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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Crosby Rodeo Opens June 3rd for two weeks

The popular Crosby Rodeo opens this weekend, and runs June 3, 4, 10, 11. Each night includes a CPRA Rodeo and a featured entertainer.

Admission is \$20, and tickets are available on the website CrosbyRodeo.com.

JUNE 3, FRIDAY

5pm Cook-Off
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7:30pm BAG OF DONUTS

JUNE 4, SATURDAY

8am BBQ-Cookoff
10am Parade
7:30pm DREW PARKER

JUNE 7, TUESDAY

10am Cowpoke Pageant

JUNE 9, THURSDAY

4pm Buyers Dinner
5:45pm Awards
6:00pm Livestock Auction

JUNE 10, FRIDAY

10am-12pm FFA & 4-H Day
7:30pm CPRA
Championship Rodeo

JUNE 11, SATURDAY

10am Little Wrangler Rodeo
7:30pm CPRA
Championship Rodeo

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GP-JC Rotary Awards GPHS Scholarships



Scholarship recipients in alpha order: Francisco Barrientos, Carla Carranza, Nathalie De La Cruz, Carlos De Leon, Camila Flores, Ronaldo Guzman, Ayelen Plascencia-Marquez, Isabella Martinez, April Muñoz, Valeria Perez, Keven Reyna & Mikayla Sanchez. Not in the photo was Ahlyssa Seals and Deyanira Ramirez who were participating in a school activity.

FRONT ROW adults L-R: Front row- State Representative Ana Hernandez, Rotary President Elect Julien Guillory, GPISD Trustee Norma Hernandez, Rotary International Server Maria Cortez-Ochoa & Rotary Treasurer Jennifer Ledwith.

BACK ROW – L-R: GP Middle School Principal Lee Ramirez, Rotary member Larry Helgesen, Woodland Acres Middle School Principal Juan Ramirez, Rotary Past President current Assistant Governor & GPISD Police Chief Bryan Clements and Rotary President Brian Shepard.
(Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the Galena Park High School Library the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club gave fourteen college scholarships to graduating seniors (see names above).

Bryan Clements opened the event with a prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and explained

what the Rotary is. He said their Rotary Club has been in existence since 1950, and they give an average of \$20,000 in annual scholarships. Recipients must qualify based on their grades and extra activities by the clubs review committee.

Treasurer Jennifer Ledwith also explained how the decision is made for who gets the scholarships funds. She thanked

the Review Committee and announced the student's names as they came forward to obtain their Certificate of Scholarship from President Shepard.

Each student received \$1,000 except for two named scholarships. Ahlyssa Seals and Deyanira Ramirez got \$2,500 in the names of Dr. John Nichols and Mr. Abbi Awdi, both former loyal

supporters and contributors to the Rotary. They qualified for the larger amount based on their exceptional high grades and extra after school activities.

The Review Committee is Dr. Eileen Brightwell, Julien Guillory, Larry Helgesen, Norma Hernandez, Juan C. Ramirez, Marcos Ramos, Jaime Rocha and Brian Shephard.

State Representative Ana Hernandez greeted each student and presented them with a personal signed State of Texas Certificate of Congratulations. She said, "Congratulations, graduates! I am proud of your academic achievements and all you will continue to accomplish. The best is yet to come!"

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Galena Park's A.C. Bourgeois Celebrates 100th Birthday

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, Texas ~ Sunday, May 29, 2022 over 300 family members and friends of Archie Bourgeois turned out to help him celebrate his 100th birthday. Galena Park's Mayor, Esmeralda Moya presented him a Proclamation honoring his birthday and Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Garcia made a congratulatory speech.

Each of his children took to the stage and made personal comments about their upbringing and fond memories of their beloved dad. Guests enjoyed live music and refreshments of barb-b-q, birthday cake and other goodies. His family members wore tee shirts with Archie's favorite saying printed on them,



Archie Charles Bourgeois celebrates 100th birthday centered in white shirt with family members. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

EVERYTHING'S LOVE-LY.

Archie Charles Bourgeois was born in Franklin, Louisiana on June 1, 1922. He was the eldest of eight children. After losing his father at an early age, he worked odd jobs to help his mother raise his

siblings. In 1941, Archie enlisted into the US Army, serving as a Privet in the 96-engineer platoon. Archie and his platoon built and maintained airstrips for boomer planes in Australia, the Marshall Islands, New Genie, and throughout the Philippines. Archie

was honorable discharge in 1945 returning only to find that the "Jim Crow" south had not changed. As a result, he and a friend decided to pursue career opportunities with the auto industry in Detroit Michigan.

