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Meningitis, an inflammation of the tissues surrounding the brain and spinal cord, is caused by bacteria called *Neisseria meningitidis*. Between 1,000 and 3,000 cases of bacterial meningitis occur in the United States each year. The condition occurs most commonly in infants and persons with certain medical conditions, including persons without a spleen. Teenagers and college freshmen are at an increased risk for getting meningitis. There are several different types of bacteria that can cause meningitis: types A, C, W, and Y cause the majority of cases in persons older than 11 years, while type B causes the majority of cases in infants.

Various antibiotics are prescribed for the treatment of bacterial meningitis. Third-generation cephalosporins, such as cef-otaxime (*Claforan*) and ceftriaxone (*Rocephin*), along with vancomycin (*Vancocin*) may be used to treat bacterial meningitis. However, bacterial meningitis is fatal in approximately 10% of persons diagnosed with the condition. Available vaccines for prevention of bacterial meningitis include *Menomune*, *Menactra*, and *Menveo*. These vaccines protect against bacteria types A, C, W, and Y. However, there is currently no vaccine available for protection against bacteria type B.

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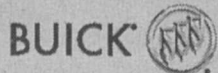
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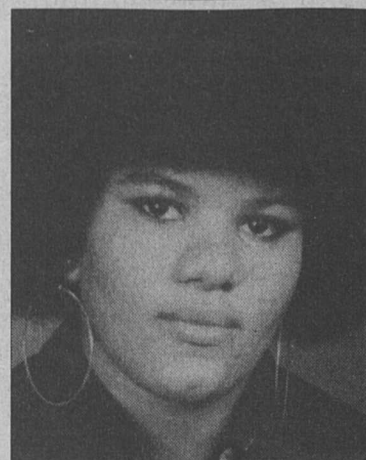
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Odessa Jean Bluntson

Sept. 10, 1958 – May 5, 2010
Odessa Jean Bluntson passed away May 5.

She was born September 10, 1958 to Mablean and Arvis Bluntson, Sr.

Odessa was a member of South Point Missionary Baptist Church.

She was a 1976 graduate of Rice High School.

Odessa was employed as an LVN for many years at hospital and nursing homes of Houston and Katy.

She was preceded death by brothers, Lionnel Bluntson and Kenneth Bluntson.

Survivors include her parents; brothers, Arvis Bluntson, Jr. and Dennis Ray Bluntson; sisters, Mable Bufford and Karen Williams (James); aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and a hosts of relatives and friends.

Odessa loved and cherished her nieces and nephew so much. She loved them like they were her own.

Her care was pure and genuine, nourished and nurtured like a good Mother's touch. Her gentle spirit will be truly missed.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 9 at 1 p.m. from Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Alleyton with Pastor H.O. Williams officiating. Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Final arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Robert Boone, J.C. Bluntson, Jr., Ralph Hurd, David Henderson, Kevin Henderson, Michael Thompson, Clint Bluntson, Minister Melvin Carter, Larry Haynes, Gary Hen-

derson and Norman Henderson, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Tomas Williams, DeWayne Bluntson, Tyler Bufford, Devin Williams and Dwight Bluntson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Billy Craft

March 6, 1918 – May 6, 2010
Billy Craft, 92, formerly of Gainesville, Ga. passed away peacefully at his home in Eagle Lake, Thursday, May 6.

He was born March 6, 1918 in Ellisville, Ms. to Stanley and Ruth Craft.

Billy served in the Marine Corp during World War II. After being wounded during the war, he began his career with the U.S. Postal Service serving 30 years before his retirement.

He was an avid rock and gem collector, often going into the mountains of Georgia searching for precious gems. Often he was invited into the area schools to give programs on rock collecting and techniques of jewelry designs. Bill enjoyed designing and giving his family and friends pieces of jewelry.

Billy was married to the love of his life Jo Craft for 48 years, enjoying fishing on Lake Lanier, both members of National American Retired Federal Employees Organization, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign War and Rock Hound Club and a faithful member of The First Baptist Church in Gainesville, Ga.

Preceded in death by his parents; and his son, Billy Joe Craft.

Billy is survived by his wife, Jo Craft; stepdaughter, Glenda Blair of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Darren Pryor, Dedra Jones of Frankston, TX, Brian and Kim Blair of Fort Worth, Greg Blair of Eagle Lake; and eight great grandchildren.

While this is a time of sadness for family and friends we will abide by his wishes and celebrated his life with a memorial service at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 11, at 11 a.m.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Frances English

June 30, 1939 – May 9, 2010
Frances English, 70, of Edna, passed away May 9.

She was born on June 30, 1939 in Rajyoselo, Yugoslavia, to George and Mary Magjarevich.

During the unrest and wars of the time the family left their home in 1942 heading for Germany, trying to escape the carnage of the Communist over running the country. Their Journey took them many places until finding sanctuary in the American controlled zone in Austria from 1945 to 1948.

