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New Pct. 2 Veterans Service Center opens in Channelview



On Tuesday, November 19, 2019, Commissioner Adrian Garcia opened the former V.V. Ramsey Community Center as the V.V. Ramsey Veteran Services Center for Precinct 2, located at 16003 Lorenzo St. in Channelview, TX. Garcia remarked that "Harris County has the second largest number of veterans in the U.S." Assisting Garcia was Heather Ramsey Cook, granddaughter of Ramsey, and members of Ramsey's family.

For over two decades, the Precinct 2 Veteran Services Department has proudly provided assistance to US military veterans and family. Services include assistance with health-care, transportation, pensions, compensation filings, death pension claims, burial benefits, and grave markers. For more information, call 713-274-9570.

North Shore Mustangs crush Pasadena 58-35, Katy next

By Linda Jamail

Pasadena Memorial Stadium, Friday, November 22nd at 7 PM the North Shore Mustangs defeated the Dawson Eagles of Pearland ending their playoff hopes, 58 to 35.

Coach Jon Kay's Mustangs led in all categories including penalties with 9 and giving away 80 yards. In the playoffs against top ranked teams those free yards from penalties can cost you a game.

North Shore racked up 715 total offensive yards with running back Zach Evans making half of them on 20 running plays for 354 yards, averaging 17.7 yards a carry. Quarterback Demetrius Davis passed for 208 yards and 1 TD and he ran for 73 yards and 2 TD's.



#3 Zach Evans, Mustang running back scores. Evans one of the nation's top running backs averaged 17.7 yards per carry and compiled 354 yards, 2 TD's. Photo by Allan Jamail

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Thanksgiving Turkeys given away by Jackson Lee, Judge Stephens, others



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee gives out 200 Thanksgiving turkeys at Jacinto City's Heritage Hall. Congresswoman Lee gives out annually 1,500 to 2,000 turkeys in her 18th Congressional District. Photo by Allan Jamail

By Allan Jamail

Houston, Jacinto City & Harris County -- November 26, 2019 1,500 plus residents throughout Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's 18th Congressional District received turkeys and pies on her annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway Day.

Congresswoman Lee began early each of two

mornings and going late into the evenings traveling throughout her district personally handing out turkeys. At each of the 20 stops Lee extended her message of goodwill and wishing a happy Thanksgiving message to approximately 2,000 of her constituents.

This year Congress-

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Senator Sylvia Garcia, Judge Joe Stephens, Comm. Adrian Garcia, and others gave out turkeys this Thanksgiving.

Harris County Clerk's Office opens new Jim Fonteno Annex serving residents in East Harris County



Harris County Clerk's Office opens new Jim Fonteno Annex location at 14350 Wallisville Road.

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. Thursday, November 21, 2019 newly elected County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman continues to make positive changes for Harris County residents. The most recent improvement she's made is the opening of a new annex in east Harris County, lo-

cated at 14350 Wallisville Road.

"We are very pleased that we can offer our services to area residents that otherwise had to travel far to obtain personal records," said Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman. "It also made sense to open an annex here since this building already houses

other county offices."

With this new addition, the Harris County Clerk's Office now has 11 locations throughout the county. Residents can obtain deed information, marriage licenses, birth certificates and other personal records

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THURSDAY, DEC 5 Rep. Ana Hdz. Holiday Open House

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 from 11 am - 1 pm at District Office, 1233 Mercury Dr. 77029. Light refreshments will be served. Donations of new, unwrapped toys are accepted until Dec. 13.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 Jacinto City Christmas Parade

Line up, 2:00 p.m., at Wiggins Street by Jacinto City Elementary School. Award presentation and Christmas music after parade at Jacinto City Town Center. Questions? 713-674-8424.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 Community Toy Drive

10 am - 1 pm at Walmart Parking lot, 15450 Wallisville Rd., 77049. Donate a new unwrapped toy.

Crosby lost against Hornets



Crosby scrambles against the alert Huntsville Hornet defense last Saturday.

