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CHANNEL CURRENTS

North Shore HS bans backpacks following social media threat

Galena Park ISD announced last Thursday that students would not be able to bring backpacks on campus for the rest of the week due to a social media threat that circulated Wednesday evening. The threat targeted several schools, including North Shore High School and North Shore 10th Grade Center, according to a statement from the district sent to parents.

Additional security was on all campuses. "All criminal acts are taken seriously and investigated completely. For the remainder of the week, all middle and high school students will be prohibited from bringing backpacks to school," the statement said, "the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority in Galena Park ISD."

The student who made the threat on video has been identified by Galena Park ISD officials and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Community Pep Rally

It is time to get together and celebrate the State Championship North Shore Mustangs on Saturday, February 1. The Community Pep Rally will be held at 3 p.m. at the Galena Park ISD Football Stadium and the event is open to everyone. This will be a celebration to recognize the hard work and diligence of all who worked together to bring home Back2Back State Championships. See the announcement on page 8

North Channel Chamber Monthly Luncheon

Friday, February 7, 2020, 11:30 a.m. at San Jacinto College North, 5800 Uvalde Rd., Houston, TX 77049. Speaker: Ana Arredondo, U.S. Census Bureau

North Shore crushes Baytown Sterling 82 - 32

By Allan Jamail

January 14, 2020 -- at the Galena Park ISD Mustang basketball court located at 353 N. Castlegory Road, Houston, TX. Head Coach Sam Benitez and his Mustang basketball team crushed the Baytown Sterling Rangers 82 - 32.

Mustang scorers: Kose Egbule (Sr) leading scorer with 17 points, Devon Taylor (Jr) 13 points, Joshua Cooper (Sr) had 10 points, Jaron Jefferson (Sr) 9 points, Trelyn Ross (Sr) 10 points, Randy Woodard (Sr) 8 points, Kevin Anderson (Sr) 5 points, Colton Price (Jr) 4 points, Joseph Richard (So) 4 points, Jakari Marshall 2 points.

The Mustangs and Beaumont United are tied for first place and they'll play each other Tuesday, January 21st which will be reported in the next issue of the *North Channel Star*.



#11 Trelyn Ross makes a 2 point basket for the Mustangs over a Sterling defender. Photo by Allan Jamail

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Congressman Babin reviews conservative accomplishments

By Gilbert Hoffman

HARRIS COUNTY -- Brian Babin, Congressman for the 36th District of Texas, was in Highlands this week to speak with the Rotary Club.

His topics ranged from national to local subjects in which he is involved. He sits on the Committee on Science, Space and Technology, which includes NASA, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which includes the Port of Houston and the Ship Channel.

Locally Babin was instrumental, along with Congressman Gene Green, in getting the Waste Pits in the San Jacinto River designated on the EPA's national Superfund List.

Babin noted that his district has a great number of transportation facilities that are important to the economic strength of the nation. These include four port in his District TX-36, the port and ship channel, and Interstate I-10. He said the closing of lanes on the bridge is unacceptable, and harmful to the local and national economy. He said that TxDOT is working on a plan that would replace the highway and bridge at the river with a suspension bridge, anchored on each

shore but with no supporting columns below in the river. This is similar to Baytown's Fred Hartman bridge. He cautioned, however, that a project like this takes a long time to become reality.

In the meantime, he is working with the Corps of Engineers to get more secure moorings for barges in the river, to minimize any possible damage to the bridge again.

He is also working with the Corps to get legislation to dredge and widen the ship channel, important to continued economic growth in the region.

Babin touted the economy under the present Republican administration, noting that more people are working than in any past time, and that there were 6.2 million more jobs created in the Trump years.



Congressman Brian Babin spoke to the Highlands Rotary last Tuesday.

He indicated that he backed the Republican policies on such matters has healthcare reform, saying that the Democratic plan for single payer would result in "socialism takeover" and higher costs. He said you can't have mandates, because you lose the freedom of the marketplace.

Babin supported the recent trade agreement known as USMCA, saying it would create jobs and save jobs. He said "it is a

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NS Mustang's coach Jon Kay speaks at Rotary

NORTH SHORE -- Coach Jon Kay gave a talk at the North Shore Rotary club last week, sharing insights into why his teams have been so successful over the last few years.

