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#### **CHANNEL CURRENTS**

#### How to clean to avoid the corona virus

With our nation's top docs now alerting local businesses and schools to prepare for a potential coro-navirus crisis, local companies are scrambling to disinfect their workspaces the right way to keep employees and customers safe. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is now urging U.S. businesses to vigorously and routinely wipe down workplace surfaces to contain the spread of the potentially deadly virus.

#### Tips to keep your place germ free

• One-Way Wipe Down -Wipe down a surface in one direction and don't go back over it in the opposite direction because you will deposit germs you just cleaned up. Routinely wipe down all frequently touched surfaces such as workstations, countertops and don't forget

• Smart Spraying - On the bottle, common household disinfectants tout their ability to kill 99.9% of bacteria and viruses, including human coronavirus, flu strains, E.coli and salmonella among others. But will they work against the new "novel "coronavirus? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says these disinfectants are "thought" to be effective against the new coronavirus strain, but until tests confirm it, this has not been scientifically proven

• Disinfect - Don't forget to wipe down laptops. mousses and especially cell phones. One study by a web-based researched platform found we touch our cell phones 2,000 times a day. Other recent studies indicate the average adult brings their fingers to their nose, mouth or eyes about 16 times per hour, and germs thrive on human touch and the tech we

• Hand-Washing Warnings – Post handwashing-and drying signs EVERY-WHERE - from the kitchen to the bathroom - as a reminder to wash hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol or with warm water and soap for at least twenty seconds. (as long as it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song!) Dry hands thoroughly because germs spread with moisture.

#### Channelview Health & Improvement Coalition meeting

Meetings will be held from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at the Channelview Fire Department Station #3 located at 1210 Dell Dale, Channelview, TX 77530. Next meeting: Thursday, March 26,

# 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 converned that construction of a new bridge might interfere with the planned remov al of the toxic wastes in the Superfund Sits in the river. Workers on either project could be exposed to dangerous



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.

toxic waste, and would re- ation that work might take quire special protective procedures. Planners for the EPA are also taking into consider-

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

the Economic Alliance, and additional information was learned by this newspaper from TxDOT engineers. Tx-DOT 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, earlyplanning study process that represents an approach to transportation decision making that considers environmental, community and

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# Water Main break affects city of Houston

By Gilbert Hoffman

Schools, businesses and public events were closed last Friday, due to a water main break on the east side of Houston in a line that fed about half the city. Houston ISD schools, colleges and many businesses were also closed, or events cancelled, as a precaution against contaminated water or low water pressure. The City of Houston issued a "Boil Water" notice for most of the city.

Water districts on the East side of the county, including Crosby, Highlands, and Baytown, did not experience any pressure or supply problems. Crosby gets its water directly from Lake Houston.

A 96 inch wide water

main, carrying water from Workers from Harper the Houston water treat-ment plant in Galena Park Brothers were performing to about half the city, burst on Thursday about noon.

See Water main break,



The broken water main pipe is under repair along Clinton

# **Election hits** incumbents

Ryan out; Diaz, Eagleton in Run-offs

By Lewis Spearman

HOUSTON - The primary election brought a number of surprises on the Democratic ticket. County Attorney Vince Ryan was defeated by challenger Chris Menefee. Ryan could only muster 25% of the votes, and Menefee avoided a run-off with 50.45%.

Several other upsets oc-cured, with Pct. 2 Constable Chris Diaz facing a run-off with Jerry Garcia, and Pct. 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton in a run-off with Ken Jones, his former boss. Diaz had only 34.7% of the vote, Garcia got 39%. Eagleton received 47.44, Ken Jones got 16%.

In the Presidential race in Texas, Donald Trump commanded 93.94% of Republican votes, Joe Biden took 33.6% Democrat votes, Bernie Sanders 30% Mike Bloomberg had 14.7% and Elizabeth War-

ren also ran for 11.6%. In the race for the Senate John Cornyn was just 76% of Republicans. It looks like a battle between Mary "M.J." Hegar 23.12% and Royce West got 14%.

In the battle for Sheriff of Harris County Ed Gonzales took 72.61% for the Democrats.

