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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

SATURDAY



SUNDAY



### 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.

## Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo implements new COVID-19 public threat level system

Harris County Hospital Admissions Reach Highest Level to Date

Harris County, Texas - June 11, 2020, As hospital admissions for COVID-19 in Harris County reach their highest level ever, today County Judge Lina Hidalgo unveiled a new public threat level system designed to help residents understand the threat level from COVID-19 and provide clear guidance on steps the general public must take to protect themselves, their community, and support the conditions to avoid a crisis and sustainably re-open the local economy. The system, informed by the latest data from local health authorities, research institutions, and public health experts, informs a color-coded



4-level, color-coded system to help residents navigate current state of virus spread.

ed level indicator for residents disLevel 2 significant (orange), Level 3 moderate

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## Search continues for Vanessa Guillen, soldier who vanished from Fort Hood

EXCLUSIVE  
Reward increased to \$50K

By Allan Jamail

Houston, Tx. - June 15, 2020 North Channel Star photojournalist Allan Jamail interviewed Mayra Guillen the missing Fort Hood soldier Vanessa Guillen's sister to obtain this story.

Mayra said, "My sister loved the army, she dreamed about wanting to serve the country. She joined right after graduating from Houston's César E. Chavez High School at age 18. She graduated in the top 15% of her high school class. In school she was athletic; she liked sports jogging and soccer. At the base she loved to jog and exercise in the gym."

"Upon joining the army first she was sent to South Carolina for boot camp and then Virginia for training before lastly being station at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. She lived on the base because from our Houston home to the base it's a three hour drive."

"She enjoyed Fort Hood until recently, but then something changed, shortly before her

disappearance she began acting unusual and had trouble sleeping, this never happened before. She finally told our mother (Gloria) she was being sexually harassed by one of her sergeants. Mother tried to convince her to give her the name of the harassing sergeant, but she didn't want to get mother involved or in trouble. She also said he would follow her whenever she would go jogging or to exercise and how uncomfortable he made her feel. She said she knew of other female soldiers who had reported sexual harassment and the Army didn't believe them. She felt she could put a stop to it herself.



Photos provided by Guillen family

Army Private First Class Vanessa Guillen 20 has been missing for 2 months without a trace. Last seen April 22 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot of her Regimental Engineer Squadron Headquarters of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood. Her Military Occupational Specialty is a 91F, Small Arms/Artillery Repairer.

She was ready to take care of his harassment near the time of her disappearance."

"From the bottom of my heart, I strongly believe my sister is alive. I believe whoever is keeping her hostage is doing it for a reason, because they know that at this point if we find her deceased, it's going to be much worse, I just hope they're keeping her okay," Mayra concluded.

Vanessa's mother Gloria said "My nights are long

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## Two hangings in two days in Houston area raise community concerns

HOUSTON - Authorities were investigating the unusual discovery of two persons hanging from trees, in the greater Houston area.

One was a young teen in the Klein school district, and the other was a man found in the Shady Acres area of the city.

Both have been ruled suicides, and the following statements have been issued by the Sheriff and U.S. Representative Lee.

**SHERIFF GONZALEZ:**

HCSO North District patrol deputies responded to Ehrhardt Elementary located at 6603 Rosebrook Lane in the Klein Independent School District in reference to an in progress call for service.

Klein Independent School Police were called to the elementary school grounds at around 8:10 p.m., after they were informed by a witness of a 17-year-old male found hanging from a tree in the playground area.

Klein ISD officers cut down the male and performed CPR on him, and EMS were also dispatched to the scene.

The male was pronounced deceased by medical personnel a few minutes later.

Klein ISD Police asked for HCSO Homicide investigators and Crime Scene to take over the investigation.

Homicide investigators were able to review school

surveillance cameras and found no signs of foul play in this tragic incident.

The male had a history of suicide attempts, with one attempt as recently as a few weeks ago.

The name of the complainant and cause of death will be released through the Harris County Institute of Forensic Science.

**SHEILA JACKSON LEE:**

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a Senior Member of the House Committee on Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Budget released the following statement on the recent hangings in her Congressional district:

See HANGINGS, page 6

## 18 yr. old Swimmer drowns in San Jacinto River

HOUSTON - The body of a teen swimmer was found in the San Jacinto River after he went missing Wednesday morning, June 10, 2020, prompting search and rescue efforts from the Harris County Sheriff's Office and Houston Police Dive Team.

Deputies with the Harris County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit searched the river near the intersection of Guinn Avenue and Riverside Street in the Magnolia Gardens Park area.

Relatives who took the teen to the river have identified him as Gilberto Martinez, 18, from El Salvador.

Mario Recinos, the teen's uncle, said Martinez tried swimming to the other bank but struggled 3/4 of the way. Recinos said his nephew started yelling for



Gilberto Martinez drowned while swimming in the San Jacinto River last week.

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## Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia exposed to deadly virus, self-quarantined

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - June 16, 2020 - Today Congresswoman Garcia told NC Star writer Allan Jamail that she's in self-quarantine because of being exposed to a family member who had recently tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

After consulting with her physician and the Attending Physician of the United States Congress, the Congresswoman went into self-isolating for the period of time recommended by the CDC.

Today Garcia said, "I'm thankful my #COVID19 test came back negative, but I still need to self-isolate and watch for symptoms out of an abundance of caution."

"Working on behalf of the people of the Texas 29th Congressional District in the midst of this pandemic is my highest priority and I will be taking the necessary precautions to make sure I can continue fighting for our community. I want this to serve as a reminder for everyone in the Houston region and across the country that we are still combating COVID-19 and that everyone should be following public health guidelines that will help keep you



Photo by Allan Jamail  
Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia

and your loved ones safe and healthy," she said.

Let this be a reminder that we're still in the middle of a pandemic, and we must keep social distancing, washing our hands, and wearing a face mask," Garcia conclude.

Studies reveal an infected person even without virus symptoms can spread the germs as easy 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.

## Rotary welcomes two new members



North Shore Rotary Club admitted two new members at their regular weekly luncheon, last Thursday. However, this is the first time in 3 months that the club held an "in-person" meeting, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was held at the Rotary Pavilion behind the Harris County courthouse on Wallisville, and was a sign that the parks and the county are returning to more of a normal state. Seen above, new members Mini and Bethany, with Rotarians Shawn Sillman, Derrill Painter, and president Ryan Dagley.