Kay said he sees himself as an educator more than a football coach. He tries to instill in his players values beyond the playing field.

Kay has been a coach for 24 years, with an enviable record of winning seasons. However, he admits that a player or coach must be prepared mentally for ups and downs. A common denominator in all sports, and life activities, he said,



Mustang's Coach Jon Kay speaks at North Shore Rotary.

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is failure. He counsels his players not to fear failure, but do learn to deal with adversity.

Kay took note of the tremendous support from fans and parents that his teams receive. He said that the east side of the county, "our side of town" shows their support even when attending playoff games at NRG Stadium becomes costly.

Kay reviewed some of the games that they won this year to reach the final playoff, where they took the state 6A title. They played against 6 teams that had a collective record

of 71-4 wins. These were Katy, Westfield, Dawson, Atascocita, Lake Travis, and finally their win over Duncanville. All these teams had great winning records he said.

Kay noted that when tropical storm Imelda hit last year, it gave the team a needed break, and he realized that they were practicing too intensely.

And when they played in Dallas, at AT&T Stadium, they took special practice beforehand, knowing that this stadium had a reputation for distractions

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Crosby woman dies from virus caught on Israel trip

CROSBY, Texas -- A 21-year-old Crosby woman died of the flu after a trip to Israel.

According to a friend's Facebook post, Yael Elizabeth Good was taken to an emergency room on January 6 with flu symptoms and was later transferred to an intensive care unit. Good suffered a heart attack the next day, according to the friend, and died after her organs failed during surgery.

A private memorial for Good was held in Huffman

last Monday.

Good's family said they were told her death was caused by the flu.

According to her obituary, Good was born in Beaumont and loved to travel.

This year has been a very active flu season that began earlier than usual.

"What we're seeing this year is a predominance early in the season of influenza Type B, which is unusual," said Dr. Catherine Troisi with UT Health. "Influenza Type B can of-

ten be more serious in children and young adults who may not have been exposed to it previously."

"Most people don't die from the flu," she said.

Two pediatric flu deaths were recorded in Harris County last year, and overall, nine children have died in Texas. While a flu shot is not a guarantee against the virus, it remains the best defense.

"It's important to get vaccinated to protect yourself and others around you," said Troisi.

Crosby ISD Band gets international award



Kevin KNight accepts the Sudler Flag of Honor award from the Jo'n Philip Sousa Foundation recognizing Crosby high school's concert bands of outstanding musical excellence. "This award is a great honor for our band program," said Knight.

CROSBY – The only band in the USA to receive the Sudler Flag of Honor for 2019 is the local high school band.

It was recently recognized of "The Big Red Machine" that "have demonstrated particularly significant high standards of excellence in concert activities over a period of several years" by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

More over "the band must have achieved and maintained a high standard of literature in the concert area over a period of several years."

The award went on the say, "The total program of music should



Ray Holder, Chair of the Selection Committee, will present the flag on May 19. The flag will be on display inside the band hall in Crosby High School.

exemplify what is considered a sound, viable, music education pro-

gram for this level of endeavor."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

San Jacinto Pilot Club & Anchor Club of North Shore visit seniors at East View

Members of the San Jacinto Pilot Club and the Anchor Club of North Shore recently hosted games of Brain-O (Pilot International's signature bingo-type game revamped to give advice to keep your brains healthy) at East View HealthCare & Rehabilitation Center in Houston, TX. They put on a BrainMinders™ for Seniors skit (Pilot International's signature puppet show geared to help seniors stay safe from slips and falls and keep their brains healthy and active). After this fun event, the Anchors passed out gifts they had collected to the residents.

The San Jacinto Pilot Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at noon at the Amegy Bank building on I-10 (near Federal Rd.). Membership is open to men and women in the community.

San Jacinto Pilot Club is a part of Pilot International, a 501(c)3 organization which is a community-based volunteer service organization founded in 1921 in Macon, GA on the principles of "Friendship and Service." The name "Pilot" was inspired by the mighty riverboat pilots of that day who represented leadership and guidance. Pilot Clubs are found across the U.S., the Bahamas, Japan, Liberia and South Africa. Pilots carry out their mission to "Do More, Care More and Be More" by providing financial and hands-on support for national and local initiatives in keeping with its causes of youth development &



Members of the San Jacinto Pilot club, along with their Anchors, recently hosted an event at East View to spend time with seniors.



