New scholarship gifted in name of longtime BC director

For more than 33 years, Dr. David Preston has loyally served Brazosport College in multiple capacities, including the past 22 as the Director of Institutional Research.

Along the way, he’s also served in several statewide leadership positions and professional associations, as well as authored a publication for the national Community College Council of Research & Planning organization.

Now he will assist Brazosport College students through a scholarship in his name.

Funded by a gift from The Lonestar Corporation, the David L. Preston, Sr. Endowed Scholarship will help students in covering the cost of tuition, fees and books.

“As a long-time employee of Brazosport College, Dr. Preston knows the importance of scholarships for students to complete their goals,” said Serena Andrews, Brazosport College Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement. “It is an honor that he chose the BC Foundation for this generous gift.”

The first scholarship award period began in fall semester 2013.

“It’s rewarding to be recognized by my peers for the work I’ve done over the years,” Dr. Preston said. “It’s nice that students can benefit from this. That’s the best part of the whole thing.”

Dr. Preston began working at

ACC grad tells of her work in Vietnam

Traveling. Helping others. Learning about different cultures. There were a lot of reasons why Nova Sprague decided to volunteer her diagnostic cardiovascular skills to patients in Vietnam.

Sprague is a graduate of the Alvin Community College DCVS program and now works at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

“It was a chance of a lifetime,” she said. “Helping the less fortunate and being part of something bigger than me was very important to me.”

ACC DCVS director Jessica Murphy said Sprague provided a valuable service to the Vietnamese residents and that she is a prime example of ACC sonography graduates.

“I am very proud of Nova for taking on such an adventure and for utilizing her skills to help others,” Murphy said.

The Vietnam trip originally was sponsored by the American Society of Echocardiography Foundation but was later canceled due to a lack of funds. When an MD Anderson cardiologist moved forward with the project anyway, Sprague volunteered to go and paid her own expenses to join the group.

“When we returned to the States, we were surprised with a message from ASE that they were so impressed with our successful trip that they were going to reimburse us for our traveling expenses,” she said.

Sprague traveled to the mountains outside of Hue, Vietnam, in April with a team that included four cardiologists and one additional sonographer.

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Brazos Mall gets boost with new stores, restaurants

By Sharon Toth
Co-Editor and Publisher

Brazos Mall shoppers probably have noticed that several new businesses have sprouted at the Lake Jackson shopping center recently, and more are on the way, said Patty Sayes, mall manager.

The newest tenant to be announced is Buckle, a trendy national apparel company for men and women that is heavy on denim. It will revamp the space formerly occupied by the Magic Shots photography shop and the mall’s gift wrapping station.

Ms. Sayes also expects a national upscale hotel chain to commit to the eight-acre space for sale by the mall. The chain has discussed plans to build a three-story facility. More details will be announced once the deal is officially sealed.

Another deal in the works calls for the space formerly occupied by Abernathy’s next to Dillard’s being transformed into a sushi bar and possibly club also.

Brazos Mall is also shaping up to be the center of new eating establishments in Lake Jackson. The mall is looking at converting the old Dillard’s Men’s store to two sit-down restaurants, joining the recently opened Texas Roadhouse restaurant and the newly remodeled El Chico.

The food court, on the Dillard’s end of the mall and near Starplex Cinema, is still expanding. The Dow play center, which formerly sat in the area between Chuck E. Cheese and Stand-Up Defensive Driving, recently reopened on the edge of the food court with new play equipment. It is set up where the children’s bungee jumping attraction was located, and that has moved down the hallway.

Subway and Chicken Now recently joined Sevilla Pizza, which replaced Villa Pizza. Charlie’s Grilled Subs and China Max remain as original new food court tenants, and Texas Burrito Factory will be the sixth eatery.

A coffee and smoothie kiosk, Maui Wowie, is situated next to the food court. Ice Valley, a drink shop featuring fresh and frozen fruit smoothies and juice as well as “bubble” or tapioca tea, has remodeled a space near Center Court that was occupied years ago by

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Airport to dedicate new terminal

The Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport of Brazoria County will hold a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of its new general aviation terminal, and the public is invited.

The event will be Friday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon and will include refreshments after the ribbon cutting.