# CROSBY Livestock Show & Sale 2020



Delany Klise exhibits her steer.



Seniors of the year 2020 that graduated in a year in which some memories were avoided by COVID 19.



Crosby Fair & Rodeo New Scholarship recipients are Caitlyn Criddle, Chrissa Jacobson, Crosby High School Valadictorian Baliee Covan and Aerial Bass, each with an extra \$300 scholarship from the Gary Smith family.



Omnix Healthcare Services purchased Parker Chapman's Reserve Champion Horticulture, Chloe Hood's Grand Champion Lamb and others during the sale. Johnathan and Tabatha Brady shown here.



Crawfish Shack purchased the Grand Champion Ag. Mechanic project from Cade Hoehner. Dan said it is going to make a fine addition to his back yard.



North Shore Rotary purchased Tristan Fuchs Ag Mechanics Table Lowell Everitt, Beent Burley, Scott Stephens, Ken Pantin, Mike Bilnoski, Dan Meaux, Bill Palko, Danna Urbantk Nino, Donald Nino and BJ Johnson.



Below are all the exhibitors that won a belt buckle this year from the Crosby Fair & Rodeo. The Crosby Fair & Rodeo Board of Trustees extended extra thanks to all volunteers, buyers and sponsors that enable them to not only have a successful Livestok Auction but to put on a Concert featuring Koby West, enjoyed by all on Saturday night.



**Crosby Fair & Rodeo**  
**wishes to thank**  
**everyone that made this year's**  
**livestock auction a success.**  
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**Volunteers, Membership,**  
**Exhibitors**  
**Sponsors, and Buyers.**  
**From the Board and Staff of**  
**The Crosby Fair & Rodeo**



COMMUNITY NEWS

HARRIS COUNTY COVID-19

Recovery Czars announce Housing relief program

Recovery Czars Rep. Armando Walle and Marvin Odum Launch Effort to Reduce Evictions and Maintain Affordable Housing

Harris County, Texas - Thursday, June 11, 2020, - County and city recovery leaders on Thursday announced the formation of a task force to prevent evictions while bridging gaps in housing stability that have been exposed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Housing Stability Task Force, which will include stakeholders with deep experience in the community who touch all points of the housing stability cycle, will align resources to address evictions while developing strategies and recommendations to strengthen the region's housing delivery system. Although the city and county each have independent czars leading their respective COVID-19 recovery efforts, city and county leadership decided to unify their efforts to deal with the unprecedented housing crisis through the creation of a joint task force.

"Evictions were a serious issue before the COVID-19 pandemic, and they will continue to be of great concern throughout the course of the economic downturn. We unfortunately anticipate a substantial increase in the volume in the weeks and months ahead, and we are determined to make our best attempt at proactive planning to reduce as many as we can. The Houston region had systemic barriers to affordable housing before COVID, and the current crisis has exposed in plain sight the

underlying system shortcomings," said State Rep. Armando Walle, Harris County Recovery Czar. "With key players at the table, working together toward the same end goals, we will structure our efforts to be responsive to the immediate crisis, even as we maintain a firm resolve not to lose sight of the importance of future work required to make housing stability a reality for more people."

Former Shell Oil Chairman and President Marvin Odum, who serves as City of Houston COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Czar, said, "The magnitude of the economic hardship resulting from the pandemic is still unfolding and disproportionately impacts the lower income households in our community. As an example, the City of Houston's rental assistance program was fully subscribed after only 90 minutes of being made available. It is important that we pull together the relevant stakeholders to help identify near-term solutions while laying a foundation to address the longer-term, systemic need to build a resilient housing ecosystem. At the same time, we must also keep expectations realistic, as there are simply not enough financial resources nor a sufficient supply of affordable housing stock available to avoid an immense amount of pain and difficulty for individuals, families, neighborhoods, and the broader community."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the city and



Harris County Czar Armando Walle announces housing relief.

county were already experiencing a shortage of affordable rental housing and high eviction rates, particularly among low-income communities. The pandemic, compounded by a downturn in the energy industry, has intensified the rental housing crisis beyond just very low-income residents. It has also significantly impacted property owners, who face increased economic pressures due to the vast numbers of renters who have suffered loss of employment and income.

The task force will address three pressing needs:

- Prevent evictions
- Mitigate impacts on tenants and landlords
- Stabilize households for the benefit of public health

On June 3, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner called on the county's Justices of the Peace to delay eviction proceedings until August 24, in line with the federal CARES Act timeline. A state eviction moratorium was lifted on May 19, and the protections offered by the CARES Act apply only to properties with federally backed mortgages.

5 San Jacinto College raises \$360,500 for students in need

HOUSTON, Texas — The San Jacinto College Foundation raised more than \$360,500 with its 2020 Gala with a Twist fundraising campaign, announcing the campaign's success at the College's Board of Trustees meeting Monday, June 15, 2020.

"Fundraising campaigns like this are critically important to our success," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "These generous donations enhance our ability to help students in the ways they need it most. Some face an unexpected emergency and need immediate help, and others are working day in and day out to overcome ongoing obstacles like food insecurity and homelessness. It's our mission to help every student achieve their educational goals, and we are so grateful to the community, our partners, and our employees for helping us do that."

One hundred percent of the funds raised will benefit San Jac students with immediate needs. The funds will offset costs such as tuition, books, food, clothing, transportation, and child care for student recipients, and will also help the College continue to provide students with access

to vital campus resources.

"Fortunately, this year's fundraising gala—launched in January—was originally planned as an online campaign, so we were able to continue our efforts during COVID-19, which has directly impacted so many of our students in complex ways," said Ruth Keenan, the foundation's executive director. "Our fundraising efforts became even more critical in light of the pandemic."

The campus food markets will be one of the benefactors from the funds raised, serving the San Jac student populations by distributing food and meal vouchers to those in need, even during the College's period of altered operation and online classes. According to the United Health Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 14 percent of Texas households are experiencing food insecurities, meaning they cannot easily afford or have limited access to food.

Other campus resources like the College's coat closet will be bolstered by donated proceeds, as many San Jac students utilize the resource for winter clothing, everyday clothing, and even job interview outfits.