Picture, L-R, are Dakota Schaefer, Sara Acuna & Michelle Chan whom also spent time with seniors at East View Health Care & Rehabilitation center.

leadership; brain safety & fitness; and caring for families in times of need. In addition, there are over 7,000 school-level Anchor Club members worldwide including the Anchor Club of North Shore, through which Pilot encourages and provides opportunities for youth

Coach Kay,

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for all teams, from NFL to high schools. The stadium has recorded the most penalties in the NFL due to its overpowering design and opportunities not to concentrate on the game. Kay spoke about the logistics and costs of playing in these final playoff games. There were 141 persons and players in the group that went to the final game in Dallas, and that meant several buses and a large quantity of hotel rooms and food that had to be paid for. He thanked the Galena Park District, and organizations such as Rotary, for their support.

Kay spoke briefly about how he teaches "accountability" as well as football, highlighted by an incident before the final game where a starting player would not cooperate with the rules, and give up his cell phone. Kay and the district had to enforce discipline, and the student did not get to play. He said that teaching what's right/what's wrong is an everyday event that is part of his approach.

Kay was asked if he had ambitions to coach in college or NFL, but he said he is happy with his job here.

Rotary supports local youth programs and organizations



Coach Kay receives a check for \$5000 for support of the football program at North Shore HS and the Pep Rally Feb. 1.



Rotary donated \$2500 to the Shrine club of Baytown for their upcoming benefit. The Shriners cook the catfish and crawfish each year at the North Shore Rotary event in May.

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- Texas Rising Star Program Provider with a Three-Star Certification or Higher;
- Nationally Accredited;
- Texas School Ready Participant;
- Head Start Program Provider; or
- Meet the Requirements Under TEC SEC 29.1532

Proposals for partnership must be received by Friday, January 31, 2020 at 12:00 noon. To receive an application, interested childcare entities should contact:

Dr. Mechelle Epps
Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services
832-386-1033
mepps@galenaparkisd.com
RFP 19-008 Prekindergarten Partnerships





Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – When Should I Claim My Widow’s Benefit?

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away at the age of 52, and I was 53. I am currently 59. I’ve read about and been encouraged to file for widow’s benefits from Social Security when I turn 60. My question is: does doing that impact when I should file for my regular Social Security benefits? In reading on many websites regarding my question, this never is addressed on what is best. Signed: Widowed Survivor

Dear Survivor: You have my sympathy for the loss of your husband at such a young age. I’ll try to clarify your options for you.

Provided you have not remarried you can claim your survivor benefit at age 60, but if you do it will be reduced by 28.5% from what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67. As long as you are explicit when claiming your survivor benefit that you are not also applying for your own Social Security benefit, there will be no negative impact to your eventual Social Security retirement benefit when you claim that. But, determining which benefit to take, and when, requires some thought.

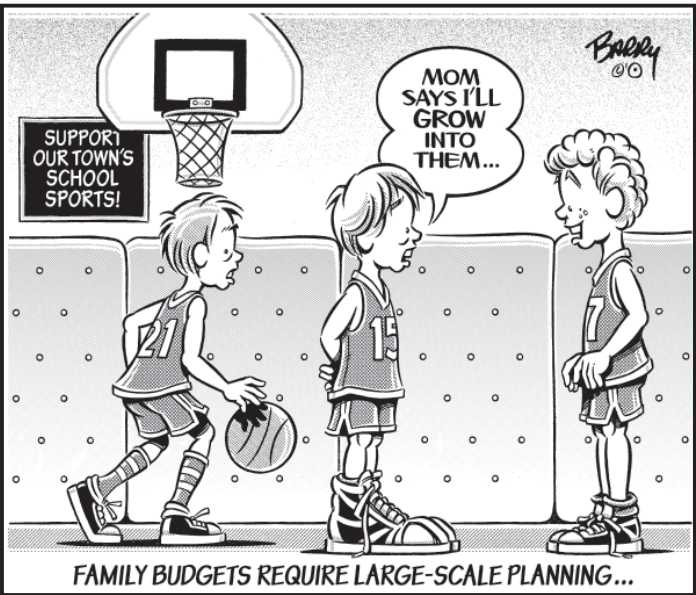
Your goal should be to get the highest benefit possible for the rest of your life. To help you decide how and when to file, you should first see what your survivor benefit will be at your full retirement age (100% of what your husband was entitled to at his death). If that amount is more than you are entitled to on your own at age 70 then you should consider waiting until age 67 (your FRA) to claim your widow’s benefit, so you can get that higher survivor benefit for the rest of your life. Conversely, if your own age 70 benefit will be more than your widow’s benefit at your FRA, then claiming your widow’s benefit first and allowing your own benefit to grow until age 70 when it reaches maximum would be the more prudent choice. You can get estimates of both your survivor benefit and your age 70 retirement benefit by contacting Social Security. But if claiming the survivor benefit at age 60 is what you decide, or if you were to instead