The Crosby Cougars ended their season last Saturday by a 54-44 loss to the Huntsville Hornets inside New Caney's impressive Randall Reed Stadium.

The Huffman Falcons fell to the Palestine Wildcats by a score of 19 to 14 Friday in Bryan, Texas.

Huffman scored first on a run and two passes. They put up 262 yards rushing against 300 but the difference was four turnovers charged to the Falcons.

The Cougars scored first and looked most impressive passing from Branch to Herman. The Hornets answered in kind in the first quarter.

Crosby went nip 20 and tuck with the Hornets 14 but were behind by five points at the half. The Hornets had four touchdowns to three and a field goal.

The Hornets must have had a great half-time rally speech as they came out ripping three touchdowns that were unanswered in the third quarter.

Down by four touchdowns Crosby rallied in the fourth quarter with an early touchdown pass. They then got the two point conversion.

Crosby made an interception after kicking to Huntsville. With the same resolve the Cougars scored again on a pass within lots of coverage but this time minus the two point conversion.

Crosby Huffman Chamber welcomes new member



Coldwell Banker Southern Homes celebrated their new location with an Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Stop by and visit their new location at 5321 First Street in Crosby and say Hello!

Child injured in car crash in Highlands



Emergency personnel from Highlands and Baytown responded last Sunday night to an accident in the 7600 block of John Martin Road. In an apparent single-vehicle crash, a car landed in the ditch along the road. A child riding along with an adult woman was seriously hurt with head injuries, and LifeFlight was called to transport the child to the hospital.

The woman driving the car was transported by ambulance to the hospital. The Harris County Sheriff's Office is investigating the accident. If you have any information, please contact them at 713-221-6000.

May Community Center's Special Events Calendar

- Christmas Bunco: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Come to the May Community Center for our Christmas Bunco and play a gift wrapped exchange! Suggested \$3.00 donation. Brunch will be served! Please call or come by the center to sign up at May Community Center, 2100 Wolf Rd., Huffman, TX 77336, 713-274-2434
- Celebration of Trees Open House: Friday, December 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Entertainment by Calvin and Trish Gainey from the Liberty Opry, refreshments, children create holiday crafts, play in the snow, bring you camera for pictures with Santa, tour the decorated trees. We will have you vote on your favorite tree decorated by our May Center
- Classes!
 - Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Come eat pancakes and sausage with Santa, play in the snow and make a Christmas craft. A \$3 per person suggested donation is requested. Please call the May Community Center for reservations, 713-274-2434.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Channelview ISD November Students of the Month



Channelview ISD recently honored November Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon at Ray Maddy Stadium. The Students of the Month include, top row, from left: Ishanel Martinez (Alice Johnson Junior High), Alyah Betancurth (Anthony Aguirre Junior High), Zerrick Gee (Channelview High School). Middle Row: Brenda Ruiz (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center), Jerome Robinson (Hamblen Elementary), Juan Segura (McMullan Elementary), Benjamin Wright (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center). Front Row: Valeria Valadez (Brown Elementary), Jakob Rodriguez (Crenshaw Elementary), Ricardo Martinez (Barrett-Lee Early Childhood Center), Jeremiah Aguirre (Schochler Elementary), Mia Dickens (DeZavala Elementary). Not Pictured: Desiree Gomez (Cobb Elementary).

North Shore Rotary supports Project Grad at NSSHS



North Shore Rotary president Ryan Dagley, second from right, presents a check to representatives of North Shore high school. The money is to support the student “lock-in” night for graduating seniors. Project Grad’s goal is to provide a safe environment for students to celebrate their graduation.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State's chief election officer works to head off election misinformation

AUSTIN — Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs announced ahead of the 2020 primary and general elections that her office will join fellow members of the National Association of Secretaries of State in #TrustedInfo2020, a social media-based education effort to prevent misinformation.

Hughs encouraged Texans to look to their state and local elections officials as the trusted sources of election information. "The upcoming 2020 elections will be historic and unlike any before," said Hughs.

