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CHANNEL CURRENTS

North Shore Rotary August Programs

Here are our remaining programs for August:

Aug 23

John Harris with Texans Radio Network

Aug 30

Associate Director of Johnson Space Ctr.

Gospel Singing

August 30, 6:30 p.m. at Market Street Baptist Church, 12964 Market St., 77015. Salad, sandwich supper. Hearts of Grace will be the inspirational singers. Questions? Please call 713-453-5584.

2nd Boys Rock

2 Life Skills Camp

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the 2nd Boys Rock 2 Life Skills Camp event will be held on the east side of Houston at the Channelview High School, located at 1100 Sheldon Road. This one-day fun packed workshop for young men grades 7th thru 12th will address topics such as appearance, handling money, interacting with law enforcement, hygiene, and all participants will be given a tie and instructed on how to tie a tie and much more.

Register and get free tickets at boysrock092018.planningpod.com/ Please call 832-388-7155 for more details. Hosted by Judge Joe Stephens.

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Galena Park Seniors Dance

Seniors 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.

Rep. Green holds community safety meeting



Photo by Allan Jamail

Congressman Green with citizens and governmental agency representatives at his August Community Safety Meeting.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. – Monday, August 20, 2018 citizens from the North Channel area came to Congressman Green's regular monthly community meeting to report their concerns about problem conditions in their neighborhoods.

Crime conditions, flooding, littering, weeds and public nuisances are an on-

going monthly concern citizen's report. Citizens were eager to give praise and thanks to the agencies representatives for taking care of their complaints.

Green always has guests from governmental agencies present who'll take notes of the citizen's issues and then try to resolve the problems and report back their remedies from the issues reported at

the previous community meeting.

To help promote his 23rd annual immunization event in his district Congressman Green was the first of many present to receive his shots.

Congressman Green announced these upcoming events, Northside Job Fair on September 17th, Senior Citizens Issues Forum on September 21st and Pay-

ing for College Workshop October 15th. For event locations and times or the next Community Meeting location and date call, 713-330-0761 or 281-999-5879.

Pastor Robert I. Dixon, II made the North Shore Community Fellowship of Faith's church available for the August meeting.

Dixon announced the church's back to school Health and Food Fair on

Saturday, August 25th from 10 AM to 2 PM at 444 Maxey Road, Houston, 77013. School supplies, backpacks, immunization shots and free refreshments will be available, for information call, 713-453-2031.

Citizens thanked and applauded Green for his

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Rotary hears from JP candidate Lucia Bates

By Gilbert Hoffman

This year's general election, set for November 6, will see a change in the Justice of the Peace in Baytown's Pct. 3 Position 2. This is the position currently held by Judge Don Coffey.

Marketing Executive Lucia Bates, a life-long resident of the North Shore area, will become the next JP in that jurisdiction, since she is running with no opponent on the Republican ticket.

Bates spoke about her life and qualifications at a recent luncheon held by the Highlands Rotary Club. Rotary has had a special relationship with all the JP's in recent years, Tony Polumbo, Mike Parrott, Don Coffey, and Joe Stephens. It was only natural that they wanted to meet and greet the next JP, Lucia Bates.

She spoke having been born in the Caribbean is-



Lucia Bates

land of St. Lucia, and moving to the U.S. as a child. She originally worked for GTE in Baytown, so she knows the area well. After that, she moved into advertising and marketing, first for the Houston Chronicle, and later for Houston Community Newspapers. She currently has her own business, LB Marketing Solutions. In many of these positions, she has won awards for outstanding performance.

Bates said her motivation to be a judge

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Jacinto City hires new Police Officer Samuel Lopez



Photo by Allan Jamail

Left to right: Jacinto City's newest police officer, Samuel Lopez and Chief Joe Ayala.

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. August 9, 2018 The Jacinto City Council approved the hiring of Samuel Omar Lopez as a full-time patrol officer. Officer Lopez graduated from HISD's Furr High School

and obtained his law enforcement qualifications from the Houston Community College Police Academy. His desire is to make a career with the Jacinto City Police Department.

