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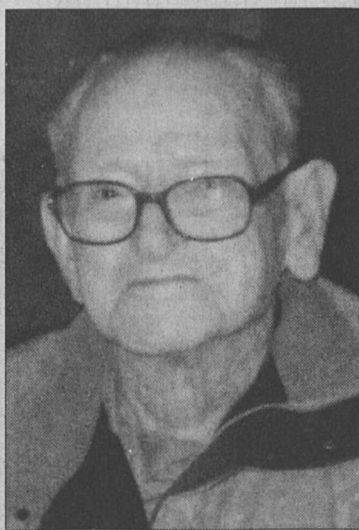
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### Long QT Syndrome and Drugs

Long QT Syndrome (LQTS) is a condition that involves the electrical system of the heart. Cardiac arrest and sudden death are serious complications of the condition. This condition may be related to genetics, or may also be caused by certain drugs and other medical conditions. Many persons who have LQTS may never experience symptoms. Signs of this condition include fainting, seizures, and sudden death resulting from an abnormal heartbeat. Fainting may be triggered by exercise or startling noises.

If a drug is causing long QT syndrome, the physician may prescribe alternative medications that have not been shown to cause the long QT syndrome. When the condition is inherited, treatment may include medications, surgery, or changes in lifestyle. Treatments for long QT syndrome include beta-blocker drugs and potassium. Beta-blockers, such as nadolol (Corgard) and propranolol (Inderal), decrease the heart rate. These drugs help prevent the fast heartbeats that may be triggered by startling events or stressful situations. Potassium may also be given to decrease the QT interval. Options for persons who do not respond to drug therapy include an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator, which works to monitor for arrhythmias and to stop potentially fatal irregular heart rhythms.



### Eddie Lee Balusek

Eddie Lee Balusek, 52, of El Campo, passed away on November 18.

He was born on March 24, 1955 in Provident City to Emil and Virginia Krhovjak Balusek.

Eddie was an oil field consultant at Balusek Consulting and a rancher.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Gail Balusek of El Campo; parents, Emil and Virginia Balusek of Garwood; stepson, Michael Mobley of Austin; brother, Tommy Balusek of Columbus; and sister, Shirley Johnson of Nursery.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo.

A wake service was held on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating. Burial followed at Golden Rod Cemetery near Garwood. Arrangements were under the direction of Triska Funeral Home in El Campo.

Palbearers were Huck Cranek, Shannon Garner, Brian Hyek, Jerry Labay, Todd Mathews, R. Todd Poehlmann, Sterling Reimert and Ricky Yackel.

Honorary pallbearers were Tommy Balusek, Ronnie Korenek, Anthony Labay, George Yackel, Clarence "Bouncie" Cerny, Ricky Leopold and Randy Pozzi.

Memorial donations may be made to Eddie Lee Balusek Memorial and Scholarship Fund, c/o First State Bank, El Campo, Texas 77437.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Woodrow "Woody" Russell

Woodrow "Woody" Russell, 89, of Columbus, passed away Saturday, November 17.

He was born on Dec. 16, 1917, to Mack and Vena Russell in San Antonio.

After driving a city bus for many years, Woodrow delivered mail and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He enjoyed sports, fishing, and working with his hands. He was an active member of the Baptist Church.

Woodrow is survived by his wife of 68 years, Edna Russell; children - Sandra and Major Benge; Billie and Jim Evans, Eddie and Donna Russell; grandchildren, Becky Cooke (Shannon), Valerie Seely (Tom), Bonnie Mixon (Ted), Mark Evans, Randa Hiemke (Eric), Leslie Wogstad (Eric), Robert Russell (Amy), Darlene Balas, Eddie Russell (Lauren), Randy Russell; 23 precious, beloved great grandchildren; sister, "Babe" Maxine Owen and her husband Roy; and many friends and extended family members.

Woodrow is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Dorothy Heath and husband, Burney; brother, Elmer Russell and wife, Frances.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday November 21, at First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Graveside services were held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at San Fernando Cemetery III in San Antonio. Visitation was held Tuesday, November 20 from noon to 8 p.m. at Eagle Lake Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Marian Marie Carter

Marian Marie Carter was born October 20, 1928 to Johnny and Lessie Hart in (Reels Bend) Eagle Lake.

Lessie later married Tom Lee Sutton, a very devoted stepfather to Marian who preceded her in death.

Marian attended E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake.

At an early age Marian joined and baptized at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Marian was faithful and dutiful in serving as secretary for over 20 years.

Marian was employed by Laughlin Hospital until she moved to Columbus, Ohio in 1956.

She was then hired by Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Marian retired from Grant Hospital in the early 1990's.

