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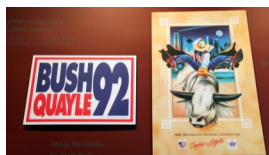
An Enlightening Visit to the Bush Library



On Thursday April 11 the Harris County Precinct 1 bus will take us on an adventure to College Station and a visit to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library.

At 11 AM we'll drive up to the library for the tour and an in-depth look into the life of one of America's most active civil servants: the 41st President of the United States. Presidential Libraries have that added effect—you get a much more complete view of the human being,

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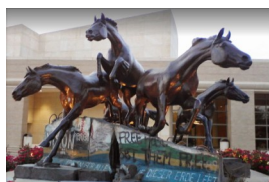


George H.W. Bush served this country in so many ways, from the time he was 18 and in the naval air force in WWII over Japan, to being elected in 1988 as President. I also learned something I didn't know—I

was only the second Vice President to be elected President other than those who, like Truman or Johnson, were forced into the role by the demise of a sitting President..

Every assignment he was handed has its own vignette in the museum and thus one learns of his time as Ambassador to the UN and to China, his CIA directorship, his VP time under Ronald Reagan and finally the White House.

There is also a good display of the Gulf War and the influence Barbara had on each stage in his career. They had 6 children together, one of whom Robin, died of leukemia when she was three and so there is a part of the exhibit that concentrates on that humanitarian side of the Bushes—the thousand points of light and the war against cancer and illiteracy through Barbara's book program.



The Berlin Wall came down during his Presidency and the sculpture outside is a tribute to that, but inside is a full original slab of the wall with numerous graffiti of a people who wanted to be free—very impressive.

Vignettes from all aspects of George

H.W. Bush's life, are there for viewing at the George H.W. Bush Library in Bryan/College Station. And since November 30, the day Bush died, his body is interred together with Barbara and Robin at the Library and the gravesite can be viewed.



The bus driver will be at OCB at 8:30 a.m. and will leave sharp at 9:00 a.m. The bus will not wait for people who are "on their way". We plan a rest stop at Buc ee's and will arrive at Bush Library at 11AM - the tour is self guided. Lunch will be at Rudy's BBQ at College Station at your own cost. On the way back we will make another stop at Buc ee's before arriving back at OCB.

The Library fee is \$10 per person, payable to UTHRO - Margaret Zambrano, 20903 Imperial Ridge Ln., Spring, TX, 77379. Let Barry Rittman know by April 4th that you will attend - barryrittman@gmail.com or call 713-542-8108

From the (E-) Mail Bag

Linda Gorski whom you might remember was our guest speaker in January is also the President of the Houston Archeological Society (HAS) which organizes interesting talks about Texas past, near and very far. The next meeting



will feature a presentation by well-known Texas archeologist and University of Texas graduate, Elton Prewitt, on a class of unique prehistoric artifacts called painted pebbles. "Small painted stones found in dry rockshelters throughout the Lower Pecos Canyonlands have intrigued avocational and professional arche-

ologists for nearly a century," said Prewitt. "Traditionally interpreted as ritual objects, they often are attributed to women's roles in rituals involving fertility and water abundance, with specific motifs linked to natural phenomena relating to life cycles. He will explore the differences in painting techniques, the colors used, and the kinds of stones selected in the sample of over 700 specimens currently under analysis.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center located at 1414 Wirt Road in the Spring Branch area. A social hour will begin at 6:30 with our monthly "show and tell", snacks and conversation.

Please join us!!

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Camp Logan

The Valentine Luncheon



Some 20 UTHRO members came to listen to Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski on their lecture about an early piece of Houston history, WW I military training base, Camp Logan, at the spot where today's Memorial Park is located. Aulbach and Gorski painted a compelling picture of the camp based on letters and postcards as well as excellent drawings of the camp by corporal Hendrickson. The camp housed some 44,899 soldiers from the 33rd Illinois division under the command of general Bell and was constructed in just 3 months. It was basically a tent camp with two gates but augmented with some 1300 buildings which housed a YMCA, a Library, Post Office, Base Hospital and a Red Cross Unit. The soldiers also had access to an rifle range in the Spring Branch area and artillery fields in what is now Addicks Reservoir. The 33rd also featured a African-American company under the command of Captain Braddan, but when they were shipped to Europe they were assigned to the French troops (segregation was the reason) whose commander at the end of the war not only thanked them for their bravery and sacrifice, but awarded them the "Croix de Guerre" the highest French medal. We know about this from an excellent collection garnered by Robbie Morin.



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Twenty UTHRO members gathered at Maggiano's Italian restaurant for the yearly Valentine luncheon and to rekindle some memories from our times at UTHSC-Houston, or UTHealth as it is now known. Maggiano's does have a nice separate room for groups

like ours and though the menu was classic Italian fare, the conversation and company classic UTHRO with talks about who knew who and "do you remember..." I myself has three very lovely ladies at my table so the luncheon became basically a secondary item and the conversation primary, as it should be. I did do some walking around to get some pictures but the interactions between those 20 was the main course.

