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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### Feed the Hungry

The League of United Latin American Citizens #4703 (LULAC) and Environmental Community Advocates of Galena Park (ECAGP) are providing a FREE BBQ chicken dinner for those who have fallen on difficult times. Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 11 am - 2 pm (or until run out) at the Galena Park Resource & Training Center, 1701 16th Street in Galena Park. All city and county guidelines will be followed. To go plates only. Only plater per person in vehicle.

### William C. Palko Scholarship Fundraiser

The North Channel Area Chamber Foundation is having a casino night fundraiser on Friday, August 14th. Foundation Chairman, Bill Palko, would like you to join him and support the William C. Palko Scholarship fundraiser. Come for a great evening of fun, music, Vegas style gambling and a chance at great prizes from 7-11pm on Friday, August 14th at the Jacinto City Town Center. Corporate Sponsorships are available for \$650 and individual tickets are \$75. A corporate sponsorship includes food and drinks for eight people plus \$40,000 in funny money. An individual ticket includes food, drinks and \$5,000 in funny money.

There will be food, drinks, prizes, music and dancing. Extra measures will be in place to insure the safety of everyone's health and well being, such as more tables with less chairs and spaced apart throughout the room. There will be also hand sanitizer at each table. All food will be wrapped for individual consumption.

All proceeds go to the William C. Palko Scholarship. For more information call 713-450-3600.

### Buckshot Jamboree music theater open

The popular country music venue Buckshot Jamboree, featuring Buck Sloan and his band, re-opened for performances on Saturday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. Performances will continue every Saturday night.

Shirley Sloan reports that cleaning rules and social distancing will be observed as requested by the County. She also reports that even at 95 years old, Buck loves to perform and looks forward to entertaining his loyal fans.

The music hall is at 7414 Hartman, Houston 77049 of the Old Beaumont Highway.

### North Shore Rotary meets

After two months of Virtual meetings, the North Shore Rotary will return to in-person meetings for the next three Thursday lunch hours, at the Rotary Pavilion on Wallisville Road. Covid19 precautions will be followed.

## TCEQ to monitor Air Quality in area by using sensor equipped helicopters

By Carolyn Stone

Precinct 2 Community Liaison Cindy Miller reports that two helicopters, a black one (tail number N808LL and a white one with yellow & black stripes (tail number N300AR), will be flying in our area from May 18th through June 30th, sometimes at very low altitudes and at length over various areas and compa-



One of the Helicopters to be used for Air Monitoring in the Harris County area.

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The helicopters are a part of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) aerial survey for air emissions. The helicopters are equipped with a specialized infrared camera that can image volatile organic compounds (VOC) and other hydrocarbons invisible to the eye. VOCs pose

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## Garcia leads on long-overdue law enforcement reform coming to Harris County

In the wake of the murder of George Floyd, Commissioner Adrian Garcia supported several proposed new law enforcement procedures to help end police misconduct

Following his attendance at the funeral for George Floyd Tuesday, and after a marathon session of Harris County Commissioners Court, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia was on the forefront of several criminal justice reform measures that were ultimately passed by court. The aim of these measures is to create meaningful change to immediately reduce and eventually eliminate misconduct by county law enforcement officials.

Due to the items' approval, Harris County will soon begin evaluating the following (for expected additional future court action): investigating a standardization of use-of-force tactics, increasing public reporting when law enforcement officials are accused of misconduct, additional sharing of bodycam footage from officer-involved deaths and



Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia supports new proposed law enforcement procedures.

injuries of suspects, considering a shift in who responds to mental health distress calls, as well as several other groundbreaking moves.

"Though it occurred in Minnesota, here in Harris County, however, the tragic death of George Floyd will not have happened in vain. Real reform of how officers deal with the public is coming, so that going forward, what happened to George will hopefully never be repeated in the county where he grew up. I thank my colleagues on Commissioners Court for

their assistance in getting these items approved," said Commissioner Garcia.

### SUMMARY OF ITEMS APPROVED BY COURT:

- Resolution honoring the life of George Floyd, acknowledging and decrying racist law enforcement procedures that led to his death (passed 4-1)
- Evaluation and eventual recommendations to propose standardization of use-of-force tactics (3 motions – all passed, 5-0, 4-1, & 4-1)
- Engaging the community to discuss best practices for county law enforcement budgets (passed unanimously)
- Study to evaluate who best should respond to potential mental health crises (passed unanimously)
- Consideration of a Community Oversight Board (passed unanimously)
- Analysis of racial disparities in incarceration rates (passed unanimously)

The measures will come back to court for further action.

## Channelview ISD will provide school supplies for in-class instruction for 2020-2021 school year

### Decision made to help families during COVID-19 Pandemic

June 10, 2020--Channelview ISD will not be asking its parents to purchase school supplies for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. The decision to not provide a school supply list for the upcoming year was made by district leaders in an effort to help the Channelview ISD community during these difficult economic times.

"COVID-19 has had a heartbreaking impact on our nation and local community," said Channelview ISD Superintendent Greg Ollis. "We will do everything necessary to lift the financial burden off of parents during these tough times, and reassure our students that they will receive the necessary supplies to help them learn."

Channelview ISD also participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which allows the district to provide free school meals to all its students. CEP is offered to schools in low-income neighborhoods and enables the district to use informa-

tion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to help better serve the district's families, and prevent families from completing several applications for free or reduced meals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will also provide more than 1 billion dollars in food benefits to low-income families due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) will give all Channelview ISD families a one-time payment of 285 dollars to be used for food. Families have until June 30 to sign up for those benefits; <https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT>.

