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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

THUR. FEB. 27
Crosby Awards Banquet & Board Installation

Under the Big Top Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet & Board Installation Banquet, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn Baytown, 4910 Chase Street, Baytown, TX 77521.

SAT. FEB. 29
Crosby Historical Society book signing

The Historical Society will be distributing several of their recently released book at Crosby Brethren Church from 1-6 pm. See Ad, page 2 for more details.

FRI. MARCH 6
Library Book Sale

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold their Spring Book Sale on Friday, March 6th - 1pm - 6pm. Saturday, March 7th - 10am - 5pm. Books at bargain prices, and many in mint condition. Many are like brand new! Buy 2, get 1 FREE with the exception of children's books. For more information, call the Library at 832-927-7790.

FRI. MAR. 27
Crosby EF Annual Golf Tournament

11:30 a.m. registration & lunch. 1:00 shotgun start. At Stonebridge at Newport. 281-328-9200

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 27—Joe Price
Terry Whittaker
Caleb Wingate
Kaylin Morgan
Elise Guidroz
Feb 28—B.E. Hales
Mar 2—Jennifer Abbott
Robert Harper
Dorothy Holy
Jennifer Moyer
Michelle Phillips
Mar 3—Theresa Abbott
Irene Fleming
Jahnise McKee
Jerry Thompson
Mar 4—Evelyn Banks
Cathie West
Jamie Yarbrough
Eric Wood

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mar 3—Jimmy & Teri Gleason

New IH-10 bridge over San Jacinto River may affect Waste Pits removal

By Gilbert Hoffman

HARRIS COUNTY – Although in early stages of planning and design, engineers with TxDOT have begun to talk about the design and schedule for a replacement bridge over the San Jacinto River. With 4 to 6 lanes in each direction and no supporting columns in the river, it would be a vast improvement over the current situation. However, authorities and environmentalists are concerned that construction of a new bridge might interfere with the planned removal of the toxic wastes



TxDOT engineers have said that the bridge design will be segmented, similar to this design of IH-10 over the Trinity River. The center span is 450 feet, so that support columns do not need to be in the river.

in the Superfund Sits in the river. Workers on either project could be exposed to dangerous toxic waste, and would require special protective procedures. Planners for the EPA are also taking into consideration that work might take place during hurricane season, limiting the schedule to safe months. This might also be a consideration for the bridge construction.

Preliminary details of the design were discussed at a meeting in November with the Economic Alliance. See *New Bridge*, page 6

Turner dealership wins major award in Vegas



Carlos Latour Representative for Chevrolet at left presenting the General Motors Premier Elite award to Daylyn Turner, David Mendez, Jamie Kendrick and Robbie Turner all of dealerships owned by Robert Turner of Turner Chevrolet. This is the 17th and the 18th time a dealership owned by Robert Turner has been awarded this Ring Update.

See Dealership Story on Page 6

STEPHENS "GOING BIG" NATIONALLY Quest to save lives with ECG in 7 states

CROSBY – What began here as a quest to see if sudden death of young athletes could be stemmed by ECG screening has become a national issue with seven states currently undertaking bills much like the Cody Bill HB76 having passed the Texas Legislature last year.

After five years of effort, surprisingly with significant elements of the Medical community opposing it, Texas passed the Cody Bill enabling parents of first year athletes to opt

into an Electrocardiogram screening to check their athlete's heart for anomalies before the athlete takes to the field. Previously, annually sudden death from heart attack was generally an annual event somewhere in the state.

The Cody Bill finally passed the Texas House unanimously Stephens acknowledged the work from Rep. Dan Huberty, lobbyist Kathy Grant, everyone who testified at the

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Campus Crime Stoppers sponsors honored at appreciation dinner



Campus Crime Stoppers sponsors were honored at the annual Campus Crime Stoppers Sponsor Appreciation Dinner at the Baytown Community Center. Pictured are (front, from left) Stephanie Stults and Roxie Brown, Cedar Bayou Junior; Nikki Comeaux, Gentry Junior; Erica Ramirez, Stuart Career Tech High School; David Garza and Michael Knight, Horace Mann Junior; Jody Roberts, Ross S. Sterling High School; Officer Randell Morris; MJ Nolan, Horace Mann Junior; Sgt. John Butler; (back row, from left) Chief Keith Dougherty; Selvira Rahmanovic, Gentry Junior; Peggy Cayton, Cedar Bayou Junior; Brian Aikin, principal, Baytown Junior; Samuel Laird and Diztorsha Jefferson Lavan, Goose Creek Memorial; Steve Denton, Ross S. Sterling High School; Mike Riojas, Stuart Career Tech High School and Clay Garrison, Horace Mann Junior.



