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Harris County Transit Launches On-Demand Transportation

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# FRI. AUGUST 13 Roaring Twenties Casino Night

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Friday, August 13, 2021 7:00 - 11:00 pm, Ja-

cinto City Town Center

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North Channel Area student through our Casino
Night Fundraiser. We encourage you to consider participating or donating to our event.
Break the stigma around
Friday the Thirteenth,
and bring your luck in

support of our Chamber

Foundation!

HOUSTON — (July 6, 2021) — Harris County Transit Plus begins its inaugural on-demand transport service today for residents living in the Generation Park-area of Precincts 1, 2 and 4.

This affordable service allows residents to schedule transportation from point A to point B, within two established zones, running along the Northeast quadrant of Beltway 8. The service provides a faster trip and enhanced passenger experience through areas of the county that are less densely developed.

The fare to ride is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children, seniors and those with disabilities. Cash, transfers from other buses and the METRO Q® Fare

Card are acceptable forms of of payment. wa

The North Zone runs along Beltway 8 between Highway 59 and the northeast portion of Beltway 8. The South Zone runs between the northeast portion of Beltway 8 to Wallisville Road. The transit zone also includes the area within three-quarters of a mile in either direction

of these sections of Belt-

way 8.

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14,400 Old Humble Road,
is the northernmost anchor point and the Jim
Fonteno Annex, located at
14,350 Wallisville Road, is
the southernmost anchor
point. A central, transfer
anchor point in Generation
Park is 19,300 W. Lake

Houston Parkway, where riders can transfer between zones. Additional anchor points can be found in each zone at the Walmart parking lots located at 9235 N. Sam Houston Parkway E and 5655 E. Sam Houston Parkway N (see map).

Two 18-passenger buses will travel within these two zones every Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Transit Plus is the result of the taking a closer look at the needs of residents and barriers to service that are unique to this section of Harris County. We have prescribed a system that works best for this area," said Harris County Community Ser-

vices Department Executive Director Dr. Adrienne M. Holloway. "We are innovating to meet the needs of residents who require flexible transit options and of businesses that require a mobile workforce."

"Our survey revealed a transportation gap in the county's Northeast corridor," said Paul Weisser, assistant director of Transit Services for the Harris County Community Services Department. "Our goal is for Transit Plus to offer a great customer service experience for residents while allowing them to get where they need to be in a timely manner and at an affordable price."

Continued. See HC

# JC/GP Celebrate 4th of July together!

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park – Jacinto City, TX. - On the 4th of July, 2021 the two neighboring cities, Galena Park and Jacinto City joined together to provide a beautiful aerial fireworks show which thousands from each city came to see.

According to Lon Squyres, Jacinto City's City Manager, each city funded half of the fireworks cost of about \$7,000 each.

North Channel Star writer and former elected official of Jacinto City Allan Jamail said, "I can remember in the late 60's or early 70's these two cities funded and shot off their fireworks separately from each other. Later it was decided if they pooled their funds together a much larger display could be provided at a lesser cost.

Esmeralda Moya, Gale-

na Park's Mayor said,



An aerial cluster firework explodes high into the sky as thousands of 4th of July celebrators gathered in Galena Park & Jacinto City to recognize the Nation's Birthday & Independence Day. (Allan Jamail photo)

"Happy birthday, America, and God bless! Let's continue making this unforgettable day a symbol of prosperity and happiness

Ana Diaz, Jacinto City's Mayor said, "I'm glad our two communities can unite and show unity on such an important day as Independence Day to celebrate our



State Representative Ana Hernandez and Judge Victor Trevino III provided the 4th of July celebrators free bottled ice water, candy for the children and registration of voters.

L – R: Victor Trevino III, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 6, Ana Hernandez, State Rep. District 143, Hunter, Emma & Jazlyn Escalante (kids) Linda Jamail, District 143 Community Liaison, "CC" Cazares, JCPD officer and Katherine Nanney (kids mom) (Allan Jamail Photo)

Nation's birthday. Citizens of Galena Park and Jacinto City have family members and friends living in both cities. It's nice we were able to afford the fireworks and to provide free swimming pool and splash pad access, free hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn and refreshments."

hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn and refreshments." State Representative Ana Hernandez had Linda Jamail her Community Liaison who's also a Harris County Deputy Registrar register new voters.

