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Election upsets in nation, county

HARRIS COUNTY— Election results for this county are a stunning reminder of the power of the public and that the will of the people is beyond the predictability of pollsters.

Locally, the largest percentage lead of all went to Republican Brian Babin in the U.S. House of Representatives District 36 for 87% over H.J. Ridley Jr. 10%.

Hillary Clinton took 54.01% of Harris County votes over Donald Trump 41.97%. Libertarian Gary Johnson had 3.01% and Jill Stein with assistance of Ajamu Baraka in the Green Party mustered 0.89%. But national returns are another matter.

Hillary Clinton conceded with seven states too close to call and Donald Trump modestly accepted.

U.S. Rep. District 29 Julio Garza took 24.05% of the vote while incumbent Democrat Gene Green had 72.43%.

In District 2 that was stripped from local voters, Rep. Ted Poe won 60.85% against Pat Bryan 35.83%. Also ran were Libertarian Ruben Perez with 2.43% and Green Party James Partsch-Galvan with 1.09%.

Rep. Devon Anderson District Attorney for Harris County has lost to Democrat Kim Ogg 45.9% to 54.1%.

The long fought battle for Precinct 3 Constable



Precinct 3 Constable-Elect, Sherman Eagleton sends his heartfelt thanks to each and every voter that took the time to cast a ballot in the 2016 election. Sherman thanks his family, the Team Eagleton volunteers, the community, and especially the officers and staff of Precinct 3 that all came together to help make this possible. While we know there is a lot of work to do before taking office, January 1, Constable-Elect Eagleton is looking forward to working with the community and the officers to create the vision he's shared with so many.

was won by Crosby native, Sherman Eagleton 59,456 votes 61.78% over Republican Dan Webb with 38,82% and 37,732 votes.

Democrat Joe Stephens won Precinct 3 Position 1 Justice of the Peace with 59.69% of the vote over Rep. Tom Zakes 40.31%.

Republican Sheriff Ron Hickman lost his post to Democrat Ed Gonzales, 47.31% to 52.69%. That is 595,820 to 663,590 votes.

Rep. Tax-Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan lost to Dem. Ann Harris-Bennett 49.81 to 50.19%.

Huffman ISD Position 1 was won by Robin Colbert with 2,537 votes over Vernon Reed 1,803.

MUD 50 Position2 was

won by Alice Faye Dangerfield with 448 votes over Jalissa Johnson with 250 votes.

In state representatives races it was all Republican. Again a redistricted away Dan Huberty in District 127 had 49,252 votes to Libertarian Scott Ford 7,275 and Joseph McEllipott of the Green Party had 3,381. Locally, in District 128, trial lawyer, Briscoe Cain who unseated Republican Committee Chairman Wayne Smith had 41,610 over Libertarian Ken Lowder 6,492 votes.

County Attorney was no surprise, Democrat Vince Ryan had 53.59% of the vote and Republican Jim Leitner took 46.41%.

New Channelview Fire Station groundbreaking

CHANNELVIEW – The Emergency Service District #50, and the Channelview Fire Department, held a groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday, Nov. 3 at the site of the new Station #3 at 1210 Dell Dale.

Present at the ceremony were the ESD commissioners, the building committee, and contractors, architects, and interested members of the public.

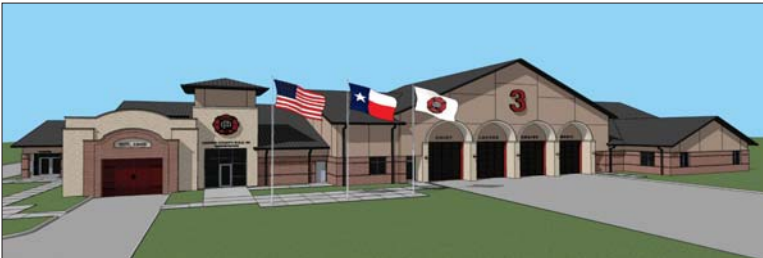
This is the second new station that Channelview FD has built in the last two years. Station #1 was completed last year on Market

Street. In his welcoming remarks, ESD Administrator Jimmy Sumbera noted the rapid growth of the area, and the increase in service calls.