Students experiencing temporary obstacles with their living situations due to the pandemic or homelessness will also be aided by the funds through transportation support, child care access, and tuition assistance, in addition to the food markets and coat closet resources. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), there were an estimated 25,310 homeless individuals in Texas in 2019, with nearly 1,400 unaccompanied young adults ages 18-24. San Jacinto College's student population of nearly 45,000 each year reflects the statewide demographics of these at-risk populations, and the College continues its mission to meet the needs of its diverse student body.

In addition to the \$360,500 raised by the College's Gala with a Twist fundraiser, the San Jacinto College Foundation approved \$200,000 in emergency funding in March to assist students with \$250 scholarships during the COVID-19 crisis, and nearly 1,200 students have received the emergency aid to date. Students affected by the pandemic also have access to San Jac emergency aid grants through the Federal CARES Act.



Soldier Vanished,

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with agony and sadness to think my daughter is suffering so much and being kept away from her family." She wants the case to be led by the FBI, the Army Criminal Investigation Command now leads the investigation.

Juan Cruz, Vanessa's boyfriend had text message exchanges with her the morning of her disappearance where she told him she then leaving the barracks and heading to the armory building where she would be working all day. Juan upon learning of her mysterious disappearance pleaded in his own message on facebook, "Please help me find my girlfriend."

On Tuesday, June 16th Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia hosted a virtual press conference with the family of Vanessa. They were joined by Domingo Garcia, the National President of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). He announced LULAC will provide a \$25,000 reward to go along with the Army's \$25,000 making the total \$50,000 for credible information leading to the whereabouts of Vanessa.

At the conference Garcia told the family she's meeting with the base Commander next week to try to find out as much as possible about the investigation. She's currently in self-quarantine until June the 23rd because of the COVID19 virus. "I want the FBI more involved. My team and I have been working with the Guillen family and will continue to. #FindVanessa, #TX29Constituent," Garcia said.

State Senator Carol Alvarado issued the following statement, "It's been nearly 2 months since #VanessaGuillen has been seen. My team is committed to

the movement to #FindVanessa."

State Representative Christina Morales said, "It has been almost two months since Vanessa Guillen went missing. It is sad that an intelligent and promising young Latina has gone missing, and we must do everything we can to find her. Our community, and communities across Texas, are coming together to find Vanessa and bring her home. I cannot begin to imagine the pain the Guillen family is going through and send my prayers and support to them." Vanessa is a constituent of Garcia, Alvarado and Morales.

State Representative Ana Hernandez said, "As a mother, my heart goes out to Vanessa Guillen's family and loved ones. We have shared information of her disappearance on our social media and it is our hope that by sharing details of her disappearance and amplifying the search, it will lead to her safe return soon."

U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND UPDATED REPORT:

At the time of this story the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command issued the following update of information about their investigation and increased the reward from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

READ REPORT BELOW

Chris Grey, spokesman for Army CID said, "We know somebody out there has some very critical information pertaining to this investigation and we strongly encourage you to do the right thing and come forward. Do it for Vanessa and do it for her family, friends and fellow soldiers. We've increased

our reward of up to \$25,000 for credible information leading to the whereabouts of missing Fort Hood Soldier, Pfc. Vanessa Guillen.

The 20-year-old Vanessa Guillen was last seen April 22 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. wearing a black t-shirt and purple fitness-type pants in the parking lot of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Regimental Engineer Squadron Headquarters. Her car keys, barracks room key, identification card and wallet were later found in the armory room where she was working earlier in the day, her cell phone is still missing.

At this point, investigators have no credible information or report that Vanessa Guillen was sexually assaulted.

"We are completely committed to finding Vanessa and aggressively going after every single piece of credible information and every lead in this investigation. We will not stop until we find Vanessa."

Persons with information can contact Army CID Special Agents at 254-287-2722 or the Military Police Desk at 254-288-1170. They can also anonymously submit information at <https://www.cid.army.mil/report-a-crime.html>. People wishing to remain anonymous will be honored to the degree allowable under the law and the information will be held in the strictest confidence allowable. #FortHood, #USArmy, #FindVanessa, #FindVanessaGuillen and #Doit4Vanessa.

GO FUND ME SITE - - to help the family with expenses of flyers, posters and other search items please use the following: <https://www.gofundme.com/t/pfc-vanessa-guillen-missing>

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# NORTH CHANNEL STAR

## PICK-UP LOCATIONS

### NORTH SHORE

North Channel Chamber Office, I-10 in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
Pineforest Jewelry, Uvalde Rd  
Carter-Conley Funeral Home, 13701 Corpus Christi St.  
San Jacinto College North, Student Center & Library  
Fontene Court House, Wallisville Rd  
Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd  
YMCA, Wallisville Rd  
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8  
Sen. Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg  
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd  
Water District # 21, Sheldon Rd

### CHANNELVIEW

Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Post Office, Sheldon Rd  
Woodforest Bank, Sheldon Rd  
Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd  
Holiday Inn, I-10 E  
Martin Luther King Community Ctr., Lorenzo St.  
Water District #47, Woodforest Blvd  
Chevron, Woodforest & Uvalde  
Bonfire Wings, Woodforest Blvd  
Serena Donuts, Woodforest Blvd  
Pine Trails Community, Woodbend Dr

### SHELDON

Sheldon ISD Admin Bldg.  
Kroger's, Normandy at Woodforest  
Sheldon ISD Transportation  
HCA Houston 24/7, Beltway 8

### CLOVERLEAF

HC WCID #36, Hollywood St  
Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St  
Galena Park Admin Building, Beltway 8 at Woodforest  
CommunityBank of Texas, I-10 E @ Freeport  
North Channel Assistance Ministries, Bonham @ Freeport  
Chevron, I-10 West

### JACINTO CITY

City Hall, Main Street  
Community Center/Senior Center, Oates Rd  
Capital Bank, I-10 E  
Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St  
State Rep Ana Hernandez office, Mercury Drive  
Sellers Brothers Market, Market St  
Market Street Feed Store, Market St  
Mr. Mercury Gas Station, Mercury Dr  
Jacinto City Parks & Recreation, Mercury Dr  
Chevron, Market St

### GALENA PARK

Baggett Community Center, Keene St  
Galena Park City Hall, Clinton Drive  
Galena Park Library, Keene St  
United Comm. Credit Union, 16th St  
Galena Park Community Ctr, Keene St  
Middleton Super Market, Clinton Dr  
Exxon King Fuel, Clinton Dr  
Galena Park Medical Clinic, Clinton Dr