District administrators continue to inform the community of local resources parents can take advantage of during this time, but are well aware that families still need additional help.

"Our executive leadership team brainstormed different ways to help our

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## County vote by mail applications to increase due to Virus concerns

### Voters 65 and over and disabled receiving Applications

By Allan Jamail

HOUSTON – June 5, 2020 – Harris County residents are concerned about voting during the deadly contagious COVID-19 virus that's spreading person to person across the whole world. Harris County is expecting a large increase of mail-in-voting from voters worried about gathering in crowded polling locations.

The highly contagious disease can be passed on human to human. Studies revealed an infected person even without virus symptoms was spreading the germs as easily as talking to one another by

"voice-droplets" transmitted in the air. County health officials are asking residents to stay 6 feet apart and to wear a mask when out in public.

Harris County Commissioners Court voted to spend up to \$12 million for an expected uptick in requests for mail-in ballots in the July primary runoff and November general election from voters concerned about contracting the novel coronavirus at polling places.

Lina Hidalgo, County Judge and Commissioners Adrian Garcia, Rodney Ellis, the three Democrats on the five-member court, voted to give 12 million enough to send a mail-in

ballot to every registered voter in the county. The two Republican Commissioner members, Steve Radack and R. Jack Cagle objected and said the clerk failed to justify the expense and seemed not to be as concerned about voters possibly being exposed to the virus.

Newly appointed Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins said, "Our office is preparing for an increase in mail ballots in addition to a safe and secure in-person voting process." Hollins added, "We are working with emergency management and health officials to make sure we follow their safety recommendations." The is preparing for

a significant expansion of mail voting during the novel corona virus pandemic as some residents are wary of voting at potentially crowded polling sites.

This past Friday the Clerk's office sent for the July primary runoff vote by mail applications to 376,840 registered voters who are 65 years of age and older. Those voters should expect to start receiving the applications in their mailboxes this week. To receive a mail ballot for the July 14 Primary Runoff Elections, voters must complete their applications and return them promptly by July 2 (received, not postmarked). "All registered voters 65

and older are eligible to vote by mail," said Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins. "Our goal is to keep our voters 65 and up safe amid the current health crisis by giving them the opportunity to vote from home."

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday, June 15 Last

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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COVID-19

Cases as of June 8, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

19 COUNTIES

23,029 POSITIVE

476 DEATHS

8,858 RECOVERED

TEXAS

76,463 POSITIVE

1,848 DEATHS

49,758 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

1,960,897 POSITIVE

110,990 DEATHS

518,522 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

7,118,471 POSITIVE

406,522 DEATHS

3,293,408 RECOVERED

# Vote by mail applications sent to all registered voters in Harris County age 65 and up

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Dates to remember:

- Monday, June 15 Last day to register to vote in the 2020 Primary Runoff
- Monday, June 29 First day of in-person Early Voting period
- Thursday, July 2 Last day to apply for a mail ballot for the 2020 Primary Runoff
- Friday, July 10 Last day of in-person Early Voting
- Tuesday, July 14 2020 Primary Runoff Election Day

Voters who choose to vote by mail must postmark their mail ballots by Election Day, and the ballot must be received by the County Clerk’s Office no later than 5:00 PM on July 15 (the day after Election Day).

“Our office is preparing for an increase in mail ballots in addition to a safe and secure in-person voting process,” added Hollins. “We are working with emergency management and health officials to make sure we follow their safety recommendations.”

Stay informed at HarrisVotes.com and follow the Harris County Clerk on social media

# Goose Creek CISD develops the Whole Child

By Priscila D. Garza

Goose Creek CISD (GCCISD) mission’s statement “Developing the Whole Child” is illustrated in many ways across the district including nonconventional ways where we show our commitment to the overall well-being of our students.

In 2017, GCCISD partnered with Be Well™ Baytown, an initiative of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center sponsored by ExxonMobil, to promote health and wellness across the district. Healthy eating and physical activity are important in the development of our students and were the first two areas GCCISD addressed by implementing CATCH® (Coordinated Approach to Child Health). Coordinated School Health Programs such as CATCH help schools create and sustain an environment that promotes healthy lifestyles. For the last two years, all K-8 schools have been implementing the program and have encouraged healthy behaviors across the school community. Due to the implementation of CATCH, students have reported an increase in physical activity and healthy food consumption. In addition, GCCISD has been able to connect with families by hosting CATCH Family Nights which focus on promoting health and wellness.

As CATCH continued to be implemented, GCCISD integrated another healthy habit by incorporating sun safe practices across the district. In 2018, B.P. Hopper Primary was selected as a pilot school to integrate sun safety into the curriculum and everyday practices. Their efforts were so successful they were featured in the local news and received sunshades for the play areas supported by Be Well Baytown.

In 2018-2019 school year, more schools incorporated sun safety year-round per the district-wide sun safety policy. One principal stated, “It [sun safety] has been a positive experience and we will continue to grow in our sun safety experience.” Not only did the students learn about the importance of protecting their skin and eyes from the sun, our staff did as well.

Since then, five schools have been recognized for their efforts of educating students and promoting sun safe practices across the school community: Alamo Elementary, Lamar Elementary’s sunshade structure, presented to the campus for its efforts of educating students and promoting sun safe practices, protects students from the harmful rays of the sun while using the playground equipment.



Students at IMPACT Early College High School received giveaways during the Sun Safety Poster contest.