Democrat Kim Ogg won back her seat as District Attorney with 55%. State Representative

Briscoe Cain with 79% took Robert Hoskins's re-tirement plans to the woodshed with 20.6%. Mary Williams will challenge him as a Democrat with 72% in District 128. US District 36 saw

Brian Babin win with 86% over J.R. Boatman with 13%. Babin will run against Democrat Rashad

Railroad Commissioners were most in play in the late hours: Democrats Roberto (Beto) Alonzo had 29% against Chrtysta Castaneda with 33% while Republicans Ryan Sitton had 67% over Jim Wright.

The League of Women Voters said that the turnout was quite heavy for a Primary. Long lines were the result at many polling places, and TSU reported that some voters did not to cast their ballot until after

# **Embroiled in Embroidery**

NORTH CHANNEL Danna Niño has known the embroidery trade all her life. Her father David Urbantke had his own shop, after working for another large firm, and Danthere with part-time chores as she

when she wanted to start her own business last year, it would be in a skill she was familiar with. Her shop, Phase 3, is

well equiped for any project, with 3 high speed embroidery machines, and a Laser engraving machine that can put images and names on almost anything, especially 3 dimensional items such as cups, trophies, and so on.

Danna opened her busi-ness in December, and with two assistants meets the needs of most customers in the North Shore area. Her shop is conveniently located on a shopping center at Woodforest near Normandy. Danna is also active in

the community, with her husband Dr. Donald Niño they participate in many North Shore Rotary projects, including a clinic in Mexico for a poor rural community.





Danna displays one of the caps that she has just embroidered on the Multi-Head machine behind her. On the table are caps that are part of her largest order, for 5000 embroidered caps for a local school.



In her product showroom, Danna displays many of the products she can provide to customers, including engraved agues, cups, certificates, trophies, ribbons, and gift items.

# **S**TEPHENS **BIG**" NATIONALLY Quest to save lives with ECG in 7 states

CROSBY-What began lies before the athlete 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 anomatakes to the field. Previously, annually sudden death from heart attack was generally an annual event somewhere in the

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 Public Education Committee hearing and all who wrote letters to representatives to vote in favor of

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#### ★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

### Water Main Break,

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repair work on a small leak, according to authorities, when the whole pipe burst open flooding nearby streets and the six lane East Loop under Clinton Drive. Several feet of water covered the streets, stopping traffic and flooding about a dozen cars. Houston Fire Department said they conducted three deep water rescues. The location of the burst pipe was near the intersection of Clinton Drive and N. Carolina streets in the Clinton Park neighborhood, and buildings in that area had water inside, as outside it was several feet deep.

Water supply and water pressure were affected throughout the east side of Houston and into midtown. Schools and businesses were forced to close without water, and many indicated they would also be closed on Friday, until the pipe could be repaired and water quality restored.

and water quality restored. Jacinto City avoided the problem by switching from city water supply to its own well system, filling the city water tower and maintaining pressure and a safe water supply, according to City Manager Lon Squyres.

Squyres.
Authorities held a press conference at 6100 Clinton Drive, near the break, to inform the public of the severity of the problem and what measures were being taken to solve them. Mayor Turner and County Judge Hidalgo expressed concern about water quality, and availability of adequate pressure in case of fires. Tank trucks with water were being sent to the area as a precaution, they said.



COUNTY JUDGE HIDALGO SPEAKS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, WITH MAYOR TURNER, COMMISSIONERS GARCIA AND ELLIS, AND HOUSTON POLICE, FIRE AND PUBLIC WORKS OFFICIALS.



THIS IS THE SECTION OF OLD PIPE THAT FAILED AND FLOODED THE STREETS.



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WATER FLOODING NEARBY HOMES AT N. CAROLINA AND CLINTON



WATER CLOSES ALL TRAFFIC ON THE EAST LOOP AND CLINTON DRIVE



PICTURED TO THE LEFT: SITE OF THE BURST 96 INCH PIPE AT CLINTON DRIVE AND N. CAROLINA.

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# Houston Rodeo runs March 3rd to 22nd

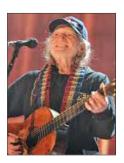
#### LET'S RODEO!



HOUSTON – The annual Houston Rodeo & Livestock Show will run from March 3 to the 22nd, but many events have already started.