Detective Jeremy Tharp (left) and Randy Strong receive the 2019 Lavon Heintschel Crime Stoppers Award at the recent Campus Crime Stoppers Appreciation Dinner.

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ROUND-UP

Goss Library events

These are the events taking place at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library the week of Monday, March 2, 2020.

- Tuesday, March 3 - 10:00 am, Baby & Me (ages 0-24 mos)
- Tuesday, March 3 - 6:30 pm, Cork Dork Book Club at Yezep Vineyard discussing Dear Wife by Kimberly Belle

- Friday, March 6 - 10:30 am & 2:00 pm, Storytime (ages 0-5 yrs)

Sam Carmena Goss Memorial Library, Mont Belvieu, (281) 876-2245.

CAFÉ with Commissioner

Café with Commissioner is an opportunity for residents to connect with Commissioner Garcia, learn about what he is working on, and share their concerns. Join Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Saturday, March 28th, 10 a.m. at HEB, 6430 Garth Road, Baytown, TX 77521.

Spring into Nature Spring break camp

Creepy critters, March 9-13, 2020 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, grades 4-6. Cost \$150. Spend a week in the company of all things creepy! Campers are introduced to animals that slither, hiss, crawl, and go bump in the night through hand-on activities and field trips. Squeamish need not apply! Registration ongoing at the Eddie V. Gray Wetlands Education Center, 1724 Market St. Baytown, TX, 77520. 281-420-7128.

Tyke Hike

Fridays in March, 10 am - 11 am. The spring season of the FREE pre-school program (designated for ages 3-5) begins Friday, March 6, 2020 meeting weekly through May 22. This season's topics include many hand-on nature adventures for your tyke to enjoy. Check in at the visitor's center to find out where to meet.

March 6-Bees
13-Shamrocks and snakes
20-Garden Fun
27-Don't Be a Litterbug
281-424-9198

DAYTON New kiosks offer 24-Hour service

Paying your water bill just got a little easier in Dayton. The City of Dayton has unveiled two new 24-hour service kiosks that will allow customers to take care of their utility bill at their convenience. The new kiosks are located on the west side of City Hall (117 Cook St.) and inside of the lobby at the Police Station/Municipal Court building (2004 N. Cleveland).

"The new kiosks allow greater flexibility for those making payments to the City," said Finance Director Rudy Zepeda. "Utility customers can now look up their accounts and see not only their current balance, but overdue amounts, usage, and account history." Zepeda added, "Eventually, Municipal Court customers will be able to pay fines and review the status of their cases at either kiosk as well. We're working with our software vendor on that portion of the



Dayton resident using a kiosk to make a payment.

ally, Municipal Court customers will be able to pay fines and review the status of their cases at either kiosk as well. We're working with our software vendor on that portion of the

service now." Kiosks will accept cash, checks, and most major credit cards. Residents who wish to initiate or terminate water service must still do so in person.

City of Mont Belvieu launches online payment portal

The City of Mont Belvieu is excited to offer our residents a new and convenient way to pay monthly utility bills online. The City's Online Payment Portal allows residents to register their account to make monthly utility payments fast and easy. In addition, this gives our utility customers a way to view their bill, track monthly consumption, sign up for payment reminders, view their transaction history - both online payments as well as in person and by mail - and a lot more.

"We are so excited to roll out the new online payment portal to the community," said Administrative Services Director Calyn Wesson. "This is really going to help our residents streamline their monthly payments; one of the top

requests our Utility Billing Department gets. And, with all of the other useful features the portal offers, I think it will bring a new level of service to our customers and quickly become a tool our residents will value."