# Garcia: Precinct 2 initiates Pothole Repair program

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – One of Commissioner Garcia's top missions has been to develop new strategies in making sure Precinct 2 roadways are well maintained and safe for constituents.

Commissioner Adrian Garcia says that "Summer is here, one of the busiest times of the year for Precinct 2: from park renovations to ribbon cuttings, road repair, and bridge maintenance, we do a lot of everything!"

With all those initiatives ongoing, today, Commissioner Garcia announces the newest way Precinct 2 is getting the job done! Specially-equipped



Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia with the new Pothole Repair truck that will speed up the repair of dangerous Potholes.

trucks are being used to repair potholes in the Precinct.

If you see a pothole that needs to be addressed, all you have to do is call the Pct 2 Call Center at 713-274-2222 or visit www.hcp2.com to file a report and get the pothole fixed.

See a video of Commissioner Garcia walking you through the intricate pothole repair process on

www.hcp2.com.

Adrian Garcia, Harris Co. Precinct 2 Commissioner says he is "Working for you."

### Abbott Announces Special Session of Legislature Agenda

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation that identifies eleven agenda items for the Special Session that begins at 10:00 AM on

Thursday, July 8. "The 87th Legislative Session was a monumental success for the people of Texas, but we have unfinished business to ensure that Texas remains the most exceptional state in America," said Gover-nor Abbott. "Two of my emergency items, along with other important legislation, did not make it to my desk during the regular session, and we have a responsibility to finish the job on behalf of all Texans. These Special Session priority items put the people of Texas first and will keep the Lone Star State on a path to prosperity. I look forward to working with my partners in the Legislature to pass this legislation as we build a brighter future for all who call Tex-



as home.'

Special Session agenda items will include: BAIL REFORM: Leg-

BAIL REPORM: Legislation reforming the bail system in Texas to protect the public from accused criminals who may be released on bail.

ELECTION INTEGRITY: Legislation strengthening the integrity of elections in Texas.

BORDER SECURI-TY: Legislation providing funding to support law-enforcement agencies, coun

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# Scenes from the Lewis Spearman Celebration of Life at the Crosby Fairgrounds, July 10, 2021



PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD FROM THESE TWO COOKING TEAMS. THANKS TO HOLDEN WRIGHT AND THE BEERKAT KOOKERS, AND TEAGUE SCHEXNAYDER AND THE HULA HUT KOOKERS.



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### Spearman Memorial,

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Lewis in heaven working with his camera and tape recorder for the next story.

Others who spoke at the memorial included Gil Hoffman, the publisher of this newspaper. Lewis and Gil worked together for 27 years on the paper, and had a close friendship and working relationship, too. They both had roots in South Carolina, and swapped stories about the south.

Eddie Foster was one of Lewis' closest friends, and shared some stories about their festive and sometimes raucous outings. These helped to see the full picture of his personality and how he could be friends with so many.

Bobby Horn, once a newspaper colleague of

A LARGE CROWD ENJOYED THE MEMORIAL AND GOOD FOOD, WHILE THE KIDS PLAYED GAMES AND THE JUMP HOUSE.



Lewis and Gil, and now a minister, gave a warm and moving description of what it was like to work with Lewis at the desk next to him, and the richness of their conversations.

The Crosby community as a whole wanted to do more for Lewis, to express their loss, so they also scheduled a Fund Raiser last Saturday at the Fairgrounds. A large crowd turned out for good food, auction items, music by Eddie Foster,

and games for kids and adults. It was truly a hearfelt expression of loss, with many sharing stories about Lewis. It was appropriate to learn that the funds from the event will be used for a scholarship fund, for a future journalism or communication major college student. Donations can still be made through VENMO or CASHAPP. Venmo: @Holden-Wright-2, or Cash App: \$Hw713805. Mark the comment section "Lew's Benefit."





