

OBITUARIES

Luevenia 'Aunt Lue' Chavis

December 16, 1909 – November 10, 2003

Luevenia "Aunt Lue" Chavis passed away Monday, November 10, 2003. On December 16, 1909, John and Hannah Sutton were blessed with a beautiful girl whom they named Luevenia Sutton.

Luevenia was one of the eight Sutton children who were raised in Eagle Lake. While growing up, she attended school in Colorado County.

A devoted Christian, she began her

journey at Rising Star Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. W. L. Gibbs. As she gave her hand and her life over to God, Rev. Gibbs baptized her.

In 1938, she joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Later, she united with her home church, Rising Star, under the guidance and anointed words of Rev. Ollie Scott. She was faithful and dutiful in serving as secretary and treasurer of the Senior Mission Department for 21 years and was also a member of the Usher Board and the Choir.

On June 17, 1939 Luevenia Sutton became Luevenia Chavis as she wed William "Bill" Chavis in holy matrimony. Bill preceded her in death after 50 years of wedding bliss.

Loved and respected by all who came in contact with her, she was a woman of service. Luevenia retired from Atlanta Life Insurance Company in 1973 after 21 years of service.

She served as a distinguished mem-

ber of the Eastern Star organization (treasurer) and a dependable participant of the Houston Peace Officer's Association.

She touched the lives of many through her 4,000 hours of community service as a Pink Lady at the Eagle Lake Hospital. Her love had no limit as she sponsored a needy child overseas.

Luevenia "Aunt Lue" Chavis was the deep roots that held up the Sutton family tree. Her only prayer was that the Sutton family stay together, pray together, remain strong despite the odds and, most importantly, love one another.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings, Tom, Saloman, John Henry, James, Mary, Willie and Annie Mae; three nieces, Mary Stevens, Lela Bailey and Iretta Spann; and three nephews, John Sutton (Jurdian), Lee Earl Sutton and Tommy "Buddy" Sutton.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a daughter, Carol Jean Nash Martin, a devoted son-in-law, Ben H. Martin; god daughter, Christina Moody; eight nieces, Lena Robinson, Clara Jackson, Margaret McGrew, Catherine Wilson,

Daisy Robinson, Mildred Jones, Maude Gibson (Otto) and Beulah Sutton; two sister-in-laws, Eunice Sutton and Lula Bertha Chavis; four long-time friends, Luevenia Haynes, Sylvia Howard, Lee Anna Austin and Janie Mae Douglas; a long-time caregiver; a host of great nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 12 p.m. Saturday, November 15, from Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Truman Scott Sr., pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment followed in Williams Paradise Cemetery in Vox Populi.

Arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus.

Pallbearers were Ronald Frank, C.D. Moten, Reginald Robinson, Reginald Metoyer, Johnny Sutton and Robert Douglas.

Honorary pallbearers were Rising Star Baptist Church Deacons, Ben Martin, Bobby Bailey, Otho Gibson, Thomas C. Pettus, John Gatlin, John H. Sutton, Rev. A.R. Jackson and Tremaine Jackson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Raymond Nelson

January 10, 1918 – November 12, 2003

Raymond Nelson, 85 of Ganado, passed away at 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at his daughter's residence in Eagle Lake.

A native of Jackson County, Texas, he was born at LaWard on January 10, 1918 to Augustus and Angeline Neland Nelson.

He served honorably with the U.S. Army during World War II, attached to the Seabees. Following the war, he moved to Iowa then returned to Jackson County where he had been a resident of Ganado since 1962.

He led a distinguished career as an auto mechanic and retired from Bep's Auto Supply in Ganado. Following retirement, he worked for Philip Green's farming operation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; all six siblings; a daughter, Brenda Garvel (1991); and his devoted wife, Marie Smith Nelson (1994).

Survivors include six daughters, Raylene Mareta of Rosenberg, Angeline "Angie" Brown Birdwell and husband, Richard, of Eagle Lake, Barbara Thore and husband, Paul, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Pamela Davenport and husband, Jerry, of Evans,

Texas, Susan Graham of Kentucky, and Linda Smith and husband, Ted, of Mission Valley, Texas; sons and daughter-in-law, James Nelson of Ganado and Glen and Linda Nelson of Edna; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Following cremation, the family will assemble for private committal services at a later date.

Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements.

For those desiring, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Flu

to the public.

Flu season officially begins in Oct. and runs through May, usually reaching its peak in Texas in Jan. and Feb.

This season's vaccine protects against A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Hong Kong strains of the influenza virus and against other similar strains.

Most people six months or older can receive the flu vaccine, but it is especially encouraged for children six to 23 months, people 50 and older, residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, diabetics, women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, people with weakened immune systems and people who have asthma or other chronic respiratory, heart or kidney conditions.

It takes about two weeks for the

Blood Center changing way to save lives

Recently, the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center launched an exciting initiative, the objective of which is to permanently increase the community's blood supply.

Since 1974, the Blood Center has served the hospitals and health care facilities of southeast Texas and has witnessed firsthand the ever-changing need for blood. The Center consistently falls short of meeting that need which means they may not have enough blood for someone who needs it.

Over the past several months, much research has been conducted among donors and non-donors. What has been learned is blood donors see themselves as making a difference. They focus on those whose lives they save and do not expect others to carry that burden. This is what **Commit for Life** is all about and this is what the Blood Center will be asking from citizens across the 24-county Texas Gulf Coast region it serves. **Commit for Life** takes three easy steps:

• **Donate once per quarter.** It is important to understand that donating one time per quarter is infinite.