Mont Belvieu's online payment portal is live now. Residents can access the portal by clicking the large "Pay My Bill" graphic button on any of the pages on our site. For those residents needing help linking their account or using the new features, the City has developed a comprehensive user's guide. You can access the guide.

To make payments online, please go to www.municipalonlinepayments.com/mont-belvieu to register and create an account.

Sheriff puts new SafeBoat into action



"It was such an honor today to have Congressman Brian Babin and Lt. Commander Karen Damon, U.S. Coast Guard, Houston-Galveston Sector, join me at Job Beason Park in Oak Island for the christening and maiden voyage of the Chambers County Sheriff's Office SafeBoat," said Sheriff Brian Hawthorne.

Procedure offers relief for prostate condition

BAYTOWN — (February 14, 2020) — An estimated 500 million men world-wide—including 40 million in the U.S.—suffer from benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) in which the prostate enlarges as men get older.

Over 70 percent of men in their 60s have symptoms of BPH and while it is a benign (non-cancerous) condition, it can cause loss of productivity and sleep, depression and decreased quality of life.

Dr. Bayo Tojuola, urologist at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital, says there is relief for this common condition. The minimally invasive UroLift system procedure offers rapid symptom relief without the need for more invasive surgeries or a long-term medication regimen.

"The UroLift procedure can be done in an office setting or in the hospital. The urologist uses the UroLift device to lift and move the enlarged prostate tissue out of the way so it no longer blocks the urethra (the

passageway that urine flows through)," Tojuola said. "Tiny implants are placed to hold the tissue in place, like tiebacks on a window curtain. The device is removed, leaving an unobstructed urethra for urine to flow normally again."

It is common for men with BPH to experience symptoms such as: a frequent need to urinate both day and night; weak or slow urinary stream; a sense that you cannot completely empty the bladder; difficulty or delay in starting urination; urgent feeling of needing to urinate, and a urinary stream that stops and starts.

Tojuola says many men who experience mild symptoms may choose to not address it ("watchful waiting"), but because the prostate gland continues to grow over time, seeking treatment with a urologist is likely at some point.

Treatment options for BPH include medications that relax the muscles around the bladder, making it easier to urinate, or



Dr. Bayo Tojuola

shrink the prostate. Other treatments include thermotherapies that use heat to destroy prostate tissue. Surgical options include laser resection of the prostate and transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP). Tojuola says the UroLift procedure offers advantages over those surgical options.

"The UroLift procedure typically does not require an overnight stay," Tojuola said. "It usually does not require a catheter follow-

ing surgery and requires no cutting, heating or removal of prostate tissue. It also preserves sexual function."

Tojuola says the most common side effects of the procedure are mild pelvic pain and urge incontinence, with both symptoms usually lasting two to four weeks following the procedure.

Having treated more than 200 patients with the UroLift procedure, Tojuola's practice has been designated a UroLift Center of Excellence by interventional urology device developer NeoTract.

The designation recognizes urologists who are committed to educating their patients on BPH and the UroLift system as an effective treatment option that delivers excellent patient outcomes.

In addition to treating patients with BPH, Tojuola also provides treatments for a wide range of urologic conditions, including kidney stones, erectile dysfunction, male infertility, vasectomy, bladder cancer,

prostate cancer and male and female voiding issues (difficulty urinating).

For more information and to find out if you are a candidate for the UroLift procedure, call 832-556-6046.

About Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital

Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has provided Baytown and east Harris, Liberty and Chambers counties with quality medical care since opening its doors in 1948. The hospital has grown throughout the years with the community, providing comprehensive care at all stages of life. As a health care leader, the hospital is proud to have a fully integrated residency program focused on educating and inspiring future practitioners. Today, Houston Methodist Baytown provides some of the most advanced and innovative procedures while never wavering from its focus on compassionate and patient-centered care. Houstonmethodist.org/baytown

West Chambers County recognizes 1st responders



First responders were recognized at the West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce Public Servants of the Year Luncheon. City of Mont Belvieu Police Department recognized nominees Officer Will Candelari, Officer Michele Boufford, and Public Servant of the Year Officer Eric Stahl. Mont Belvieu Fire Department had Asst. Emergency Manager Jeffrey Choate and Firefighter Ramiro Aleman recognized as nominees with the Public Servant of the Year going to EMS Chief Jennifer Allum.