These include 12 Trail Rides last week, a huge Parade on Saturday, a Rodeo run, the BBQ Cook-off over the weekend at NRG park, a high school art competition, the Carnival on the NRG grounds, and of course the entertainers.

The opening act March 3 is Midland, followed by Willie Nelson the next night. The closing act on the 22nd will be Luke Bryan.



WILLIE NELSON PERFORMS MARCH 4 AT THE HOUSTON RODEO, ONE OF 20 MUSICAL ACTS THIS YEAR.



Last Year's Western Heritage float at Saturday's Rodeo Parade in Downtown Houston to celebrate the beginning of Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.





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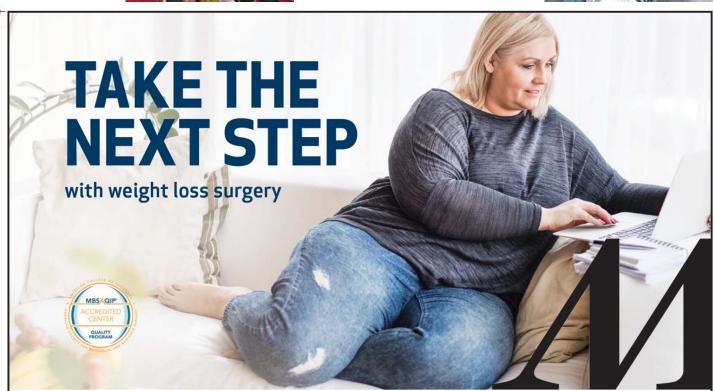
TRAIL RIDERS

12 Trail Rides arrived at Memorial Park last Friday, February 28, 2020 to take part in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo parade on Saturday, February 29, 2020 in Downtown Houston. The Rodeo will run from March 3 toMarch 22, 2020 with a variety of entertainment and livestock show.









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#### OPINION PAGE $\bigstar$



## Babin urges federal agencies to proactively prevent spread of Coronavirus

WASHINGTON, DC-January 29, 2020 - U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) sent the following letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar urging the Administration to take every precau-tion necessary to ensure the protection of American citizens – including possibly shutting down air travel to the U.S. from

 $Dear\ Secretary\ Azar,$ 

I write to you today to urge you to take action to inhibit the spread of the Wuhan coronavirus. which at this time has infected more than 6,000. killed more than 100, and spread across three continents. Unfortunately, these

numbers merely represent what we currently know about the virus, when in reality the statistics may be much worse. As China did with the SARS virus epidemic in 2002 and 2003, which killed nearly 800 people worldwide and infected more than 8,000, Chinese authorities once again have suppressed information regarding the Wuhan coronavirus on Chinese social media channels and in the international community, downplaying the numbers of infected and admitting the severity of the contagion only after being forced to recognize that human-to-human transmission of the disease was possible. Therefore, I would caution you and your department against taking the official

statistics and calls for

openness and transpar-

ency" from the Chinese

the Party's abysmal record on conveying information to the global community that could threaten its power or international image.

As of last night, some

200 Americans were evacuated from mainland China after passing initial health screenings and made it safely to Alaska, where they were screened by technicians from U.S. Centers for Disease Control. I have complete confidence in America's doctors and scientists and know that we are doing all we can to produce an effective raccine, but I urge you to be proactive in your efforts to stop the spread of this disease. In addition to screening all travelers from the People's Republic of China, I hope you emulate Australia and the U.K. in mandating a twoweek quarantine for individuals who could have been exposed to the coronavirus, and consider banning entry to the U.S. to those traveling from China.

When the safety of our citizens is threatened by the possibility of a global epidemic, no options for prevention can be left off the table. It is crucial that we work effectively and ardently both with our allies internationally and within our own country to prevent the rapid spread of this virus.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and your vigilant endeavors to protect the American people and global health.

Sincerely. Brian Babin, D.D.S. Member of Congress



The Coronavirus spreads...

# Governor gives update on actions to combat coronavirus

AUSTIN — As the worldwide threat of novel coronavirus increased, state agencies already were working together to ensure the health and safety of all Texans, Gov.

Greg Abbott said Feb. 27.
After a briefing from state and federal health officials on coronavirus (COVID-19), Abbott provided an update on steps the state is taking. He said the Department of State Health Services has activated the State Medical Operations Center to serve as a touchpoint for any requests from local entities. The center also ensures consistent collection, tracking and report-ing of public health activities and data.

