

## Views Around The Lake by Cindy Klopsteck

Has someone recently cast a disparaging remark your way, tossed a derogatory or demeaning comment towards you?

Congratulations - you may have been "plutoed"!

The American Dialect Society recently revealed its choice for 2006 word of the year: "plutoed", which they defined as "to demote or devalue something or someone, as happened to the former planet Pluto". ...the artist formerly known as Prince, the planet formerly known as Pluto - a very "in" kind of thing, I guess.

Existing the furthest from the sun in our solar system, Pluto was discovered in 1915 by using mathematics.

Unless you were a school math whiz, only normal mathematically-challenged people like me, and perhaps you, can appreciate how a math error could produce such historic catastrophic results.

Could the existence of Pluto as a planet be a math error? Recently stripped of its status, some astronomers have now decided Pluto is one of a group of "dwarf planets". There are scientists, university professors and other astronomers who disagree.

Remember back in school when we all studied the planets and stars and some of us lucked out in having to construct the solar system?

When faced with such a challenge, my friend and I were creative with wires and styrofoam balls and lots and lots of glue.

I don't remember the grade we received, but we did impress the science teacher/football coach

who graded our project. At least he smiled and smirked a lot while viewing the misalignment of our planets.

Little did we know that Pluto would one day be deleted. But what fun learning the planets and their unique characteristics - Saturn and those rings, the red planet Mars, Mercury and Venus closest to the sun, and those memorable names from Greek and Roman gods.

Years later my daughters were doing the same thing - a grade school science project that included constructing the solar system. They were more updated

and used different size plastic balls and even detailed the planets with their moons.

Years later again my granddaughter may construct some kind of electronic replica of the solar system, but Pluto will be omitted and perhaps a new planet, one now being discussed, will be included.

But don't feel sorry for Pluto. Andy Warhol once said everyone and everything will have their 15 minutes of fame.

Pluto had 85 years. And now its name will be added to the English language with its own unique and special meaning.

## Sheridan Library Lines

The community deserves a big thank you for purchasing the birthday calendars. Library members sold over 170 copies. There are a few extra if anyone needs a duplicate.

Mark your calendars for the big Community/Library rummage sale that begins on Thursday, March 1 at the Sheridan Community Center. There will be great deals on furniture, appliances, plants, and clothes.

The sale will run for several days: Thursday, March 1 from 8 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 2 from 8 to 5 p.m. Saturday from 8 to noon.

All proceeds benefit the Sheridan Memorial Library. Come out and see all the great buys! Thanks to all the donors for their contributions. A list of all donors will be posted later.

The 2007 Friends of the Library membership has started. Ten patrons have joined: Bobby Haines, C.E. and Leona Flippen, Mary Lou Criswell and Frenchie Blanchard, Zella and Franklin Walker, Alice McQuiston, Eldon and Joyce Ohm. The library has a number to beat since last year's members totaled 122 members. Thank you for your early support!

The library received memorials for the month of December and January:

In honor of Audrey Dupre's 90th birthday: Fred and Sharon Grahmann; in memory of Ed Parham: Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Fred and Sharon Grahmann, Harry and Grace Brisco;

In memory of Patsy Turner: Bill and Lillian Gohlke; in memory of Raymond Brisco: Lavo and Ruth Brisco; in memory of Jean

Walker: Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Milbert and Charlene Spies, Mary and Emil Treptow;

In memory of Jean Walker: Charles and Mary DeShazo, Philip and Patricia Schiageter, Audrey Dupre, Dorothy Janak, Harris and Patricia Ulrich, Glen Flora Farms, MG Inc., Ernest H. Baumgart, Vi Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Anderson,

C D. Wied, James and Marilyn Murphy, Theresa Pieprzyc, Wayne and Natalie Dupre, Roy and Rose Mitchell, Laurence and Lee Poppe, Steve and Patti Glaeser, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maistria, Kenneth and Renee Staff, Adolph and Bernice Schacherl, Jr., Al and Janet Mahalite, Joe and Trueman Parr, Jan Kreschke, Tony and Annie Schneider,

Leona Guenther, Monica and David Mundrick, Nancy Pieprzyc, Mr. and Mrs. Henneke, Alvin Mikulenska, Mrs. Curtis Lundquist, Sam and Janet Twibell, David and Patsy Fuller, Eldon and Joyce Ohm, Hazel Timm, Betty Walker, Lida Ruth Beck, Christine Ray, Harry and Grace Brisco, Norma Hooper, Shirley Smith, Jeanette Nance, Lavo and Ruth Brisco, Alton and Sybil Balusek, Susan H. Wallis;

In memory of Jesse Russell: Bill and Lillian Gohlke.