★ OPINION PAGE ★



Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Will Selling Large Asset Affect Wife’s Social Security?

Dear Rusty: If I have reached full retirement age (FRA) and wish to sell a \$500,000 asset, will it affect my wife’s Social Security if we file jointly? I have heard that it will affect my Medicare (the amount withheld each month) but she still has three more years before she can receive benefits. Is it better to liquidate assets before she reaches FRA if we will be penalized? Would her Medicare be affected as well as mine? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: Only earnings from working can affect Social Security (SS) benefits, so passive income from selling a large asset won’t affect your wife’s future Social Security benefits (nor yours). However, if your “combined income” from all sources (which is your Adjusted Gross Income plus any other non-taxable income you may have, plus 50% of your SS benefits) exceeds certain levels, your Medicare premium will be subject to the Income Related Medicare Adjustment (IRMAA) rule, which will add a supplemental amount to your base Medicare Part B premium. If your combined income (including that sold asset) for the 2020 tax year is between \$326,000 and \$750,000 then your Medicare premium for 2022 will be at least \$462.70 (I say “at least” because the Medicare Part B premium can increase each year).

The IRMAA premium increases on a sliding scale starting at \$174,001 of combined income for a married couple filing jointly (\$87,001 for an individual). If you liquidate that large asset this year, it will be reported on your 2020 income tax return which will be filed in 2021. That will mean that your Medicare premium for 2022 will be affected by IRMAA, and so will your wife’s if she has enrolled in Medicare at age 65 in 2021 (which she need not do if she has other “creditable” healthcare

coverage through an employer).

So, should you liquidate that large asset before your wife reaches her SS full retirement age? It doesn’t matter for Social Security purposes because that passive income will not affect your wife’s SS benefit. But, if your wife enrolls in Medicare at age 65, her Medicare Part B premium, as well as yours, will be subject to IRMAA and, thus be considerably higher than the standard premium of \$144.60 (the amount for 2020). Note that if your combined income for the following year is low enough to reduce your IRMAA premium, the Medicare premium will revert back to the lower level. Medicare typically uses income data from 2 years ago to determine current year premium, so they wouldn’t normally change your IRMAA premium back until they receive your income data for the previous year from the IRS. But, it is possible for you to contact Social Security earlier and provide them with proof that your income is now lower than reported in a previous year (causing the higher IRMAA premium) and they will adjust your Medicare premium sooner than they otherwise might.

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★ THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

“An Awful Lot of Cheese”

My husband, Peter, likes buying in bulk. Peter hates paying shipping fees. He never wants to run out of anything and he loves a bargain. This is why we buy coffee in enormous bags, crackers by the case, nuts and raisins ten pounds at a time, rice in 20-pound bags, and beans in 50-pound bags. It is sometimes a little alarming when the boxes arrive.

I’m not quite sure how he got this way. Peter was the youngest child of six, but I don’t think his family went through any extraordinary hardship. My mother is the ninth of eleven children raised during the depression and she buys in modest quantities that last for no more than a week or fit in a small canvas bag—whichever is less.

Most recently, Peter decided to start ordering cheese direct from his favorite cheesemaker, but when he learned what he was going to be charged for shipping he began to fume.

“Ha! If I buy \$100 at a time, I don’t pay shipping!” Peter announced, looking over the fine print on the cheesemaker’s website. He spoke with Ricky at the cheese shop and Ricky confirmed there would be no shipping charge if Peter just ordered enough cheese. Ricky recommended a nice gouda in addition to the lacy baby swiss Peter is fond of. Peter was delighted.

“Doesn’t \$100 buy an awful lot of cheese?” I asked. Our house is small and our refrigerator generally filled to capacity.

“Oh, it’s not that much...” Peter did the calculations. “It’s only about twenty pounds!” I couldn’t deny that was a good price per pound, but twenty pounds still sounded like an awful lot of cheese.

Then things were further complicated.