Casino night benefits Chamber foundation

Town Center in Jacinto City resembled Las Vegas last Friday night, as the North Channel Chamber Foundation held their Casino Night fundraiser.

Almost a hundred fun-seekers turned out for an evening of casino games, and good food from Pizzinis. Games included craps, blackjack, poker, and roulette, all played with "funny money" in the thousands.

The Title Sponsor was Bestway Oilfield, and Corporate sponsors included Arkema, Amegy Bank, Community Toyota, HCA Houston ER, North Shore Rotary, San Jacinto Colleg Foundation, Top Dog Fireworks, Woodforest Bank, United Community Credit Union, and Alamo Ready Mix.

Proceeds from the evening will go to the William C. Palko Scholarship fund.

The evening also included a silent auction, and a raffle.

Guests for the evening included North Shore Rotarians, Chamber members, and sponsors.



Namesake Bill Palko, at the table far right, kept an eye on the money all evening and had some fun playing.



Poker was one of the popular games of the evening, as Rotary president Bill Bowes (in hat) checks his cards.

Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke in Channelview

CHANNELVIEW – Candidate for Texas Senator Beto O'Rourke held a Town Hall meeting last Tuesday, at Armenta's Reception Hall. Hundreds of supporters, and the curious, turned out for a warm greeting.

O'Rourke is on a 34-day grassroots drive across Texas, and Channelview was one of his few stops in this area. Beto has made a point of visiting all of the 254 counties in the state.

Although the crowd was mostly Democrats, many of them wearing "BetoForTexas" tee shirts, there were also some Republicans and Independents who told the North Channel Star they admired the man and message that Beto represents.

Beto gave a fiery speech, animated with arms waving, about his position on Veterans' rights, public education, better pay for teachers, and universal healthcare.

Beto noted that his campaign is funded entirely by individuals, and not PACs or special interests, in contrast to his opponent, in-



Beto O'Rourke and Adrian Garcia at the Channelview Town Hall. Many politicians were present for the event, including Pct. 2 Commissioner's candidate Garcia, County Judge candidate Lina Hidalgo, JP candidate Lucia Bates, and many others. Garcia gave the warm-up introduction for Beto in his usually warm and friendly manner.

cumbent Senator Ted Cruz. O'Rourke said that so far he has raised more than \$10.4 million dollars for his campaign, almost twice what Cruz raised.

In addition, polls are now showing that he is within 4 points of potential

votes, with the latest being a poll taken by NBC news. The poll gave Beto 45% of the vote, with 49% for Cruz, and 6% undecided. Beto claims that as the general election in November approaches, he will pick up the difference.

★ CROSBY HUFFMAN NEW EDUCATORS LUNCHEON ★

CROSBY NEW EDUCATORS



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Linda Fernandez De Jesus, Aubree Keissling, Alayna Lowerie, Kaitlyn McMurtry, Kelsey Pagel



Fred J. Salinas, owner of Friendly Ford of Crosby, presented \$500 checks to Dr. Benny Soileau for the Back Pack Program in Huffman and to Dr. Scott Davis for the Back Pack Program in Crosby. These programs provide school supplies to needy school children to help them stay up with their classes. Here backed by Chamber of Commerce CEO Larry Koslovsky of Crosby Brethren Church.

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Meghani Aziz of Raceway 6764 Crosby, second from right, presented Gas Cards valued at \$25 each to two Crosby and two Huffman teachers, here with the Rev. Larry Koslovsky CEO of the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce at right.