Also, DSHS is preparing state laboratories with testing capabilities for the novel coronavirus and is updating public health response plans in the event of the spread of the virus. Abbott said multi-level and multiagency coordination and communication efforts are practiced daily to ensure up-to-date informa-tion is flowing between federal, state and local partners

Furthermore, DSHS is coordinating with the Texas Department of Emergency Management, Texas Hospital Association, Texas Medical Association and state university systems to provide educational materials and the latest developments in research and treatment methods for the virus.

And, relevant agencies will implement disinfecting measures at places such as driver license of-fices and schools and enthat high-risk populations such as those in day-care centers, nursing homes, assisted living associations and healthcare facilities are prepared and properly cared for, Abbott said.

Centers for Disease Con- with the gold star) to

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

trol and Prevention has confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 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 will remain isolated at medical facilities until they test negative for the virus and are no longer at risk of spreading it. The CDC has the latest information on the number of people under quarantine who are infected and is updating its national numbers each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

#### New cards being

issued
The Texas Department of Public Safety on Feb. 27 announced that it is now issuing redesigned, tamper-resistant Texas driver's licenses. identification cards and license-to-carry cards.

The cards have a new look with an updated design and enhanced security features. The driver's license and ID cards also have visible and discrete identifiers on the front.
The DPS said that pre-

viously issued driver's licenses are still valid until the expiration date listed on the card and, beginning Oct. 1, travelers will need a valid passport, U.S. military ID or a REAL ID compli-Meanwhile, the U.S. ant driver's license (one



travel on commercial airlines or enter federal facilities

HIGHLIGHTS

#### Paxton welcomes ruling

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton\_on Feb. 26 applauded a federal district court ruling holding that a 1998 comprehensive settlement agreement with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and other tobacco companies stands and the agreed payments to the state for smoking-related healthcare costs must be en-

The U.S District Court for the Eastern District of Texas rejected Reynolds' argument that selling acquired brands included in the settlement nullified its obligation to Texas taxpayers, declaring that "Reynolds remains as liable today as it was when it entered into the Texas Settlement in 1998.

"I applaud the court for holding tobacco companies accountable to the terms of the settlement to which they agreed. Texas taxpayers are owed sub-stantial back payments and we will not allow any company to shirk their obligations to the people of this state," said Paxton. "No matter how large the company or how long the fight my office will continue to fight for the compensation that taxpayers are owed."

# Vaping case count: 250

The Department of State Health Services on Feb. 25 reported some 250 Texas cases of severe lung disease in people who used e-cigarettes before developing symptoms.

Four of them have died. Patients range in age from 13 to 75 years old with a median age of 22 years. About one-quarter of the people affected in Texas are minors. Threequarters are male and nine in 10 report vaping THC or marijuana possibly in conjunction with other substances. Almost all patients were hospitalized and the DSHS said many required intensive



#### "Push-Ups with Bob"

Bob suggested we all do push-ups.

I guess I should mention that I don't know Bob. Peter, my husband, knew Bob in high school. To be perfectly honest I'm not sure Peter and Bob were even close pals in high school. But Bob sent me a Facebook friend request shortly after he became Facebook friends with Peter and, even though I don't know Bob, I accepted. Then Bob

challenged me to do push-ups.
"Join me in the push-up challenge!" Bob said.

I was delighted that I been invited. I love the idea of a personal trainer-although I am far too cheap to hire one Here was Bob, offering to provide encouragement and support and that's important especially as we get older. A thirties and forties without a care and then one day, you flap your arms in the mirror and discover you look like a bat. It's not good. Now here was Bob, offering

to save me from my bat wings. I was delighted.
Looking back on it now, I'm

not sure Bob really intended for me to take up his challenge. I suspect he was thinking that other friends-friends he actually knew-might be inspired to start doing push-ups with him every day. But I appreciate when someone challenges me to try something new. So, when Bob suggested that we should all start doing push-ups, I started doing push-

I wasn't very good at first. But the nice thing about having a long-distance coach is that Bob was not very demanding. I figured if I added one push-up every other day the days would add up-and they did.