I had used this cheese company to buy birthday presents for my dad and they still had that address on file. Even though Peter made it quite clear this cheese was for us—not my father—we got a phone call from my dad about the time Peter was expecting his big cheese delivery.

“Hey, Peter!” my dad said, “Did you order us a big box of cheese?”

“Oh no!” Peter said. My parents, who buy little tiny blocks of cheese which they cut into little tiny slices and serve on little tiny crackers at precisely five o’clock every evening with a small glass of white wine, were understandably taken aback by the arrival of twenty pounds of cheese.

“That’s a heck of a lot of cheese! Should we mail it to you?” my dad asked.

Peter said they should just eat it and my mother expressed doubt that they would ever eat so much cheese in their lifetime. “Oh! You’ll eat it!” Peter insisted.

“That’s an awful lot of cheese!” my mother protested. “We can pick up what you don’t eat next time we see you!” Peter told her, and promptly ordered more cheese.

Ricky at the cheese company was appropriately contrite and gave Peter a generous discount on his new order so now we have forty pounds of cheese—twenty here and twenty in storage with my parents. I suspect this situation gives Peter a further feeling of security.

And, while I do shake my head from time to time, I also note that I have never once run out of coffee since I married Peter. We always have plenty of beans and rice to eat and now, I am quite certain, we will never run short of cheese.

In a chaotic world filled with unknowns, uncertainties, and nearly constant change, it’s good to know we’ve got the essentials covered.

Till next time, Carrie
Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

Governor establishes clemency application for certain survivors

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 20 established a clemency application specifically for survivors of human trafficking or domestic violence.

The application, crafted in coordination with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, includes a section that affords the applicant an opportunity to provide a statement to the board regarding their human trafficking or domestic violence victimization.

Human trafficking and domestic violence, according to the governor’s office, often lead victims down a path of offenses that entraps them in a vicious cycle of abuse and associated crime. Abbott’s announcement coincides with the launch of a new public awareness campaign informing survivors that they can submit an application for Board of Pardons and Paroles to review and consider recommending that the governor grant a full pardon for crimes committed while under the grips of a trafficker or an abusive partner.

“Texas is committed to empowering the survivors of domestic abuse and human trafficking, and one of the surest signals of that goal is laying out a true path to redemption and restoration,” Abbott said.

“The gubernatorial pardon plays an important role in this redemption process, because it offers a second chance to survivors with criminal convictions resulting from their abuse or exploitation. I am grateful for our ongoing partnership with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles as we work together to develop a stronger justice system that promotes redemption and transformation,” Abbott added.

In his recent announcement proclaiming January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Abbott applauded state lawmakers for passing legislation to

★ STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

provide survivors with “streamlined access to a clean criminal record and a fresh start.”

Update: Coronavirus
The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 21 announced the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had confirmed three cases of novel coronavirus 2019 in people under federal quarantine at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The first was a traveler who returned on a U.S. State Department-chartered flight from Wuhan City, China. The others returned on a State Department flight for passengers from the Diamond Princess cruise ship quarantined in Yokohama, Japan. The individuals are currently isolated and receiving appropriate care at medical facilities.

There were no other reported cases in Texas and officials said the risk of contracting the virus for all Texans remains low. The Department of State Health Services offers information on “COVID-19” for the public, health care professionals, health departments and labs at dshts.texas.gov/coronavirus.

In other news, the DSHS on Feb. 21 reported there have been 15 pediatric flu-related deaths

reported this season in Texas.

The agency urged Texans who have not taken this season’s influenza vaccine to get vaccinated without further delay. More information can be found online at www.texasflu.org.

AG sues over explosion

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Feb. 21 announced that Texas Attorney General Paxton had filed a lawsuit against TPC Group Inc. and TPC Group LLC for violations of the Texas Clean Air Act and the Texas Water Code pertaining to the Nov. 27, 2019 explosion at its Port Neches plant.

The lawsuit requests that the court grant injunctive relief, civil penalties, reasonable attorney fees, court costs and investigative costs to the state.

The lawsuit also includes claims that TPC Group caused numerous violations of TCEQ’s air quality program from January 2018 through September 2019.