The new station will replace the current fire station a few blocks away on Dell Dale. It will house a District Chief, a medic unit, and an engine company, with room to expand to double this capability.

Sumbera said that the station will be fully operational by October 2017. It is expected to respond to

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Architect's rendering of the new Channelview Fire Station #3, under construction on Dell Dale. The station will be fully operational by October 2017. EMS offices are on the left, truck bays and firemen's quarters at right. The building will also house the restored first Channelview FD fire truck, a 1952 Mack pumper.

North Channel "Salute" honors Veterans

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Salute event for military, veterans, and first responders last Thursday. They were honored for their service with a special program and free lunch. Also participating were local service clubs, Rotary, and the Pilot Club, who conducted their official meetings. There was also a health fair with free health screenings, flu shots at low cost, giveaways and prizes.

All local school districts: Channelview, Sheldon and

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Rotarian and Emcee Bill Palko, author Carson George with the Memorial Wall, North Channel Chamber president Margie Buentello.



Sheldon ISD JROTC students, back row, the district's staff and some Veterans at North Channel Salutes program. (photos by DERIK MOORE)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mike Parrott to retire as Justice of the Peace

East Houston's favorite son, Justice of the Peace Mike Parrott, has announced his retirement as of January 2017. After this week's election, Joe Stephens will be the new J.P. in District 3, Position 1.

There will be a retirement party, to which the public is invited, at the Fonteno Courthouse annex on Wallisville Road, Thursday Nov. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parrott has served for 24 years as Justice of the Peace, and a total of 43 years with Harris County. He is also remembered as a standout football player for Galena Park High School, and the University of Houston.



CHANNELVIEW ISD

Channelview Homecoming Royalty

Channelview High School's Kassandra Rios and Mark Guajardo were named Homecoming Queen and King during halftime ceremonies of the Falcons' game against Baytown Sterling last Friday. The Channelview football team continued to make the evening special as they defeated the Rangers 41-15 and clinched their second straight playoff spot. (Photo by Mark Kramer, Channelview ISD)



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Crosby High School Big Red Machine Section of the Week and Star Student



The Big Red Machine would like you to meet the Trombones section. Members of the CHS band leadership chose the Trombone section as this week's section of the week. This outstanding section was chosen for the student's enthusiasm, preparedness, time management and their wonderful music and marching skills.

Jada Ryon is our star student of the week. Jada is a sophomore in the Big Red Machine and plays the Trombone. When she is not spending her time with the marching band, Jada likes to hangout with her friends and family. Jadas has aspirations of attending the University of Michigan and becoming a Music Performance major. Congratulations to the Section and Star Student of the Week.



The Crosby Lions Club has had a busy October

More than 500 four year olds had their eyes examined to detect nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, cataracts and tumors. Approximately eight percent were referred to the eye doctor of their choice. Those who have financial difficulty receive a voucher from the Lions Club to use at Todays Vision in Crosby. The Lions Club investigates the need and produces the voucher. It is extremely important at the early age of four to screen and avoid learning problems as they begin school. A white cane day was held on October 8th to collect money to help with this and other projects in the Crosby area. The Leo Club with sponsor Michael Lehw, of Crosby High School is planning a bake sale in front of Ar-

lans Market on Wednesday November 9th, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with proceeds going to Veterans Organizations. The Lions Club also gave dictionaries to all 3rd grade students in the Crosby area. Anyone wishing to join the Lions Club is encouraged to come out on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Crosby Operations building on F.M. 2100.

HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS

District Governor Liu pays annual visit

HIGHLANDS – The Rotary was host on Tuesday, Oct. 11 to District 5890 Governor Eric Liu and his wife Sandra. Every year, the District Governor visits all 62 clubs in the district, visiting with more than 3000 Rotarians that make up the Houston area District. The District Governor's visit is considered the high point of each club's year, and is met with a special meeting, complete with gifts exchanged and a state of the district talk by the governor.