"It is imperative that voters in the Lone Star State are able to count on trusted sources of election information as they prepare to make their voices heard in next year's elections. I encourage Texans to visit VoteTexas.gov and to follow our verified accounts, as well as those of their local elections officials, to receive the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding our elections," Hughs added.

Texas — a Super Tuesday state — will conduct its party primaries on Tuesday, March 3. The other states holding elections on that date are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont and Virginia.

Trump visits Apple site

While the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence heard testimony at the U.S. Capitol in the impeachment inquiry into President Donald J. Trump on Nov. 20, the nation's chief executive flew to Austin.

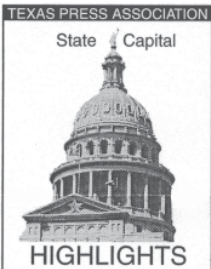
According to a White House news release, Trump met with Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook and held a brief news conference at Apple's Flex compound. Trump praised Cook and the success of Apple and responded to reporters' questions relating to the impeachment hearings and to trade policy with China. Trump's remarks are posted at whitehouse.gov.

Jobless rate stays low

Texas Workforce Commission on Nov. 15 reported the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.4 percent for the month of October.

This marks the fifth consecutive month of record low unemployment and 3.4 percent is the lowest unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976.

"October Labor market data is great news for Texas workers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.



"Their skills continue to be in high demand and more individuals are finding employment. These numbers are a wonderful reminder of why I am proud to be a Texan."

Leading job growth in October was the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry, which added 9,700 jobs, followed by Professional and Business Services adding 6,300 jobs, and Education and Health Services which added 5,300 jobs.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded October's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 2.4. The Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs each recorded the third-lowest rate at 2.6 percent.

Update: Vaping issues

As of Nov. 19, the Department of State Health Services had identified 189 Texas cases of severe lung disease in people who report vaping before developing symptoms, including one death.

Patients range in age from 13 to 75 years old, with a median age of 22 years. About one-quarter of the people affected in Texas are minors. Three-quarters are male, and nine in 10 report vaping THC or marijuana, possibly in conjunction with other substances. Almost all were hospitalized, with many requiring intensive care.

Nationally, 2,172 cases have been reported in 49 states. DSHS is working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and other states to gather evidence about what the cases have in common and determine a cause.

Lives honored at event

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture on Nov. 21 hosted the fourth Annual Texas Agriculture Memorial Day at the state Capitol.

At the event, a crowd recognized men and women who have lost their lives or have been severely injured while engaged in agricultural-related pursuits, and those who passed away due to other causes but had a significant role in the agricultural community, according to the department.

State 4-H and FFA youth leaders placed a memorial wreath on the steps of the Capitol and the Texas Department of Public Safety provided an honor guard with musical accompaniment by a lone bagpiper.



Channelview Community meeting recap -- PART II

— 2014 Harris County Attorney's Office lawsuit. Ms. Hwang displayed a layout of TIBM's facility and residents were surprised to learn TIBM has five offsite receptor locations, 2 on the west side of Dell Dale, 2 on Grand St. and 1 on the east side of Dell Dale directly behind the TIBM facility. Research regarding present permitting reflected TIBM presently holds an Air Permit issued in 2016 which allows certain emissions of VOCs, a Storm Water Permit: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System issued Nov. 2016, expiring Aug. 13, 2021 and a Hazardous Waste Registration which is currently active. A discussion of what the permits and registration meant and allowed was held and a request made for updates on concerns observed at the TIBM facility or its offsite receptors to be shared.