Lamar Elementary’s sunshade structure, presented to the campus for its efforts of educating students and promoting sun safe practices, protects students from the harmful rays of the sun while using the playground equipment.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

San Jacinto College national finalist for \$1 million Aspen Prize for Excellence

WASHINGTON, D.C. — San Jacinto College was named today as one of 10 finalists for the 2021 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among community colleges.

Awarded every two years since 2011, the Aspen Prize recognizes institutions that achieve strong student outcomes across four key areas: teaching and learning, degree completion and successful transfer to four-year institutions, success in the workforce, and equitable outcomes for diverse student groups. In 2017, San Jacinto College earned the Aspen Rising Star Award; and in 2019, the Aspen Institute named San Jacinto College as one of the top 10 community colleges in the country.

"It is again an honor to be recognized by the Aspen Institute for the incredible work being done at San Jacinto College to help our



students reach their educational goals," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "This recognition is due to the dedication of our Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff to ensure that all of our students have the resources they need and well-planned educational pathways to complete their certificates or degrees. On behalf of everyone at San Jacinto College, I thank the Aspen Institute for this amazing honor."

**FOCUS ON COMPLETION**

The College's laser focus on student completion has resulted in a 168.7 percent increase in certificates and degrees from 2009 to 2019. This is the result of the comprehensive work of employees throughout San Jacinto College to advise and track students from admissions to completion. The institution has developed an intentional, integrated advising program to help students succeed. This program was designed to make the student experience more relational and less transactional and more intrusive and intentional, with career information and exploration strategically placed throughout the process. College Outreach Advisors monitor students'

progress and provide help, guidance, and encouragement if needed.

"We know that our students are more successful when they have a connection to the College from the moment they come to campus to the moment they walk across the stage at graduation," said San Jacinto College Deputy Chancellor and College President Dr. Laurel Williamson. "That's why we have been intentional about removing barriers and putting support systems in place so that our students can get the help they need wherever they are in their certificate or degree programs."

In addition to the increased attention to helping students where they are, the College has also changed many processes to remove barriers and put support services in place where they are needed. From iConnect Centers on each campus, to First Generation Clubs, mentors, employer "Meet-Ups," College Knowledge Fairs, and workshops, these increased connections are preparing students to transfer or enter the workforce.

Since joining the Guided Pathways initiative four years ago, San Jacinto College has been working to ensure students have a clear pathway to transfer. Student pathways are put into place during entry advising and College faculty map a pathway for each program every year so that students have a detailed plan of the courses and sequence they need to take in order to complete on time. The College has transfer maps through bachelor's degrees in place for University of Houston's three campuses, Texas A&M University, and Sam Houston State University. Pathways incorporate Texas high school endorsements, San Jacinto College majors, and career and transfer tracks.

"San Jacinto College has developed more than 100 program maps to help our students complete and transfer," said Williamson. "I commend the faculty and staff for their work on these pathways because we have been able to decrease the average number of semester credit hours to degree completion from 103 in 2012 to 84 in 2018, saving our students time and money."

**PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

In selecting the top 10 community colleges eligible for the Aspen Prize, the Aspen Institute also considered each institution's labor market outcomes. The College works closely with a number of local and statewide economic develop-

ment organizations to understand the needs of the region's workforce. Students are provided several tools to evaluate career interests and readiness, and Admissions Advisors initiate a career conversation with students to determine that the selected pathway meets students' goals, interests, and salary aspirations.

San Jacinto College is a partner with local industries. Through advisory committees of industry subject-matter experts, the College is able to provide discipline-specific curriculum and guidance on equipment and program changes to meet the ever-changing and growing needs of the region's industries. Industry experts work alongside College faculty in programs such as maritime, petrochemical, automotive technology, and health care to ensure that the College is providing students with the skills they need to immediately enter the workforce upon graduation. Many programs have a job placement rate above 90 percent.

"San Jacinto College is always improving," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the College Excellence Program. "The college has comprehensively restructured its systems to align everything to students' success, from before they enroll until they complete a degree. The college is also especially effective in building relationships with employers to deliver what the community needs to thrive and ensuring that graduates succeed in the workforce."

The 10 Aspen Prize finalists were selected from the nation's 1,000 community colleges in a process that included qualitative and quantitative data analysis and engaged more than 30 experts in the field. The finalists all effectively identify, develop, and scale strategies to propel all students to not just complete college but also succeed after graduation.

For the rest of 2020, the Aspen Institute will work with a team of national experts to complete a rigorous review process to determine the eventual winner of the prize. This encompasses a comprehensive examination of outcomes data as well as multi-day virtual site visits to each of the 10 finalist institutions.

In early 2021, a distinguished jury will convene to select the prize winner, finalists with distinction, and a rising star and allocate a \$1 million award among them. The winner will be announced at a May 2021 event in Washington, D.C.

Governor announces phase III to open Texas

AUSTIN — Governor Greg Abbott today announced the third phase of the State of Texas' plan to safely open the economy while containing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III, effective immediately, all businesses in Texas will be able to operate at up to 50% capacity, with very limited exceptions. Business that previously have been able to operate at 100% capacity may continue to do so, and most outdoor areas are not subject to capacity limits. All businesses and customers should continue to follow minimum standard health protocols laid out by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

As with previous phases, the Phase III plan is based on the advice and support of the four doctors on the Strike Force to Open Texas medical team. Via Executive Order, Phase III begins immediately.