TCEQ Executive Director Toby Baker and House State Affairs Committee Chairman Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, applauded Paxton for taking legal action. “Through this suit, the state can learn what caused the incident, how to prevent such occurrences in the future and adequately penalize all violations,” Phelan said.

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W. B. Clark

W. B. Clark, 92, went to be with his Lord on February 20, 2020 at his home in Channelview, Texas. He was born on May 26, 1927 to parents John Taylor and Gladys May (Morris) Clark in Lufkin, Texas.

W. B. proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Charlene, on July 15, 1951 and spent 65 years together before her passing in January of 2017. W. B. was a minister in the Church of Christ for many years and loved God, his church, and especially his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Charlene Clark; and daughter, Judy Gail Spinks. W. B. is lovingly survived by his children, Gaye Lynn Franks and husband Daren, and Gary Dean Clark; grandchildren,



Chris Campbell, Gennifer Gateley and husband John, David Spinks, and Shelby Franks; great-grandchildren, Jerob Campbell, Mia Duncan, Blane Campbell-Gateley, Jillian Campbell, Jalynn Gateley, Hayden Gateley, Maci Gateley, and Ryleigh Gateley.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 26, 2020, with visitation to begin at 10:00 AM, at Channelview

Church of Christ 1301 Sheldon, Channelview, Texas. Graveside services with military honors will follow at 1:00 PM at Houston National Cemetery, where he will be laid to rest with his wife, under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in Mr. Clark's memory to the Channelview Church of Christ, in particular for the Philippines Missions.

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Ann "Annie" L. Wilson

It is with a peace that surpasses all understanding that the family of Ann "Annie" L. Wilson announces her entrance into heaven on February 17, 2020. Annie was born at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas to Fred and Rosemary Wilson. She attended school in Channelview until 1975 when the family moved overseas to Aberdeen, Scotland where she attended Bankhead Academy. From there the family moved to Bergen, Norway and then to Stavanger, Norway attending American schools.

In 1979 the family returned to Channelview where Annie graduated in 1980 from Channelview High School. Annie was a lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo serving on numerous committees since the mid 80's including the Metro Go Texan Commit-



tee, serving Channelview, Sheldon, Crosby and Huffman. She spent countless hours volunteering and supporting numerous charities and benefits in her community. Annie was well known in the International Transportation/Oil & Gas industry as she is the former President and VP of ITMA. Traveling and making a name for herself in the industry. Making friends along the way. An advocate for battered wom-

en and the humane treatment of animals. Although she could dance to any country song, her favorite band was HEART whom she had seen numerous times in concert.

Annie is preceded in death by her father Fred W. Wilson. She is survived by her mother Rosemary Wilson and her sissey Mary Wilson. Annie has left countless friends whom she considered family behind. In lieu of flowers Ann would like for you to make a donation to the battered women's shelter of your choice. Celebration of life services are to follow at a later date.

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HIGHLANDS ROTARY CLUB NEWS



This lunch menu will bug you.

This story is guaranteed to bug you.

The Highlands Rotary club was treated to an unusual lunch menu this week, when two representatives of the Museum of Natural History were the guest program.

And the subject? Around the world, different cultures eat bugs as part of their diet, and the Rotarians got an opportunity to try for themselves.

David Temple and Chuck Leah prepared a variety of bugs for the club members to try. Some found them quite tasty, others not so much, and a few (Sheila!) squirmed and refused to try them.

Temple prepared the various bugs, cooking them at the table, and Leah helped prepare and distribute them to everyone who wanted to try.

Varieties of bugs included grasshoppers, meal worms, and ants. Temple said he personally didn't care for fishing worms, so there weren't any of those. Roaches were not part of the menu, but Temple said that many people eat them, inspite of the fact that they don't have as good a taste as other types of bugs.

He prepared the bugs in a fry pan, and to help make them palatable, served them on a slice of apple in a chocolate sauce, or in a nacho shell with guacamole.

Some of these were quite tasty, due to the condiments, but the bugs themselves had a crunchy quality and not very much taste, the club members reported.



David Temple from the Museum of Natural Science cooks bugs in a fry pan, as Chuck Leah helps prepare nachos with the bugs and some guacamole as stuffing.