Marian was a member of Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

She leaves to cherish a devoted sister, Ruby Sutton of Houston; one aunt, Eunice Sutton of San Diego, a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

She also leaves three long time friends; Eugene Henry, Narva L. Henry and Elaine Harrison of Eagle Lake.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 17 at 12:30 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church with Obie Rhodes officiating. Interment followed at Rising Star Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### David Richard Frank

David Richard Frank, 68, of Columbus passed away November 13 at Columbus Community Hospital. He was born August 8, 1939 to Hillean Julia Kotzebue Frank and Dennis Frank near Mentz in Colorado County. He attended grade school at Mentz and graduated from the red brick Columbus High School in 1957. David joined the Army National Guard after high school with basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He received an Honorable Discharge from the National Guard January 31, 1990.

David moved to Houston shortly after graduating high school and worked with a couple of his buddies. He loved to skate, and it was at a portable rink in Eagle Lake that he met Emily Birdwell of Chesterfield, who also worked in Houston. A romance ensued and they were married March 18, 1960 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, located in downtown Columbus, with Pastor G. Wolf officiating. They moved back to Columbus the summer of 1960. David worked various jobs over the next several years ending up at the Texas Department of Transportation. He retired from TXDOT December 31, 1994 due to health.

David was a member of the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department from 1977 until he retired in 1995. He served a number of years as a Director of the Colorado County Fair Association and as a member of the Columbus Lions Club. David was also a member of the Bernardo Herrmann Sons Lodge 243, where he served as trustee. David loved the Guard, the fire department and most of all deer hunting in the Texas Hill Country in Junction. He also looked forward to annual hunting trips to Colorado.

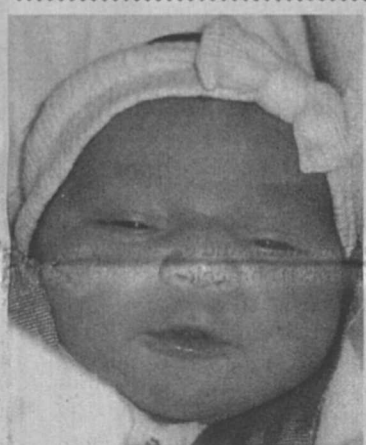
Funeral services for David Richard Frank were held on Friday, November 16 at 10AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Jeffrey Marsh officiating. Funeral services were conducted by Henneke Funeral Home.

Burial followed in Zoar Lutheran Cemetery in Mentz. The Columbus Volunteer Fire Department Honor Guard served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers included Leon Dittmar, Jr., Richard Harris, Johnnie Schmidt, Jr., Hugo Richter, Jr., Jerome Dvorak, Lawrence Dungen and Curtis Berger.

David was preceded in death by father Dennis Frank, infant sister Delean, and sister-in-law Barbara Frank; and is survived by wife Emily, and daughter Julie Ellen (his JEF), who resides in Austin. Besides his loving wife and daughter, David leaves behind his mother, Hillean Frank; three brothers, Ronney, Leonard and Kenny, all of Columbus; and sisters, Verna Nell Dittmar of Columbus and Linda Harris of Beasley, along with their spouses; numerous friends; relatives; and some wonderful neighbors; and caregiver Angie Mitchell.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### New Arrivals



### TyAsia Jhene Mari Dabney

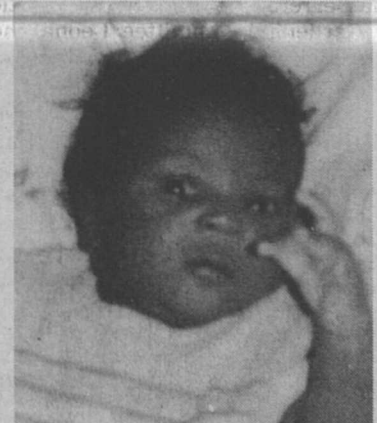
Mary Ann Mendoza and Tyranee Dabney of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a daughter, born November 15 at 4:46 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

TyAsia Jhene Mari weighed

eight pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches.

Maternal grandmother is Maria Castillo of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Ari Lee Dabney and Kevin Earls of Eagle Lake.



### Julius Terelle Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born October 4, at Columbus Community Hospital at 9:16 a.m.

Julius Terelle weighed eight pounds, 14.6 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Rex Victorian of Columbus and the late Betty Lou Holloway.

Paternal grandparents are the late Loreca and Oscar Thomas, Jr.

Great-grandparents are Evelyn Holloway of Eagle Lake and the late Edmond Holloway.

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"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he us good: fir his mercy endureth for ever."

-Psalm 136:1  
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