"I'm still doing push-ups!" I reported to my new friend, Bob with some regularity. Bob didn't write back but I like to think he nodded approvingly

Then, I stopped.
I got busy and preoccupied and I let one day go and then another and soon it had been a week and, before long, it had been a month and I'd not done a single push-up. I could hardly look Bob in the face—except that I didn't have to, as I mentioned, because I don't actually know Bob. Still, I felt

Today I was sitting and thinking of how things were going in my life—sort of taking an inventory, the way I like to do from time to time. I have a book halfway finished and that makes me happy. I've been eating more or less healthyalthough Peter has been on a cookie-baking binge and having freshly baked cookies in the house is a hazard. But overall. I thought things were going pretty well until I remembered the push-upsand Bob.

ages!" I thought. And it was true. I had ditched my personal trainer and I was not feeling good about it.

So, today I came clean and wrote to Bob.

"Hey Bob! I stopped doing push-ups and felt terrible, but I've started again!" I wrote. And then I added, "Thank you for your inspiration." I knew Bob probably didn't

remember who I was, and that's okay.

Almost every day someone gives me a lift, inspires me to do a little better, and I'm not very good at letting them know So. I wanted Bob to know that he helped me do something that makes me feel better and I was grateful

Imagine my surprise when I got a message from Bob. Thanks for the kind words!" he

Now I definitely can't slack

My arms are killing me. Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com





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#### LIFESTYLE PAGE



#### Theresa Flo Ross

Theresa Flo Ross, 79, passed away February 25, 2020 in Humble, Texas.

Theresa was born on July 23 1940 at their family home in the community of Rush Run. Ohio to parents Joseph and Metzel (Brown) Lacross. She graduated from Brilliant High School in Brilliant, Ohio. Theresa married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Ernest D. Ross on February 28, 1961 upon his return from serving his country in the military.

Theresa and Ernie enjoyed almost 60 years together in marriage and raising their family. She was a dedicated employee at Wal-Mart in the Northshore area for 11 years. Theresa will be dearly



death by her parents; and brothers, Daniel J. Lacross and Robert Lacross. Theresa is survived by her husband, Ernie Ross; children, Ernest Todd Ross, Tara Erna Neal and husband Mark; sisters, Mary Ellen Jenison and Marsha Kimball; sisters-in-law; Gretchen Rinlander and Nanette Bell; and 3 grandchildren; as well as numerous extended family members

Friends are welcome to join the family for visitation from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday, March 2nd at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the chapel of Carter-Conlev Funeral Home, Following with her wishes, Theresa will be cremated after her services.

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# Huffman Art students receive scholastic art & writing national silver key awards

grave HS art teacher, is excited to announce that two of her students received awards in the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing national art contest. Sophie McGregor, HHS Junior, entered a painting titled "Uncensored" which received a Silver Key award. Kiara Molina, HHS Freshman, re-ceived a Silver Key award for her illustration titled "Late Night Shenanigans" (under the instruction of Mrs. Diane Taylor). In addition, four HHS art students received Honorable Mention: Kurtis Pittman (Senior) "Act of Valor: A Video Game Idea"; Jacob Harvey (Junior) "Cowboy Teapot" and "The Cosmic Container"; Sophie McGregor (Junior) "Sunflower Sunrise"; Isabella McClelland (Sophomore) "Nostalgia."

Those who received Silver Key awards have their artwork currently on display at Texas Art Supply in Houston. The public is invited to visit the Scholastic Art exhibit now through March 16, 2020. (Gold Key winners are on display at the Galleria Houston.) Works were evaluated by panels of judges that included ofessional artists and teach-



Sophie McGregor, left, and Kiara Molina

ers. In Harris County, more than 9,000 entries by stu-dents (grades 7-12) from 25 school districts and private schools submit artwork, and approximately 600 are awarded Gold or Silver Key awards. This year's winners will be recognized and receive their awards at the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of Harris County Department of Education coming up on March 26, 2020 at The Ballroom at Bayou Place in Hous-

ton.
This is a remarkable achievement and milestone for emerging artists. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running, largest, and most prestigious competition for creative teens in both art and writing. To stay up-to-date on everything art in Huffman ISD, visit "Huffman Visual