A B-17 bomber plane will be on display and available to tour. The Boeing B-17, which began its military service in the late 1930s, was known as “The Flying Fortress” during World War II and was known for its ability to bomb with improved precision compared to existing bombers. It was also valued for its ability to take on heavy damage and still bring its crew home. Although initially based mainly in the Pacific to deter the Japanese from advancement, it later carried out many of the North African and European air raids, especially daylight raids against German factories, military operations and transportation infrastructure. It also joined the Royal Air Force in nighttime bombings. A loss of 10 to 15 percent of the planes and their crews during air raids in Germany became the norm as the German Luftwaffe improved its defenses.

Country music singer Aaron Tippin, on his Commemorative Air Force Red, White and Loud Tour, will make a personal appearance at the airport before appearing at The Clarion at Brazosport College, for a performance the same evening. Tippin, from South Carolina, is also a pilot.

The terminal is located at 8000 Airport Way, Angleton, 77515. For more information about the dedication, call (979) 849-5755. For more information about Tippin’s performance, call The Clarion box office at (979)230-3156.

MIKE PINGREE’S
THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

PLEASE DON’T LEAVE ME, BABY! Upset that his girlfriend was dumping him, a man called the police as she was in the process of moving out of his Florida home, claimed she was his wife, and said she was being kidnapped by two men in a U-Haul truck. Deputies quickly arrived and immediately got to the bottom of it. After a brief conversation with the woman, they hauled him off to jail.

AND WE WERE SO SURE THAT IT WOULD STOP CRIME: Police set up an eight-foot-wide, anti-theft banner on a roadside in Devonshire, England. It was stolen the next day.

I GUESS THE JOKE’S ON ME, OFFICER: After hearing the sirens behind him, a man led police on a high-speed chase through Palm Springs, Fla., before crashing the car and attempting to flee on foot. He told the arresting officer that he ran because his drivers’ license was suspended. Turns out, it was not. It is now.

YOU MIGHT SAY WE JUST HIT IT OFF: A man and a woman were arrested for engaging in various acts of unbecoming behavior during an hour-and-a-half-long flight from Oregon to Las Vegas. Stewardesses repeatedly ordered them to stop, which they did before starting up again. She told a reporter later that she was not married to the man and has no contact information for him.

HEY, WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M A FUNNY GUY: A passenger at Bradley International Airport, who was going through routine screening, was asked if he had anything in his pockets. Thinking to exhibit his wry sense of humor, he replied, “Yes, I have a bomb.” TSA agents were not amused, and had state troopers take him into custody.

YES, I'M DOING SOME RESEARCH: A man stole a computer from the Assembly of God Church in Owasso, Okla., and then tried to use it to watch porn. He was caught because a software company had installed a program that blocks pornography, and he called and asked them to remove it.
**Microlives**


A. By checking their effect on your longevity, as measured in “microlives,” a term coined by Professor David Spiegelhalter of the University of Cambridge, where 1 microlife, or one-millionth of a person’s life expectancy, equals a time interval of roughly 30 minutes, says Mark Fischetti in “Scientific American.” Based on Spiegelhalter’s analysis of health tables for a variety of behaviors, he determined that, statistically speaking, smoking two cigarettes subtracts 1 microlife (30 minutes) from your life, while one serving of fruits and vegetables adds about 1 microlife. Alcohol consumption is a mixed bag: The first drink (10 grams of alcohol) of the day benefits the booser by 1 microlife, but each two additional drinks subtracts 1.

From this perspective, the benefits of exercise are intriguing: The first 20 minutes of moderate exercise (brisk walking or bicycling) adds 2 microlives (60 minutes). But the next 40 minutes adds only 1 microlife (30 minutes), a net loss in that more time is spent exercising than is gained in life expectancy. For all you couch potatoes, though, it’s unambiguous: two hours of sitting without activity subtracts 1 microlife.

**Why we are nearsighted**

Q. Why are so many people these days developing “myopia,” or nearsightedness? For this one, there are theories stretching practically as far as the eye can see.

A. Nearsightedness has increased steadily in North America and Europe in recent decades, with one-third of adults in the U.S. now nearsighted, says Nathan Seppa in “Science News” magazine. From the early 1970s to the turn of the century, myopia prevalence in the U.S. rose from 25% to nearly 42% among those aged 12 to 34, a substantial shift in a single generation. Among young adults, the rate was 28% in the 1970s and is now 38%. For some reason, such increases have not shown up in older generations or in people living in rural areas.