claim your Social Security retirement benefits early (e.g., age 62) there’s more for you to consider.

If you are collecting any Social Security benefits before you reach your full retirement age (FRA) and you are still working, you will be subject to Social Security’s “earnings limit” which restricts the amount you can earn before they take back some of your benefits (the earnings limit changes annually; for 2020 it is \$18,240). Up until the year you reach your FRA, they will take back benefits equal to one half of any earnings you have over the limit. During the year you reach your FRA the limit increases by about 2.5 times and the penalty is less, and once you reach your FRA there is no longer a limit on your earnings. So, if you claim your survivor benefit at age 60 and are working, exceeding the earnings limit will result in you permanently losing some of your survivor benefits. If, instead, you claim your SS retirement benefit early (e.g., at age 62) you’ll still be subject to the earnings limit until you reach age 67, but at your FRA they will give you time credit for any months you didn’t get your retirement benefits and increase your benefit amount accordingly.

The important point to remember is that you have a choice of which benefit to take, and evaluating your options as described above should lead you to the right answer - whether you should claim your reduced survivor benefit at age 60, or to delay until it reaches maximum at age 67.

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FAMILY BUDGETS REQUIRE LARGE-SCALE PLANNING...

Governor requests presidential disaster declaration

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Jan. 13 asked for a presidential disaster declaration for three counties that sustained widespread damage attributed to severe thunderstorms, straight-line winds, hail and tornadoes.

The stormy weather on Oct. 20-21 hit Cameron, Dallas and Erath counties. Abbott’s request includes public assistance and hazard mitigation.

“The State of Texas is committed to ensuring the people of Cameron, Dallas and Erath counties have the resources they need to continue rebuilding the public infrastructure,” Abbott said. “With the help of our federal partners, these communities can rebuild quickly and gain access to important recovery resources. I ask that the president swiftly grant this request in order to expedite valuable support to these counties.”

If Abbott’s request is granted, local jurisdictions will be eligible for federal reimbursement for the cost of disaster-related debris removal, emergency measures to protect life and property and permanent repair work to damaged or destroyed infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water treatment facilities, parks and publicly owned property.

Proclamation extended

Gov. Abbott on Jan. 14 extended the disaster proclamation he originally signed on Aug. 23, 2017, and amended several times thereafter, pertaining to 60 counties affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Texas law authorizes the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with the disaster.

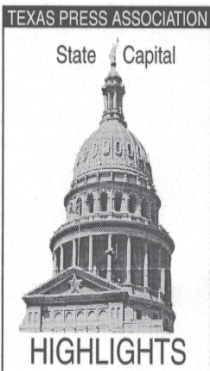
Miller hairs trade deal

When President Donald Trump signed the “Phase One” trade agreement with China on Jan. 15, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller called it “huge, Texas-sized news.”

The agreement calls for China to increase its purchase of U.S.-produced goods by \$200 billion, in-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



contributions go and how they are handled,” Paxton said. “The agreement reached today marks a recognition of the responsibilities charitable funds have to donors, and we are grateful for the new PayPal Charitable Fund provisions that will better inform all who choose to give to charity through the online platform.”

Agency set record again

During calendar year 2019 the Texas Railroad Commission processed a record 11,654 new drilling permits.

The Lone Star State’s oil and gas industry regulating agency announced its staff also set a record in taking just two days on average to process standard drilling permits, one day below the Legislative requirement.

Also, according to a Jan. 13 news release, the agency processed permits at this faster-than-required rate for two years in a row, beginning in calendar year 2018.