• **Allow us to contact you.** The Blood Center is going to ask donors how they would like to be contacted: via e-mail, phone or postal mail. This is to establish a dialogue with donors in hopes of increasing donation frequency.

• **Spread the word.** The Blood Center is going to ask donors to spread the

word about all the positives regarding blood donation.

Commit for Life is that easy and that important.

The Blood Center's President and CEO Bill T. Teague explains, "Volunteer blood donors save lives. It's that simple. **Commit for Life** is an unprecedented program and The Blood Center will be asking our donors to pledge to support their community by helping ensure an always-adequate blood supply. They will mean the difference in achieving a successful long-term goal of making blood shortages things of the past. We are excited about this new approach to how we provide our invaluable service."

Donors may **Commit for Life** by visiting any one of The Blood Center's 13 Neighborhood Donor Centers, online at www.giveblood.org, through community blood drives, or anywhere blood donations are being accepted.

People working together to save lives by donating blood... that is what **Commit for Life** is all about.

For additional information about how to **Commit for Life**, call 713-790-1200, 1-888-GV-BLOOD (1-888-482-5663), or visit the Blood Center's website, www.giveblood.org.

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is a member of America's Blood Centers, the national network of nonprofit community blood centers that collect half of the United States' blood supply.

A NEW ARRIVAL



Chance Wade Cerny

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cerny of Brazoria are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born at 3:30 p.m. October 28, 2003 at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

Chance Wade weighed seven pounds, one ounce and birth.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Kathy Boone of Brazoria.

Paternal grandparents are Clarence "Bounce" and Robbi Cerny of Eagle Lake.

Great-grandparents are Alfonse Cerny of El Campo, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maxwell of Cuero, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reno of Kerrville and Marge Dare of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Travelers donate frequent-flier miles

By K.L. Vantran

American Forces Press Service
Travelers can donate frequent-flier miles to help troops on leave from Iraq

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vaccine to be effective.

Influenza is a viral respiratory illness marked by the sudden onset of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. The illness is spread when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, sending the highly contagious virus into the air.

As a flu control measure, Sanchez stressed that people with flu symptoms should stay home to avoid infecting classmates or colleagues.

Influenza is not a reportable illness in Texas, so exact flu case numbers are not known. Instead, TDH relies on a surveillance network of reporting sites around the state to track influenza levels and identify circulating strains of the virus.

More information is available online at: www.tdh.state.tx.us.

reach their destinations through Operation Hero Miles.

Service members participating "rest and recuperation" leave program are flown free to Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, or Baltimore-Washington International Airport by the Defense Department, but must pay for connecting flights from and back to those ports. The Atlanta and Dallas-Fort Worth airports were scheduled to be added to the program Nov. 1, said Rhonda Paige, chief of strategic communications, G-1, Army Well-Being Division.

More than 200 soldiers arrive at BWI daily as part of the R&R program, said Lt. Col. Robert Hagen, Army spokesman. "I think Operation Hero Miles is a fantastic program," said Hagen, who has been the on-site public affairs officer at BWI since the R&R

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Safety

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whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. A child less than four years old or less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat. A safety belt violation can result in a fine of \$25 to \$200.

In addition to the *Click It or Ticket* campaign, the DPS will be participating with **Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.)**. The goals of operation CARE are to reduce crashes, deaths and injuries.

Operation CARE-Thanksgiving Holiday will begin Wednesday, 12:01 a.m., Nov. 26 and end Sunday at midnight, Nov. 30.

"We urge all parents to utilize car safety and booster seats for their children," said DPS Trooper Gary Pflug-haupt. "Parents need to set an example by wearing their seat belts as well."

With this in mind, DPS Troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways looking for drivers and passengers not obeying these occupational restraint laws. In addition to unrestrained occupants — excessive speed, reckless driving and intoxicated drivers will be targeted.

DPS reminds the public that the statewide Stranded Motorist Hotline, 1-800-525-5555, can also be used to report obviously intoxicated drivers.

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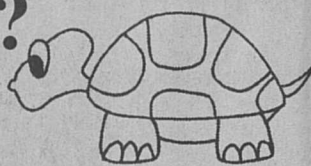
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Cancer Drug May Be Useful in Alzheimer's

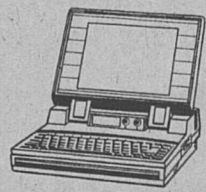
Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common cause of dementia in the elderly. The exact cause of AD is still not known. However genetic factors are thought to play a role because this condition tends to run in families. Typically, parts of the brain begin to deteriorate, destroying cells and diminishing the brain's responsiveness. Eventually amyloid plaques accumulate in the brain. Symptoms of AD may include forgetfulness, depression, or anxiety. Unfortunately the condition often progresses until the person cannot safely drive a car and is no longer able to function socially.

Although the dementia of AD is incurable, several medicines have been found to be helpful. *Tacrine* (Cognex) can help diminish symptoms of the disease but may present some undesirable side effects. *Donepezil* (Aricept) has been shown to slow the progression of AD for a year or more. Recent studies are showing that daily *ibuprofen* (Advil) may also slow AD's course. The cancer drug *imatinib* (Gleevec) is being tested for its potential role in preventing Alzheimer's. According to findings in a recent issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, researchers think this drug may decrease production of amyloid plaques.

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