Studies linking myopia to limited time spent outdoors during childhood first surfaced a few years ago, taking many researchers aback: “The notion that a child’s play might promote normal eye growth seemed almost magical.” Still, the evidence is far from clear: Some scientists say the benefit could come from exposure to natural light, or a relaxation of the eye gained from viewing things at a distance, or the visual tableau that the eye encounters outdoors. Or it could be a mix of all three. Or is it because of a whole generation raised on computers, video games, and excessive “near work” in school? The “maybe” debate goes on.

**No guarantees**

Q. In life’s “what if” category, how was another “giant leap for mankind” almost lost by a man’s near misstep?

A. NASA astronaut Leroy Chiao flew four space missions over a 15-year career, including serving as Commander of the International Space Station, as he told “Mental Floss” magazine. He spent nearly 230 days in space and performed six spacewalks. Yet, these have nothing to do with Chiao’s “most horrifying and exhilarating near-death experience.” Only days after realizing his boyhood dream of being chosen as a NASA astronaut, he stood on a busy San Francisco street corner when the light turned green and a WALK signal lit up. As Chiao described it, “I sensed that something wasn’t right and paused for just a moment. As I started to look to the left, a double Muni bus passed by... in a blur, and the mirror missed my head by mere inches. Had I taken even a half-step off the curb, the mirror would have struck me, and it would have been fatal. Selected to be an astronaut and then hit by a bus. How ironic would that have been?”

(Send STRANGE questions to brothers Bill and Rich at strangetrue@cs.com)
SAN ANTONIO – Ready to get healthy, but don’t know where to start? H-E-B’s 2014 Community Slim Down Showdown is a life-changing journey toward health that offers a chance to win a $10,000 grand prize or a $5,000 health hero prize.

Community members age 18 and older who live within 50 miles of any H-E-B store can apply, including — for the first time this year — family of H-E-B Partners (employees) who do not reside in the same household. The application period runs through Nov. 1, and the contest begins in January.

H-E-B will select 15 people from around the state to compete in the 14-week contest. Applications, rules and FAQs can be found online at Heb.com/slimdown.

Contestants will be notified in December and announced publicly in January. Winners will be crowned in April.

Now in its third year, H-E-B has redesigned the competition to encourage more robust support networks of family, friends and mentors to help contestants stay the course and make lasting lifestyle changes.

When the Showdown begins, all contestants will travel to San Antonio to participate in an intensive, five-and-a-half day wellness program with experts from H-E-B, Gold’s Gym and Cooper Aerobics Center. Upon returning home, contestants will receive coaching and support from past contestants and H-E-B Partners who have successfully adopted a healthy lifestyle and can act as mentors and cheerleaders. H-E-B will also select 15 Partners to compete in the company’s internal version of the Slim Down Showdown alongside the community competition, giving both sets of contestants an opportunity to meet and “team up” to strengthen their network of support.
Angleton Exchange Club to hold annual luncheon Nov. 7

The Exchange Club of Angleton will host its 11th annual “One Nation Under God” Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church of Angleton fellowship hall.

Featured speaker for the event will be Col. Robert Solly, U.S. Army, retired. Col. Solly will be introduced by State Representative Dennis Bonnen.

November is National Exchange Club One Nation Under God Month. The Exchange Club of Angleton holds this luncheon each year in celebration of our country’s rich religious heritage in an effort to remind citizens we must always trust in a higher power for guidance, protection, and strength, and to prayerfully thank God for the blessings of liberty bestowed upon our country. Exchange Clubs all across the country will be hosting One Nation Under God events during the month of November.

“The Exchange Club of Angleton is very excited to have Colonel Sholly present our program this year. It is an honor for our club to host such a distinguished gentleman”, stated club president Ro’Vin Garrett.

An active 35-year Army career resulted in the award of the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars for Valor and multiple other awards and decorations. Col. Sholly shares the award of the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize with other UN peacekeepers as well as being an inductee into the US Army’s OCS Hall of Fame.

Garrett continued, “Colonel Sholly’s address will focus on the founding fathers use of the word God and/or their belief in a Supreme Being, and how it shaped the formation of our county: One Nation Under God”.