"The people of Texas continue to prove that we can safely and responsibly open our state for business while containing COVID-19 and keeping our state safe," said Governor Abbott. "As anticipated, the new positive cases that we are seeing are largely the result of isolated hot spots in nursing homes, jails, and meat packing plants. Thanks to the effectiveness of our Surge Response Teams, we have the ability to contain those hot spots while opening up Texas for business. As we begin Phase III, I ask all Texans and Texas businesses to continue following the standard health protocols and to heed the guidance of our state and federal officials who continue to closely monitor COVID-19."



Between May 26th and June 2nd, over 45% of new cases came from jails or prisons, meat packing plants and nursing homes. There are currently 1,487 Texans hospitalized due to COVID-19. There are 20,679 active cases in the state and 45,858 Texans are estimated to have recovered.

**Effective June 3:**

All businesses currently operating at 25% capacity can expand their occupancy to 50% with certain exceptions.

Bars and similar establishments may increase their capacity to 50% as long as patrons are seated. Amusement parks and carnivals in counties with less than 1,000 confirmed positive cases may open at 50% capacity. Restaurants may expand their maximum table size from 6 to 10 persons.

**Effective June 12:**

Restaurants may expand their occupancy levels to 75%.

Counties with 10 or less active COVID-19 cases may expand their occupancy limits to 75%. Counties that fit this category but have not previously filed an attestation with DSHS will need to do so.

**Effective June 19:**

Amusement parks and

carnivals in counties with more than 1,000 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 may open at 50% capacity.

**Additional Openings:**

Special provisions have been made for outdoor gatherings, such as Fourth of July celebrations, but it is imperative that local officials and public health officials collaborate on safe standards. These provisions are included in the Governor's Executive Order and are also available on the Open Texas webpage.

**Further Protocols:**

All businesses should continue to follow the minimum standard health protocols from DSHS. For details and a full list of guidelines, openings, and relevant dates, visit <http://open.texas.gov>.

**Reminders for those going out:**

- Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings.
- People should not be in groups greater than ten when possible.
- People over the age of 65 are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible.
- People are still asked to avoid nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities.

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by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
Association of Mature American Citizens

## Social Security Matters

### How Do I Apply with Social Security Offices Closed?

**Dear Rusty:** I am 64 years old and would like advice on how to move forward to apply for Social Security now instead of waiting until I am the "magic" age of 66.5 years. Signed: Ready for Retirement

**Dear Ready for Retirement:** All Social Security offices are currently closed to public visits, but they are still providing telephone services (although telephone wait times are usually longer these days). You can apply over the phone if you wish. However, the most efficient way to apply for your Social Security benefit, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, is to apply online. You will need to create your personal "My Social Security" account prior to applying online, but that is easy to do at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). For information, Social Security uses a "two-factor" identification process for security purposes, usually by asking you to enter, in addition to your password, a special ID code sent to your cell phone (or email). Once you have set up your personal account, you can use the online application process at [www.ssa.gov/retire](http://www.ssa.gov/retire).

Here is a link to a short video from Social Security which explains the online application process: [www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim\\_r01.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm). When you start the online process, be sure to write down the reentry code, which will allow you to save and re-enter your online application as many times as needed before you finally submit it. Once it is submitted,

Social Security will call you or write you to get any additional information they need. A couple of things I want to be sure you are aware of:

By claiming before your full retirement age (FRA) your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. The reduction is about 0.556% per month prior to your FRA that you claim (at 64, a reduction of about 15%).

Finally, if you are still working, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings test until you reach your full retirement age. If you start benefits mid-year 2020, you'll be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1520, and if you exceed that limit you won't be eligible for benefits for that month. The following years you'll be subject to an annual limit, until you reach your FRA when there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn.

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## Storm preparations begin while state continues to battle COVID-19

AUSTIN — As Tropical Storm Cristobal moved north in the Gulf of Mexico from the Yucatan Peninsula toward Louisiana, the weather system's potential impact on East Texas grew and Gov. Greg Abbott on June 5 addressed the situation in a news conference.

Abbott said preparedness is the key in any hurricane season. He added that the Texas Department of Emergency Management and a roster of state agency departments, local responders and FEMA were ready. Meanwhile, he said, the state's ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 also continue and East Texas residents in particular should be extra mindful of both threats.

Cumulative figures posted June 6 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 74,978 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,830 deaths resulting from the virus pandemic had been confirmed.

Officially, hurricane season started June 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. While Cristobal is not expected to generate hurricane-force winds, it may bring high winds, heavy rain and flooding.

**State extends SNAP**  
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will provide approximately \$177 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits for the month of June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Abbott announced June 4.

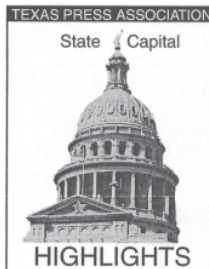
More than 900,000 SNAP households will see the additional amount on their Lone Star Card by June 12. The emergency June allotments are in addition to the \$414.7 million in benefits previously provided to Texans in April and May, Abbott added.

### Fomenters are warned

Gov. Abbott and Texas-based U.S. Attorneys John Bash, Erin Nealy Cox, Stephen Cox, and Ryan Patrick warned June 1 that individuals "who come to Texas from out of state to engage in looting, violence or other destructive acts in violation of federal law" would be subject to federal prosecution and transferred to federal custody.

### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



"Today's announcement will ensure there are harsh consequences for those breaking the law and that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Abbott said.

### Ruling draws comments

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 4 commended the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for unanimously ruling to block a San Antonio federal district court order allowing all qualified voters to vote by mail.

"I applaud the Fifth Circuit for staying the federal court's erroneous decision and preventing widespread mail-in balloting while the case proceeds," Paxton said.

Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, disagreed with the ruling, saying, "We find ourselves in the midst of a once-in-a-century pandemic. Voters who are rightfully worried about the safety of in-person voting should have the option to vote by mail. The Constitution prohibits divvying up our rights by our age, gender or race and the Fifth Circuit decision of today would allow voters of a certain age different voting rights than the rest of us."

### Party holds convention

The Texas Democratic Party conducted its first digital, online convention June 1 to June 6.

Over those days, the party took up a slate of issues such as vote-by-mail, education, textbook censor-

ship, racism, religious freedom, LGBTQ rights and reproductive rights.

Virtual attendees participated in live panels, training and regular party business.

A virtual debate was held June 6 between state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and former Air Force helicopter pilot M.J. Hegar. The two are in a runoff to decide who will face Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the November general election.

### Cenotaph move opposed

State Rep. Kyle Biedermann, R-Fredericksburg, last week asked Gov. Abbott to halt the relocation of the Alamo cenotaph, a 60-foot-tall stone sculpture erected in 1939 to honor the defenders of the Alamo in the historic 1836 battle. Under a \$450 million plan to redevelop the historic zone approved by the state and the City of San Antonio, the cenotaph would be moved from Alamo Plaza to a spot by the Menger Hotel, a short distance away.

Biedermann, in a June 4 letter to Abbott, complained that the proposed site to relocate the cenotaph is outside of the Alamo battlefield footprint. Biedermann asked the governor to insist that the cenotaph remain in place. The governor's office did not respond to a request for comment before the press deadline.

### Revenue total droops

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 1 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in May, an amount 13.2% lower than the total reported for the month of May 2019, marking the steepest year-over-year decline since January 2010.

Declines in sales tax receipts hit all major economic sectors except telecommunications services, Hegar said. The steepest decline was in collections from oil and gas mining as energy companies cut spending on well drilling and completion following the recent crash in oil prices, he added.

Also, Hegar said, business closures and restrictions and stay-at-home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred deep drops in collections from restaurants, amusement and recreation services, and physical retail stores. Those declines were offset in part by increases from big box retailers and grocery stores that remained open as essential businesses, online retailers and restaurants that could readily pivot to takeout and delivery service.

### THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

## "A Little Awkward"

It's harder to keep in touch with people these days. Things are opening up but it's going to be a while before we hop in a car and visit people the way we used to.

I met the pastor of my church while walking. She told me the youth group had been meeting via Zoom and the kids were overcome with shyness, seeing their faces on the screen. I wanted to say, "Don't they realize they can be seen when they show up in person?" But I sympathized with the teenagers. When my husband, Peter, and I tried Zoom for the first time it was a little awkward. "Shouldn't the camera be higher?" I asked. "You can see right up our noses!" We found a cardboard box and adjusted the laptop angle.

"Why is it so smudgy?" "I had sticky tape over the camera," Peter told me.

Peter cleaned the tape residue off the lens and I realized I looked a lot better smudgy.

But we've been trying to make a point of calling people up more often. (Peter calls it "drunk dialing," although we're not.) Sometimes it takes some effort. Sometimes I've wondered if these unexpected phone calls are more a bother than a pleasant surprise to the folks we call.

Yesterday, I got a surprise call myself from Geri.

I haven't seen Geri since I moved 1400 miles away years ago. She's quite a bit older than me and not someone I knew well, so when I saw her name pop up on my phone yesterday, I was very surprised. I didn't know I even had her phone number, to be honest.

"Geri!" I said, "this is Carrie!" There was a moment of awkward silence. "Geri, did you butt dial me?" "Carrie? This is Carrie Classon?"

"Geri, you butt dialed me, didn't you?" "No! I was trying to call someone else. Someone to clean my house."

Geri has a huge old wooden house sitting on a hill. It even has a turret on one corner. There are nooks and crannies and stairs everywhere. I would not want to clean Geri's house. "Geri! I am not going to clean your house!"

"Oh no! But it's so good to hear your voice. How are you doing?"

I knew Geri was getting up in years and her husband, Clarence, was older yet. So I asked, somewhat timidly, "How's your family?"

"Oh, we're fine. But we're old! I am 88 and Clarence is 95!"

"Only 95? He's a pup!" "He parks in the spot reserved for WWII veterans they still have at the grocery store and I think he's the only one who uses it!"

Geri and I chatted for quite a while. We both had news and a lot of shared memories.

"You and Peter have to come and visit sometime!" Geri said. I promised we would next time we were anywhere near.

"Clarence is going to be mad when he finds out you called me up to clean your house and ended up inviting us over," I told her.

"No, no, we would love to see you! It was great talking with you!"

"It was good to hear from you, Geri."

And it was. Talking to Geri made my day. I suddenly felt less worried about those "Hi! We were just thinking about you!" calls Peter and I have been making.

Yes, it's a little awkward making conversation with someone you haven't talked to in a long time, but sometimes a little awkward is okay, I decided. Sometimes a little awkward is a lot of fun.

Till next time,  
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

EVENTS

SUNDAY



Flag Day  
June 14


BIRTHDAYS

Jun 11–Trent Coots  
Mike Woods  
Ralph Roper  
Jun 12–George H.W. Bush  
Bobby Horn, Jr.  
Zoie Woosley  
Jun 13–Earlene Michalsky  
Jun 14–Shelby Russell  
Jun 15–Tina Hill  
Jun 16–Steffany de la Cruz  
Tim Grisham  
Evelyn Del Angel  
Jun 17–Garret Oviedo  
Brandi Rutledge

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Acts in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who honored a man by letting him ride the royal steed through city streets? Silas, Hosea, Ahasuerus, Asa
3. From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam
4. Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter for a gift? Cana, Gezer, Joppa, Bethel
5. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain
6. Where did Gideon meet an angel? Prison, Field, Oak tree, Well
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Ahasuerus; 3) Dorcas; 4) Gezer; 5) Eliphaz; 6) Oak tree."