## CHURCH LISTINGS

Crosby, Highlands, Huffman,

#### ANGLICAN CHURCH

• Church of the Resurrection, meeting at Crosby Brethren Church, 5202 1st Street, Cros-3rd St., Huffman, 281-324-1478

by. 832-661-9693.
APOSTOLIC CHURCH
• First Apostolic Church of Highlands, 1211 S. Main St. Highlands, 281-426-4133

ASSEMBLY OF GOD Crosby Gospel Assembly, 633 Kenning Rd., Crosby, 281-328-

• First Assembly of God, 406 N. Magnolia St., Highlands, 281-426-3170

• Gospel Lighthouse, 8218 John Martin Rd., Baytown, 281-421-1168 **BAPTIST** 

Calvary Baptist, 2217 Huff-man Eastgate Rd., Huffman, 281-324-3409

Highlands Baptist, 111 E. Canal Rd., Highlands, 281-426-2470
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1635 Runneberg Rd., Crosby, 281-328-2723

281-328-2723
• Unity Baptist, 2625 Broad Dr., Highlands, 281-426-4223
• Iglesia Bautista Comunidad, 5323 Highway 90, Crosby, 281-421-9810. "Venid y te Haremos Bien"

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Church, 301 Cypress Avenue, Crosby, 281-462-7634.
• Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist, 315 Nod, Crosby, 281-328-4650

• True Vine Missionary Baptist, 404 Oak Ave., Crosby, 281-328-7637

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Crosby New Hope Baptist Church, 18319 FM 2100, Cros-by, 281-328-6086

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· Harvest Time Church of God, 495 S. Diamondhead Blvd. Crosby, 281-462-8060 **CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** 

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# The Houston Symphony brings the music of Whitney Houston to Jones Hall May 9th

2020) – The Houston Symphony announced a onenight-only special performance, The Music of Whitney Houston, May 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now available at houstonsymphony.org.

The program celebrates the music of the iconic superstar, remarkable performer, and soon-to-be Rock & Roll Hall of Famer. The evening's program includes the greatest hits from Whitney Houston like "Saving All My Love," 'How Will I Know?," and  $the\ instantly\ recognizable$ "I Will Always Love You."

Returning guest conductor Brent Havens leads the evening of hits with guest vocalist Amanda Cole, who makes her  $Houston\ Symphony\ debut$ in the program. Cole, who was formerly a member of the R&B vocal group  ${\rm En}$ Vogue, interprets Houston's extraordinary songs.

The Music of Whitney Houston takes place at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana Street, in Houston's Theater District, For tickets and information, please call 713.224.7575

or visit

houstonsymphony.org.

HOUSTON (Jan. 23. Tickets may also be purchased at the Houston Symphony Patron Services Center in Jones Hall (Monday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m.). All programs and artists are subject to change.

> MUSIC OF WHITNEY HOUSTON Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Brent Havens, conductor Amanda Cole, vocalist

About the Houston Symphony

During the 2019-20 season, the Houston Symphony celebrates its sixth season with Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada and continues its second century as one of America's leading orchestras with a full complement of concert. community, education, touring, and recording activities. The Houston Symphony, one of the oldest performing arts organizations in Texas held its inaugural performance at The Majestic Theater in downtown Houston June 21, 1913. Today, with an annual operating budget of \$35.2 million, the full-

time ensemble of 88 pro-

fessional musicians

certs annually, making it the largest performing arts organization in Houston. Additionally, musicians of the orchestra and the Symphony's four Community-Embedded Musicians offer over 1,000 community-based performances each year at various schools, community centers, hospitals, and churches reaching more than 200,000 people in Greater Houston annual-

The Grammy Awardwinning Houston Symphony has recorded under various prestigious labels, including Koch International Classics, Naxos, RCA Red Seal, Telarc, Virgin Classics, and, most recently. Dutch recording label Pentatone. In 2017, the Houston Symphony was awarded an ECHO Klassik award for the live recording of Alban Berg's Wozzeck under the direction of former Music Director Hans Graf. The orchestra earned its first Grammy nomination and Grammy Award at the 60th annual ceremony for the same recording in the Best Opera Recording catComplete Line of Groceries