The Exchange Club of Angleton, as a member of the National Exchange Club, lives by four programs of service: Support, care and well-being of our Youth; care and support of our community and recognizing volunteerism; promotion of Americanism, celebrating our unique relationship with God, and the pride of being American; and, the national focus of Exchange Clubs all over America - the prevention of child abuse.

Tickets for the event are $15 with proceeds going to the club’s local efforts. Although tickets will be available at the door, it is recommended that tickets be purchased in advance. They are available from any Exchange Club of Angleton member, or by calling (979) 864-1838 or (979) 864-1523.

Mini Rekhi, DO
New Obstetrician/Gynecologist Joins Brazosport Regional Health System

Brazosport Regional is excited to introduce Dr. Mini Rekhi to Southern Brazoria County. As an Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Dr. Mini provides a complete range of healthcare services for women in all stages of life.

Dr. Mini received her Doctor of Osteopathy from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, New York. She later completed her Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency from Nassau University Medical Center where she was selected as the Best Chief Resident of the Year and received a certificate of appreciation for Administrative Chief Resident. During her last year of residency, Dr. Mini received an award for a research project on Perinatal Comorbidities and Prenatal Iron Supplementation.

Additionally, Dr. Mini is a professional member of the American Academy of Family Physician, American Osteopathic Association, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the American Urogynecologic Society. Dr. Mini enjoys establishing relationships with her patients over the long term, from adolescent needs through midlife and later.

Dr. Mini offers a full range of services including prenatal and obstetrical care, gynecologic care, menopause management, and fertility evaluation.

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Aaron Tippin is known as a tireless man full of enthusiasm. He’s a pilot, farmer, winemaker, outdoorsman, bodybuilder and devoted family man. He’s also a country music hitmaker. Tippin, who will be performing at The Clarion at Brazosport College on Friday, Nov. 1, has released nine studio albums and two compilations, with five certified gold and one platinum. Along the way, the South Carolina-based songwriter has charted more than 30 Billboard Hot Country singles, including three No. 1 hits and a slew of other Top 10 songs. Among Tippin’s hits are “There Ain’t Nothin’ Wrong with the Radio,” “That’s as Close as I’ll Get to Loving You,” “Kiss This,” “I Wouldn’t Have It Any Other Way” and “My Blue Angel,” among many others. He’s also known for his patriotism and support of American troops. After the attacks of 9/11, Tippin recorded his popular and emotional anthem, “Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly,” and has since journeyed to Iraq and Afghanistan to sing for the troops. Not to be forgotten, however, is Tippin’s support for the working man and woman. In 1990, he ripped country music wide open with his uncompromising song, “You’ve Got to Stand for Something.” Most recently, he’s released a collection of songs, titled “Overdrive,” that salutes America’s truck drivers. Tippin’s Nov. 1 show at The Clarion is sponsored by Briskow and The Dow Chemical Company and is part of the celebration and dedication of the new terminal for the Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $65 for adults, $55 for seniors and Brazosport College employees and $25 for students and children. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call The Clarion box office at (979) 230.3156 or visit clarion.brazosport.edu.

Brazosport College celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with events

Brazosport College recently celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a number of different events at the college. Sponsored by the Office of Student Life, the events were spread out from Sept. 16 to Oct. 14. Hispanic Heritage Month began with a kickoff program on Sept. 14, featuring a salsa competition and a Mariachi band. The salsa competition had nine entries, with Paula Gentner winning the event. A week later, BC art instructors Molly Brauhn and Jackson Zorn collaborated with Student Life for a Hispanic crafting event, in which students created and painted caretas, ojos de Dios and San Blas molas. Two different discussion sessions were also held during the month. On Oct. 1, Student Life aired the documentary, “A Class Apart,” which brought to life the post-World War II struggles of Mexican Americans against the Jim Crow-style discrimination targeted against them. The film was centered around the landmark 1951 legal case, Hernandez vs. Texas. A discussion followed the documentary, with Sasha Tarrant, Antonio Zamorano, Paul Pedisich, Gail Steele and Cassandra Gonzalez participating on the panel. Then, on Oct. 9, the college’s Gay Straight Transgender Alliance (GSTA) club brought in American Civil Liberties Union speaker Maida Asosfky to talk about First Amendment rights, voting rights, immigration reform and other important initiatives. Other highlights of Hispanic Heritage Month at Brazosport College included salsa dance lessons led by Cassandra Gonzalez and Beatriz Darst and a closing program serving beef quesadillas and chicken flautas, along with a performance by BC guitar instructor Evan Oxenhandler.