Discussion followed as to the best methods for documenting concerns at the TIBM facility and other Channelview facilities and how to best share them with a decision made to create a dropbox account the information could be downloaded into for sharing. Information regarding the dropbox is to be provided when the account has been set up. LSLA's EJ Team Managing Attorney Amy Dinn gave the final presentation. It was highly evident at the Sept. meeting of great concern to the community was environmental and health concerns due to air quality and the lack of any real time monitoring or documentation available to the residents to enable them to make informed decisions as to their environment, to protect themselves, or to take actions against violators. Ms. Dinn responded to those concerns by announcing to the attendees LSLA's acquisition of 2-4 Particulate Matter (PM) Monitors from a LSLA sponsor and LSLA was in the process of acquiring some hand held real time Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) monitors for the community's use. The PM monitors would be available for installation in the very near future, but the VOC monitors would take a little longer due to expense and research as to variety of compounds to be monitored for and detected. This news was greeted with much enthusiasm and after the excitement subsided a little Ms. Dinn further discussed the PM monitors. The PM monitors can be mounted

on residents' homes requiring an outside power source and available wifi service, once installed the PM monitors can be viewed by residents and others from the PurpleAir internet site <https://www2.purpleair.com/> by accessing the monitor map and zooming in on Channelview or any other area of interest. Once zoomed in you can then see all the monitors installed in the area and view the particulates counts being reported by any particular monitor. Currently there is only one PM monitor linked to PurpleAir in the east side of Harris County past 610 east, it is on Hayden Rd. behind Walmart on I-10 several miles from Channelview. The PurpleAir site will also allow the user to pull a history on the monitor which can be useful when reporting violations to various agencies. Particulate Matter monitors are important to have in areas with high dust concentrations, excessive equipment/vehicular idling or traffic, flaring, or smoke and burning because particulate matter causes respiratory irritation and chronic diseases such as asthma, COPD and cancers. The PM monitors the Channelview Community will be receiving use lasers to count PM particle concentrations every 80 seconds and will report levels for PM1.0, PM2.5 (combustion particles, organic compounds, metals, etc.) and PM10 (dust, pollen, mold, etc.). Following Ms. Dinn's announcement and presentation, maps of Channelview were circulated for attendees to mark potential locations to be considered for best use for the community.

Since the updates were so well received and discussed by the attendees very little time was left for new business, but briefly discussed was the Texas 86th legislature session's newly enacted but not yet confirmed Senate Bill 1835 creating the Channelview Improvement District #1415. Attendees were provided with a copy of the enacted S.B. 1835 and an compilation of information Channelview residents had, as of the meeting, with great difficulty been able to garner regarding who initiated the creation of this Channelview Improvement District, what is allowed and what is not allowed within the enacted bill and other information to be considered in regards to possible impacts to the Channelview Community as a result of this newly

enacted district. Attendees were encouraged to read the information and conduct their own research so that they may make an informed decision regarding the district and act based on what they have learned should they be approached to sign a petition to confirm/finalize the district or requested to endorse or vote for any perspective permanent Channelview Improvement District board member. Additionally, if they find they are unhappy with their findings or the creation and passage of the S.B. 1835 community residents should contact Representative Ana Hernandez and Senator Carol Alvarado.

Attendees were also provided information on the Texas Constitutional Amendments, Harris County Public Health's Mobile Health Village, and Harris County's Mowing Schedules and Watershed Map.

The meeting was attended by several community members from the first meeting in September along with new attendees. In attendance to hear the resident's concerns were Channelview Fire Dept. - Jimmy Sumner Administrator, Channelview ISD - Steve Dennis Board Member and as resident, Lone Star Legal Aid Environmental Justice Team - Amy Dinn EJ Managing Attorney, Rodrigo Cantu EJ Attorney, Heejin Hwang EJ Fellow and Samantha Salas EJ Paralegal and as resident, and the Coalition for Environment, Equity, and Resilience (C.E.E.R.) - Rebecca Smith Community Engagement Coordinator.

The organizers were very pleased with the continued support by residents announcing the meetings and encouraging participation, North Channel Star's Gil Hoffman for providing meeting announcements and meeting details, the Channelview Fire Dept. for support of its' community and the use of the Station 3 facility for the meeting, Lone Star Legal Aid's Environmental Justice Team for support by addressing the community's voiced concerns with provision of real time air PM monitors, research of TIBM and for the group structuring guidance presentations and C.E.E.R. for their continued interest and support and for recognizing and including the Channelview community in their Oct. 30th Town Hall and in TSU's data research project.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"The Lost Feather"

I lost a feather the other day and I understand this does not qualify as news.