Mordecai had a cousin named Hadassah, whom he had brought up because she had neither father nor mother. This young woman, who was also known as Esther, had a lovely figure and was beautiful.

ESTHER 2:7

"Portrait of Dora Maar" by Pablo Picasso (1937)

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OBITUARIES

Lynda June Reed Hays

Lynda June Reed Hays, 72, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. She was born on September 30, 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama to Truman George Reed and June Marsh Reed. Lynda graduated from Crosby High School. She went on to attend Sam Houston State University and while there she met the love of her life, Jim Hays. They got married in 1970 and spent their lives doing many things together from running their family business, breeding and racing horses to enjoying many PBR and rodeos.

Lynda was a very strong Christian and conservative woman. She was a member of the Crosby United Methodist Church where she mentored children through Kids Hope. She had one son, Shawn, but she helped raise many of his friends, enjoying having his friends in her home while they were growing up. It was important for her to educate children and give them the nurturing that they needed. She impacted the lives of many and will missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Truman and June Reed.

Lynda is survived by her husband, Jim Hays; son, Shawn Hays and wife Toni; grandchildren, Kaycee Hays, Shelby Bonin, Drake Tilton, and Sgt. Blake Tilton; great-grandchildren, Fallon Gehant, Brexley Tilton, Kolston Gunn; sister-in-law, Denise Reed; and a host of extended family and friends.

Honoring the family by serving as pallbearers will be Wade Milner, Tannie Gillespie, Shane Welch, Heath Harlien, Royce Doskocil, and Vernon Reed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Lynda's memory to the Crosby Fair and Rodeo, P.O. Box 1546, Crosby, TX 77532

A visitation for family and friends was held from 9:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Sterling White Funeral Home. Funeral services immediately followed at 10:00a.m. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562.

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Babin announces 2020 congressional art winners

WOODVILLE, TX – U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) hosted a virtual awards reception on Saturday, June 6, 2020, with the students and families who participated in the 36th Congressional District's Congressional Art Competition. This year's theme was "Memories of the Battleship Texas."

First place was awarded to Lily Grace Niemann, a sophomore at Niemann Christian Academy in



Rep. Babin hosts virtual awards reception with the 2020 Congressional Art Competition Winners.



"Remembering the Texas: A Glimpse at Glory"  
Artist: Lily Grace Niemann  
Medium: Charcoal

Woodville, TX. Her artwork titled "Remembering the Texas: A Glimpse at Glory," depicting the Battleship Texas at the Battle of Okinawa during World War II, will be displayed in the United States Capitol Building for an entire year. "I applaud each of the students who overcame the school disruptions caused by COVID-19 to participate in this year's Congressional Art Competition," said Babin. "Every piece submitted was unique and beautiful. I'm always proud to see artwork from Southeast Texas as I pass by the national exhibit in the U.S. Capitol. Holding the virtual art competition reception on June 6 – the 76th anniversary of D-Day – worked

very well with this year's theme since the Battleship Texas contributed greatly to the Allied victory achieved at Normandy, France those many years ago. I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who took the time to compete and offer a special congratulations to our 2020 winner, Lily."

Karen Fiscus, Exhibitions Coordinator for the University of Houston – Clear Lake Art Gallery and lead juror in TX-36th's 2020 Congressional Art Competition, shared the following quote with the students:

"The true purpose of arts education is not necessarily to create more professional dancers or

artists. It's to create more complete human beings who are critical thinkers, who have curious minds, who can lead productive lives." – Kelly Pollock

2020 Congressional Art Competition Awards:

First Place: Lily Grace Niemann (Woodville, TX)

Second Place: Emalee Springfield (Livingston, TX)

Third Place: Skylar Rutherford (Kirbyville, TX)

Honorable Mentions: Gabriella Landrum and Madelyn Landrum (Kirbyville, TX)

To view the top five pieces of artwork, please visit Congressman Babin's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Rep-BrianBabin>.

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PHILIPPIANS 4:13

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.  
-- 1 JOHN 4:18

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.  
--2 Timothy 1:7

# ASK THE EXPERT

CHARLOTTE'S WEB



## Showing Kindness

For the past few weeks, the news has been filled with stories of unrest and pain revolving around the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis Police Officer. I am not here to debate any of the issues surrounding Mr. Lloyd's death. I am here to relate some things that I think we all need to hear.

Life is way too precious to be mean. You can never look into the eyes of someone God loves and feel hate towards them. Life is rough, but with caring people in your life, you will find the energy to smile during the storms.

Until we know someone else's story, we have no idea of the choices that they make. To some, she may be a middle-aged homeless woman standing on the corner begging for money. Yet, instead of judging her, maybe if you offered to sit down and buy her a meal, you might find out that she was molested as a young girl. Due to the repeated sexual abuse, she has lived the next 20 years with many of her internal organs twisted and damaged. She turned to drugs and alcohol to numb the pain. In order to support herself, she turned to prostitution. With one arrest, she could no longer qualify for government subsidized housing. Listen a little closer and you might hear that she had no choice but to put her children into foster care. And unfortunately, like many other children placed in the system, they

were juggled from home to home, school to school and eventually found themselves in trouble with the law.