Liu said that this year's theme for the national organization is "Rotary Serving Humanity," a message first voiced by the national Rotary International president John Germ of Tennessee. Liu discussed how Rotary is helping around the world, expressing the theme. Rotary is sponsoring teams that eradicate diseases such as Smallpox and Polio, most of these in underdeveloped countries. Smallpox was eliminated from the world in 1980, he said, and polio is within a few cases of being gone. Only Pakistan and Afghanistan still have the disease.

Liu emphasized that Rotary is a non-religious, and non-political organization. He would like each club in his district to emphasize public relations, and help with the public image of the clubs. Worldwide, Rotary is the #1 service organization, he said, and he wants all Rotarians

ONE OF DG ERIC LIU'S THEMES was "Women in Rotary." Highlands Rotary has always been at the forefront of this movement, as seen above. L to R, Past President Patricia Scott, Denise Smith, DG Eric Liu, President Diana Weaver, and Sandra Liu.



Liu said he is proud of District 5890 and their charitable giving. It has given \$2.5 million dollars to causes, through the Rotary Foundation. That make it one of the top 10 in the world in giving.

Liu advised the club to plan events that are "unique, funny, and memorable." Liu said that in April 2017 Rotary will celebrate its 100 year Centennial. Other events planned by the district include an All-Club joint meeting in February, a District Conference in April at the La

DISTRICT GOVERNOR Eric Liu presents an award to Highlands Rotary president Diana Weaver on his visit to the club last month. Torretta resort on Lake Conroe, and the national convention in June in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2022 Rotary plans on holding their national convention in Houston.



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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEWS

San Jacinto College highlights student veteran

Natashia Tyler on gratitude, appreciation and rediscovering design

HOUSTON – Natashia Tyler says that serving in the U.S. Army was one of the best decisions she ever made. Deciding to enroll at San Jacinto College was another.

“Before I joined the military I attended a university,” said Tyler. “I was going to school for the wrong things, and I think that’s why I didn’t finish. I was just looking at certain industries and their paychecks, but deep down I knew I would just be doing a job as opposed to enjoying a career.”

Gratitude and appreciation are two things that Tyler reflects on about her time in the Army. While working as a transportation operator driving troops and supplies to their destinations, Tyler also served on funeral detail. It was this assignment where Tyler says she experienced the most gratitude. “To be able to fold and present the American flag to these families and listen to their stories makes you beyond grateful. It’s a different type of appreciation. People genuinely express their gratitude for your service when they know you’re a veteran and in those moments, you know that you matter.”

After separating from the military in 2010, Tyler worked as a chef and was later employed at a local post office, but had to resign after the physical toll it took on her with a knee injury she suffered while

in the Army. Tyler had begun the process of starting her own photography and graphic design business, so in 2015 she decided to return to school in order to help advance her design and business skills.

“I decided to pursue a general studies degree because it will allow me to be flexible with my business goals,” said Tyler. “I’m open to any kind of design challenge because that also allows me to learn as I create. I used to design things for friends a long time ago, and other small projects here and there, but it never occurred to me until now that this was my passion all along. Now it’s time to embrace it and see where it takes me.”

Tyler also adds that the San Jacinto College veteran centers have had a major impact on her student success. “The veteran center is definitely one of the best resources on campus. If there’s a question or issue I need help with that they may not have the answer to at that moment, they always follow up with me with the answer or an update. Advising in the veteran centers is also unique because the veteran educational planners take the time to go through your degree plan and provide insight into what your workload may be. They’re familiar with your work and family situations, so they make sure you don’t overload yourself as you plan classes each semester.”

San Jacinto College has been named a Military



PHOTO BY ANDREA VASQUEZ
San Jacinto College highlights student veteran Natashia Tyler in honor of Veterans Day.

Friendly School by Victory Media, Inc., six times. The national list highlights the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s service members, veterans and their spouses. In addition to the quality education, caliber of faculty and affordable tuition, Tyler says there’s also a sense of personalization at San Jacinto College that’s hard to find elsewhere.