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# Social Security Matters

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

## Ask Rusty – When Should We Claim Our Benefits?

**Dear Rusty:** We served overseas for several years, not earning many quarters for Social Security. However, we have made sure that we paid in over time so we can receive a benefit, but it will not amount to much. For the past several years now, we have been back in the US, earning some professional salaries. Now it looks like at full retirement age my husband will get \$1147/month, and I will get \$1026/month. I was born in 1957 and my husband in 1956. Question #1: For the most financial benefit, when should we each start collecting SS (either now or at full retirement age)? And question #2: Will our amounts change because we are married and both collecting? Signed: Overseas Worker

**Dear Overseas Worker:** To answer your second question first, no, your benefit amounts will not change because you are married and both collecting. Based upon the numbers you provided, neither of you will be eligible for a “spousal boost” from the other because your benefit amounts at your FRA are too similar, so maximizing your individual benefits should be your goal.

As for your other question, when you should start collecting depends upon a number of factors, including your financial needs and, importantly, your expected longevity. Both of you can get the maximum benefit available to you by waiting until you are 70 years old to claim, but that only makes sense if you are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman).

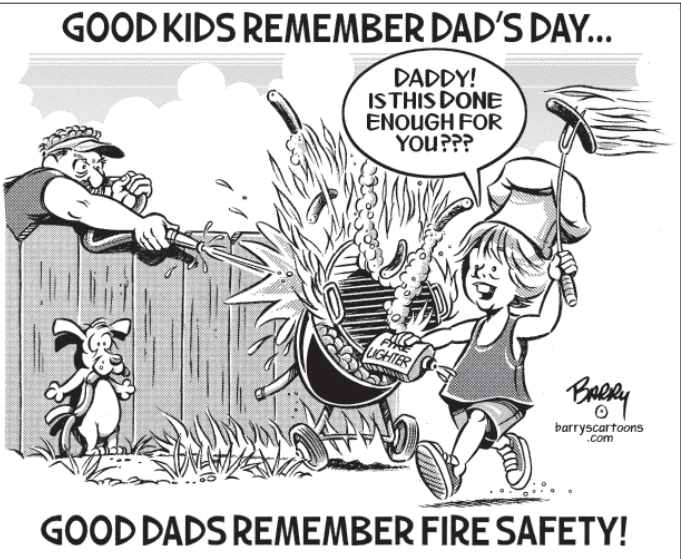
If you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age (66 for you and 66 plus 4 months for your husband), those benefits will be cut. If you collect now, your benefit would be cut by about 27% and your husband's by about 22% (based upon your respective years of birth). Further, if you claim before your full retirement ages and continue to work, you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings test, which limits the amount you can earn before they take

back some of your benefits (the 2020 earnings limit is \$18,240; if you exceed that they'll take back half of anything you earn over the limit). The earnings limit changes annually but goes away at your FRA.

At your full retirement ages, you'll be entitled to 100% of the benefits you've earned from your lifetime of working (approximately the amounts estimated now). If you can and do wait beyond your full retirement age (FRA), for each month you delay you'll earn delayed retirement credits of 2/3 of 1% per month of delay (8% per year of delay), up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. As a point of information, if you wait until your full retirement age to claim, you will have collected the same amount of money at age 78 as if you had claimed at age 62; and if you wait until age 70 to claim you'll have collected the same amount of money at age 82 as if you had collected at your full retirement age. If you live at least until “average” longevity, you'll collect more in cumulative Social Security benefits by waiting.

So, when should you claim? If you're still working and earning “professional salaries”, then waiting at least until your full retirement age would be a wise choice. If you expect at least average longevity and don't need the money right away, waiting until age 70 would be a prudent strategy. But if you don't work and expect less than average longevity, then claiming at any time you need the money would be a reasonable decision. This is a choice only each of you can make.

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## Governor promises action to family of George Floyd

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott pledged to institute police reforms when he met with the Houston family of George Floyd, who was handcuffed and killed by police in front of a Minneapolis convenience store on May 25.

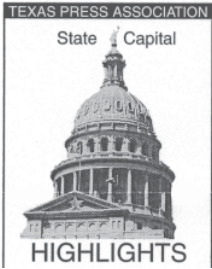
Video footage showed the 46-year-old Floyd subdued by four uniformed officers and pinned down on the pavement, one of them pressing his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. Floyd lost consciousness and was later pronounced dead. Outrage over Floyd's death and other police-involved deaths of African-Americans inspired protest marches in cities across Texas, the United States and around the world over the last three weeks.

Abbott told reporters he met with the Floyd family in their home June 9 to assure them that George Floyd did not die in vain and that his life “would be the stimulant for reforms that will make Texas and the country a better place.”

Abbott said there was no reason for a police officer to have his knee on Floyd's neck, that there must be better strategies for police to use, and that reforms would be a priority in the 87th Texas Legislature.

**Reform work is ahead**  
Texas House County Affairs Committee Chair Garnet Coleman and Senate Criminal Justice Committee Chair John Whitmire, both D-Houston, on June 9 announced they would continue to work together on criminal justice reform in the upcoming legislative session scheduled to convene in January.  
Whitmire, the most-senior member of the Texas

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Senate, and Coleman, who is the fifth-most-senior member of the Texas House, released a joint statement, saying: “The recent murder of longtime Houston resident George Floyd by a law enforcement officer in Minneapolis is a painful reminder to us that though we have traveled so far, there is still a long way to go. The passion shown by the millions of people who have made their voices heard against racism have helped fuel our commitment to continue to work towards justice.”

Whitmire and Coleman said their goal is to “ensure equal treatment for people of color, increase transparency and accountability and keep both law enforcement and the public safer.”

**COVID measures increase**  
Texas is increasing efforts to identify and expand COVID-19 testing operations in underserved and minority communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the virus.

Gov. Abbott on June 8 said the Texas Division of Emergency Management is coordinating with local governments, public health officials and emergency management entities to speed up testing and identification of COVID-19 cases.

Abbott said walk-up and drive-thru testing sites are in place and expanding in Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, Abilene, the Rio Grande Valley, the Coastal Bend, Laredo, Midland-Odessa and particularly in urban areas where large-scale protests have taken place. “As many Texans continue to gather for protests,” Abbott said, “the state is also taking steps to address potential surges in COVID-19 cases. We are ensuring that Texans can continue to safely exercise their First Amendment Rights while putting protocols in place to identify and mitigate any spread of COVID-19.”