Go on to the next intersection and perhaps you will meet Rick. He looks like many other of the older men on the streets. His clothes are worn, and he has a stench to his body. Offer him your cellphone and ask him when the last time he called his mother. Take the time to look into his eyes and listen to him. He was an engineer for decades and when the 2008 energy crash happened, he lost his home, his cars and his family. But as he calls his 89-year-old mother, you see his face light up as he talks to her.

Take the time to smile and hold the door open as an older couple enters the grocery store. You do not speak their language, but a smile is understood in any language. The pain they are experiencing from losing a granddaughter to suicide weighs heavy on them, yet the smile brings a few moments of peace.

As we go throughout our week, we have no idea of who God has placed in our path and we cannot possibly meet the needs of everyone, yet we can be kind. We can smile, we can speak to those who we know as well as those we do not. We can listen to the older generation as well as the younger generations. We can share experiences and we can talk to them. We can make this a better place.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

## Diamond Jim: "Does the Chlorine in swimming pools harm jewelry?"



Summer is here with hot, sultry days that lead to lounging at the pool. For jewelry lovers, all this pool time poses a question: "Is it safe to wear your treasured jewelry at the pool, especially since your diamond ring sparkles so beautifully in the sun?" Sparkle aside, the answer is NO.

Pools and hot tubs usually contain copious quantities of chlorine to kill bacteria, viruses and more. Chlorine does a great job of keeping the water clean for swimmers, but what's good for the water you swim in isn't so good for your jewelry.

Your high school chemistry may be years behind you, but you probably remember the phrase "chemical reaction." Well, chlorine is a chemical and it reacts with metals, including silver, nickel and zinc. And, since gold is often alloyed or combined with other metals - including silver, nickel and zinc - to strengthen it, your gold jewelry will also react with the chlorine you are soaking in, doing damage in quick order.

When chlorine is in contact with your jewelry, the chemical reaction will leave behind microscopic holes in the jewelry and will cause disintegration. This weakens the metal, which in time can cause it to break. And if your prongs break, you can lose the beautiful stone they're holding. The chemical reaction with the metals can also cause your jewelry to turn black, which is probably not the look you wanted! Finally, while diamonds and harder gemstones are not susceptible to direct damage, softer gemstones and doublets can be dulled or pitted by

contact with chlorine and other chemicals.

In addition to avoiding chlorine in pools and hot tubs, similar damage can come from using cleaning products with chlorine. So, it is best to remove your jewelry when cleaning as well. And because it's so easy for jewelry to slip off in the water, not wearing jewelry at the pool or beach is a good rule on many fronts.

If you simply must accessorize your bathing suit or caftan, consider wearing fashion jewelry, which if damaged or lost will not cause such an emotional or financial hit. And remember, any jewelry you do wear in the summer is likely to get coated in sunblock, BBQ sauce or sand, so be sure to give it a proper cleaning to keep it sparkling. Check with your jeweler for professional products that are safe for the piece of jewelry in question. Most jewelers carry a line of professional jewelry care products designed especially for the task. And if you are traveling, consider packing a jewelry cleaning cloth or wipe, which are easy to tuck into your luggage and beach bag.

Thank you for reading the "Ask Diamond Jim" column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

*Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals. See more at: [www.pineforestjewelry.com](http://www.pineforestjewelry.com). If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email [jmills@pineforestjewelry.com](mailto:jmills@pineforestjewelry.com).*

## 96th Birthday Parade



Buck Sloan of the Buckshot Jamboree waves to the 60 car parade honoring him on his 96th Birthday.

## San Jacinto Museum of History reopens doors

Houston, TX – June 9, 2020 – We welcome you back!

The San Jacinto Museum of History reopens on June 12 after 85 days of being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All visitors are required to wear a mask. Adults may decide if their children under five years of age will wear a mask.

Come join the thousands who love and cherish Texas history. Be some of the first to walk our halls again and explore the San Jacinto Battlefield. Our staff is eager to welcome you back to the place where Texas Independence was won. We have exciting changes in store for the whole family.

### DATES OPEN:

- Friday June 12 through Sunday June 14 – Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Thursday June 18 through Sunday June 21 – Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

\*See the website for future dates and times

### ADMISSION:

- Fees include all attractions within the museum
- Adults and children 12 and older will be charged \$10

- Children 4 to 11 years of age will be charged \$5
- Children 3 and under will be free of charge to the museum

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All visitors must wash or sanitize their hands as they begin their visit at the museum. They are encouraged to do so again before leaving. For convenience, sanitation stations are available throughout the museum. Visitors are encouraged to respect social distancing unless of the same household. During our initial opening we are limiting admission to 100 visitors at any given time. Please follow our signage to the northwest door, located on the reflection pool side, which will be our only entrance. The southeast door will be designated as the only exit door. Use of the elevator will be limited to two occupants or six who arrived together. A limit of 15 minutes will be recommended for the Observation Deck. Our theatre is

open with alternating rows closed to enforce social distancing. Retail operations will be open and will take advantage of zero-contact options for transactions when possible.

Our staff has been trained on the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), environmental cleaning and disinfecting, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and our coronavirus-aware operating guidelines.

Public areas such as lobbies, retail locations and exhibit galleries will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times daily. High-touch surfaces will be disinfected frequently throughout the day. Our restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected several times throughout the day depending on visitation levels. All interactive operations, such as the penny machines and telescopes on the Observation Deck will be suspended till a later date.