To learn more about Brazosport College or the school’s on-campus events, call (979) 230-3000.
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problem finding glasses, I have, over time, accumulated quite a few of them. Now, no matter how many I lose, I just grab another one.

I lose them, buy new ones, and then find the old ones.

I lost one pair of reading glasses weeks ago while mowing the backyard. They must have fallen out of my pocket.

The other day I happened to step on them while playing with the dogs. I cleaned them up and started using them again. Those dollar store glasses are still as good as new.

Then I found another pair in one of my sweater pockets. I haven’t seen that one since it was cold.

The doctor does all the tests and finishes admonishing me. He probably figures that it’s going in one ear and out the other, anyway.

I have developed a slight astigmatism. Not much, but in the doctor’s opinion, I’ll have to wear prescription reading glasses.

I see perfectly fine with the ones I have, I said. I have a bunch. They’re not good enough anymore?

He gave me the prescription. Can I fill it at the dollar store?

No, he said, without getting the joke. You should get an eye exam once a year at your age, said the kind doctor. That makes me feel a lot better.

I’ll see him again in about a year, or so. More likely the “so” part.

Now, where did I put those glasses? Oh, yeah, I’m wearing them. Just kidding.

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Scholarship named after Dr. Preston

Brazosport College in 1980 and became the Director of Institutional Research in 1991. He has been a member of the Association for Institutional Research and Texas Association for Institutional Research. He also served as president of the Gulf Coast AIR and chaired a committee that showed the value of matching student records with Texas Workforce Commission records, with the Adult Student Follow-up system growing out of that work. Dr. Preston started the Longitudinal Student Tracking and Reporting System, as well.

During his tenure at Brazosport College, Dr. Preston has served in several statewide leadership positions.

Dr. Preston is married, has two children and two grandchildren. He obtained bachelor and master degrees from Emporia State University in Kansas and a doctorate from University of Houston.

The David L. Preston scholarship will be merit-based and is open to all USA citizens currently enrolled at Brazosport College or are making an application to attend BC. Priority is given for enrolled full-time students, but part-time students are eligible to apply.

Students also must be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours and must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

To apply online for the Dr. David L. Preston, Sr. Endowed Scholarship, go to https://starrville.brazosport.edu/stars.

See who is waiting for you at SPCA-BC

Little Bit is a tan and white young male Pit Bull puppy. Maybe you are looking to adopt a cat? Meet Luinda. When it comes to relationships, she is a very level-headed cat. Come by the SPCA-BC Shelter at 141 Canna Ln., Lake Jackson, or we are at Brazos Mall, Petco and Petsmart every Saturday, to visit with these pets and many of their friends. Kennel sponsorships are now available for large or small kennels. Why not have your company or family recognized with a plaque to show you care? Call (979) 285-1824, ext. 100, or visit www.spcabc.org for details. Help control the pet population. Have your pet spayed or neutered. Come by the SPCA-BC, and fill out an application today.

Take a step towards better health and ‘Walk With A Doc’

Brazosport Regional is sponsoring a monthly Walk with a Doc, a free community walk at area parks to stress the benefits of exercise while providing health tips. Dr. Stephanie Herrera, from Lake Jackson ENT, is the selected physician for November and will discuss prolonged noise exposure during exercise.

According to the American Heart Association, walking for as little as 30 minutes can improve blood pressure and blood sugar levels, maintain body weight, and reduce the risk of breast cancer, osteoporosis, and colon cancer. Walk with the doc is an opportunity to meet new people and improve your health by making walking a part of your fitness regimen.

Walk with a Doc is a national program that has brought significant results to Americans across the county. A study has shown that additional benefits of the walk(424,806),(961,990)
Spotlight on Quintana Park – A Bird’s Eye View

A chance meeting by Quintana Park Manager Patty Brinkmeyer and powered paraglider pilot Bud Wruck set in motion a year of planning to bring a paragliding exhibition to the park.

Brinkmeyer found Wruck training some paragliding students on Bryan Beach and was angling for some aerial pictures of the park.

She got her pictures on that day, and a sky full of colorful gliders Oct. 3-6, when the Texas WingNuts held a fly-in at Quintana Beach County Park.