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Nice home with all the amenities that Newport provides. Large shaded lot with beautiful landscaping, walking trails directly across the street for easy access. Spacious living area with fireplace, bar area into kitchen. Lots of cabinets in the kitchen with new dishwasher replaced in 2015 & built in microwave. Formal dining could be an office. MLS# 4232987 \$175,000

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SCHOOL NEWS

There is excitement in the air at Channelview ISD

Welcome to Channelview Independent School District signs lined Sheldon Road as employees eagerly made their way to the Bill Neal Center for Convocation 2018. Educators, administrators, board members and staff entered the building dancing to welcome back songs, and all employees received the opportunity to participate in games and drawings provided by this year's sponsors:

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District Convocation was the first formal ceremony that framed the academic year. It allowed employees to come together with their school spirit shirts and department attire to join forces in celebrating the many accomplishments throughout the district. It was also an opportunity to set the tone for a successful 2018-2019 school year. This year's back-to-school convocation included Chan-



Staff members from the Early Childhood Center are excited about the new school year.

nelview High School band, Channelettes, JROTC, choir, and cheerleaders. School Board Trustees, Mr. J. Kyle Campbell, and Mr. Greg Johnstone welcomed staff to the 2018-2019 school year with invocation and words of inspiration.

Be positive, be creative, be unstoppable was the message delivered by Superintendent of Schools Mr. Greg Ollis, as he inspired district employees with this year's theme: Positive Attitudes equal Positive Outcomes. Mr. Ollis was excited to present a speaker who would bring a powerful message to all district employees. Author and illustrator, Mr. Sam Glenn, entertained the audience with humorous stories about his life lessons and the importance of living

life with a positive attitude. As Mr. Glenn painted his rendition of an eagle, he told of stories of how attitude is the main thing that affects everything. Sam Glenn challenged school district employees to give their best every day. He urged the audience to get better every day by growing, reaching deep and lending a hand. It is through these efforts that everyone can "share their popcorn."

Channelview Independent School District participated in a Twitter campaign tweeting over 1,050 tweets using the hashtag #beCVISD. As a bonus to the festivities, all campuses and departments competed for the 2018 Spirit Award. This year's spirit award was given to McMullan Elementary School.

Deputies to serve on all Channelview ISD campuses

As students enter schools in Channelview Independent School District, there is one change that is noticed immediately. The School Board of Trustees has approved additional security measures to provide support to campuses in the district. With guidance from Governor Greg Abbott, under the "Making Schools Safer" recommendation, the Channelview Independent School District has taken measures beyond the recommendation by assigning deputies to the following campuses: Barrett/Lee Early Childhood Center, Brown Elementary, Crenshaw Elementary, Cobb Elementary, Schochler Elementary, Hamblen Elementary, McMullan Elementary, DeZavala Elementary, Alice Johnson Junior High, Aguirre Junior High, Channelview High School.

Under the leadership of Lieutenant Gregg Board and Sergeant Jeff Gonzales, campus deputies have



Lieutenant Gregg Board and Sergeant Jeff Gonzales welcome deputies to Channelview ISD

received intense training, including a refresher course in ALERRT-Active Shooter Training, to meet the needs of schools throughout the district. Deputies will be placed as School Resource Officers (SRO) who will serve cam-

puses on a full-time basis. The department is currently preparing for the first community training on Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) to be held August 31, 2018.

Channelview ISD is ready for the 2018-2019 school year

It's August 20, 2018, over 9,280 students enter classrooms in Channelview Independent School District, ready for a rewarding school year. As we start a new school year, we recognize that parents have entrusted us to educate and nurture their children, as well as provide a wide range of opportunities for students to be successful. This district is proud to have spent the summer investing in our educators, enhancing the district's facilities, and refining the district safety plan. Channelview Independent School District is ready to embark upon a new academic year!

On behalf of Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Greg Ollis, and School Board Trustees, we would like to thank you for your



Harvey Brown Elementary welcomes families on the first day of the new year

continued support of our campuses and district programs. We acknowledge your commitment to our

students, and we celebrate your choice to be a member of the Channelview Community.

Safety Meeting,

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making the community meeting's an easy avenue for citizens to get positive results directly to those who are in a position to make the neighborhood cleaner and safer.

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Congressman Gene Green gets his immunization shots from Jacinto City's Walgreen's Pharmacy Manager Dominique Beale, as Temika Verdine, Store Manager watches.