The following patrons donated books and money to the library: Fred and Sharon Grahmann, Mary Lou Criswell, Eldon and Joyce Ohm, Regena Williamson, James and Marilyn Murphy, and Wayne and Natalie Dupre. Thank you for your support.

## Obituaries



Vera Hough

Vera Hough, 86, of Wharton, passed away Tuesday, January 9 in El Campo.

She was born on May 15, 1920 in Crystal City, Texas.

Vera was a homemaker and was of the Catholic faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Henry, Veronika Marek; husband, Virgil Hough; sisters, Vlasta Petrosky, Rosie Marek, Sophie Walkoviak, Louise Brasher, Lillie Thompson and Antonia Hough; brothers, Edward Marek Jr. and Louis Marek; and stepchildren, Mark Hough and Anita Scotka.

Survivors include stepsons, Edward F. Hough and wife, Margel, of East Bernard and Virgil Hough, Jr. of Brazoria; and sister, Annie Pavalat of Austin.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 12 at 10 a.m. at the Parish of the Nativity Church in Eagle Lake with the Father Robert Guerra officiating. Burial followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Arrangements were under the direction of Eagle Lake Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Edward F. Hough II, Garrett Hough, Brady Hough, Cole Hough, Dennis Scotka and Randy Hough.

Honorary pallbearers were Valerie Cheatham, Dr. Nyguen and Dr. Wissinger.

Donations can be given to Hospice Support, Inc. P.O. Box 1417 El Campo, TX 77437.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

### Willie "Gus" Ashton

Willie "Gus" Ashton was born August 23, 1937 to Mr. and Mrs. Amel Ashton, Sr.

He attended Columbus Public School where he graduated.

Gus had been a lifelong resident of Columbus and accepted Christ as his personal Savior.

He was a member of Booker Memorial Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the leadership of Rev. Carl Evans. He exemplified his belief in Christ through his genuine love for people.

In the year of 2003, on May 26, Willie "Gus" Ashton and Gloria A. Johnson were united into Holy Matrimony. To this union, no children were born.

His parents; and one brother, Amel Ashton, Jr. preceded him in death.

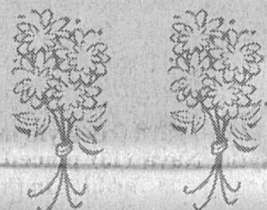
He leaves to cherish his memories a loving and devoted wife, Gloria A. Ashton of Columbus; four sisters, Maude Ashton Bratcher of Columbus and Mary Jane Ashton Smallwood of Wharton, Ira Lee Ashton Johnson (Melvin) of San Antonio, and Sylvia Ashton Wright (William) of Columbus; three brothers, Johnny Ashton (Johnnie Mae) of New Ulm, Clyde Ashton (Lillian) of Portland, Oregon and Paul Ashton (Sandra) of Columbus; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 13 at 11 a.m. from Booker Memorial Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Columbus with Rev. Carl Evans, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Gay Hills Cemetery in Columbus. Arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus.

Pallbearers were Robert Urps, Albert Denley, Kirk Glenn, Eddie Glover, Jr., Larry Alley, Douglas Bratcher, William Wright, Jr. and Eddie Glover, Sr.

Honorary pallbearers were William Wright, Sr., Thomas Wright, Clarence Bratcher and Paul Ashton, Sr.

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Nitroglycerin is the drug used most often in the treatment of angina. This medication works by easing the workload of the heart. Nitroglycerin also works to relax the coronary arteries, which increases the supply of blood to the heart. Beta blockers work in the treatment of angina by lowering blood pressure and slowing the heart rate. Calcium channel blockers work to reduce the pain associated with angina by relaxing blood vessels, which allows more blood to flow to the heart. *Ranolazine* (Ranexa) is a new medication used in the treatment of angina. One early study showed that it significantly reduced the frequency of angina attacks and the need for supplementation with nitroglycerin tablets.