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### **ASK THE EXPERT**

## **CHARLOTTE'S** WEB

### Remember When

One of the most important building blocks of a family, a business or a community is the history since the inception. At some point in 2020, during those dark months that we were confined to home for what seemed like eternity, especially for those of us who live alone, I reached out to my friend and mentor to ask a few ques tions. A younger friend was working on a project to help revitalize the community and had a few questions

As Kristina worked on how to engage businesses along Uvalde Road, she wanted some history. I reached out to Dr Grant and asked if he was aware of which business along Uvalde had been there the longest. Kristina and I had thought it was Uvalde Baptist Church, but we wanted to hear it from someone who had lived here longer. And sure enough, Dr Grant knew it was Uvalde Baptist Church. As we talked, I asked if he had any idea when the "small two-story building" next to the church had opened. Suddenly, he was caught off guard. As we talked, we mentioned various businesses that had officed there at some point. That gave way to reflecting on some of the senior members of the community

North Shore Rotary Club as well as the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce is still fortunate enough to have some of their founding members, not just alive, but still living in the area. In talking, Dr Grant decided to reach out to Jerry Dominy who has had an appraisal firm for many years in our area. Other names that we discussed were Frank Nadolney, Joyce Zotz and John Brady. We figured that between these four individuals, they had forgotten more than the average citizen knows about the North Shore community.

From the discussions, Kristina was able to gather some details and move forward working on the Uvalde Revitalization Project. She managed to get support not just from the City of Houston and Harris County Precinct Two, but to get volunteers from the community to come out, clean up the street and medians and encourage business owners to take a little extra pride in their storefronts. After a few weeks, she posted some social media polls asking residents which businesses stood out.

During the first quarter, Pineforest Jewelry was selected. Several months later, community members voted and this time it was Vasquez Funeral Home. Both of these businesses were already keeping their appearance up long before the contest but deserve the honors as they both are known for helping in the community.

What are you doing in the community that makes a difference? There are plenty of opportunities to get involved. If you want to get involved with a Scout Troop both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts would love to have your time and talents. Perhaps you want to learn how to become a leader. C.A. Wilson and Associates offer training using the John Maxwell Leadership Program.

(There is a new 10 week Mastermind Group starting next Tuesday, as well as the Annual Live2Lead Conference being held in October.) East Harris County Empowerment Council is always looking for residents to get involved in service projects. And please if you are interested in the Fine Arts, please contact Harris County Cultural Arts Council about volunteer opportunities



ties, and other strategies as part of Texas' comprehensive border security

SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP: Legislation safeguarding the freedom of speech by protecting social-media users from being censored by social-media companies based on the user's expressed viewpoints, including by providing a legal remedy for those wrongfully excluded from a platform

ARTICLE X FUND-ING: Legislation providing appropriations to the Legislature and legislative agencies in Article X of the General Appropriations

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION: Legislation similar to Senate Bill 1109 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, requiring schools to provide appropriate education to middle- and high-school students about dating violence, domestic violence, and child abuse, but that recognizes the right of parents to opt their children out of the instruction.

YOUTH SPORTS: Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.

ABORTION-INDUC-

ING DRUGS: Legislation similar to Senate Bill 394 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, which prohibits people from providing abortion-inducing drugs by mail or delivery service, strengthens the laws applicable to the reporting of abortions and abortion complications, and ensures that no abortion-inducing drugs are provided unless there is voluntary and informed consent.

THIRTEENTH CHECK: Legislation similar to House Bill 3507 from the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to a "thirteenth check" or onetime supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas

CRITICAL RACE THEORY: Legislation similar to House Bill 3979 concerning critical race theory as originally passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Ses-

APPROPRIATIONS: Legislation providing appropriations from additional available general revenue for the following

property-tax relief; enhanced protec tion for the safety of children in Texas' foster-care system by attracting and retaining private providers for the system; and

to better safeguard the state from potential cybersecurity threats

## Fatal Shooting at 698 Fidelity Street

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man found at 698 Fidelity Street about 5:30 a.m. on Saturday (June 19).