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OPINION PAGE

6 Tips to Keep Children Safe in Digital World

With the increase in cyberbullying, parents worry about the safety of their children in the digital world. Technology and digital devices are ingrained in our children's daily lives from an early age. David McGeary, curriculum director for Digital Education and Innovation at Harris County Department of Education, provides safety tips to help keep children from harm and be good digital citizens.

1. Talk to kids about digital safety at a young age and do it often.

Have parents talk to kids about what to do if something happens online. If students are at school, tell a trusted teacher. If something happens at home, tell a parent or other trusted adult.

Talk to children about their district's code of conduct and safety plans. If the district has an anonymous tip line, how do you access it? What kind of information should be shared? If the district maintains an account for routine safety updates or communications during an event, where is that social media channel located? How can parents engage that channel to stay informed or share information?

The Department of Homeland Security publicizes its "See Something, Say Something" initiative. Not only is it a good practice to follow this advice for personal safety, a student's report could save lives of others through conscientious sharing of information.

2. Be a part of your children's online experiences. Know the sites they visit and games they play.

Research shows that kids ages 12-17 are increasingly aware of the disparity between the "perfect life" that they see others share online and the "real life" they experience every day. Parents should work to remind their kids that social media is often a reflection of a person's best experiences, but it does not represent the whole person. Kids should learn to cherish themselves, flaws and all. All this while also keeping an open mind about what is happening on social media.

3. Don't allow young children to spend unsupervised time online.

Keep the family computer in a common area in the home. Keep charging devices out of private areas like bedrooms.

4. Enforce this rule: If

you won't do something face-to-face, don't do it online. (Discuss social interactions.)

Research shows that victims of cyberbullying have often bullied someone online themselves. By humanizing the online space and developing empathy for others, parents can help their children break the cycle of victim-and-victimization.

5. Humanize online social interactions. Remind them that behind every pixelated avatar is a human being.

When kids begin to get more active on social media, help them to use social media in a healthy way. Encourage them to share snaps of things that they are interested in or Instagram posts of cool experiences they have. Social media is becoming increasingly important in the world after high school. Help kids to share the best versions of themselves online so they may be better positioned for a life outside of school once they graduate.

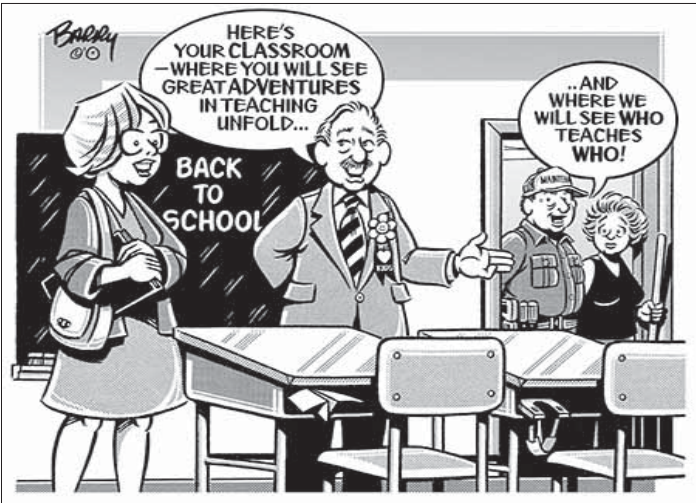
6. Parents and students: Be fierce guardians of your personal information.

If a student is being asked to use a third-party tool that requires the student to give out personal information, it's okay to ask if the district has a policy in place to protect the information that is being given away. Parents can further help their kids by reading the "terms of service and privacy policy." (This policy is usually found at the very bottom of a web page or in the settings of an application on any website that a student uses outside of their district's network.)

McGeary suggests that while children may be getting information about safe online behavior from their school, students who have regular discussions with their parents about digital safety are more likely to be vigilant, self-advocates when something goes wrong online. He also suggests parents become partners in their child's online experiences.

