to have sexual intercourse with him.

The fake police officer was armed with a black and silver, semiautomatic handgun. It’s believed he was driving a black, 2007-2009 Saturn Aura, which may have had temporary or “paper tag plate” affixed to the rear bumper of the vehicle.

The fake police officer is

described as being a black male, standing approximately 6’00”, weighing approximately 280lbs.

He had a mustache and other facial hair, and may have an earring in the left earlobe.

The man did not show any form of Law Enforcement identification, and only verbally identified himself as an “Officer”.

Anyone with information on this suspect is urged to call the Harris County Sheriff’s Office Child Abuse unit at 713-830-3250.

You may also call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477) , they will pay up to \$5000 for information on this suspect.

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