“The Railroad Commission’s technological solutions enable operators to quickly apply for and receive drilling permits,” said Wei Wang, executive director of the agency. “Nearly 99 percent of operators apply for drilling permits online. This allows our staff to thoroughly and quickly review each application to ensure operators meet all drilling permit requirements.”

Texas leads the nation in oil and gas production, with the Permian Basin in West Texas ranking as the nation’s top energy production region. In the last 12 months Texas operators reported 1.438 billion barrels of oil produced and almost 10 trillion cubic feet of gas.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimates the Permian Basin contains 66 billion barrels of oil, nearly 300 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 21 billion barrels of natural gas liquids in the Midland and Delaware Basins.

“Texas will continue to be the nation’s leader in energy production,” Wang said. “The Railroad Commission’s efficient, timely permit review processes are essential to the continued development of the state’s energy resources and ultimately support Texas’ economic prosperity.”

cluding the import of agricultural products by \$40 billion to \$50 billion over the next two years.

U.S. negotiators agreed to cut tariffs in half on goods from China, from 15% down to 7.5%.

Goal: donor protection

Texas Attorney General Paxton on Jan. 14 joined the attorneys general of 23 states in an agreement with PayPal Charitable Fund Inc., the charitable arm of PayPal.

In the agreement, the states seek to ensure donors are given clear information and disclosures on where their money goes when making charitable contributions through the company’s online payment platform.

Previously, the platform aggregated and distributed funds to the donors’ chosen charities without collecting fees; however, charities that maintained a PayPal account received contributions more quickly than others. That fact was not disclosed to donors, nor was the fact that sometimes contributions were redirected away from the donor’s selected charity and given to a different organization with similar purposes.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“The Cigar Box”

I spent the weekend in New York City.

I hadn’t been to New York in quite a while. I was performing at a theater conference and so was traveling alone, without my husband, Peter.

New York intimidates me—as all big cities do. I am not a nervous traveler, generally, but I keep my possessions close at hand and my eyes open—which is why I noticed the young man in the black athletic shirt on the subway.

I was taking the subway for the first time in a long time and, so far, I was doing pretty well. Okay, I did choke when I got to my first turnstile. I pushed the bar too quickly and had to run my card through a second time. Two dollars! Down the drain! But I finally made it on the subway, in the late evening, my bags gathered close like little ducklings.

So, naturally, I noticed when a young man in a black athletic shirt started talking trash to the man across from him. They were having a heated discussion, topping each other by speaking louder and louder. I clutched my suitcase a little tighter. Then I saw the young man reach inside his bag. I watched closely as his hand disappeared into a large satchel and emerge with a cigar box.

If I now asked you to guess what was in the box, no matter how many guesses you were given, I’m betting you would be wrong.

Thread.
In that box was every color of thread in the rainbow. The young man, without missing a beat in his argument, reached into the box and pulled out a spool of black thread and a needle, threaded it and—right before my eyes—began stitching up a small tear in the sleeve of his athletic jersey.

His satchel was full of sewing paraphernalia, I realized. He was clearly much better outfitted than my mother who, to the best of my knowledge, has never attempted a stitchery repair while on a moving subway.

I got to my Airbnb. When Peter and I travel together, we always rent an Airbnb we can have to ourselves but, as I was alone and New York is expensive, I found a place with one other room and a shared bath. It was neat as a pin and very convenient. The first night there was a sweet young woman named Emily staying there. She was interviewing for a job at a big publishing house. Emily checked out, the room was cleaned, and I had the place to myself until the second evening when the door opened and a large, swarthy young man with more than a five-o’clock shadow appeared. His name was Manu, he said, in a strong accent.

I said hello and went about preparing to go out for the night. I had to perform in a couple hours, so I had hair to curl and other equally important duties to perform. Manu parked his bag in his room and prepared to leave.

But just as he was about to go out the door, he stopped and turned.

In a deep baritone voice, he asked, “Is it safe? Will I be safe in this neighborhood?”

I studied the extremely capable looking Manu. I remembered the young man stitching on the subway. I thought of all the assumptions I make, every day, every time I encounter another person.

I smiled at Manu. “It’s okay, I think you’ll be safe,” I told him.

Manu grinned at me and headed out onto the streets of New York.