Wruck took care of all the permissions needed and organized the event; Brinkmeyer made sure the beach was in top-notch condition for launches and landings.

“I can’t thank Quintana County Park enough for welcoming us,” Wruck said. “We have people from all over driving down, and they are so excited. Beautiful beach and wonderful people.”

A highlight that drew oohs and aahs was Wruck’s flight with a 700-foot streamer tagging along. All was not perfect, however, due to an unexpected high tide provided by Tropical Storm Karen on Friday afternoon that had pilots and crew scampering to vacate the beach. No worries though, as pilots launched from the large grassy areas of the park.

“I cannot overemphasize how welcome Patty made our group feel and the attention to details to which she made this event successful. When I walked out onto the beach this past Thursday morning, all I could say was WOW!!! All of our pilots were extremely complimentary to the efforts of those that worked to make this a success,” said Berry Miller with TXWingNuts.

“I heard numerous pilots inquire about returning during other times of the year with their families. This location, and the customer service we received, made a lasting impression,” Miller continued. Brinkmeyer would like to thank the Brazoria County Parks Dept. for the beautiful job grooming the beach and for the Mosquito Control District for spraying.

“It looks favorable that this will become an annual event,” Brinkmeyer said. “And I can’t wait for next year.”

To see a gallery of photos from the event and an aerial video of Bud’s streamer flight over the park, visit Quintana Park’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/QuintanaBeachCountyPark.

Schedule of Events 2013

**Sunday, Dec. 1, 2-4 p.m.:** Arts & Crafts Wreath Making at Camp Mohawk County Park. Learn to design and make your own wreath (and other decorative ideas) from natural materials. Join Ranger Sylvia for a walk through the pines and a trip to the workshop as she guides participants through constructing their own wreath. Fun and informative for all. Free - space is limited. For more information or to pre-register, contact Camp Mohawk at (281) 581-2319.

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Volunteers participating in the Fall Beach Clean-Up have bragging rights, according to the Texas General Land Office - this year’s event was one of the best attended on record across the state. Locally, more than 1,200 volunteers covered all 14 miles of public beaches from the Surfside Jetty to the San Luis Pass Bridge. Department crews picked up 688 bags of trash, totaling an estimated 26,700 pounds. Quintana had 174 volunteers who picked up 196 bags (4,650 pounds) on just two miles from the jetty to the spoil mounds. The county total for both sites was 1,374 volunteers and 31,350 pounds of trash on 16 miles of beach.

In overall statewide results, Brazoria County came in fourth with the amount of garbage recovered (31,350 pounds). The top three are: Galveston County, 255,375 pounds from three sites covering 60 miles/5,200 volunteers; Kleberg and Nueces counties, 43,475 pounds from eight sites covering 41.8 miles/1374 volunteers; and Jefferson County, 33,775 pounds from two sites covering 5 miles/687 volunteers. Overall, 11,665 volunteers netted 414,000 pounds of trash from 178.6 miles of beach and bays. Other notable items from the Fall Clean-Up: Pirates Alley Cafe on Surfside provided hot dogs and buns while Save Our Beach Association members prepared and served the volunteer meal. Quintana Village provided the meal at Quintana.

"Life on earth is a delicate balance of interdependent creatures. None can be ignored, for the least appreciated sometimes turns out to be the most important."

--- Merlin Tuttle

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Q: How bad do you have to be before God won’t forgive you, no matter how sincere you are, or how much you ask Him to? - J. McL.

A: No one can ever be so bad or so sinful that God will refuse to forgive him or her - not if they are sincerely sorry for their sins and repent of them, and truly trust Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

Think, for example, of the Apostle Peter, one of Jesus’ closest disciples. After Jesus’ arrest, Peter denied that he even knew Him - not once, but three times - and yet God forgave Peter when he repented and sought Christ’s forgiveness. Peter went on to become a great leader in the early church.

On the other hand, Judas - another of Jesus’ 12 disciples - was not forgiven for what he did. You’ll remember that he betrayed Jesus by going to His enemies and promising to reveal where Jesus could be secretly seized by them. They paid 30 pieces of silver for his information, and Judas carried through on his promise - resulting in Jesus’ arrest and death. Later, Judas bitterly regretted what he had done - but he never repented or turned to God, and he died unforgiven and lost.