During a stay in Houston, Archie met and married

Lillie Baptiste in 1946 and moved to fifth ward in the heart of Houston. Archie attended barber college and, opened his own barbershop while starting a career with Southwestern Bell in 1948. Archie worked in maintenance repairing telephone cars and trucks and later became



GP Mayor Esmeralda Moya presents 100th birthday Proclamation to Archie C. Bourgeois.

the first African American to be promoted to a telephone installer and repairmen. In 1952, Archie and Lillie moved to Galena Park, TX where they raised 5 children and was married to Lillie for 67

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Uvalde mass shooting stirs up Gun Control debate

PROTESTS MOUNT AT NRA CONVENTION

HOUSTON – Protesters outside the NRA (National Rifle Association) national convention at GRB Convention Center this weekend, blamed the proliferation of guns and lack of regulations in Texas and nationwide with the increase in mass shootings, as evidenced recently in Texas with mass murders in Uvalde, Sante Fe, Sutherland Springs, El Paso, and Midland.

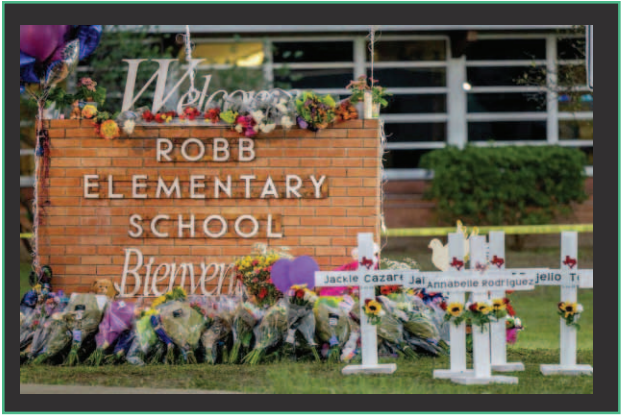
Last week's school shooting of 19 victims at Robb Elementary in Uvalde has focused the public's attention on the need for government



At a Press Conference in Uvalde after the shooting, Beto O'Rourke interrupts to shout at Governor Abbott "It's On You."



Speakers at the NRA Convention in Houston last weekend included Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, but Governor Abbott withdrew and sent a recorded message.



A Texas town, and a nation, mourn for the senseless killings of 21 victims in Uvalde.

leaders to increase restrictions on gun ownership, rather than loosen rules as has happened recently in Texas.

Speakers at the NRA convention talked of the increased safety by arming the public, but most public opinion rejected that theory, and called for action from government to bring a reduction

in shootings. Proponents of restrictions in gun sales and military style weapons, point to experience in other countries, such as Australia and New Zealand, where total bans on guns has brought a sharp reduction in killings, both mass shootings and individual deaths.

Even in Texas, they

point out that a ban on assault weapons was effective, but when it expired the number of deaths from mass shootings increased sharply.

The NRA convention drew a crowd of about 55,000 over 3 days, according to the city. Demonstrators called for a cancellation of the convention, but the City of Houston claimed that contractually they were unable.

Speakers at the convention included Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, but others including John Cornyn, Governor Greg Abbott, and Dan Patrick cancelled their appearances due to the proximity to the Uvalde massacre.

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SHELDON ISD NEWS

Week of May 31, 2022

Sheldon celebrates the Class of 2022

On May 27, Sheldon ISD graduated 641 seniors at C.E. King High School at Panther Stadium. The Class of 2022 was just sophomores when the pandemic occurred in March 2020. Half of their high school journey was spent in uncharted territory as the country navigated health and safety and instruction in a remote environment. The Class of 2022 at King High School had many accomplishments including a total of \$2.8 million in scholarships (\$1.2 million in academic and \$1.6 million in athletics).

The Early College High School graduated 39 students with associate's degrees out of 99 students for a total of 39% of the students in ECHS. This was Sheldon ISD's first time to have seven Dell Scholars, with a total of 500 nationwide. The Class of 2022 has approximately 126 industry-based certifications from the graduates. Roughly 156 students (84 from King High School and 72 from our Early College High School) have 15 or more dual credit hours. Congratulations to the Class of 2022.