Till next time,
Carrie

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OBITUARIES

Betty Marie Street

Betty Marie Street, 77, passed away January 15, 2020 at her home in Houston, Texas.

Betty was born in Houston on September 3, 1942 to parents Sam and Grace (Gates) Brinkley. She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston. Betty always loved horses, and in her younger years she raised, showed, and even participated in barrel racing at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo held at the Astrodome. She married the true love of her life, Leon Street on December 17, 1960 in Galena Park. They enjoyed almost 60 years together raising their family and supporting their community where they were very involved and active in helping others.

Betty created several community programs in the community and in the Galena Park School District to help the disadvantaged. She founded Adapt Learning Systems where she taught GED classes and helped many people achieve their goals. She was honored to receive the Jefferson Award of Achievement.

Betty may have been best known for founding and creating Betty's Haven in the Northshore area where she helped countless domestic abuse victims for many years. Betty also cherished her church family at South Main Baptist Church where they have been members of for over 23 years. She was very family oriented and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents; and brother-in-law, David Ar-



nold. She is lovingly survived by her husband, Leon Street, children, Aaron Street and wife Kimberly, Elizabeth Steele, Lara Coronado and husband Stephen; sister, Beverly Arnold; grandchildren, Jason Godoy, Jeremy Godoy, Robert Crook, Nicole Kitts and husband Jay, Leah Steele, Brennen Coronado, Austin Coronado, Cameron Coronado, Dillon Coronado; as well as numerous extended family members and many dear friends.

Friends are welcome to join the family for visitation from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday, January 20th at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services officiated by Rev. Bobby Miller will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 1:15 PM at Houston National Cemetery under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.



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Robert William (Bob) Morisak

Robert William (Bob) Morisak a resident of Willis, Texas, entered the presence of the Lord on Friday, January 17, 2020. He was born June 21, 1944 in Baytown, Texas. He grew up in Highlands, Texas and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1963; attended Lee Junior college in Baytown, Texas and completed his studies at Stephen F. Austin University in 1967 with a B.S. degree in Education and a minor in Business. He attended graduate school at Sam Houston University in the study of kinesiology. He began his career in education, teaching and coaching at Marshall Jr., High and was properly named "Coach" after being involved in coaching track, football and basketball for 10 years at Brazosport, Freer, Dayton, Northwest Academy and C E King high schools. He is remembered fondly by many on his early track teams.

He became a State Farm Agent in July, 1976 and retired December 31, 2017, after providing 41.5 years of "Good Neighbor Service."

His lifetime love for horses led him into breeding, training, and racing of thoroughbreds. Bob has had a ranch in Buffalo, Texas for the past fourteen years and previously owned a farm in Crosby, Texas. He enjoyed talking about and viewing all sports and 'coaching' from his chair!

At the time of his death he was still actively training horses and faithfully riding his bicycle with his Australian Shepherd service dog, Hachi and son, Omaha. Bob was an avid reader, enjoyed the outdoors and all animals, and was a member of Benui Baptist Church in Montgomery, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of almost 25 years, Patricia (Patsy) Guillory Morisak of Willis, Texas, two daughters, Charlyn D. Morisak of Buffalo, Texas



and Robin L. Morisak of Panorama Village, Texas and their mother, Charlotte Belin, also of Panorama Village, Texas. Step children Erika G. Page and husband Charles of Milton, Georgia; Derek Guillory, M.D. and wife Tisa of San Antonio, Texas; and Daren R. Guillory and wife Jennifer of Houston, Texas. Grandchildren Nathan Montgomery, Makayla Legally, and Mari Otis. Step grandchildren Jackson and Kate Guillory, Payton, Garner and Sloan Guillory and Alexa and Elliana Page. Sister Shirley Ann Ulrich and husband Joe of Baytown, Texas; brother William R. (Billy) Morisak of Crosby, Texas. Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Mary Satsky Morisak of Crosby, Texas.

A celebration of life will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, located at 10129 FM 1097 West, Willis, Texas 77318, on Saturday, January 25, 2020, beginning with visitation at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the service. Memorial donations may be made to the Youth Scholarship Fund of Benui Baptist Church, P.O. Drawer 250, Montgomery, Texas 77356 or to the SPCA. You are invited to leave a written condolence our website at www.shmfh.com.