"Take interest in the sites your children visit and the games they play," said McGeary. "If kids are engaged in constant discussion about the digital realm, they are much more likely to approach a parent or guardian if something out of the ordinary occurs."

For more resources on cyberbullying and digital safety, visit <http://www.cyberwise.org/digital-citizenship-resources>.



Texas Education Agency releases two sets of ratings

AUSTIN — The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 15 released 2018 campus accountability ratings and, for the first time ever, A-F district accountability ratings.

More than 8,700 independent school campuses received a rating of Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard or Improvement Required. Some 7,260 public school campuses and 558 charters were rated Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard, while 293 public school campuses and 56 charters were rated Improvement Required. Some 86 campuses would have received an Improvement Required rating but were affected by Hurricane Harvey to an extent that they were labeled Not Rated: Harvey Provision. Also, 506 campuses received a Not Rated label for reasons other than Hurricane Harvey.

Top performers lauded

Some 153 Texas school districts and district charters received an "A" rating under the A-F state accountability system, Education Commissioner Mike Morath announced.

"Achieving an A rating reflects the hard work and commitment of everyone within a school district, starting with our classroom teachers," Morath said. "We should all celebrate the outstanding work of these dedicated educators. Districts with high levels of poverty who attain this high level of performance are proof positive that poverty is not destiny. With strong instruction and curriculum, all students can succeed."

The A-F ratings are based numerical grades in three areas:

- Student Achievement, showing how much students know and are able to do at the end of the school year;
- School Progress, showing how students perform over time and how that growth compares to similar schools; and
- Closing the Gaps, showing how well different student groups within a school are performing.

School and school district report cards can be viewed at TXschools.org.

Paxton praises 5th Circuit

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Aug. 16 commended a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit for upholding a lower court's dismissal of a lawsuit by three University of Texas at Austin faculty members.

The UT professors challenged Senate Bill 11, the campus carry law, claiming that the legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2015 would have a "chilling effect" and stifle discussion in their classrooms. SB 11 took effect Aug. 1, 2016.

"The right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed for all Americans, including college students, and the 5th Circuit's decision prevents that right from being stripped away by three individuals who oppose the law enacted by the Legislature," Paxton said.

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In July 2017, a U.S. District Court dismissed the professors' complaints on the grounds that they were baseless and without legal standing.

'Watch app' recommended

The Texas Department of Public Safety and Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 16 encouraged school staff, parents, students and community members to download the new "iWatchTexas" mobile application "to help law enforcement protect Texans."

At the direction of Gov. Abbott, DPS launched the mobile application in June to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity, including criminal, terroristic or school safety-related threats.

Safe driving is promoted

The Texas Department of Transportation has renewed its annual effort to prevent drunken driving during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

TxDOT Executive Director James Bass on Aug. 16 said, "It's completely irresponsible and absolutely inexcusable to drink and drive. Finding a sober ride is easy, and it can save you from being arrested or from injuring or killing yourself or others. Make

an effort to plan ahead for a sober ride this Labor Day weekend. You owe it to yourself and everyone else on the road."

Bass promoted the agency's anti-drinking and driving "Plan While You Can" campaign and recommended the website SoberRides.org as a source of alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver or calling someone for a sober ride home;
 - Contacting a taxi or ride-share service;
 - Using mass transit; and
 - Spending the night.
- Bond rating is highest Texas has received the highest credit ratings for this year's Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, allowing the state to manage its cash flow needs for fiscal 2019.

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar made the announcement on Aug. 10, saying the ratings issued by the financial services companies Standard & Poor's, Fitch, Moody's and Kroll are the result of "conservative economic leadership and sound policies."

The notes are sold to help fund school payments and manage cash flow between the start of the fiscal year and the arrival of tax revenue later in the year. This year's \$7.2 billion TRAN sale is set for Aug. 22.