“Coming from a university experience, it’s a totally different world here. Being in a setting where you are encouraged to engage with your professors helps you become more successful as a student. The atmosphere at San Jacinto College is so much more welcoming, and it gives you the drive and motivation to accomplish whatever you set your mind to.”

For more information on veteran student services at San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu/veterans.

North Shore Mustangs go to playoffs

The North Shore Mustang will face Pasadena Memorial in the 6A Bi-District football playoffs on Friday, November 11, 2016. The playoff game kicks off at 7:00 p.m. at the Galena Park ISD Stadium. The Mustangs are the reigning 6A Division I State Champions, and they finished the regular season with a record of 7-0 in district and 9-1 overall.



Channelview heading to playoffs for second straight year

The Channelview Falcons clinched their second consecutive playoff berth with a convincing 41-15 win over Baytown Sterling on Friday night at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

Channelview secured the fourth playoff spot with the victory and posted a 4-3 District 21-6A record (5-5 overall). The Falcons will face La Porte in the Bi-District round at 7 p.m. Friday at Bulldog Stadium in La Porte.

Falcon runningback Demontre Tuggle led the way offensively with 163 yards and two touchdowns. Channelview also took advantage of Sterling offensive miscues by recovering six Ranger fumbles and intercepting three passes. Falcon defensive back Tuciano Pope snagged two of those interceptions. Pope



Channelview Falcon runningback Demontre Tuggle races toward the end zone for his second touchdown against Baytown Sterling last Friday. Tuggle was the offensive leader for the Falcons in their 41-15 victory over the Rangers, rushing for 163 yards. (Photo by Mark Kramer, Channelview ISD)

also scored Channelview’s first touchdown on a 13-yard pass from quarterback Gerald Gardner in the first quarter.

Channelview Falcons will play La Porte at Bulldog Stadium this Friday at 7 p.m.

Suspect arrested in sexual assault of child in Channelview

(Harris County, TX) Harris County Sheriff’s Office Child Abuse Unit investigators have arrested and charged a 38 year old man for the aggravated sexual assault of a juvenile girl in the Channelview area of east Harris County.

Investigators said that Cecil De Wayne Mc Afee is the man that forced a 16 year old female into his vehicle after seeing her walking down a sidewalk in a neighborhood around 4:30am on October 15, 2016.

Mc Afee posed as a police officer in order to lure the girl into his vehicle ,

after telling her she was in violation of the county curfew ordinance.

Mc Afee never displayed any police credentials to the victim.

Child Abuse investigators received several tips on Mc Afee, and were able to have him positively identified by the victim and witnesses, after surveillance video and photos of a vehicle similar to McAfee’s were released to the public.

He is charged with impersonating a police officer and aggravated sexual assault of a child, and is being held on an \$120,000 bond.



Cecil De Wayne Mc Afee

This is another fine example of the community and Harris County Sheriff’s Office personnel working together to make an arrest and charging a suspect.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

7th Annual Sheldon ISD "Salute to Veterans Parade"

The 7th Annual Sheldon ISD "Salute to Veterans Parade" is Nov. 11 (next Friday) beginning at 10 a.m. at Crenshaw Stadium. About 435 cadets (185 KHS JROTC, 150 Null MS CAP and 100 for King MS CAP) will perform the Pass and Review Ceremony.

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.

FREE Coffee Networking Event

Thursday, November 17th, 9:30am @ Dr. Patricia Janki's Office, 13601 Woodforest Blvd., 77015. Bring plenty of business cards. Invite your co-workers, business partners, potential member/clients! Everyone is WELCOMED!

The Buckshot Jamboree

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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 Ly-onde/Basell on Sheldon Road at noon.

Jacinto City Branch Library

-Friday, Nov. 11, Clases de Inglés Usando Mango, 1 pm.
-Saturday, Nov. 12, Family Movie Theater, 12:30 pm.
-Monday, Nov. 14, ESL Discussion Class, 4 pm.
-Tuesday, Nov. 15, Toddler Time, 10:30 am; Children's Storytime, 11:30 am.
-Wednesday, Nov. 16, ESL Class, 12:30 p.m.