But I want to say—for the record—that this was a really nice feather. I paid good money for it and pinned it to my favorite blue hat. I wore that hat out for a walk, one evening, when it was chilly.

This was the last night that my husband, Peter, and I were in Frigiliana, a little town in the south of Spain. I walked to the top of the very steep hill where, four hundred years ago, a Moorish castle stood, guarding the town from invaders. The invaders eventually made it there anyway and the castle was knocked to the ground. Only the amazing view over the Mediterranean remains. And that's where I went walking when I lost my feather.

There was no hope of finding it that night. The sun was already down. So, the next morning I headed out, looking for my feather.

When I got to the foot of the hill (a small mountain, really) I realized what a foolish idea this was.

The ground was covered with autumn leaves that, surprisingly, all looked a lot like feathers. There was a stiff wind blowing and I had no idea when the feather had parted ways with my hat.

Just then, I met a young pair of Germans heading up the hill. "Do you speak English?" I asked.

"Yes!" they told me (because all Germans do, it seems).

"I've lost a feather. You haven't seen it, have you?"

"A feather?" the young man repeated.

It struck me that this was the stupidest question I'd ever asked anyone, and I was filled with relief that I would never see these two people again.

"Actually, yes," he said. "I saw one near the donkeys."

I knew exactly where the donkeys were.

"Right by the donkeys?" I asked, rather incredulous.

"Yes, I saw it when I stopped to take a photo."

"Thank you so much!" And I raced back down the hill, back to the donkeys.

"It pays to ask for help!" I told myself. "It's worth asking stupid questions!" I added in my little sermon to myself.

Except there was no feather.

I searched and searched and could not find it anywhere. Even the donkeys lost interest in the project. I was there so long the Germans came down the hill again and found me.

"Did you find the feather?" the young man asked.

"No, no I didn't," I confessed. He took me to where he had seen it. There was no feather.

"Ah well. Don't waste any more time on this!" I told the considerate German couple.

"Well, good luck!" they said as they headed down the hill.

Since I still hadn't made it to the top of the mountain, I kept climbing. I went all the way to the top, to the place I had looked at the Mediterranean the night before. And there was my feather, lying no more than a foot from where I had sat. I held that feather in my hand, amazed.

Because, you see, I didn't really think I was going to find that feather. I thought the whole idea was crazy from the start. But once I shared the idea with that nice German couple, the possibility of finding it seemed more real, more attainable. Sometimes we just need someone else believing in our ideas to make those ideas—even the crazy ones—seem possible.

It was only because they believed I could find the feather that I did.

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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Nov 29–Vernon Searcy
Louis Williams
Nov 30–Kayce Culbreath
Dec 1–Andrew Guerrero
Dec 3–Evelyn Deck
Carolyn Ingram Adams
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Dec 4–Larry Kelley

ANNIVERSARIES
Dec 2–Robert & Nelda Bailey
Dec 3–Bobby & Claudia Birdsong

Additions or Corrections are welcome, 713-266-3444

May Community Center Christmas luncheon

•December Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Come join us for pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. Our entertainment will be our very own Belles and Beaus Choir! Suggested \$5 donation. Call or come by to sign up for our luncheon.

May Community Center is a Precinct 2 Community Center located at 2100 Wolf Road, Huffman 77336. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information regarding classes or other Center programs please call (713) 274-2434.

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OBITUARIES

Diana Nash

Diana Nash was born on August 30, 1945, in Houston, Texas to John B. Hynes and Virginia Hill Hynes. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Virginia Hynes; brother, Johnny Hynes; and husband of forty-nine years, William “Bill” Floyd Nash Sr.