DPS reminds drivers of traffic dangers associated with new school year

AUSTIN—As the new school year begins, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) cautions Texans to slow down in school zones, and to be aware of children walking to and from school or waiting for buses. Drivers should be especially alert and careful around school buses—which make frequent stops—and always follow traffic laws regarding school buses and school zones. The start of the school year also generates an increase in overall traffic in many areas, and drivers should take extra precautions.

"With school districts across Texas returning to classes in the coming weeks, DPS is urging drivers to slow down and be alert in school zones and wherever children are present," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Motorists who disregard the law and illegally pass stopped school buses put our school children in harm's way—and that reckless and irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated by DPS."

The moments when students are entering or exiting the bus can be one of the most dangerous times during a child's trip on a school bus. Accordingly, DPS reminds drivers to reduce speed and be aware that children may unexpectedly step into a roadway without checking for oncoming traffic.

State law requires that drivers stop when a bus is stopped and operating a visual signal—either red flashing lights or a stop sign. Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. Approaching drivers do not have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if the roadway is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not considered separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings. Drivers who illegally pass school buses face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense. For individuals convicted of this offense more than once, the law allows the individual's driver license to be suspended for up to six months. (A ticket for illegally passing a school bus cannot be dismissed through defensive driving.) Additionally, this offense could potentially include criminal charges if they cause serious bodily injury to another.

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Dorothy Sue Ackerman

Dorothy Sue Ackerman, 58, passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2018. She was born on September 9, 1959 in Houston, Texas to Max William Ackerman and Viola Strakos Ackerman. She worked in different departments as a valued employee of Kroger for many years. Dorothy enjoyed doing word-search puzzles and taking trips to the casino. She loved watching different TV shows from cooking shows, westerns, and soap operas. Dorothy was a fan of George Strait and enjoyed dancing. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Max and Viola Ackerman; grandparents, Max L. Ackerman, Angelina Janak Ackerman, John Stakos Sr., and Ludmilla Budova Strakos; uncle, Charles Bederka; aunt, Doris Bederka; cousin, Liz Skrla; and brother-in-law, William D. Stubbs.

Dorothy is survived by her sisters, Viola Stubbs, Sandra Arsement, Mildred Bebee, and Mary Ackerman; brother-in-law, Bruce Bebee; nieces, Angela Jenthro, Ashley Stubbs, Jennifer Pulsifer, and Lindsay Parmer; nephews, William Stubbs



Jr and wife JoAnn., Eric Arsement and Hannah Adams, Tyler Bebee, and Corey Bebee; great niece, Dixie Adams; great nephews, Tyler Jenthro, Scott Jenthro Jr., Owen Parmer, Ethan Parmer, Hollis Arsement, Jamison Pulsifer, and Bentley Adams; special friends, Diane Davis and Ruby Phillips; and a host of extended family and friends.

A visitation for family and friends was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018 also at Sterling White Funeral Home. Interment followed in Sterling-White Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd, Highlands, Texas. To share memories and offer condolences please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

Harry Austin Jones



Harry Austin Jones, age 60 and former resident of Channelview, Texas and later Iota, Louisiana passed away peacefully August 19, 2018. Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Kay Elizabeth Jones; sons Stephen and wife Julie, Mark and daughter Valerie; brother Trimm, sisters Rosemary, Carol, Nancy and Lisa as well as three grandchildren.

Harry loved to barbeque, go fishing and he loved to read. He was an inside salesman in the Industrial Motor industry for many years. Harry loved his family and had many friends and will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

The family will gather at 10:00 AM, August 24, 2018 at the Historic Blanco Cemetery in Blanco, Texas where graveside services will follow at 11:00 AM.