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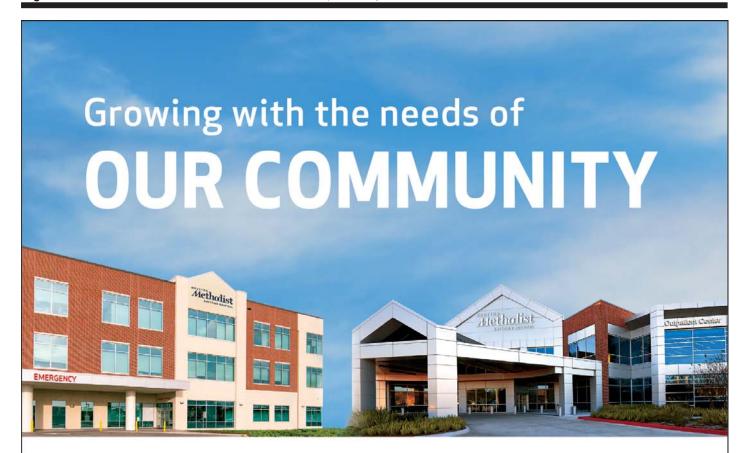
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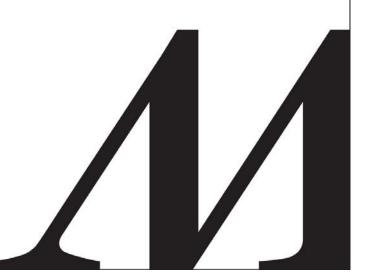
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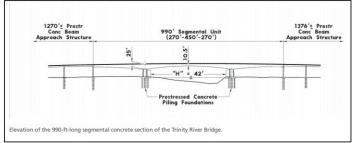




# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# New IH-10 Bridge,

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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.

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 the construction activity into the area at the same time as

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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 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 is has, will depend upon the PEL study, the engineers say. It might be 4 to6 lanes each direction, and possibly with an HOV lane in

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.

by Dave T. Phipps

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

TOO BAD IT'S ALL IN LOOSE CHANGE.

# Man shot and killed by **Harris County deputies**

The shooting happened around 10 a.m. in the 400 block of Freeport Street.

Star 🖈 Courier / Press / North Channel STAR

A man was shot and killed by a Harris County deputy in the Cloverleaf area last Sunday, March 1, 2020, morning after authorities said he brandished a

The shooting happened around 10 a.m. in the 400 block of Freeport Street after several residents called 911 to report a suspicious man. When police confronted him, about a mile away, he was armed with a gun.

"He pointed it at his head and started waving it around," Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said, calling the shooting an apparent suicide -by-cop.

identified, yelled he "didn't want to go back to jail," Gonzalez said. He aimed the weapon at

the deputy, who then opened fire with about 10 gunshots. The deputy was not hurt.



Harris County deputies on scene after a man was shot and



Emergency personnel also assisted at the scene where a man was killed by a Harris County deputy.



10:00a.m. to 4p.m. Kathy Seydler, Office Manager

HOLY COW, DAD, WHO CUTS AN ICE-FISHIN' HOLE **THAT** BIG?!



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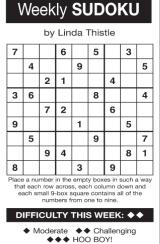
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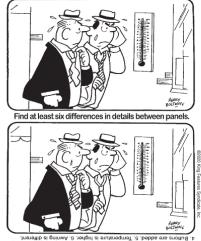
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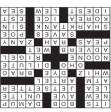
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Solution time: 27 mins. **STOWERS** — King Crossword



1. TELEVISION: In which state was the fictional town of Mayberry set for the series "The Andy Griffith Show"?

2. MEASUREMENTS: How many years is a ses-

uicentennial anniversary?

3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The

Haunting of Hill House"? 4. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border

China?

5. MUSIC: Which 1990s popular band's original name was Mookie Blaylock?

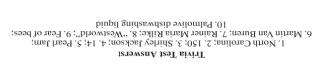
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to be born a U.S. citizen?

the first to be born a U.S. citizen?
7. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which Austrian poet once wrote, "Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems"?
8. MOVIES: Which futuristic 1970s movie's tagline was "Boy, have we got a vacation for you ..."?
9. PSYCHOLOGY: Which abnormal fear is prepared in the architical position of the property of th

represented in the condition called apiphobia?