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.

North Shore Rotary hosts Million Dollar Meal

Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club hosted a lunch the first Wednesday of November at the Baggett Center. The funds from this event will help Rotary's Galena Park High School Scholarships and other community projects.

Some community leaders who attended this event are Adrian Shelley Executive Director, Air Alliance Houston, Maria Rodriguez, GP/JC Rotary President Joshua Moreno, Ernesto Paredes, Bryan Clements, Congressman Gene Green, Constable Chris Diaz and Carol Thompson.



North Channel Salutes,

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Galena Park ISD as well as local businesses, hospitals and health care providers had a booth with useful information and giveaways.

Nearly 40 members of the Sheldon ISD family attended last Thursday's North Channel Area Chamber "Salutes" Luncheon and Exposition in Channelview. This event honored both active and retired military personnel. The district's JROTC students presented the colors during the program, and more than 20 veterans who now work for Sheldon ISD also took part in the festivities.



Channelview ISD JROTC students, Superintendent Greg Ollis, right, at the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce Salute to Veterans last Thursday at Armenta's Banquet Hall.

SHELDON ISD

First ever destination imagination team competes at Klein ISD competition

For the first time ever, Sheldon ISD's Gifted and Talented students in grades 4-8 participated in a regional Destination Imagination (DI) Conference attended by more than 700 students Oct. 29 in Klein ISD. The students worked in teams and received feedback on project-based Instant Challenges that required them to design solutions to problems in less than five minutes. The challenges foster confidence and collaboration while preparing students to become the next generation of innovators and critical thinkers. Sheldon currently has 61 GT students who practice weekly in multi-grade level DI teams after school. Pictured are the students, parents, and teacher team managers who attended the conference. (courtesy photo).




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Nick Evangelos Gianake



Nick Evangelos Gianake, 77, of Channelview, Texas, passed from this life on November 2, 2016. Mr. Gianake was born November 28, 1938 here in Houston, Texas to parents, Evangelos D. Gianake and Mineola (Little) Gianake. He served his country in

the U.S. Coast Guard and continued serving his community as a firefighter, retiring from City of Houston after 28 years. He is survived by children, Sabrina Dousay Baca, Nickola Gianake, Nick Gianake, Gregg Gianake; by grandchildren, Cortney McKinney, Nicole Thornton, Frank Rocha, Alesia Ramirez and Dylan Gianake; as well as by 9 great-grandchildren and three sisters, Angelina Giannakis, Troula Carroll and Helen Makarczyk. There will be a graveside service only, at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 4, 2016 at San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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LITTLE BIDDY BITS
By Danny Biddy

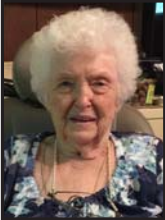
Two-Faced

Stephen Douglas was in a debate with Abraham Lincoln. At some point in the debate, Douglas just knew he had caught Lincoln contradicting himself. He looked at Lincoln and

called him "two-faced." Lincoln just looked back at Douglas and replied, "If I had another face, do you think I would be wearing this one?" Numbers 6:25 says, "May the Lord make His face shine upon you." Let the face you are wearing be the one the Lord Jesus put there.

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



Mary Jack Robbins, 90, of Jacinto City, Texas, passed from this life October 27, 2016.

She was born October 15, 1926 in Broadus, Texas, to parents, Monroe Lathaniel Burkett and Mona Ardel Kindred Burkett.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Cyrus Richard Robbins and by one daughter, Janet Rose Robbins. She is survived by children, Marilyn Schmidt & husband, Jackie; David Michael Robbins & wife, Rosemary and Karolyn Grant; by grandchildren, Jason Schmidt, Marie Brookreson, and Stephen Grant; great-grandchildren, Abigail Brookreson, Katie Brookreson, Jacob Schmidt and Scarlet Grant; as well as by one sister, Alice Joy Smith.