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Rena Jamail Newton 1940-2019

Rena Newton passed away on December 28, 2019. She was born to Albert Jamail and Edith McCorvey on January 16, 1940 in Galveston, Texas.

Rena is preceded in death by her loving husband, Samuel Newton Jr. and her son, Charles Fade. She leaves behind two brothers, five children, thirteen grandchildren,

numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Rena worked for Galena Park Independent School District in employee benefits for twenty seven years, retiring in 2003. A longtime member of her community she enjoyed and took great pride in serving her fellow employees. Family and friends that knew and loved her will greatly miss her strong spirit and personality. At her request, she was cremated on January 14, 2020.

Rev. Father Jose Paul Mundadum



Rev. Fr. Jose "Joe" Mundadan, 59, passed away January 6, 2020 in Westlake, Louisiana.

Fr. Joe was born in Angamaly, Kerala, India on May 15, 1960 to parents Kunjipaulo and Lilly Mundadan. He received his ordination into priesthood on December 8, 1984.

Rev. Fr. Joe came to America in 1999 to continue spreading the word of the Lord. He moved to Houston on June 20, 2013 and welcomed the honor of serving as becoming the priest at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in 2015. Rev. Fr. Joe treasured his parishioners at St. Jude Thaddeus and enjoyed serving the community where he also lived.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Rev. Fr. Joe is lovingly survived by his brothers, Jojo Mundadan, Davis Mundadan, Martin Mundadan, Dicto Mundadan; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and many friends.

Services honoring Rev. Fr. Jose's life were held on Friday, January 10, 2020 with visitation at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Holy Funeral Mass at 7:00 p.m. and concluded by the Office of the Dead as well as bidding of farewell at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, 800 S. Main St., Highlands, Texas 77562, under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Services and burial followed at St. Joseph's Church, Josepuram, Angamaly, India.



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Which member of David's army murdered two generals and was slain at a tabernacle altar as punishment? Heliz, Elisha, Joab, Zalmon

3. From Acts 28, who got a snake bite on the hand as he laid sticks on a fire? Noah, Moses,

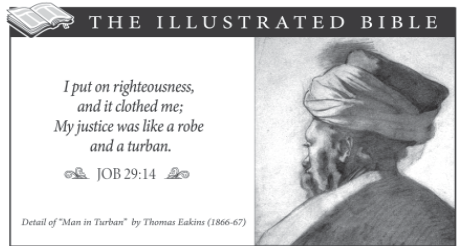
David, Paul

4. What prophet did mouth-to-mouth on a dead boy, restoring him to life? Jonathan, Silas, Elisha, Nahash

5. From Genesis 21, who put her child under a bush to die? Hagar, Miriam, Ezra, Sarah

6. What grandmother got commended by Paul for her great faith? Rachel, Lois, Dorcas, Delilah

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Joab; 3) Paul; 4) Elisha; 5) Hagar; 6) Lois"



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Here are a few tips that will help you along the way:

KNOW THE ANSWER

Your proposal should be surprising, but it shouldn't come directly out of left field. Before you pull a ring out, have a good idea how

ASK DIAMOND JIM

your partner will respond. "Will you marry me?" shouldn't be your first discussion on the subject.

RULES OF THE ENGAGEMENT (RING)

Here's where a little bit of effort goes a long way. The history of the diamond as an engagement ring first became popular in the 1930's, but the idea of an engagement ring has been around for centuries. If you're still deciding on a diamond engagement ring, consider doing some window shopping with your partner prior to making a purchase. If you want to keep things more secretive, talk to your partner's friends and family to get a feel for their taste.

Another option is to use a stand-in ring for the proposal. Perhaps you can use their great grandmother's diamond engagement ring, and then take your partner shopping later. (A trusted jeweler can tell you everything you need to know about how to buy a diamond and will take the time to help educate both of you).

PEACE-OF-MIND

Do your homework before buying the engagement ring. Most importantly, find a jeweler you trust.

And, since you're making such a big investment, make sure you insure the ring as soon as you purchase it. Your knowledgeable jeweler should be willing and able to discuss this with you. One option is that you may be able to insure it for an additional cost under your homeowner's or tenant's insurance policy.