Jerry Wayne Riggs

Jerry Wayne Riggs age 74, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday August 14, 2018. He was born in Bakersfield, California on January 19, 1944 to O'Neil Carroll Riggs and Thomas Earl Riggs. He enjoyed traveling, cooking and making money, but most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He had a humorous side to him, telling corny jokes and chuckling. He was a mentor to any one who needed his support, could have been considered strong willed at times and will be loved and missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Jerry is survived by his children, Cherry Riggs, Edward Clancy (and wife, Tammi), Lori Mueller (and husband, Michael), Jennifer Ayers (and husband, Chad), Chris Riggs and Sarah Riggs (and husband, Bob Starkey); his grandchildren, Juliana Jimenez, Miranda, Jack and Jeremy Clancy, Olivia Mueller, Heather Becvar, Jessi Jones, Darby Davis and Dustin, Daniel, Michael and Jill Starkey. Also survived by other relatives and many friends.




A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, on Friday evening August 17, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Services will be held on Saturday morning August 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Sterling White Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in Sterling White Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas 77562. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From 1 Kings 3, who asked God, "Who is able to judge this thy so great a people"? Israelites, Elijah, Abraham, Solomon
 3. Who used the excuse, "My family is poor, and I am the least in my father's house"? Aaron, David, Gideon, Jeroboam
 4. From Exodus 2, who married the shepherd girl Zipporah? Samson, Daniel, Joel, Moses
 5. Who was the mother of Ishmael? Tabitha, Hagar, Ruth, Mary
 6. What was the homeland of Job? Thyatira, Ur, Corinth, Uz
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Solomon; 3) Gideon; 4) Moses; 5) Hagar; 6) Uz



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1 Corinthians 16:13

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Leviticus 19:32

ASK THE EXPERT

Ask Diamond Jim: "What is the value of a 'GOOGLE Review'?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

Most would agree that GOOGLE is the most widely utilized search engine/ search page on the internet. GOOGLE also offers people the opportunity to rate a business via its "GOOGLE Review" process by leaving a 1 Star to 5 Star Review. Now this may have very little value to a large company such as Amazon, Microsoft, or eBay however, to a small local business, the reviews left by customers are often priceless. If you personally have not read the GOOGLE reviews of a business prior to patronizing it such as a restaurant, doctor, lawyer, mechanic or jeweler, chances are excellent that someone in your family has done just that. Google reviews are akin to asking your friends and family their personal opinion about a certain business. The problem is that if they haven't ever been to that particular store or place of business, they may not have enough information that could help you decide if you should give it a try yourself. This is where reading the reviews of a business can offer insight from previous customers as to their opinions and experiences with that business.

Honest and caring customers know that leaving a GOOGLE review carries a great deal of responsibility with it that must include using caution. For example, leaving a 1, 2, 3, or 4 star review for a business that exceeded your expectations would not be fair. Inversely, it would not be fair to leave a five star review for a business that offered you a very poor experience. What it really comes down to is knowing that your words, your rating, and your comments that you leave on GOOGLE about a business should be offered in a completely honest and honorable way. If it were your family that owned the business, I'm certain that you would choose your comments carefully when asked to evaluate their strengths or weaknesses. The same is true for any small business. If they go Above and Beyond to give you a WOW Experience, then by all means leave a 5 Star GOOGLE Review. Most small businesses are owned by a single man or woman, a married couple, or by business partners who are working hard to provide for their families, pay taxes,

and provide jobs to people in the community. A collection of multiple reviews over the years can, and often does, help a business to succeed. While GOOGLE Reviews can be effective advertising for a business, the most important review of any business will be your review. Every good business owner knows that he/she must work hard to exceed every customer's expectations, every day, and during every encounter. "A customer may not remember the exact words you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel."

I'm Diamond Jim...thank you for reading this column.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson

It Hurts

Last week, I could not bring myself to write my column. I received phone calls and emails asking if I was okay. I love this community in such a way that it hurts to know there are some people who have issues in their lives and they do not know where to turn for help.

On the morning of August 12, I was reading the news on my phone before church started. There had been a murder in our community the night before. To make it even worse, the young mother was stabbed to death in the presence of her four youngest children--by their father. My heart broke and my mind started racing. So many things crossed my mind. Who was going to raise these children? Where were her other two children? If the relationship had been abusive, why did she not reach out? If she reached out and the shelters for domestic violence victims were full, had she contacted any law enforcement officers? Had she told her apartment staff that she had someone who could potentially hurt her? Did she talk to a judge about getting a protective order?