Cumulative figures posted June 14 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 87,854 people in Texas diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,976 deaths confirmed from the virus pandemic.

**Ryan: Follow protocols**  
With plans to reopen Texas while COVID-19 testing, cases and deaths continue to increase, the governor's office on June 10 posted a public service announcement delivered by Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan.

In the short video titled “Don't Be A Knucklehead” Ryan encourages Texans to follow established COVID-19 protocols: “Wash your hands, socially distance yourself from others and wear a mask. Do the right thing. Look out for your fellow Texans and together we'll make it through this,” Ryan says.

**Revenue to be distributed**  
Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 10 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$690.4 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of June.

The revenue to be distributed is 11.7% less than the amount distributed in June 2019, a decline Hegar attributed to social distancing statewide in April. The June 2020 allocation percentages, based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly, break down as follows: cities, down 11.1%; counties, down 7.2%; transit systems, down 17.4%; and special purpose districts, down 4.4%.

## THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

### “The Agate Polisher”

I don't think it's my imagination that Father's Day seems like a last-minute add-on.

“Oh! We have Mother's Day. We probably should do something for fathers...”

On Mother's Day, a bouquet of flowers or brunch seems to do nicely every year. There isn't an equivalent gesture for Father's Day. The gift suggestions now being advertised all seem a little desperate. A watch? A wallet? A gas grill? A “whiskey set”?

Since my dad's watch and wallet are with him 90% of his waking life, I'm thinking he'd rather choose his own. A gas grill seems a bit much. (Mom gets eggs Benedict and dad gets a \$1200 grill?) I'm not even sure what a “whiskey set” is but I know my dad wouldn't drink whiskey if you paid him.

My dad has now spent more time retired than he spent working—which is a wonderful milestone. He was hired while he was still in college to work as an engineer and he stayed with the same company his entire career. My dad wore horn-rimmed glasses and carried a pocket protector and a slide rule in his shirt pocket. He sang bass in the church choir which meant he was always in the back row and I could only see him when he was stretching for a high note and got up on his toes to reach it.

My dad was always ready to try something new. He raised bees in the backyard and helped us dip candles in his workshop and polish agates in a tumbler. I remember the sound of the rock tumbler, polishing away, and a perfectly smooth agate coming out.

Then, every July when the plant where my father worked was shut down, my family would pile into the car pulling a pop-up camper and head out on vacation.

The story goes that my sister and I were quarreling. We generally got along pretty well but a full day in a hot car could get on anyone's nerves. On this particular day, we were arguing about (of all things) who was going to get in the lake first once we got to the campground.

Dad was driving. Mom was sitting in the front seat with the dog. My sister and I were busy squabbling and no one saw my father as he quietly emptied his pockets, removed his belt, and silently unhooked his seatbelt. (This was before cars had all the buzzers and bells.) We drove into the campground and, the moment we hit the parking spot, my father threw open his door and sprinted straight to the lake and dove in. My sister and I sat there in stunned silence.

I don't remember what happened after that. I just remember my father, flying into the lake, proving both of us wrong—and what an amazing dad he was—in one lightning move.

My dad doesn't move quite as fast these days. He calls himself “an old geezer,” although I can't imagine anyone else does. He still builds things in his woodshop and splits wood with the log splitter and rides bike with mom. He still routinely surprises us. And he still listens to the worries and complaints of his daughters.

My sister and I hand these worries to him like rough stones and my dad handles them like the agate polisher we had as children. By the time my dad is through with them, our worries are worn smooth. Our worries are no longer sharp or dangerous. They are polished to a gentle luster by our dad's loving concern.

Happy Father's Day.  
Till next time,  
Carrie  
Carrie Classon's memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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OBITUARIES

George Oren Lucas

George Oren Lucas passed away in Houston, Texas on Saturday June 13th, 2020. Mr. Lucas was preceded in death by his Wife Marjorie Christine Lucas, and his Daughter Cheryl Elaine Hocutt.

Mr. Lucas is survived by his Daughters Cece-lia Diane Hazlewood and Alice Karen Carroll; Grandchildren Lee Hazlewood, Danny Dale Carroll and wife Johaira, David Hocutt, Steven Cory Carroll, and Deidre McKinney and husband Richard; Great grandchildren Cheryl Ann McKinney, Skylar Shelby Rose McKinney, Robyn Wil-son, and Cori-Ann Car-roll.

Looking back at his life and all that he meant to everyone, God gifted us all with the perfect man .....He meant different things to different people. He was the morning walker that the neighbor-hood knew, he was the generous man to all he encountered, he was the loving , caring Step-father, Grandfather and spouse ..... If you needed something fixed, he would fix it, if you needed guidance, he would offer his wisdom ..... No job was ever too humbling for him to accept and do his best ..... He could fix it be-fore it was broken ..... From the days of work-ing on the farm, deliver-



ing milk, to being a cow-boy or keeping the elec-tricity flowing in everyone's lives, he did it with his all .....No one ever doubted the fact that he loved and cherished them. .... To be around him was to experience love, respect, encouragement and al-ways, a good story. God has taken him home to be with his loved ones and it will always be comforting to know, that when we go home, he will be the first to wel-come us in his arms.

A Visitation, followed by a Funeral Service will held from 10 AM Saturday June 20th, 2020 in the Chapel of Carter Conley Funeral Home at 13701 Corpus Christi, Houston, Texas 77015.



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# Traditional Flag Day ceremony by Highlands Boy Scouts



It is a time-honored Tradition to retire old American Flags with a burning ceremony, in honor of those who gave their lives for the country. Every year Boy Scouts from Troop 107 in Highlands, build a fire pit in Heritage Park in the center of town, and retire the flags. Participating this year were Eagle Scouts Logan Lopez and Connor Dean, with Hayden Wilkinson, Greyson Carr, Matt Ardoin and Jared Hale. The Scoutmaster for the Troop is Mike Dean. The ceremony took place last Sunday, which was national Flag Day.

## Swimmer Drowns,

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Officials in search of 18 year old Gilberto Martinez in the Magnolia Gardens Park area.

help around 10 a.m., but the currents were too strong for anyone to get near the teen. Recinos said he even borrowed a stranger's kayak but was

unsuccessful.