Diana is survived by her son, Billy Nash Jr. and wife Shannon; son, Mark Nash Sr. and wife Wendy; grandchildren, Meagan Nash, Madison Nash, Trey Nash, Mark Nash Jr., Blake Nash, Michael Nash and Ashlynn Nash; great-grandchild, Emery; brother Joe Hynes and wife Marie, sister-in-law Judy Hynes, and numerous nephews and nieces.

During her time here, Diana was found mostly behind the scenes, supporting her boys, her grandchildren, and the youth of Crosby through her work as an advisor in Boy Scouts, Harris County Ambassadors, and the 4-H Club. Diana served as a Cub Scout Den Leader for Pack #264 of Crosby. She was nurturing and caring, and could be often found helping her boys and others with show animals and leadership through the 4H program. She was also a lifetime member of Crosby Fair and Rodeo, and continued to contribute to the youth of Crosby through her work on the fair book in recent years.

Diana loved to bake and cook, and she enjoyed having her family gathered around the dinner table for meals that she had pre-

pared. Some of the best memories made were when her house was full of her children and grandchildren for holiday meals. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Sterling-White Funeral Home on Saturday, November 30, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m., also at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Interment will be at Ryan Cemetery on Hwy 321 between Dayton and Cleveland, Texas. Arrangements entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd. Highlands, Texas, 77562.

Serving as Pallbearers are Allen Hynes, Ted Hynes, Johnny Hynes, Steven Hynes, Shane Borom, and Jason Douglas. To offer condolences to the family, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com.

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HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Rotary hosts Youth Exchange Student



Eduardo Sanchez from Aracatuba, Brazil is residing in Highlands this year, as a Rotary Exchange Student. On Tuesday, Nov. 19 he gave a presentation to the club about his country, home, and family.

He said that Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world, with a population of 210 million. His home city

is 200,000 population, but his family lives on a farm “with cows” he said. He is an FFA member in Brazil. His favorite topics are soccer, and the world famous “Carnival.” Eduardo arrived in the U.S. in August, and will stay until the end of the school year. He is attending GC Memorial high school.

Oh no, not another birthday!

Star-Courier publisher Gilbert Hoffman is seen at his Rotary club, with a Birthday cake that the club presented to him. Gilbert was celebrating his 80th year, and the club had a special birthday song and celebration for him.

As part of the celebration, his family secretly put together a page in the Star-Courier with his life’s story, but kept it from him until after it was printed.

Gilbert said it was a day of joy and warmth, knowing how many friends he had to share his birthday. He thanked them all.



BIBLE TRIVIA

–By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 38, who was the first individual killed by God for being wicked? No one has, Er, Onan, Gomorrah
3. How long had the woman been sick that

- touched the hem of Jesus' garment? 1 hour, 5 days, 6 months, 12 years
4. From 1 Kings 6, who constructed the first altar covered with gold? Gideon, Josiah, Noah, Solomon
 5. The year of jubile (jubilee) comes around every ... year? Fifth, 25th, 50th, 100th
 6. Which king ordered Daniel into the lions' den? Darius, Egion, Herod, Caesar
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Er; 3) 12 years; 4) Solomon; 5) 50th; 6) Darius

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Superintendent drives the bus for attendance improvement

Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, watches Char'ee Arceneaux, first-grader at Harlem Elementary, enjoy her ice cream. Two students from each elementary school in GCCISD received an Attendance Improvement Award, entitling them to be picked up from school on a school bus driven by Dr. O'Brien and treated to ice cream.



Bonnie P. Hopper Primary students (from left) Sofie Cardiel, first-grade, and Keaton Simon, second grade, with their chaperone Laura Andrade, are pleased with their ice cream choices. They won an Attendance Improvement Award, presented to two students from each Goose Creek CISD elementary, earning the opportunity to have Dr. O'Brien as their bus driver take them to get ice cream.



With Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, at the wheel, (from left) Cora Tucker, third-grader, and Josiah Guice, second-grader, both from Travis Elementary, with Travis counselor Jennifer Simotas, board the school bus taking them for ice cream. The students earned an Attendance Improvement Award, given to two students from each GCCISD elementary school.



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CHARLOTTE'S WEB



Giving Thanks

It is that time of year when calendars are full of activities and budgets are stretched. There are gatherings with too much food and many with too much alcohol. There are parents wondering how to provide for their children for Christmas and there are others who are wondering where their children are at. There are parents taking their children for pictures with Santa and there are parents posting fliers of their missing children.

This weekend there will be families gathering as well as individuals at home alone. There are people in the street who wonder where their next meal is coming from as well as those who are overspending on Black Friday sales. Everywhere you turn it seems that there is someone with much more than you and yet, there are those who would give anything to have what you have.

It is hard to lose perspective on what is really important if you turn on the television, open the mail or log onto social media.

In the last week, I have been touched by three deaths. Martin "Sambo" Molina, local businessman and hero of many. One of the elderly couples enrolled in the RUOK? Senior Program lost their grandson to unexpected health issues just days before what should have been his 26 birthday. And one of my former co-workers celebrated her mother becoming a US Citizen on Wednesday, celebrated her son's 14th birthday on

Thursday, only to find him dead on Friday. Unfortunately, I have talked to parents who lost children to illness as well as suicide within the last day.


I had someone share about their child being sentenced to prison and how this holiday will be the first of many that they will not be able to spend the day together. I reminded her that due to her child's addiction, over the past few years she had laid awake at night wondering if her child were on the streets, under a bridge or dead somewhere. Suddenly she realized that she needed to give thanks that even though the prison walls were not filled with love, at least she knew where her child was at.

Someone called complaining about "those people now have jobs and are in line for free turkeys and food." I asked them to pray for those people. We do not know what their needs are or if they were facing health issues.

We need to stop and give thanks for living in America. It is not perfect, it will never be what it once was and hopefully it will be a much better place than ever before. We have much more than we realize. Even if we are in an emergency room or planning a funeral for a loved one, we can find comfort. If we have been a friend, there will be many friends when we need them. This season, I challenge you to be the one to give thanks and encouragement to EVERYONE you come in contact with. Life is what you make it.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is an 'inclusion' found in gemstones?"



Inclusions or imperfections occur in nearly every type of gemstone. Natural diamonds, for example, are the result of carbon exposed to tremendous heat and pressure deep in the earth. This process can result in a variety of internal characteristics called 'inclusions' and external characteristics called 'blemishes.'

Evaluating diamond clarity involves determining the number, size, relief, nature, and position of these characteristics, as well as how these affect the overall appearance of the stone. While no diamond is perfectly pure, the closer it comes, the higher its value.

The same principals hold true for all gemstones including ruby, emerald, sapphire, and more. But, does a gem with an internal inclusion always diminish its value? No, not always. In rare instances, the inclusion might be so unique that it could add to the gem's value if a prospective buyer agrees. I remember reading an article that contained a picture of a diamond with a small heart-shaped internal inclusion which, interestingly enough, was red in color. Once this was seen by a couple looking for an engagement ring, they wanted no other diamond, period.

Alexandrite is long considered a "good luck" stone by the people of Russia. This gemstone changes color from violet, to blue, to green, and to red, depending on the

type and intensity of the light the stone is viewed under.

An example of nature imitating nature was seen in a 0.73 carat faceted alexandrite showcasing an inclusion reminiscent of a rain cloud (see above). The "cloud" was composed of white particles oriented as parallel bands that displayed a cloud-like silhouette when viewed at an angle. The "rain" was composed of fine oriented reflective needles commonly referred to as silk. Fiber-optic lighting allowed for a concentration of white light to be seen under the cloud, creating an appearance of lightning. The inclusion scene observed in this gem is an interesting novelty that any gemologist can appreciate and perhaps even a willing buyer. This group of inclusions are truly unique but, do they add to or lessen the stone's price? Remember, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", and so too is the value.