At the end of the church service, Pastor Johnny Brady asked for the women of the church to come forward. He went on to explain that there was a precious 12-year-old girl at church with her grandmother. She had lost her mother the night before to murder. It hit me like a ton of bricks that this girl was one of the two older children not at home when their mother was killed. After the prayer, I spoke to the grandmother. I offered her the name of Bo's Place which provides counseling for children

affected by death. I gave her names and numbers of people within the school district who would be there to help over the next weeks as well as gave her my phone number and asked her to please let me know if the children needed anything.

As I returned from church, my daughter in law called to tell me Sofie was one of her friends from junior high. My daughter in law was upset that in a community of love, why is there no shelter for women and children to escape the pain of domestic abuse. As the day went on, I learned so much about Sofie. By the time the funeral took place on Friday night, I had heard so many awesome stories about her love for her children and her family. I heard from neighbors and classmates. I heard from first responders. I heard from others that had suffered with these relationships.

I cannot tell you how hurt I was when on Sunday, following a fundraiser for Sofie's children, I learned that their father's family had somehow got custody of the four children who had witnessed her murder. When her younger sister asked so many questions, all I could do was remind her that God sees everything and in time, we will understand. She and her siblings have found an attorney to help with getting custody of the children as well as filing a lawsuit against the local business that continued to serve him alcohol even though the video tape shows he was beyond drunk. There are other steps in the future that I will share when possible. For now, I ask that you pray for all of the lives touched by the death of Sofie Martinez. Life hurts. But in time, we will heal.

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OBITUARY

Richard Emil "Ricky" Ziegelbauer Sr.



Richard "Ricky" Emil Ziegelbauer Sr., born on January 4, 1947 in Channelview, Houston, Texas, only son of the late Emil A. and Anita (Zimmerhanel) Ziegelbauer, passed away on July 27, 2018. From 1966-71 Richard served in the U.S. Navy in the Vietnam War, and U. S. Navy Reserves and he retired at PGI as a millwright. Ricky was generous man that enjoyed the winter weather ,he had a passion for cooking, gardening, birds and his Hawaiian shirts. His life and legacy shall be remembered in the hearts of his family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his daughter, Donna Claywell; and grandchild, Ashley Martinez. He is survived by his children (spouses), Richard E. Jr (Julie) Ziegelbauer , Ronald E. (Jennifer) Ziegelbauer ; Lisa (Joe) Caballero ; and close friend, B.J. Nelson .

The family invites donations in Richard's name to American Heart Association

10060 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77054 or at <https://www.2.heart.org>. Friends and family members may attend the graveside service on Wednesday, August 29 at 10:15 , Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr, Houston. Carnes Funeral Home is handling arrangements, 3100 Gulf Fwy, Texas City, (409) 986-9900.

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Justice of the Peace Candidate,

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came from her passion to give back to the community. Her resume is full of public service positions, as a Rotary director, Chair of the North Channel Chamber, president of her HOA, and former board members of the YMCA, Pilot Club, Top Ladies of Distinction, Advisory Panel to LyondellEquestar, and much more.

Bates holds degrees from U of H Clear Lake, and the University of Phoenix.

As a JP, she plans to expand community education on new laws, add an evening court session, work with school districts to stop truancy, introduce punishment options that do not include incarceration, restart Teen Court, and work with local businesses to find jobs for persons recently released from jail that otherwise find a hard time getting permanent employment.

She says she will run the “People’s Court” with Integrity, Respect for Everyone, and a Welcoming or Inviting attitude.

Bates noted that becoming a JP is more than winning an election, and she has been studying hard on an internet course meant for first-time Justices of the Peace.

Bates is married, and has two daughters, and lives in the North Shore area.

She plans to bring her love for community to her new job, and her grandmother’s teaching, of Diplomacy and Decorum.

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