A visitation and service will be held at South Drive Baptist Church, 15229 South Drive, Channelview. Visitation will be Friday, October 28 from 6-8:00 p.m. with services to celebrate her life starting at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 29, 2016. She will be laid to rest in Hebron Cemetery near Broadus, Texas at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

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The African Children's Choir to perform in Crosby in November

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances.

The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional Spirituals and Gospel favorites. Concerts are free and open to all. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

Music for Life (The parent organization for The African Children's Choir) works in seven African countries such as, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa. MFL has edu-

cated over 52,000 children and impacted the lives of over 100,000 people through its relief and development programs during its history. MFL purpose is to help create new leadership for tomorrow's Africa, by focusing on education.

The African Children's Choir has had the privilege to perform before presidents, heads of state and most recently the Queen of England, Queen Elizabeth II, for her diamond jubilee. The Choir has also had the honor of singing alongside artists such as Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey, Michael W. Smith,

and other inspirational performers!

Promotional support of this community concert is greatly appreciated.

The African Children's Choir is a nonprofit humanitarian and relief organization dedicated to helping Africa's most vulnerable children today so they can help Africa tomorrow.

No tickets, donations welcome.

Event to take place on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at the Little Country Church located at 14035 FM 2100, Crosby, TX 77532. For more information, visit www.africanchildrenschoir.com.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Romans 11, of what tribe did Paul describe himself as a member? Benjamin, Rome, Barnabus, Tarsus
 3. In which "Garden of" did Adam and Eve live? Everest, Eden, Heaven, Paradise
 4. From the Bible, what was Adam made of or from? Eve's rib, Earth's dust, Ray of light, Fig leaf
 5. What's the Decalogue another name for? Ark of Covenant, Holy Grail, Ten Commandments, Last Supper
 6. In Romans 5:6, Paul noted that Christ died for the ... ? Believers, Unbelievers, Righteous, Ungodly
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Benjamin; 3) Eden; 4) Earth's dust; 5) Ten Commandments; 6) Ungodly

GCM Jail-a-Thon for Crime Stoppers



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Morgan Birdsong, Crime Stoppers member, "arrests" Makena Pulcher, "Barbie," during the recent Campus Crime Stoppers Jail-a-Thon at Goose Creek Memorial High School as other students wait to be bailed out. Campus Crime Stoppers members worked the Jail-a-Thon on Spooky Friday during Red Ribbon Week as a fundraiser for their organization, assisted by Sgt. John Butler. Campus Crime Stoppers sponsors are Denise Sanford and Shonda Clark.