I started this column visually with the table decorations made by Gill Rittman who also organized the luncheon. I was thrilled to see Barbara Skjonsby joining us after a long absence—welcome back!



I wonder what they're having for lunch



Barbara S., Peggy and Barry



F l t r: Barbara K, Janet & Matt

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Emergency User Beware



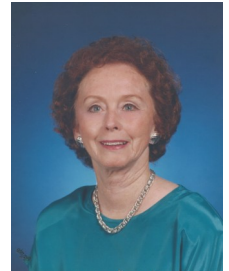
Do you know the difference between an urgent care clinic, a free-standing ER and a hospital ER? If not you might get burned badly with significant bills, so maybe a little education is

in order, because the controversy over Hospital ERs vs "Free standing ERs" is still raging even after the Legislature passed a bill some 16 months ago to bring clarity in their billing. The core of the problem boils down to definitions and disclosures. And if you think you know what it means for an ER to "accept" your insurance, you're probably wrong. An urgent care center can and should handle most consumers' immediate needs and charge only a little more than a doctor's office. A hospital ER is focused on life-threatening conditions and would really rather you go to an urgent care if possible. Free-standing ERs don't really want trauma cases; they want urgent care cases. Their parlor trick is equipping the clinic like an emergency room, which by law allows them to charge 20 times more than an urgent care for precisely the same treatment. Free-standing ERs love telling patients how they "accept all forms of insurance" because regulations require that insurance companies pay all ER bills. The ERs even display insurance company logos on the door. Accepting insurance, though, is not the same as being in network. Insurance companies are only required to pay in-network rates, which will undoubtedly be much less than what the ER bills. Too many patients do not realize they are liable for the difference until a surprise bill arrives. AARP Texas found that 77 percent of the state's 215 free-standing ERs said they "take" or "accept" Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance, but were out of network. Free-standing ER operators promote this confusion, and they lobby lawmakers in Austin to keep you uninformed. Consider a case of strep throat. In Texas the average cost billed at a free-standing emergency room was \$2,732, or 21 times higher than the \$128 average cost at a physician's office. At an urgent care clinic, the average cost was \$159, the analysis found. The free-standing emergency room cost was even higher than a traditional hospital emergency room, which would have charged on average \$1,784. Free-standing ERs have no legitimate excuse for failing to warn patients about the potential for receiving huge bills. Operators know they will balance bill because their business plan depends on it. But they also know if they were upfront about the costs, most patients would get their treatment at an urgent care instead. So although House Bill 3276 that requires free standing ERs to properly disclose network status, it is still murky as ever and confusion remains.

(Edited from an article by Jenny Deam and Chris Tomlinson)

In Memory of Jane Laine

Long time UTHRO member Jane Laine, passed away on December 3, 2018. Jane retired from the Dental Branch in 1993 and became a member of UTHRO when the organization was founded in 1993. She was married to Paul Laine, Jr., for 56 years and they had three children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



When they were younger, Paul and Jane played lots of golf, went swimming often and traveled. They loved to go ballroom dancing every weekend. She played the piano by ear, hear the music and immediately play anything.

One of her granddaughters recalled their "Granlaine" Rachel said: "My Granlaine meant the world to me and losing her is so hard. I don't want to say good-bye to a classy lady who brought smiles and laughter to my life. Even though she is gone, Granlaine left me a legacy of wonderful memories and good advice. When I was a child she would send me cards with spending money and she continued to do that with her great-grandchildren. She would find the best Christmas presents. My boys still race around the house in their animal blankets she gave them last year. Music was an important part of my grandmother's life. She loved to go dancing, and she played the piano beautifully. She will be forever missed, but I look forward to seeing her again someday.

I did know Jane Laine during the Dental School era. Ms. Laine was a very charming lady, always with a smile and very professional. Meeting her for the first time seemed like you knew her forever. *Anna M. Senegal*



Although I had a hard time finding colleagues from her time at the DB, I did find an image of Jane and me at one of our Holiday Luncheons several years back. Henny van Dijk

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And now for something completely different ...

Studies have demonstrated that those with the lowest stress rate
simply do not understand the seriousness of most medical terminology:

Medical Term	Their Definition
Artery	The study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door to cafeteria
Barium	What doctors do when patients die
Benign	What you be, after you be eight
Caesarean Section	A neighborhood in Rome
Cat scan	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark
Dilate	To live long
Enema	Not a friend
Fester	Quicker than someone else
Fibula	A small lie
Impotent	Distinguished, well known

Medical Term	Their Definition
Labor Pain	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	A Doctor's cane
Node	I knew it
Outpatient	A person who has fainted
Pelvis	Second cousin to Elvis
Post Operative	A letter carrier
Recovery Room	Place to do upholstery
Rectum	Nearly killed him
Secretion	Hiding something
Seizure	Roman Emperor
Tablet	A small table
Terminal Illness	Getting sick at the airport
Tumor	One plus one more
Urine	Opposite of you're out

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