BUG ON A STICK. These are known as "meal worms" and here David Temple has prepared them in a gancho or chocolate sauce put on an apple slice. The meal worms are prepared with seasoning, and are precooked before being served here. Temple said that most all of these bugs are available at international grocery stores.



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Turner dealership, New IH-10 Bridge,

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Several representatives of Robert Turner, owner of Turner Chevrolet and JK Chevrolet and other dealerships in Texas went to Las Vegas, Nevada last week and enjoyed the recognition of Chevrolet by being awarded the General Motors Premier Elite award.

According to Robbie Turner, son of Robert Turner, "It is awarded to dealerships that take pride in doing what they are supposed to do productively to take care of their community via service and sales. This will be the seventeenth and eighteenth time my father has received this award [both for Turner Chevrolet and JK Chevrolet currently] five times here, since we have been here five years. Prior to that there were twelve other times at different locations."

"This really is a team award that recognizes how well a dealership does in sales, service and aspects of operations. We are privileged to have earned it at this location for all five years. Really it requires the entire team to earn it," said Sales Manager David Mendez.

Robbie modified, "You are looking at dealerships that do well in sales and service and a certain amount of profitability."

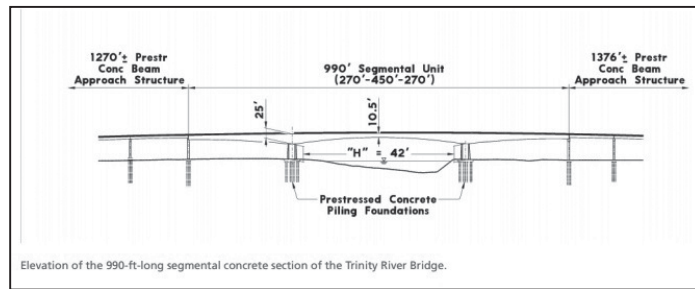
"Another aspect is community involvement, as you know, we support Clothe-A-Child, sponsor community projects and groups like the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Turner also serves on the local School District advisory boards, providing counsel for their shop/technical vocational programs and identifying young people interested in becoming technicians," David Mendez explained.

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ance, and additional information was learned by this newspaper from TxDOT engineers. TxDOT is currently conducting a PEL or Planning and Environmental Linkage study of the IH-10 corridor, including the bridge. The study includes the corridor as it passes through Houston, Jacinto City, Channelview, Baytown, and Mont Belvieu. A PEL study is a high-level, early-planning study process that represents an approach to transportation decision making that considers environmental, community and economic goals early in the planning stage. It involves public meetings with feedback from the public and interested parties, as well as engineering studies.

Normally a new bridge as contemplated would take 5 to 10 years for design and construction, but TxDOT indicates that due to the critical nature of this corridor, and the continued threat of damage from barge traffic and storms, the schedule may be condensed to 3 to 5 years.

This short schedule puts



Elevation of the 990-ft-long segmental concrete section of the Trinity River Bridge.

Cross-section of the Trinity River IH-10 bridge shows a clean span of 450' with a total length of 990', and support columns on dry land and not in the floodway. Clearance under the center section of the bridge is 45', enough to allow taller tugboats. Currently the clearance of the San Jacinto river bridge is only 20' and higher and lower tugboats work in transfer teams to get barges past the bridge.

the construction activity into the area at the same time as the EPA plans to remove the toxic Waste Pits from the North and South sides of the bridge. TxDOT said they are aware of this problem and taking it into consideration. Also being studied is how the expanded highway, at a higher elevation, would join with existing roads on the east and west

banks. They are especially concerned about the intersection with Crosby-Lynchburg Road, and Highway 330, they said.

The cross section of the bridge design they may adopt shows a clearance under the structure of 45 feet, and a clear span shore to shore of 450 feet. (See diagram). The width of the bridge, and how many lanes it has, will depend

upon the PEL study, the engineers say. It might be 4 to 6 lanes each direction, and possibly with an HOV lane in addition.

The bridge is expected to cost \$250 to \$350 million dollars, and so far no source of funding has been identified. TxDOT said that typically a mix of local, state, and federal monies are used.