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OBITUARIES

Jewel Irene Franklin Walker

Jewel Irene Franklin Walker went to be with our Lord on Monday, October 31, 2016, in Cleveland, Texas at the age of 93.
Jewel was born on May 20, 1923 in Cleveland, Texas to Flora Edith Runyon Franklin and Charles Walter Franklin. She graduated from Tarkington High School on May 22, 1942, and married Marshel Edwin Walker, her high school sweetheart, on May 30th, 8 days after graduating high school. They were married at Rural Shade Baptist Church and later that day, drove to Dallas where they lived and worked for a year until 1943 when Marshel went into the Army. For the next three years, while Marshel was an Airplane and Engine Mechanic for the Army, Jewel followed him to Amarillo, Texas and Waycross, Georgia. Leaving the Army in 1946, they moved to Houston and lived there until 1961 when they moved back to Tarkington Prairie.
Jewel was a spunky, full of life individual who loved her family and friends dearly. Her greatest love was her two grandchildren. She was passionate about her faith in God and was an active and dedicated member of Oak Shade Baptist Church in Tarkington Prairie for many years until she moved to Highlands in 2007 to live with her daughter, where she attended Northside Baptist Church.
Jewel was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed her career as a postal worker and treasured the friendships that she made along her rural mail route. She enjoyed playing 42 and hosted many parties in her home with the living room full of friends and laughter with more than a few shouts of someone being accused of cheating. After retiring, Jewel and Marshel enjoyed fishing at Lake Livingston and traveling with friends.
Jewel was initiated into Order of the Eastern Star Cleveland Chapter #465 on February 18, 1964 and became a dual member of Huffman Chapter #1112. She loved the Eastern Star, where she first served as Worthy Matron in 1967-68. Throughout her 52 years of service she was appointed to serve as Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 4 Section 4, in 1985-86, was Honored with a commission to serve as Grand Representative of Texas in Utah in 2008, served as Worthy Matron five times, and was Honored with a Life Membership for her love and dedication.
Jewel is survived by her daughter, Diane Craig and her husband Randall of Highlands; her granddaughter, Courtney Irvan and her husband Chad of Tomball; her grandson, Travis Craig and wife Lelia of Highlands; her sister, Billie Presswood of New Caney; numerous beloved nieces and nephews and her sweet little four legged friend, Tippy.
She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles Walter Franklin and Flora Edith 'Runyon' Franklin; her husband of 60 years, Marshel Edwin Walker; her brothers, Roy Franklin, Euthel Franklin, C.W. Franklin, and Earl Franklin; her sisters, Ruby Farley, Grace Long, and Verline Tucker.
Visitation will be Friday, November 4, 2016 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at Pace Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland, Texas. Services are scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Pace Stancil with Bro. David Brumbelow of Northside Baptist Church in Highlands officiating. Graveside services at Ryan Cemetery. The family request instead of flowers, donations be made to Houston Methodist Nantz National Alzheimer Center.

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BUSINESS

"Diamond Jim...Who or What is the GIA?"

Don't overlook long-term care costs



Gemological Institute of America The Gemological Institute of America, or GIA, is a nonprofit institute dedicated to research and education in the field of gemology and the jewelry arts. Founded in 1931, GIA's mission is to protect all buyers and sellers of gemstones by setting and maintaining the standards used to evaluate gemstone quality. The institute does so through research, gem identification and diamond grading services and a variety of educational programs. Through its world-renowned library and subject experts, GIA acts as a resource of gem and jewelry information for the trade, the public and worldwide media outlets.

In 1953 the GIA developed its International Diamond Grading System and the Four Cs (cut, clarity, color, and carat weight) as a standard to compare and evaluate the quality of diamonds.

Today, the institute is headquartered in Carlsbad, California and operates out of 13 countries, with 11 campuses, 9 laboratories and 4 research centers worldwide.

History

The story of the GIA starts back in the 1920s with a man named Robert M. Shipley. Shipley had been enjoying a successful career as a jeweler, but was coming to realize the unfortunate state of the gem and jewelry industry: a typical jeweler in the US, himself included, had a surprising lack of expertise when it came to jewelry and precious stones. He therefore took it upon himself to bring change to the jeweler's trade, and restore the public's trust therein. After traveling to Europe and completing the Great Britain National Association of Goldsmiths' gemological correspondence course, Shipley returned to Los Angeles. It was here that he launched his own preliminary course in gemology on September 16, 1930, seeking to train and certify jewelers. The jewelers he certified would eventually serve to form a national guild of jewelers, dedicated to providing the public with a superior sense of professionalism within the gem and jewelry field. The first GIA gemological laboratory was established in Los Angeles in 1931. The jeweler's profession was

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quickly transformed, with the introduction of the "Certified Gemologist" professional grading and identification reports. Diamond grading reports for unmounted natural and synthetic diamonds determine their key characteristics: color, clarity, cut and carat weight. GIA issues two types of reports, the more complete being the Diamond Grading Report (a briefer and less expensive version is called a Diamond Dossier). The reports contain a number of measurements, including of carat weight as well as a diagram of where and what types of inclusions are located in the diamond. Diamond grading reports are now demanded by most consumers purchasing diamonds over a certain size, typically for over 0.5 carat (100 mg), and almost always for over 1.0 carat (200 mg), and are considered an important tool in guaranteeing that a diamond is accurately represented to a potential buyer.