Registration open for NEW pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students
Registration for the 2022-23 school year is now open for all new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students. The pre-kindergarten program is a full-day service, and students must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2022. To register, go to www.sheldonisd.com/register/
Sheldon offers Blue Card program for senior citizen residents
The Blue Card Program is an initiative to honor all of our supporters in the district who are age 65 or older. One of Sheldon ISD's goals is to create and fos-

ter an environment where all stakeholders are engaged and actively involved in the work we do for children. The success of our students is a shared responsibility of community members, parents, and educators, and we believe a community's collective power is greater than individual efforts. To sign up to be a Blue Card member, go to www.sheldonisd.com/bluecard/
Members receive free entry to district-sponsored fine arts and sporting events as well as a free luncheon each year with an opportunity to learn more about the district and engage with district leaders.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

Channelview ISD Welcomes New Director of System Integration

Channelview, TX – May 17, 2022: Andy Garcia has been selected as the new Director of Systems Integration for Channelview ISD.
Garcia has been supporting the technological needs of school districts across east Texas since 2020. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the district, serving as a database administrator and computer technician in LaPorte ISD and Barbers Hill ISD respectively.
“As Director of Systems Integration,

you can expect all applications to be used to their full capacity. Allowing automation of data to be implemented in the best, fastest, and most secure way to our 3rd party vendors,” said Garcia. “I’m excited to come to Channelview ISD to show our community how powerful technology is and how it can be implemented in an educational system.”
Garcia sets the precedent of becoming Channelview ISD's first Director of Systems of Integration.



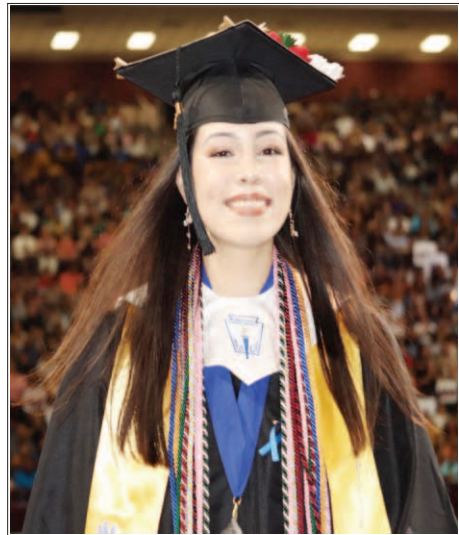
Channelview ISD Welcomes New Data Fellow



May 17, 2022—Celina Alanis has been selected as the new Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) Grant Data Fellow for Channelview ISD. The Data Fellow will build and refine the systems that support data driven instruction across the District.
Alanis has been working in education for the past 13 years. Alanis served the Houston ISD as a High School science teacher, Instructional Specialist, Data Driven Instruction Specialist, and Data Driven Instruction Specialist Department Manager. She began her current role of Schools Office Director in 2020, where she has supported campuses at all levels including, Early Childhood, Elementary, K-8, Montessori, Middle School, High School, and Specialty Schools. She currently serves as Schools Office Director of Middle and K-8

schools where she has worked collaboratively alongside principals, principal managers, and other executive leaders to increase student achievement and student growth.
Mrs. Alanis obtained her master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Psychology from the University of Houston Downtown. In 2021, she also completed the Executive Leadership Academy with Rice University.
“As a resident of Channelview, and a parent of two Channelview ISD students, I am excited about joining Channelview ISD and having a positive impact on student outcomes by supporting our schools, principals, teachers, and students,” said Mrs. Alanis

Congrats to the Channelview High School Class of 2022



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Community Resources

As you go throughout your week, how many people do you encounter who have needs? When you talk with these individuals, are you able to meet their needs? Do you have a current list of resources? To whom do you turn? Where do you look?

Over 40 years ago, there were individuals and families who had moved to the community from northeastern states. Many of these new Houstonians arrived with little. As the steel mills and other companies began to shut down, these newcomers often lost their savings as well as their hope. When they arrived, they had no idea of where to find help. At that time there were local churches that distributed food and sometimes a hot meal on weekdays. The Houston Foodbank began asking the community for donations of food and those donations were being directed to various churches and other organizations. Unfortunately, some of these new community members learned which day they could receive donations from the various organizations.