10. ADVERTISEMENTS: Which product featured the manicurist Madge in TV commercials

beginning in the 1960s? © 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.



# **ASK THE EXPERT**

nomeless gentlemen who

looked hungry. I pulled my car over and asked if he wanted my extra dinners. He was moving

slowly and was very

appreciative. Before I handed the dinners to

him, I asked a simple question. I asked him

how long had it been since he called his

He looked shocked and began to cry. He said it

had been at least seven

years. I offered him my

phone and asked him to please call her. He called

and talked with her for a few minutes. After he

hung up the phone, he asked me how I knew she

needed to hear from him.

I told him that it was just

prayed with him before I drove off and hoped he

did not notice my tears. He had shared that he

just turned 59 ad his

mother who lives in

turned 85 earlier this

vear. I ask you to please

keep Robert as well as his

mother in your prayers, not just for him and his mother but for the many

homeless we see in our community. Even if you

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acknowledges them. A simple wave or smile

might be just what they need today.

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## CHARLOTTE'S WEB

# Caring for the Community

On the morning of February 22, there was a young homeless mother who was killed while crossing Interstate 10. At first, people thought she had intentionally ran onto the freeway trying to get to the other side After talking to several witnesses, it is believed that someone was chasing her and perhaps may have even pushed her causing her to fall before being struck by multiple vehicles.

As family, friends and community members began to raise funds to help with her final expenses perhaps some of the most touching series of events included the generosity of Sterling-wood Church. They opened the doors to the church for the memorial service and their homeless ministry offered to run their shuttle to pick up members of the homeless community to bring them to the service. There were individuals who organized a barbeque fundraiser as well as donated items for a prize drawing for Sunday, March 1.

The benefit was well attended and funds were raised to help with final needs for the young lady. As I left the benefit, I had purchased several dinners. I dropped my daughter-in-law and granddaughter off at home when I saw a

ASK DIAMOND JIM

# Diamond Jim: "What can you tell us about Pearls?"

#### Pearl Education

Welcome to the world of pearls. With the tremendous variety of pearls on the market today, pearls are considered the least understood of all gemstones. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the different types of pearls, pearl grading, their history and care before your make a new pearl purchase.

#### Types of Pearls The Classic Pearl

Akoya Pearls
For nearly 100 years, akoya pearls grown off the coast of Japan have been the classic pearl of choice.
When one pictures a round strand of white pearls, they are usually thinking of akoya

Although rare baroque shapes and natural colors like silver-blue and gold do exist, akoya pearls are best known for their perfectly round shape and sharp, reflective luster.

While exceptions do exist, most akoya pearls produced today range in sizes from 4 to 10 mm.

If you are looking for a classic strand of round, white pearls, you are probably looking for a strand of akoya pearls.

#### Freshwater Pearls

The most affordable pearls sold today, freshwater pearls are known for baroque shapes, white and pastel body colors and softer luster than akoya (except in the case of rare metallics).

With natural pastel colors and shapes that range from perfectly round to free-form baroque, freshwater pearls offer a widest range of options.

Common sizes range from 5 mm to 12 mm, but recent advances have led to the development of round and baroque pearls as large as 20 mm.

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If you are looking for an affordable piece or something more fashion-forward with unique combinations of colors and shapes, shop freshwater pearls.

#### $Tahitian\ Pearls$

Tahitian pearls grown in French Polynesia are the only naturally dark pearls. Although often referred to as black. Tahitian pearls come in a rainbow of exotic colors. Round Tahitian pearls are quite rare but other fun shapes like drops, baroques and ovals are highly-sought and still considered very valuable. If you are looking for a naturally dark pearls that go well with almost any style, Tahitian pearls may be your best choice.

#### Pearl Care

Pearls are the world's only organic gemstone, and therefore, tend to be quite delicate. Proper care of your pearl jewelry is essential to ensure your investment will last a lifetime. Personal care products, such as perfume or hair-spray, can severely damage the luster and beauty of a nearl

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# 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.

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

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' birth-

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mediately to ask how we

day, 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 electrocardio-

gram.

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 prestime include a blood pres-

sure test. Symptoms of concussion or heart problems prompts additional responsibility and screening

South Carolina is reviewing 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 then 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 Cardiologist say it should be required of first year athletes.

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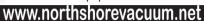
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