"They let me use one of the kayaks and I went across to the other end of the river and started looking for him and I

looked everywhere but I couldn't see I couldn't find him," Recinos said.

At 3:15 p.m., officials confirmed they had recovered the body of the 18-

year-old swimmer. Mar-tinez had been staying with relatives in Cypress for 10 months.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?  
Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:11

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### Dorothy Lynne Philpot

Dorothy Lynne Philpot, age 72, lost her over fifteen-year battle with cancer on June 14, 2020. She was born in Houston, TX on February 8, 1948. Dorothy attended South Houston High School, raised her four children in Crosby, and later moved to Huntsville where she attended Sam Houston State University.

She became a licensed chemical dependency counselor and dedicated her later years to helping others. Her motto was, "Love God, love people, and stay close to each other." She retired in Spring to be close to family. Dorothy enjoyed gardening and animals, but she especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.



Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Maedgen; sister, Carol Maedgen; and brother, Mike Maedgen. She is survived by her children, Brian and Christie Philpot, Becky and Ronnie Mosher, Matthew and Jessica Philpot, and Patrick and Kelli Philpot; grandchildren, Luke, Lila, Hannah, Zach, Madison, and Abigail; as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Eickenhorst Funeral Services, 1712 N Frazier St #115, Conroe, TX 77301. The funeral service will be at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Houston Northwest Church, 19911 SH 249 Access Rd, Houston, TX 77070. Graveside and burial will be following immediately in Sterling White Cemetery in Highlands, TX. Those wishing to post tributes and memories to the family may do so at [www.eickenhorstfuneral.com](http://www.eickenhorstfuneral.com)

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### BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 32, who was "greatly afraid and distressed" about a reunion with a brother he had

wronged? Joseph, Jacob, Esau, Peter

3. In Numbers 20, who died on a mountaintop after being garment stripped? Moses, Abraham, Noah, Aaron

4. What city was beat down and sowed with salt? Shechem, Caesarea, Gaza, Berea

5. Who lost all his horse-drawn chariots in a sea? Ornan, Balaam, Pharaoh, Benaiah

6. Where did Abraham meet angels? River, Tent door, Juniper tree, Prison

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Jacob; 3) Aaron; 4) Shechem; 5) Pharaoh; 6) Tent doorComments?

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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

## Threat Level,

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(yellow), and Level 4 minimal (green). Along with the level of transmission are actions residents should follow:: Stay home, (red); minimize all contacts (orange); stay vigilant (yellow); and resume normal contacts (green). To help residents easily understand and navigate the current level of risk, the county has shared an indicator dial on [readyharris.org](http://readyharris.org), along with descriptions of the latest data-driven community guidelines.

“We all want to get back to work, see our friends, hug our family, go out to eat, and resume our livelihoods without limitations, but we still have a long road ahead of us to end this epidemic,” said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. “We owe it to our residents to make sure we’re providing clear, consistent, and data-based information to keep them as healthy and safe as possible. Our only way out of this crisis is for our community to work together to avoid further uncontrolled transmission of this virus so that we can be in a position to reopen our economy in a way that is sustainable over the long term.”

Regardless of current level indicated, all residents should continue the use of social distancing, frequent hand washing, and the use of face coverings until there is a vaccine or a treatment for the virus. Additionally, residents exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days regardless of level indicated. Consistent with the latest threat data the current level of the advisory system is set to Level 2 (orange): minimize all contacts. Information and public guidance posture for each level is as follows:

Level 1: Stay Home  
Level one signifies a severe and uncontrolled level of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning outbreaks

are present and worsening and that testing and contact tracing capacity is strained or exceeded. At this level, residents take action to minimize contacts with others wherever possible and avoid leaving home except for the most essential needs like going to the grocery store for food and medicine.

Level 2: Minimize ALL Contacts (Current Level)

Level two signifies a significant and uncontrolled level of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning that there is ongoing transmission of the virus and that testing and contact tracing capacity is likely sufficient to meet demand. At this level, residents should minimize contact with others, avoiding any medium or large gatherings and only visiting permissible businesses that follow public health guidance.

Level 3: Stay Vigilant  
Level three signifies a moderate, but controlled level of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning a demonstrated reduction in transmission and the local healthcare system is within capacity. Residents should remain vigilant, but resume contact with others and resume leaving home.

Level 4: Resume Normal Activity

Level four signifies a minimal and controlled level of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning new chains of transmission are limited and quickly broken or a vaccine and/or treatment has been developed and widely deployed. At this level, residents may resume normal contact with others unless sick.

For a complete list of indicators, guidance, and related information read Leading Harris County: Public Guidelines for a Healthy Community on [ReadyHarris.org](http://ReadyHarris.org).

## ASK DIAMOND JIM

### Diamond Jim: “Does all change happen slowly over time?”



Currently it’s the year 2020.

Make sure you read the following statistics carefully. This is Amazing!!!

Also, show this to your friends, children and/or grandchildren! Pretend the year is 1910, one hundred and ten years ago. What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1910: (applies to the USA)

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

- Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.

- Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

- There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower !

- The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

- The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

- A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year,

- And a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

- More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

- Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

- Sugar cost four cents a pound.

- Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

- Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

- There was no such thing as under arm

deodorant or tooth paste.

- Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

- The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza

2. Tuberculosis

3. Diarrhea

4. Heart disease

5. Stroke

- The American flag had 45 stars.

- The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!

- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet

- There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

- Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

- Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

- There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !

Now that I have shared this with all of you here reading the North Channel Star Newspaper, I am now going to send this to someone else electronically via the Internet.

From there, it will be sent to others all over the WORLD...all in a matter of seconds!

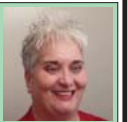
Now, just try to imagine what it things will be like in another 100 years!

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## CHARLOTTE'S WEB



### Serving the Differently Abled

So many of us are blessed to have our health as well as healthy family members. The simple things that we take for granted including being able to feed, bathe and provide for ourselves are things that we should be giving thanks for daily. And for those who have a family member with physical or mental health concerns, we need to especially be thankful for those who assist our loved ones with life’s daily tasks.