The family's journey continues on the USS Stewart, now dry docked at Sea Wolf Park on Galveston Island, bound for New York for immigrant processing. From there the family continued on the Stewart a week later, encountering many storms while bound for New Orleans. They and many other families waited for sponsors; who would provide them with living accommodations and employment allowing the families a new life in a new land.

After arriving in Bastrop, for farming interests, it was discovered that Frances father (George) was a Master Baker. With his ability to speak Italian he learned of a bakery in Schulenburg and the family relocated there. Her father worked for the Schwart's Bakery in Schulenburg for many years.

She, as a young woman of 15, visited local social dances where she met 17 year old Richard English and fell in love. They were married 6 months later in a time when people grew up early and honored their commitments, that was August 21, 1954. They moved to the Victoria Area in 1957 and then, throughout Texas settling in Edna in their retirement. They enjoyed the coast and their love of fishing together.

After 51 years of marriage, Frances lost her one true love, her husband Richard, to cancer in December of 2005. Their love created six children; Mary Hughes, Lucy Buffington, Diane Mahaffey, Richard Fleming English II (Deceased 1975), James English, and Emelie Fanning. Barbara Blevins came later into their lives and as a daughter they could have asked for no better.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Richard English; son, Richard Fleming English II; her father and mother, George and Mary Magjarevich; sisters, Annie Vargas and Lucy Sakach; brother, Emil Magjarevich. She has two surviving brothers Dan Magjarevich and Anton Magjarevich.

Frances has 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren to her credit spread throughout Texas

and Georgia.

Funeral services were set for 10 a.m., Thursday, May 13, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Edna.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Edna.

Officiate was Rev. Paul M. Kaiser.

Graveside services were set at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 13, at Andrew's Chapel Cemetery in Lavaca County, Texas.

Memorials (In Lieu of Flowers) may be made to the March of Dimes or American Cancer Society.

Words of comfort maybe shared with the family at www.kubenafuneralhome.com.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Pauline Maldonado

April 10, 1928 – May 8, 2010
Pauline Maldonado, 82, of Eagle Lake, passed away May 8 in Sugar Land.

She was born April 10, 1928 in Luling the daughter of Romaldo and Sara Godino.

Pauline was a homemaker and of the Christian faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Trino Maldonado; and sister, Lydia Cantu.

Survivors include her daughters, Lydia Cruz, Martha Bagley and Diane Llanos all of Eagle Lake; son, Trino Maldonado of New York, NY; sister, Olivia Cardenas and husband, Rico of Eagle Lake; brothers, Narcisco Godino and wife, Dora of Eagle Lake and Romaldo Godino of Victoria.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 10.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 11 at 3 p.m. at Eagle Lake Funeral Home with Rev. Frank Lucas officiating. Burial followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Eagle Lake Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Robert Lujan, Rossi Lujan, Hugo Llanos, Nicholas Llanos, Angel Llanos and Carlos Gonzalez.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Tools to Help You Get Out of Debt

With America's debt expected to top \$13 trillion this year, many Americans are struggling financially. Now more people are looking to get out of debt.

The average American carries \$7,500 in credit card debt, and many bear the burden of car loans, mortgages and more; it often seems impossible to get out from under the load and start saving to achieve life goals.

By being aware of your money and tracking spending, you can get out of debt faster than you might think.

Here are some helpful tips:

Make a Plan

Find extra money in your budget to pay off debt faster.

Develop a plan to track your spending then see where you can save.

Budgeting can be overwhelming, so identify two or three prob-

lematic spending areas and reduce spending gradually, by 15 - 20 percent each month.

Pick a system for destroying debt and stick with it. If you can't pay off all your cards every month, attack balances from highest interest rate to lowest, a method called snowballing.

Pay as much as you can on the balance with the highest interest rate, paying the minimum on others.

Once that's paid off, apply the payment to the next amount, and so on.

Often, this means attacking credit cards from highest to lowest interest, then auto loans, mortgages and school loans.

But think twice before canceling a card - if you owe money on other credit cards, closing an account will make those balances look bigger and hurt your credit

score.

Watch Those Cards

Much of the average American's debt comes from credit cards.

And many people don't pay attention to changes placed on their plastic - and with this economy, there are a lot.

A zero-percent APR looks great, but missing a payment can mean you won't see that zero-percent rate again.

New credit card legislation was enacted to protect consumers, but variable rates can still change drastically.

Find a Tool

There are financial services that help with spending and debt. Try a free online service, which allows you to set budgets

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BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.

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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary: 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 8 a.m. (Español), 10 a.m. (English) 6 p.m. Saturday (English), Rev. Robert F. Guerra, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Fr. Joe Vrana; 758-3218.

GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 11 a.m.; Rev. Bill Mosley, Pastor; 234-3381.

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.

LISIE UNITED METHODIST: Rev. Janice Kerlee, Pastor; 234-2112, Lisie.

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UNITED METHODIST: 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.

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CROSSROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 510 Wallace, East Bernard; Pastor George Kutach; 979-335-7706.

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THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy, Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.

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Bible Verse of The Week

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." - Isaiah 40:29

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