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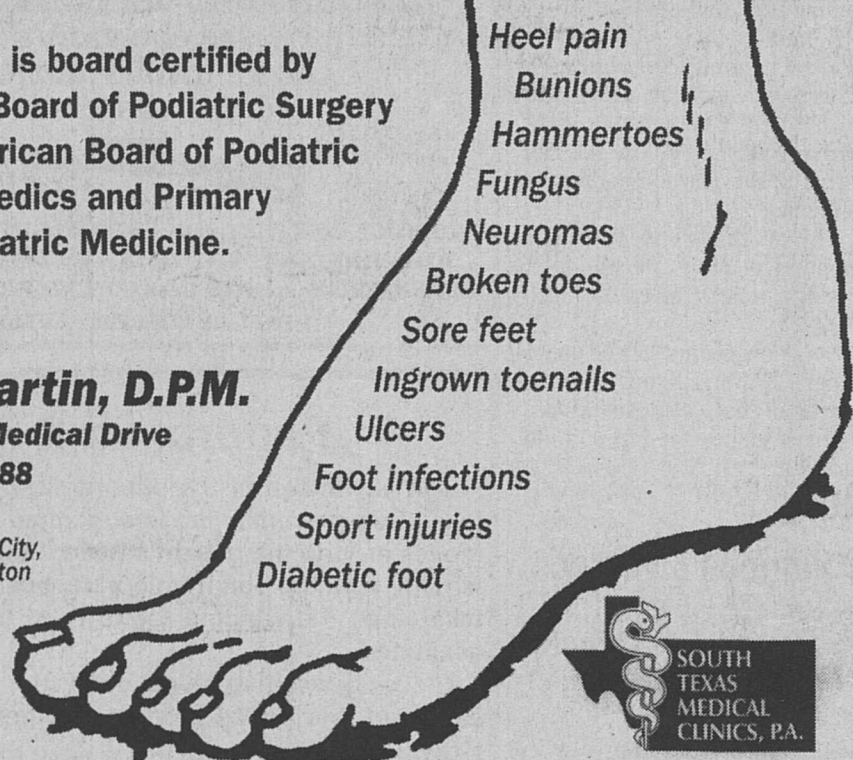
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Attention teachers, principals, and school districts you have until Jan. 31 to submit an application to the 2007 HEB Excellence in Education Awards and compete for more than \$500,000 cash and grants.

The awards are the largest monetary recognition programs for Texas educators. To pick up an application, visit any HEB store or heb.com. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

Award finalists will be invited to Austin in May for a celebratory luncheon that will feature a keynote speech by Erin Gruwell, who is portrayed by actress Hillary Swank in the newly released major motion picture, *Freedom Writers*. Finalists will also receive a \$1,000 check and a \$1,000 grant for their schools.

Principals on the finalist list will presented with a \$1,000 check for themselves and a \$2,500 grant for their schools. Large school districts (3A, 4A, 5A) named finalists will receive \$5,000.

A new awards category for 2007 has also been created to recognize outstanding small school districts (1A or 2A).

As a small school district finalist, each will receive \$2,500.

Award semifinalists will receive a certificate of recognition for HEB CEO Charles Butt and HEB gift cards.

"We are proud to recognize the outstanding efforts of Texas educators, who are building the future of Texas by educating our next generation of leaders," said Kate Rogers, Director of the HEB Excellence in Education

Awards.

At the celebratory luncheon in Austin, 10 finalists, after participating in personal interviews before a panel of judges, will be announced as grand-prize winners.

These winners will be comprised of two principals, six teachers and two school districts, one large and one small.

## New Arrivals

### Kanya Jarmol Bluntson

Laura Allen and Kendrick Bluntson of El Campo and Elm Grove are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a boy, born on January 12 at 7:24 a.m. at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Kanya Jarmol weighed seven pounds, two ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

He is welcomed by siblings Ranisha Leui who's 10 years old

and Quanasha McCatchy who's five years old.

Maternal grandparents are Fannie Hargrove of El Campo and James Allen of Chappel Hill.

Paternal grandparents are Levater Bluntson and John Sims of Eagle Lake.

Great-grandparents are JC Bluntson and the late Aniese Bluntson of Eagle Lake and the late Johnnie Mae Allen and the late Wilma Hargrove.

## Headlight Wants Ads Really Work!!

## Bible Verse of The Week

"My son, do not regard lightly to the discipline of the Lord for the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises everyone son who he receives."

— Hebrews 12:5, 6

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