I can’t help but wonder, however, why you’ve asked this question. Are you afraid your sins are so great that God will never forgive you? If so, I have good news for you! God loves you, and Jesus Christ gave His life for you. Don’t stay away from Him any longer, but open your heart and life to Him today. God’s promise is for you: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).
**History of the World**

By Mark Andrews
Tribune Content Agency

Oct. 28: ON THIS DATE in 1492, explorer Christopher Columbus discovered Cuba for Spain. In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev ordered the removal of Soviet nuclear missiles from Cuba, ending the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Oct. 29: ON THIS DATE in 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed. In 1966, the National Organization for Women was founded.

Oct. 30: ON THIS DATE in 1938, the radio play “War of the Worlds,” starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS. The live drama, which employed fake news reports, panicked some listeners who thought its portrayal of a Martian invasion was true. In 1945, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing.

Oct. 31: ON THIS DATE in 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation. In 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards.

Nov. 1: ON THIS DATE in 1861, Gen. George B. McClellan was named general in chief of the Union armies during the Civil War. In 1932, Wernher von Braun was named head of Germany’s liquid-fuel rocket program.

Nov. 2: ON THIS DATE in 1948, President Truman narrowly won election over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey. In 1969, game-show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he had been given questions and answers before appearances on the NBC-TV program “Twenty-One.”

Nov. 3: ON THIS DATE in 1964, President Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater. In 1994, 12 jurors were seated at the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles.

Answer to last week’s question: This week in 1800, John Adams became the first president of the United States to live in the White House.

This week’s question: In 1900, whom did Republican incumbent William McKinley defeat in the election for president?

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**Movies opening this week**

**NOV. 1**


“Last Vegas”: Four lifelong age 60-something friends (Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline) head to Las Vegas for a bachelor party. You know, like “The Hangover” but with the cast of “Cocoon.”

“Man of Tai Chi”: Keanu Reeves makes his directorial debut with this chopsocky adventure about a young martial artist, Tiger Hu Chen, who joins an underground fight club.

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**Pennies for Habitat**

The first-grade class of Vanessa Cole kicked off the Penny Drive at OM Fleming Elementary School in Freeport. Boys and girls were eager to become Habitat volunteers. They plan to attend the Walk for Habitat Nov. 2 at McLean Park.

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**County retired teachers to meet**

Brazoria County Retired Teachers Association will meet on Friday, Nov. 1, at 11:15 a.m., at Bethel Presbyterian Church in East Columbia. The program will include music by Peggy Morrison and a Brain Camp Preview by Joy Boehnke.

BCRTA encourages health, social relationships, volunteer activity, and legislative action on the part of its retired members.

For information, or to make a lunch reservation, call Becky Gaconnet at (979) 345-5060 by Wednesday, Oct. 30.

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**15th Annual Walk For Habitat**

**Saturday, Nov. 2, MacLean Park**

Everyone Gets A T-Shirt!

Registration: 8:00 A.M. • Walk Begins: 9:00 A.M.

Clowns
Brazosport High School Cheerleaders, Band and Drill Team Members

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Warehouse Dance

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Bulletin Crossword Puzzle of the Week

Across
1. Switchblade
2. 20. Behavior of a community
3. French revolutionary who was murdered in a tub
4. 24. AOL chat components
5. Turkish __ 25. Martini liquor
6. 28. 24-hour auto race city
7. 30. “Star Trek” catchphrase
8. 32. 33. Standing straight
9. 34. Aim for pins
10. 35. “How come?”
11. 36. Storage items near outdoor faucets
12. 37. 38. Sox player, e.g.
13. 39. 40. Satisfied sigh
14. 41. Trumpet muffler
15. 42. Rolle out of bed
16. 43. One-named Gaelic folk singer
17. 44. Bear in two constellations
18. 45. Pro cager
19. 46. Folksy Joan