The identity of the victim, believed to be in his 40s or 50s, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives D. Stark and S. Sylvester reported:

Officers responded to a shooting call at the above address and located the victim deceased in a field and empty lot. The initial scene investigation indicates the motive for the shooting could be narcotics-related.

Detectives are working to determine what led up the shooting and ask anyone with any additional information to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.



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## **ASK DIAMOND JIM**

### Diamond Jim: "What is Common Sense and does it still exist?"

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valu-

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm;

Life isn't always fair.

And maybe it was my fault

Common sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults are in charge not children). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of an 8 year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condi-

Common sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. Common sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common sense was preceded in death, by

His parents, Truth and Trust

His wife, Discretion His daughter, Responsibility

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers

I know my rights I want my rights

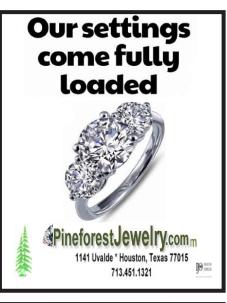
I want it now

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you're struggling to understand all of this...it's just Common Sense

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#### PAGE OPINION

## OPINION

By Grace Chimene, President **League of Women Voters of Texas** 

### Statement on Failed Quorum in Special Session

The League of Women Voters of Texas president, Grace Chimene, issued the following statement in response to the failed legislative process that drove some legislators to leave Texas today.

"As a non-partisan organization whose mission is empowering voters and defending democracy, the League is deeply disappointed that only extreme measures like the legislative exodus we saw today can prevent Texans from losing their voting rights.

"During the regular legislative session, the League of Women Voters of Texas (LWVTX) partnered with local, state, and national organizations to provide input to legislators who were considering various election bills. Yet, when SB 7 emerged as the final, comprehensive election bill, it was clear that voting rights were under attack. Under the guise of making elections more secure, SB 7 threatened the very core of our right to cast a ballot.

"When Governor Abbott called a special session to again consider elections, two comprehensive bills emerged; SB 1 in the Senate and HB 3 in the House. Yet again, these bills are intended to make voting more complicated and create more potential pitfalls that would deny the freedom to

"Many legislators are not listening. Although over 400 individuals registered to testify on each of these bills, most were not called to testify until after midnight! Where is the meaningful public input? How can constituents trust that their rights are being protected when they are being shut out of the legislative process? If our representatives are truly to represent our interests, they need to listen to us and provide meaningful opportunities to hear us.

"SB 1 and HB 3 would prevent many of us from making our voices heard. Given the challenges to voting in several states including Texas, the League of Women Voters of Texas believes that the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act are necessary to preserve an election system that is free, fair, and accessible to all."

The League of Women Voters is one of America's oldest and most trusted civic nonprofit organizations. Formed in 1919, the Texas League represents more than 13,500 grassroots advocates and 34 local Leagues across the state. The League never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League also seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to people 16 years and older.

League of Women Voters of Texas: lwvtexas.org



#### Misplaced values in our columns, says reader

I could not believe reading the Star and not one word about the crisis at our border. What is wrong with you? Kamala takes time to discuss voting rights and refuses to go to the hot spots on our border? She is a disgrace and certainly not qualified to be president. I am livid.

- Pat Vice, Crosby



BECAUSE WE HAVE TO PREVENT THE ELECTION FRAUD THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN 2010 FROM EVER HAPPENING AGAIN."

# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Gary Borders**

### Texas Legislature returns for a Special Session

The Texas Legislature convened in special session last Thursday and GOP legislators introduced a fresh set of voting bills after Democrats blocked an earlier attempt during the regular session by walking out in May, preventing

HB3 and SB 1 don't include some of the more controversial measures that were in the previous bill, such as restricting voting on Sundays. KUT.org reported the new bills include new ID requirements for people voting by mail and banning local election officials from sending voteby-mail applications that have not been requested by

the applicant.
The measures, largely opposed by Demo-crats and voting rights groups, also ban drive-through voting and extended hours during early voting. Those backing the new bills say those extended hours encourage voter fraud, though there is no evident of widespread fraud during the 2020 election. Republican lawmakers are pushing for a full House floor vote this week

Gov. Greg Abbott announced the topics to be considered during the special session the day before it opened. Besides the voting bills, they include:

- Bail reform to "protect the public from accused criminals who may be re-
- leased on bail." · Border security with increased funding to support law-enforcement
- agencies and counties. Social media censor ship legislation to protect social-media users from being silenced by social media companies based on
- their viewpoints.
   Restoring funding to the Legislature and legislative agencies that was vetoed by Abbott after the
- Family violence prevention legislation to pro-vide funding for education to middle school and high outlets reported. school students about dat-



ing violence, domestic violence and child abuses. Parents would have the right to opt their children out of such programs.

- Youth sports measures to revive legislation passed by the Senate that bans transgender student from participating in UIL athletic competitions "designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.
- Abortion-inducing drugs legislation that would prohibit providing such drugs by mail or delivery service.
  • Thirteenth Check leg-
- islation to allow a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teachr Retirement System of
- Bills targeting "critical race theory" and re-stricting how current events and the country's history of racism is taught in Texas public schools.
- Appropriation bills targeting property-tax relief, protecting children in the state's foster-care sys-tem and safeguarding the state from potential cyber-security threats.

### PUC ORDERED TO IMPROVE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY

Abbott also last week directed the Public Utility Commission to make major changes "to ensure the reliability of the Texas power grid," the Houston Chronicle and other media

Abbott asked the PUC.

which oversees the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, to improve mainte nance on power plants and speed development of some transmission projects.

"The objective of these directives is to ensure that all Texans have access to reliable, safe, and affordable power," Abbott wrote in a letter released last Tuesday.

In response, PUC chair-man Peter Lake in a letter o Abbott expressed wholehearted agreement with its contents." Besides the widespread blackout during the mid-February storm, a heat wave in June prompted ERCOT, which maintains the state's electric grid, to urge Texans to conserve electricity as usage approached peak ca-

#### \$4.1 BILLION MORE IN SCHOOL STIMULUS FUNDS

Texas will receive another \$4.1 billion in federal stimulus funding for its public schools, the San Antonio Express-News re-

ported.
The U.S. Department of Education announced last week that it had approved the state's plans for spending \$12.4 billion that was allocated to the state. According to the Express News, the top priority for the Texas Education Agen-cy is bolstering the mental and emotional health needs of Texas students by expanding tutoring and other methods.

TEA estimates Texas students lost 5.7 months of learning during the pandemic school year.

"The approval of these plans enables states to re-ceive vital, additional American Rescue Plan funds to quickly and safely reopen schools for full-time, in-person learning; meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs; and address disparities in access to educational opportunity that were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic," Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a news release.

#### **NUMBER OF COVID-19**

CASES IN STATE RISES
At 12,426, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas increased 18% in the past week when compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of new deaths in the past week dropped slightly to 151. Hospitalizations of labconfirmed COVID-19 patients in the state were on the rise, with 1,927 currently in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated crossed the 12 million mark this week, DSHS reported. The rate of vaccinations in the state has slowed significantly in recent weeks, despite troubling reports of the spread of the delta variant of COVID-19.



#### Lost in the Move

I'm not sure when a house becomes a home, but don't think we're quite

My husband, Peter, and I have moved into the new place. All our stuff is here, but that doesn't mean we

know where anything is.
"Have you seen the

"Which strainer?" "You know, the fine one."

We have about two dozen conversations like this every day. We got rid of a lot of stuff and now it's hard to remember what we kept. Then I unpacked by myself. so Peter had to go on a scavenger hunt when he got here. Finally, we had the "last-minute essentials" we brought with us, and we're still unpacking those. It's a jumble. Peter was convinced (unreasonably, I assured him) that every T-shirt he owned had mysteriously been lost in the move

"I found them!" I heard him vell from the bedroom. 'Mystery solved!"