There is a young woman who celebrated her 28th birthday this week. She is full of love and very inquisitive by nature. Her life has been spent in a wheelchair. With multiple diagnosis, she requires the assistance of someone to bathe, dress and care for her. It takes a special person with a big heart to work all day and then come by to tend to her. Imagine, trying to lift an adult into a bathtub, bathe her and then carefully pick her up and dress her? It can be a battle to get her to cooperate as the young lady has her own unique personality. This provider then goes home to finish her day as a wife and mother. She never complains about the time spent with this special client.

Perhaps five miles away, there is a young man who is also wheelchair bound and in need of assistance with the same routine actions that we take for granted. He has brothers who he has watched be active with baseball as well as family who enjoys time fishing and carrying on routine activities. He is blessed to have a young father who not only takes care of his needs, but cares about

him as a friend. When the young man’s parents recently learned they were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID 19, the caregiver’s first concern was not his own health or that of his family, yet instead it was the health of this physically challenged young adult.

A few more miles down Woodforest Boulevard, you will find a 60-year-old man who has mental issues and is unable to do much for himself. He has a cousin who serves as his guardian as well as friend. While he is able to take care of his personal hygiene, he has to be reminded of things like closing doors and not going far from the yard as his mind at times leaves him as trusting as a five-year-old. His cousin must always think about his needs before she plans her daily activities.

There is another mother in the community who suffers with PTSD as well as other mental issues and cannot work to support herself. Due to the life that she has been given, she cannot make decisions for herself and is frequently seen walking the streets. Her younger sister, who is the caregiver for two boys who are afflicted with Autism, also attempts to keep an eye on her. There are times she must remind her older sister not to give up and to keep trusting that things will be okay.

So, as we are adjusting to more time at home than before, please take the time to not only pray for those who are afflicted with an illness but for those who serve as caregivers. Life is not easy, but we will survive and prayerfully be better people.

### COVID cases are increasing, testing now is free

HCPH's Four Mobile Testing Units Move to New Neighborhoods June 15-20

Houston – Harris County and the Houston area are breaking records no one wants to break—highest numbers of positive COVID-19 cases since April and COVID-related hospitalizations are increasing. Health officials say it's due to businesses reopening and the Memorial Day holiday. However, it's not too late to stop this alarming trend if each person takes precautions when they leave home. Wear a mask in public, stay 6 feet away from people you don't live with, wash your hands frequently and sanitize objects you touch frequently, like your phone.

In addition, get tested now to make sure you are not infected. Many people with COVID-19 don't have symptoms but are still contagious. They could spread the disease to older people and those with underlying health conditions who many get very sick or die. Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has a total of six test sites in Harris County. Residents from surrounding counties can also get tested at any of these sites.

Testing is free and quick: sign up, do the online assessment and drive to the test site. Results are

available in 3-5 business days. Register at [www.hcphtx.org](http://www.hcphtx.org) or call 832-927-7575. To get tested the next day, call or register online after 2:00 p.m. You must take the self-assessment to get an authorization code for a testing site.

Two stationary sites are in CyFair at the Ken Pridgen Stadium, 11355 Falcon Rd, Houston, TX 77065 and Pasadena, on the San Jacinto College Central Campus, 8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505. Stationary sites are open 6 days, Monday-Saturday. Mobile sites are open Monday-Saturday but closed one weekday.

Mobile locations for the week of June 15-20, Monday-Saturday are:

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Closed Wednesday, June 17
  - Bear Creek Park 3505 War Memorial St, Houston, TX 77084  
Closed Thursday, June 18
  - Turner Stadium 1700 Wilson Rd, Humble, TX 77338  
Closed Friday, June 19
- Visit [www.hcphtx.org](http://www.hcphtx.org) for the latest COVID-19 updates and resources.

### Hangings,

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Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee is outraged at the recent hangings in her Congressional district. Two young black teenagers have been found hung in the last two days back to back. These deaths are part of a string of deaths of black and Hispanic men found hanging in the United States. The Congress-

woman is calling for a federal investigation and requesting the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate these cases immediately. “These cases must be thoroughly investigated and proven beyond a reasonable doubt,” stated Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee.

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Dated this May 18, 2020  
  
  
by WESTON COTTEN  
Attorney for the Estate

LEGAL NOTICE

Where can I pick up a Star-Courier?  
HIGHLANDS:  
Library  
Food Town  
Community Center  
Backdrafts  
Restaurant  
Woodforest Bank  
Exxon Station  
Shell station  
Chevron Station  
Post Office  
  
CROSBY:  
Library  
Post Office  
Community Center  
Race Track  
Arlan's Market  
Community Bank (2)  
Woodforest Bank  
Hungry Jack's  
Dr. Roach  
Chevron Station  
Confections Coffee Shop  
Mobil Station  
Newport package store  
CRCU  
  
HUFFMAN  
Exxon Station  
Community Bank  
Texaco Station  
Donut Shop  
Valero Station

LEGAL NOTICE

Students residing within the Crosby Independent School District attendance boundaries, but attend private non-profits schools, may be eligible to receive supplemental educational equitable services from the following programs:  





- Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs
- Title II, Part A Preparing, Training, Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Leaders, Principals and other School Leaders
- Title III, Part A English Learners
- Title IV, Part A Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grant
- Cares Act, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF)
- Other Cares Act funding as applicable

  
A private school must have nonprofit status to be eligible to participate in federally funded services. Private, nonprofit schools interested in learning more about the federal program services are invited to attend an informational and planning meeting on June 23, 2020, at 12:00 pm or June 24, 2020, at 10:00 am. Due to the current COVID 19 situation, individuals can attend this meeting via ZOOM by emailing a request to attend including a valid email address to [ihebert@crosbyisd.org](mailto:ihebert@crosbyisd.org) by June 22, 2020. In order to comply with any orders in place pertaining to social distancing for in-person attendance, please contact Indra Hebert at 281-328-9200 extension 1214 or by email at [ihebert@crosbyisd.org](mailto:ihebert@crosbyisd.org) by June 22, 2020 indicating which meeting you plan to attend in-person.  
  