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GIA also exists to educate the gem and jewelry industry and the general public through its publications and outreach efforts. Most notable of these efforts is the quarterly publication of the magazine *Gems & Gemology*, a respected journal in the field. The journal includes full-length feature articles, as well as reports on GIA research, abstracts of relevant articles from other journals, book reviews, and industry news from around the world.

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How much money will you need in retirement? To arrive at an estimate, you should consider various factors, such as where you'll live, how much you plan to travel, and so on. Not surprisingly, you'll also need to think about health care costs, which almost always rise during retirement. But there's one area you might overlook: long-term care. Should you be concerned about these costs?

In a word, yes. Expenses for long-term care – which can include receiving assistance at home as well as prolonged care in a facility – can be surprisingly expensive. Consider the following statistics, taken from the 2016 Cost of Care Study issued by Genworth, an insurance company:

- The average annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$92,000. And in some places, particularly major metropolitan areas, the cost is considerably higher.
- The average annual cost for full-time services of an in-home health care aide is more than \$46,000.

These costs are certainly daunting. Of course, you might think that you won't have to worry about them, because you won't ever need any type of long-term care, particularly if you've always been in good health and your family has no history of later-in-life cognitive impairment. However, the odds may not always be in your favor, because almost 70% of people turning age 65 will need some kind of assistance or long-term care at some point in their lives,

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By Edward Jones

according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Given the costs of long-term care, and the possibility that you might really need this care, how can you prepare for the costs?

Things may change in the future, but at this point, you really can't count much on government programs to help pay for long-term care. Medicare typically pays for only a small percentage of these costs, and, to be eligible for Medicaid, you must have limited income and assets. In fact, you might need to "spend down" some of your assets to qualify for Medicaid long-term care services. Obviously, this is not an attractive choice, particularly if you'd like to someday "leave something behind" to your family or favorite charity.

Consequently, you need to look at your options for paying for long-term care – just in case. You could earmark a certain percentage of your investment portfolio to cover long-term care costs; if you never need this care, you can simply use the money to pay for other areas of your retirement or for other purposes, such as

charitable gifts or financial support to your grown children or grandchildren.

Or, as an alternative, you might want to work with a financial professional, who can recommend a strategy specifically designed to help you address long-term care costs. The marketplace in this area has evolved rapidly in recent years, so you should be able to find a solution that is both affordable and effective. Keep in mind, though, that the earlier you purchase a long-term care solution, the more economical it will likely be for you.

In any case, don't delay your planning for long-term care. Knowing that you're protected against potentially catastrophic costs can make your retirement years less stressful for you and your family.

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Channelview FD groundbreaking,

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GROUNDBREAKERS included the ESD #50 commissioners, Jim Owens, Ben Ballew, Brenda Biggers, Eric Stricklin, and Judy Brannon (not present), and Fire Chief Ryan Thistle and ESD Administrator Jimmy Sumbera.

2200 EMS calls and 680 fire calls during its first year in operation. The ESD and Fire Department administration will also be located in the new building. The space will include training facilities and a training room that will accommodate 50 students. Also present at the ceremony were the ESD commissioners, the building committee (Jim Owens, Ben Ballew, Jimmy Sumbera, Chad Mikush, Nathan Mathews) and Architects Slattery Tackett and General Contractor Durotech Inc.

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The department is excited to announce that a new fire station No. 3 is under construction at 1210 Dell Dale. This facility will have an engine company, ladder company, medic unit and District Chief. This building will also house the fire department's administration and training facilities. The expected completion date is September 2017.

Fire Department Equipment includes two active pumpers, a ladder truck, a back-up pumper, a brush truck, and four ambulances. Back-up equipment includes another pumper, and an ambulance.

The department was founded in 1949, chartered in 1954, and in 2012 transitioned into a full paid department regulated by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. ESD#50 was established in 2003. Channelview Fire Department serves about 38,000 people in a 16+ square mile area. Its success is built on its long history, the work of its predecessors, support of the community, and the commitment of the present men and women.

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