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- Learn about the lives of the courageous men and women who built Texas
- View the graveyard where the brave are buried
- Climb the steps to the doors of the tallest column monument in the world

## Vote By Mail,

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day to register to vote in the 2020 Primary Runoff.

- Monday, June 29 First day of in-person Early Voting period.

- Thursday, July 2 Last day to apply for a mail ballot for the 2020 Primary Runoff.

- Friday, July 10 Last day of in-person Early Voting.

- Tuesday, July 14 2020 Primary Runoff Election

Day

Voters who choose to vote by mail must postmark their mail ballots by Election Day, and the ballot must be received by the County Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 PM on July 15 (the day after Election Day).

Voter Registration applications and vote by mail applications can be obtained at: [Harrisvotes.com](http://Harrisvotes.com)

## School Supplies,

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families for the upcoming school year and decided to take a close look at the budget," said Assistant Superintendent of Finance Jennifer Carnathan. "We were able to crunch some numbers and determined this would be a great way the district could help."

School supplies will be delivered to each campus before classes begin. Decisions regarding the upcoming school year are still being discussed among district leaders and will be shared with students, parents, community and stakeholders at a later time.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 124662

**APPLICATION** Targa Channelview LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for: Amendment of Permit 124662

This application would authorize modification of the Condensate Splitter at the Channelview Terminal located at 16518 De Zavalla Road, Suite A, Channelview, Harris County, Texas 77530. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.763514&lng=-95.102289&zoom=13&type=r>. The facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 1, 2020. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and [www.TXPublicNotice.com](http://www.TXPublicNotice.com) beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Houston regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, or request a public meeting or a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested by an interested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for an Air Quality Permit will then be published and mailed to those who made comments, submitted hearing requests or are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn. **The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the response to comments.**

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, and daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or an association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

If a hearing request is timely filed, following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Targa Channelview LLC, 811 Louisiana Street, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002-1412 or by calling Ms. Tammy Wallace, Senior Environmental Specialist, at (713) 584-1292.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Impale

5 Father

8 Waller or Domino

12 Operatic solo

13 Playwright Levin

14 "Step —!" ("Hurry!")

15 Kindly bloke

16 Make a mock-up of

18 I before E except —

20 Draw forth

21 Doesn't feel good

23 Overly

24 Kiss

28 Winter forecast

31 Debt notice

32 Detroit team

34 Payable

35 Calm before the storm

37 Vary a tone

39 Winning hand's winnings

41 Cupola

42 Notlikethis

45 Random drawing?

49 Count

51 Require

52 Right angles

53 Knight's title

DOWN

1 Long story

2 Not kosher

3 "It — Necessarily So"

4 Flat-bottomed boat

5 Deny

6 "Exodus" hero

7 Knighted woman

8 Page numbers

9 Big snake

10 South American monkey

11 Undo a delete

17 Last (Abbr.)

19 Small stream

22 Remained upright

24 Lubricant

25 Old French coin

26 Guilty

27 Germ layer

29 Result of three strikes

30 Tiny

33 Wrestling style

36 Noisy swarmer

38 Nikita's successor

40 — Aviv

42 Branch

43 Wan

44 Morse morsel

46 Retro art style

47 Lecherous look

48 Vortex

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Air Quality,

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One of the Helicopters to be used for Air Monitoring in the Harris County area.

serious health hazards and sight of these helicopters attempting to identify the sources of the VOC's in our area should be a welcomed event. Included are photos of the helicopters for your help in identifying them when they are in your area.

Following is the official press release regarding this aerial survey:

**HOMELAND SECURITY NOTIFICATION-Update May-June 2020**

Texas Gulf Coast Survey-Houston/Galveston/Brazoria

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has hired a contractor to conduct aerial surveys in the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria area of the Texas Gulf Coast starting May 18, 2020. The areas to be surveyed include but may not be limited to Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris Counties. In addition to a white helicopter with yellow and black stripes and tail number N300AR a black helicopter with tail number N808LL may also be seen in the survey area.

The helicopter is equipped with a specialized infrared camera that can image volatile organic compounds (VOC) and other hydrocarbons invisible to the eye. VOC are a class of compounds present in common things like gasoline and solvents. VOC can combine with nitrogen oxides in the presence of sunlight to form ground-level ozone.

The helicopter will perform surveys over and around petrochemical operations and other industrial type facilities. During these surveys the helicopter may hover and fly a path over and around a facility or area multiple times in a manner that allows for the collection of images and other information on potential emission sources. The helicopter may fly a non-grid style search pattern over some areas to avoid tall structures. At times the helicopter may fly or hover at an altitude as low as 250 feet above ground.

The helicopter flights are scheduled to conclude by June 30, 2020.

GALENA PARK I.S.D.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
ONLINE REGISTRATION

June 8 - June 18

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Must be a resident of Galena Park ISD  
Must be 4 yrs. old on or before September 1, 2020  
Must be potty trained and  
Meet at least one of the following state criteria:

- Child is economically disadvantaged or
- Child is a limited English speaker or
- Child is homeless or
- Child of an active military member or
- Child of a military member killed or injured while serving on active duty or
- Child is or has been in CPS custody or
- Child of a first responder eligible for Star of Texas Award

2020-2021  
SCHOOL YEAR

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's social security card
- Child's immunization record
- Parent/Guardian's driver's license or other form of identification
- Proof of residency - signed lease agreement, water, gas or electric bill dated within 30 days (Disconnection notices will NOT be accepted.)

\* Proof of eligibility will also be required. For a complete list of allowable documents, please visit the district website.

For online registration support call: **832-386-1188**

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