ASK PERMISSION, NOT FORGIVENESS

Before you take a knee, take the time to speak with your partner's parents first. Asking permission is a tradition carried since the Roman times, and it's a great way to make a good impression on your future in-laws.

BE CREATIVE

This is your chance to shine. A good jeweler should have several ideas that will help you to be creative when "popping the question". You could also use modern technology for a Twitter proposal. No matter what you do, just put your heart into it. Here are a few ideas to get your started:

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Propose via video or in person from an extreme location - atop a mountain, while skydiving, or on the shores of a romantic and faraway beach.

SPREAD THE NEWS

Your partner will most likely handle this for you, but make sure to share the big news with people you know. You might also consider sending out an engagement announcement.

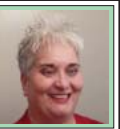
CELEBRATE

You did it! Consider toasting your engagement with a night on the town, a glass of bubbly or a celebration with friends and family.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB



The Plan

Many of us have heard that if we fail to plan we will most likely fail. So we are entering the last week of January, I am wondering if you made a plan for 2020 and if you did, how are you doing at sticking to the plan?

One of the most common plans for the new year is to head to the gym and start a fitness plan. I know this because over the years, my daughter frequently grumbles about how in January, the regulars are displaced by all of those who decide to work out and that by February, it calms down and it is back to the regulars. She has been working out the majority of her life. Before, during and after serving in the Army she has been passionate about staying fit. Another common plan for the new year is to start eating healthy. I talked to more than one friend who received an air fryer, instant-pot or some other appliance to cook healthier meals. I actually received an insulated bag with portion size containers so that I could take my lunch to work (Obviously, this was someone who has not paid much attention over the years, or they would know I do not cook much. I am someone who can be happy with a sandwich or a bowl of soup.)

I have some friends who have started walking every Saturday morning at 6 a.m. They are discovering a new walking trail each week and while walking, they have been picking up trash on each route. I have others who have

decided to take up a new hobby for the new year. Several friends have begun taking weekly dance lessons while others are enrolling in the art lessons offered at the public library.

Are you keeping a calendar and listing the time you are spending on your new projects? One group has been monitoring their exercise as well as time they are sleeping. They are committed to leading a more balanced life. I think having those accountability partners help us to make the best of our plans.

Several years ago, a friend enrolled in the John C. Maxwell Leadership Program. As he continued to develop his skills, he began to host MasterMind classes which typically run 90 minutes weekly for 14 weeks. The more he taught, the more the group grew. There have now been over 40 individuals who have participated in these small groups. In addition, there are several opportunities throughout the year to participate in leadership events. The next opportunity to attend a MasterMind class is rapidly approaching. "How Successful People Think" will be used in the class that begins on Tuesday, February 4. The classes are held from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the East Harris County Empowerment Council office located at 12605 East Freeway, Suite 509. For more information, please call 346-297-0080. The skills learned by participating will help you plan for the next six months or for the next 10 years.

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major victory for American workers.”

He also supports the new trade agreement with China, and praised Trump for standing up to inequities that have existed for years. Other issues he supports include Second Amendment Gun rights, and the Pro-Life position against abortions.

On immigration, he said that open borders are dangerous, letting in known criminals. He said there are 1.2 million illegal aliens in the U.S. They have had deportation hearings, but just won’t leave. He said that Democrats want to offer them free healthcare, but the average American ends up having to pay for this with increased costs for their health insurance.

He also praised Trump for his recent position on allowing prayers in schools and public meetings.

Babin answered questions from the audience, including several on the closing of the I-10 bridge, and the removal of toxic waste from the river.

Johnny Gaeke pointed out that the area has had a restricted or closed bridge for one whole year, with 3 major accidents. Although he doesn’t think it is feasible to limit barges north of the bridge, he says they could be moored more safely.

Working with the EPA Region 6 in Dallas, Babin said the timeline for removal of the Waste Pits was Oct. 2019 EPA will issue notice letters to the responsible parties to begin settlement negotiations for implementation of the final design; Feb. 2020 Maintenance activities are planned to repair erosion from Imelda and to place additional rock on the current cap; May 2020 EPA is to receive intermediate remediation designs; and Jan 2021 Final Designs documents are due.



#20 Colton Price the 6’-8” tall Mustang junior center makes a reverse layup shot.



#1 Mustang Kevin Anderson makes a 2 point jump shot.



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