Going Big,

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Scott and wife Melody Stephens stand outside the Pennsylvania Senate with a photograph of Cody Stephens hoping that their testimony reached the ears of lawmakers deciding what to do about sudden death among student athletes.

Public Education Committee hearing and all who wrote letters to representatives to vote in favor of HB76. The bill passed the Texas Senate on May 20 by a vote of 20-11.

Stephens then said, "It has been seven years and

two weeks to the day since Cody died in my easy chair for what we would later discover was unnecessary. So, my wife, Melanie and I said let's give this thing seven years to get passed while we show them that screenings can be done all

over the state without excessive spending and save some young lives. It really is a God thing. Right now, some 100 kids among those that have been screened throughout the State of Texas have been told they need heart surgery. Some 2,600 students have been told they need to be aware of heart conditions that could be a danger, now at least they have some knowledge of there is a condition. Right now, a Chiropractor can perform your child's screening, in 2020 we can offer parents a EKG. We are the first state to offer this, I started getting calls from California, Florida and Massachusetts almost immediately to ask how we got it passed."

Now Pennsylvania's Senate has passed SB 836,

Peyton's Bill in honor of a young basketball player and it passed that Senate on Cody Stephens' birthday, October 21.

There are varied forms of the bill concerned with prevention of sudden death. In California the Eric Paredes Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act authorizes pupils or parents to require an electrocardiogram.

In Minnesota HB 3145 is pending in House Education Policy Committee. It deals with concussions in addition to sudden cardiac arrest providing that a screening must for the first time include a blood pressure test. Symptoms of concussion or heart problems prompts additional responsibility and screening.

South Carolina is re-

viewing HB 3402 within the House Committee on Education and Public Works it is sponsored by Hunter Cobb.

Tennessee Bill 1302 introduces the feasibility of requiring students to undergo an ECG before participating in group sports. It has made it to review of the Committee Calendar. The wording however almost dooms its passage this year.

New Jersey would require 8th grade students to have a physical exam with a cardiac component. It has been referred on to the Senate Education Committee.

New York's AB 4135a requires cardiac screening of student athletes but it's status is currently stricken. It has been sent to the Committee of Education for review.

Stephens has presided over national groups such as Who We Play For (WWPF) a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate preventable sudden cardiac death in the young through affordable heart screenings.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest leads cause of death in sports, more than any form combined. Thousands of seemingly healthy kids die every year due to detectable heart conditions.

American College of Cardiology Scientific Session question if the ECG is necessary with only 20% saying it is and some 40% saying it should not be required but 74% of European Cardiologists say it should be required of first year athletes.

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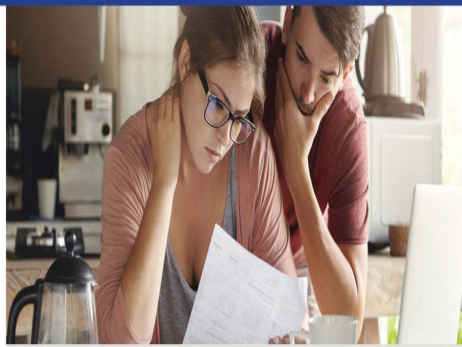
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is missing. 2. Plant is different. 3. Flower is added. 4. Girl's shoe has changed. 5. Tree is missing. 6. Flowers are different.

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- 15 Classic Anne Murray song
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- 53 Tramcar contents
- 54 Shelter
- 55 Remiss

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: When was the United Nations organization formed?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to reside in the White House?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet has the largest moon in our solar system?
- TELEVISION: Which TV series featured a character named Walter White?
- LITERATURE: Which character appears in three of William Shakespeare's plays?
- MUSIC: What was the original name of the rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
- SCIENCE: How many main body sections does an insect have?
- MOVIES: Which famous 1960s movie features the theme song "Everybody's Talkin'?"
- MYTHOLOGY: In Arthurian legend, what was Merlin's profession?

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1. 1942. 2. John Adams. 3. Jupiter, and the moon is Ganymede. 4. "Breaking Bad". 5. Falstaff. 6. Tony Flow and the Miraculously Majestic Masters of Mayhem. 7. A tower. 8. Three: the head, the thorax and the abdomen. 9. "Midnight Cowboy". 10. A wizard.

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