I am realizing how much I do on autopilot. I reach for a soap dispenser that isn't there. "Do I even have a soap dispenser?" I wonder.

I look in a likely box and notice something I'd forgotten about and I put that away and, when I do, I notice something else in a drawer where it shouldn't be and I move it. Suddenly, I find I am standing in the middle of the kitchen with no idea what I'm doing

"The soap dispenser!" I remind myself. I end up using the bar of soap in the

Then there are all the things we need contractors to do. Nobody is excited about renovating an old con-dominium when there is so much new construction go ing on, so my day is spent wheedling contractors to come over. We need electrical fixtures installed, we need the flooring repaired where a bump has developed, and we'd like to re-place the old yellow bathtub. Since I am better at whee-dling than Peter, I make these calls. I have particular success if the contractor is married and I can wheedle his wife. I did that this morning and got the electrician, George, to come out in less than an hour.

It was a busy morning. In addition to George, a selfdescribed "handyman" named Steve visited. Steve the handyman turned out to be quite handy and will be helping us out. George the electrician, however, turned out not to be an actual electrician, which was disappointing—especially after l had had such a friendly chat with his wife. Not to mention his card said "electrical

contractor" across the top.
"Nope," George said. "I
can't do that." Oh well.

Meanwhile our little bal of the whole place) is closed off for painting and maintenance

"How much maintenance can a balcony take?" I asked Peter. Apparently quite a lot, as they have scaffolding running up the building and yellow ribbon running across the balcony like the scene of a crime.

"Don't worry," Peter says.

"It will all get done."
And, of course, he is right. We will get rid of the bump in the floor (which seems to be growing) and we will get to enjoy our balcony and we will have our electrical fix-tures installed by someone who is actually an electrician. But for now, I am looking forlornly out at the forbidden balcony and won dering when this will feel like home.

We showed George the

bathtub, and he said he could replace it. I think my next call will be to a plumb er to see if he'd like to install some lighting fixtures. Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn  $more\ at\ Carrie Classon.com$ 



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### North Shore Rotary awards Paul Harris Fellow to Judge Joe Stephens



Judge Joe Stephens was awarded his first Paul Harris Fellow today at our club meeting. Presented by PDGs Bill Palko and Scott Rainey. The judge also pledged to be a Paul Harris Society member donating \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation every year. Thank you Judge Stephens.

### Constable gives Leadership Award

Please help us in congratulating Cpl. Shirley Morrison for receiving the department's first ever, Clinton Greenwood Leadership Award. This award is given to an individual that exceeds expectations, conquers any task given and who continuously displays the true characteristics of a leader. Congratulations Cpl. Morrison, you are truly deserving of this award.

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Transit Plus also allows for riders to transfer to existing Harris County routes servicing Sheldon, Channelview, Cloverleaf, Crosby, The Highlands, Baytown and La Porte, as well as the METRO Eastex Park and Ride where METRO fares apply.

Harris County Transit conducted a survey of approximately 97,000 residents in five zip codes to determine the specifications for Transit Plus. Funding for this project, slated to run through February 2022, is approximately \$285,000 and is provided by the Harris County Commissioners Court and the Federal

### NS Rotary hosts 4 Past District Governors at recent luncheon



DISTRICT 5890 PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS at a recent North Shore Rotary luncheon include John Painter, Bob Gebhard, Bill Palko, and Scott Rainey.

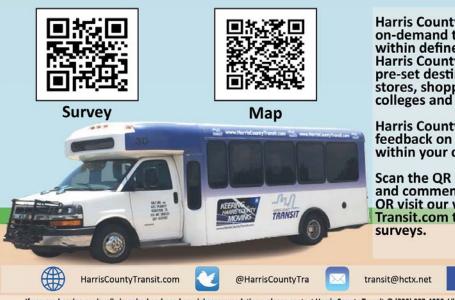




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