All parents of students served on participating Title I campuses are also invited to attend this informational and planning meeting. Schools that receive federal program services must comply with all required federal policies and procedures.  
Your input will provide the district with valuable information. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

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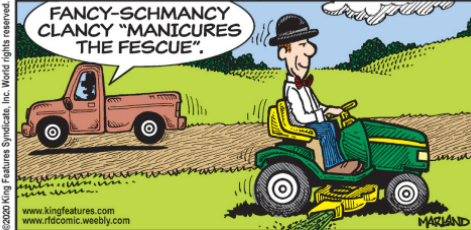
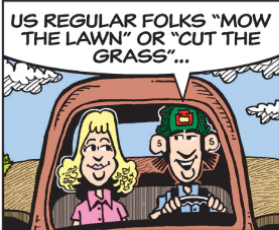
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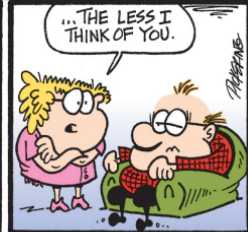

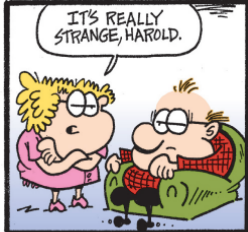
by Dave T. Phipps

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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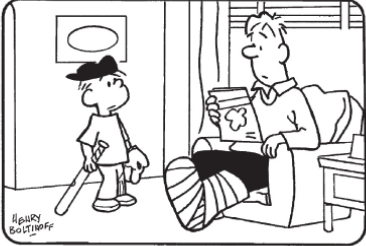
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Blinds are longer. 2. Picture is missing from table. 3. Boy's shoes are different. 4. Cap is turned. 5. Pillow is smaller. 6. Boy's shirt has long sleeves.

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King Crossword

Posting Date June 15, 2020

ACROSS

1 St. Louis landmark  
5 Hostel  
8 Grime  
12 Silver salmon  
13 Kan. neighbor  
14 Sandwich cookie  
15 Destruction  
16 Thrilling  
18 Passage  
20 Idles  
21 Still  
22 "You've got mail" co.  
23 Really fun time  
26 Leave out  
30 Thither  
31 Beer cousin  
32 Queue  
33 Shout out  
36 Co-star with Ball, Arnaz and Frawley  
38 Branch  
39 Dine  
40 Larynx output  
43 Surpasses  
47 "My bad"  
49 By word of mouth  
50 Night light?  
51 Atmosphere  
52 Loosen  
53 Paquin or Quindlen  
54 Final (Abbr.)

DOWN

1 Land measure  
2 Sauce thickener  
3 Stylish  
4 Sweethearts  
5 Klutzy  
6 Adjoining  
7 Leno's network  
8 "Is that so?"  
9 Eye part  
10 Landlord's due  
11 Garb

17 Sporty Camaro  
19 Emeritus (Abbr.)  
22 Chopper  
23 "See ya"  
24 Bagel topping  
25 Anti-apartheid org.  
26 Shade source  
27 Samovar  
28 "What's up, —?"  
29 Ram's mate  
31 Intent  
34 Gap

35 War god  
36 Carpet cleaner, for short  
37 Went to a restaurant  
39 Put forth, as energy  
40 — cava  
41 The yoke's on them  
42 PC picture  
43 Painter Nolde  
44 Sea eagle  
45 June honorees  
46 Coin aperture  
48 Water (Fr.)

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Trivia Test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Bay Staters hail from which U.S. state?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Lebanon?
3. HISTORY: Which major World War II battle was known by the code name "Operation Detachment"?
4. MUSIC: Which rock group had a 1960s hit with the song "Incense and Peppermints"?
5. MEASUREMENTS: What does a chronometer measure?
6. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which automotive company had the slogan, "Quality is Job 1"?
7. MOVIES: Which movie won the 1991 Oscar for Best Picture?
8. SCIENCE: What kind of adaptation allows an organism to blend into its environment?
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "amor vincit omnia" mean?
10. TELEVISION: What is the capital of the Seven Kingdoms in "Game of Thrones"?

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



# Harris County COVID-19 relief fund to open public application for aid

HOUSTON, TX (June 17, 2020) –The Harris County COVID-19 Relief Fund will open its public application to all eligible Harris County residents in its second phase of fund deployment. The public application will be open Tuesday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

"The fund's main goal is, and always has been, to help those most vulnerable in our communities," said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. "That's why, in the design of this process, it was paramount that this application be as intuitive and accessible as possible for all members of our community. We've taken extra steps to establish two ways to apply, extend the

hours the application will be open, and ensure language and time accessibility for those with different working schedules.”

To ensure a fair, accessible application process, the public can access the application in two ways once it opens: online or over the phone. Applications will not be accepted at the Greater Houston Community Foundation office.

### Online Application

The multilingual online application will be open at [www.harriscountyreliief.org](http://www.harriscountyreliief.org) starting Tuesday, June 23 6 a.m. and close Wednesday, June 24 at 10 p.m.

### Phone Application

When the phone application opens on June 23, individuals will call 832-848-0214 to speak with a call operator and complete their application. The multilingual phone application will be available:

June 23: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
June 24: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The online and phone application will be available in a variety of languages, including English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, French, Farsi, Hindi, Urdu, Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese.

The Fund is open to all eligible low-income Harris County residents (regardless of status), including immigrant households, those who

may receive Pandemic Unemployment Assistance but cannot afford to wait for months, and those ineligible for CARES Act payments or unemployment insurance. Full details can be found on the fund's website at [www.harriscountyrelief.com](http://www.harriscountyrelief.com), but generally, recipients must:

- Be eligible for and receiving services from a long list of public benefits programs OR under 60% of area median income
- Be a resident of Harris County
- Have been economically impacted by COVID-19
- Not have received funding from a City or County COVID-19 financial assistance program

When the application closes, all applicants, regardless of when they applied, will be put into a fair process that will determine which applicants will move on to the next stage. To ensure the funds are reaching those most deeply impacted and vulnerable in our communities, this process will prioritize residents in Harris County's most vulnerable census tracts. Residents that live in these census tracts will be prioritized, receiving up to a 50% increased chance of being selected.

By Friday, June 26, all applicants will receive an email and/or text notification regarding the status of their application. Those selected

through the process will be matched with a community-based organization. This organization will reach out within five business days to continue the application process. Once the application for financial assistance is approved, the organization will coordinate the delivery of funds.

"We wanted to be thoughtful and purposeful in the fund's approach to providing much-needed aid across Harris County," said Precinct Two Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

The latest resource, updates, and information will be posted on the Fund's website, [www.harriscountyrelief.org](http://www.harriscountyrelief.org).

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