Down
1. Bring across the border illegally
2. One in a rush
3. “Your money’s no good here!”
4. Calf meat, in Provence
5. Coated buttonlike candies
6. “Slicing Up Freshness” fast-food chain
7. Reddish horse
8. On the ocean
9. __ paper: school composition
10. Device for a Skype chat
11. Very agitated
12. Soap ingredient
13. ‘60s-'80s Red Sox legend, familiarly
14. Ford named for a horse
15. Dig artifact
16. Send out, as rays
17. 500-mile race, familiarly
18. Phones on stage, e.g.
19. “Oh” de Cologne?
20. Behavior of a community
22. Country bumpkin
23. Martini liquor
24. Preface, briefly
25. Military officer’s ride
26. Unlock, poetically
27. Prefix with foam
28. 24-hour auto race city
29. Fundamentals
30. Drained
31. POTUS’s predecessor
32. Lawyer: Abbr.
33. Nurturing network of family and friends, and a hint to the starts of 20-, 30-, 36- and 48-Across
34. Balaam’s mount
35. Ascot wearer
36. Stabling near outdoor faucets
37. Cul-de-
38. Pharmaceutical giant Eli
39. __-Globe: shakable collectible
40. Balaam’s mount
41. Lawyer: Abbr.
42. 13. “60s-'80s Red Sox legend, familiarly
43. 48. Military officer’s ride
44. “How come?”
45. Afraid of running out, gas gauge-wise
46. Afraid of running out, gas gauge-wise
47. Afraid of running out, gas gauge-wise
48. Military officer’s ride
49. Drably unattractive
50. Ascot wearer
51. Fundamentals
52. Prefix with foam
53. Eggs __ easy
54. Unlock, poetically
55. Nurturing network of family and friends, and a hint to the starts of 20-, 30-, 36- and 48-Across
56. Cop’s suspect
57. Eggs __ easy
58. Move, in brokerese
59. Winter toy
60. Tackle a slope
61. Olympic diver’s perfection
63. Speech problem
64. Stay fresh
65. Dig artifact
66. Send out, as rays
67. 500-mile race, familiarly
68. Phones on stage, e.g.
69. Contradict

Boggle Answers
WHALE  TIGER  ZEBRA  LLAMA  CAMEL  MOUSE  MOOSE

Solutions

VocabPower!

Kudos to a colleague who’s resolved to banish from his vocabulary that despicable virulent expletive that began as an acronym (“for unauthorized carnal knowledge”). Family, friends, faith, fun, Fido, food, Frisbees, freedom and the following fare are far finer “P” words.

1. fealty
2. felicitous
3. fugue
4. fauna
5. fondant
6. fiduciary
7. facile
8. fecundity
9. forbearance
10. finesse

answers: 2 6 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 — Greg Wilkinson
In memory of Greg Wilkinson

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may need to change to gain. You may have some brilliant ideas in the week ahead, or have the opportunity to speak to those with a broader perspective. With the benefit of some fresh insights, you can adapt easily to ongoing changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Go back to basics. It isn’t necessary to add a flourish to everything you do. Overly-ambitious friends could cause a few upsets, or you may face unexpected challenges when working towards attaining your goals in the week to come.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You might mix metaphors, but you won’t miss the boat. You know how to explain things to others by using universal examples, so your opinions will be respected this week. People hear you loud and clear.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Roll your own. You must depend upon other people for some things, but when they become unpredictable it’s time to make your own decisions. Use good judgment in the week ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Harmony and tranquility can be yours if you take steps to prepare intelligently. The road may be paved with bumps in the week ahead, but if you have good tires and shock absorbers you won’t notice them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make a promise that the past will have no power over you. You’re wiser than usual in the week ahead, especially when dealing with close relationships. Take time to mend fences while the time is ripe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mixing business with pleasure is risky business. This week, the risk of something going wrong is in direct proportion to the number of people who are involved. Focus on developing leadership skills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Play patty-cake with problems and put them in a pan. You’ll have the opportunity to gain cooperation from others in the upcoming week, and more than one chance to make necessary improvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The Lone Ranger had Tonto, after all, so he wasn’t all that lonely. In the week ahead, you might be attracted to group activities to augment your social life. These may distract you from what’s important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You prefer to act upon instincts but sometimes feel you can’t do this if you must explain your actions to someone else. This week, you can have the best of both worlds as communication flows effortlessly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Whims gone wild could describe your attitude in the coming week. You may demonstrate good taste, but could also spend money that’s budgeted for something else. Seek advice before you go overboard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Beauty is more than skin deep. By mid-week, you get in tune with what’s really crucial to your happiness. This might be a good time to begin a new health regimen or get in touch with your spiritual side.