Thank you for reading the "Ask Diamond Jim" column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

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SHELDON ISD Students help feed families



C. E. King High School's Health Science Department partnered with the Houston Food Bank last Wednesday, Nov. 20 to feed more than 250 families!

Clerk's Office,

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at the office most convenient to them.

In the 2018 sweep by Democrats in Harris County, Dr. Trautman became the Chief Election Administrator of the third largest county in the United States. Trautman (D) defeated incumbent Stan Stanart (R) and Abel Chirino Gomez (L) in the general election for Harris County Clerk on November 6, 2018.

Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2 Adrian Garcia was on hand at the opening ceremony and said, "I am happy we were able to support with the process to open this location. We want these facilities to empower our community. We want residents to be able to walk in but more importantly, walk out a little bit better than how they came in," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "We want to make government more convenient and accessible."

Also present was Judge Joe Stephens, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Position 1, "This is an example of government working on behalf of the hard working citizens of East Harris County to provide the services and amenities they need," said Judge Stephens. "The citizens of this area have long deserved the services that our County Clerk

provides and I was glad to play a small part in making it happen."

Texas law designates the County Clerk as Chief Election Official (Administrator) of Harris County, the County Clerk has the responsibility of carrying out statutory electoral functions outlined by federal and state laws.

As the County's Chief Election Official Dr. Trautman was responsible for having County Commissioners' to approve the new Harris County Polling Place Program. Voters can now choose to vote at any of 700 plus locations on Election Day. Just like during Early Voting, voters are no longer restricted to an assigned polling location. Vote where you want when you want will save voters time by not having to stand in lines, they can go vote at any location that doesn't have a long line. This removes the problem of a voter not getting to vote because of going to the wrong location.

County departments at the Jim Fonteno Courthouse include Commissioner Precinct 2, Justice of the Peace Judge Joe Stephens, Precinct 3 Constable, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector & Voter Registrar, and Harris County Sheriff's Office. Annex hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. For more information call 713-455-8104 or visit www.cclerk.hctx.net.

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If you know a child who may be challenged with a disability, please contact the Crosby ISD Special Education office at 281 328-9200, Extension 1108. If the child is already a student in Crosby ISD, please contact the counselor at the child's school. The counselor will be happy to assist you.

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They had 507 rushing yards and made 8 touchdowns and a John Villalobos 44 yard field goal. The defense gave up 388 yards and allowed 5 Dawson touchdowns.

The Mustangs and the Katy Tigers, two of the state's most powerful 6A teams have a rematch to decide which one will advance in the 2019 UIL State Championship Play-offs.

The Mustangs haven't had much competition since they lost to the Tigers in the opening season's first game 24 to 21. In that game Coach Kay had several key players on the sideline with injuries unable to play.



15 Roger Hagan, Mustang receiver scores on a 55 yard pass and run play from quarterback Demetrius Davis.

Photo by Allan Jamail



Ismael Fuller, Mustang receiver scores on a 15 yard pass and run play from quarterback Demetrius Davis.

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Turkey give-away,

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Congresswoman Lee finishes her all day Thanksgiving turkey giveaway day to over 50 residence at the Jacinto City Big Bass apartment complex. Standing L – R: Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, residents Gilbert Jamison and LaGloria Sephus. Photo by Allan Jamail



State Representative Senfronia Thompson helps Judge Joe Stephens and other officers with their Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway.

woman Lee and her volunteers were joined by Mahesh Rege, Regional Service Coordinator of Region 10, of the Houston Chapter of the Sathya Sai International Organization (SSIO) and his volunteers, Krishna Pallerla, Gayathri Ballingam and Srinu Parthasarathy giving away pies to those in attendance.

Rege said, "The Houston Chapter of the Sathya Sai International Organization (SSIO) was honored to be part of the Thanksgiving food distribution event at Heritage Hall. We were delighted to engage with the community while spreading goodwill, love and

joy. We intend to continue serving this community through acts of selfless service.

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