Around this same time, President Reagan introduced “The War on Drugs” to America. During the next few years, Texas was building more prisons. The majority of those found guilty of crimes relating to drugs were men. Once you take the breadwinner out of the home, you add more people to the growing list of those needing assistance. Texas was one of the states that also introduced “welfare to work” programs, designed to help welfare recipients an education as well as skills to find employment. Those needing assistance stretch the limits of the individual churches and organizations. A dozen of these churches joined together to found North Channel Assistance Ministries. Throughout the years, organizations such as the Rotary Club of North Shore as well as members of North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce raised money to help support NCAM. In the late 1990’s our community began to see another group of newcomers. Many of these newcomers were coming to Houston looking for opportunities to improve their lives as well as the lives of their families. While there were different opinions on if they could be arrested or allowed to stay here. I am not here to discuss these opinions; I am wanting to make readers aware as to how their arrival added to the needs for more resources. In addition, to the growing number of newcomers, there were now many of the incarcerated who were being released. As they came to Houston, there was a limited number of locations that would allow them to rent, as that was if they had a job or some type of financial assistance.

Some of the other stressors which strained resources included the lack of a full-time domestic violence shelter, programs to train the ex-offenders and a growing new drug known as crack. In addition, society had few choices but to accept children being born out of wedlock, since abortion had been legalized in the 1970’s. As with many other changes, society was becoming more of an influencer than families, churches and even schools. With all of this, resources were tightening up and more. In some ways, this caused organizations and individuals seek funding for resources. And even though there are many resources, do you know how to find them? Check back next week to learn more.

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North Shore Rotary supports livestock sale at Channelview FFA

North Shore Rotarians pose with the Championship Pig they purchased at the Channelview FFA Livestock Show & Sale.

North Shore Rotarians turned out with a large presence, to support the students in the Channelview FFA program.

Fatal Hit & Run of Pedestrian at 8600 East Freeway

Houston police are investigating a fatal hit-and-run crash at 8600 East Freeway (East Interstate Highway 10) about 10:25 p.m. on Thursday (May 5).

The identity of the male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant P. Pham and Officer J. Trevino reported:

The victim, a pedestrian, was walking in a moving lane of traffic in the eastbound lanes on the freeway at the above address when he was struck by an unknown vehicle on the entrance ramp to U.S. Highway 90. Paramedics pronounced the victim deceased. The driver fled the scene without stopping to render aid.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “What’s the Birthstone for the month of June?”

JUNE BIRTHSTONES

June counts three gems as birthstones: pearl, Alexandrite, and moonstone.

Pearl

Pearls are unique as they are the only gems from living sea creatures and require no faceting or polishing to reveal their natural beauty. In the early 1900s, the first successful commercial culturing of round saltwater pearls began. Since the 1920s, cultured pearls have almost completely replaced natural pearls in the market.

The qualities that determine the overall value of a natural or cultured pearl or a piece of pearl jewelry are size, shape, color, luster, surface quality, nacre quality, and, for jewelry with two or more pearls, matching. When other value factors are equal, larger pearls are rarer and more valuable than smaller pearls of the same type. Round is the most difficult shape to culture, making it the rarest cultured pearl shape and—if all other factors are equal—also generally the most valuable. There are exceptions, though. Well-formed pear, oval, or baroque (irregularly shaped) cultured pearls are also prized by pearl lovers.

Natural and cultured pearls occur in a broad range of hues. There are warm hues like yellow, orange, and pink, and cool hues like blue, green, and violet. Pearls have a wide range of tone from light to dark. Pearl colors tend to be muted, with a soft, subtle quality.

Alexandrite

A relatively modern gem, Alexandrite, was first discovered in Russia in 1831 during the reign of its namesake, Czar Alexander II, and is an extremely rare chrysoberyl with chameleon-like qualities. Its color is a lovely green in both daylight and fluorescent light; it changes color to a purplish red in incandescent light.

Due to its rarity, some jewelers stock lab grown versions of this enchanting gemstone. (lab grown gemstones are man-made alternatives to the natural mined stones, possessing the same physical, optical, and chemical properties as the natural gemstone.) Alexandrite is also the gem for the 55th wedding anniversary.

Moonstone

The third birthstone for June is the moonstone. It was given its name by the Roman natural historian Pliny, who wrote that moonstone’s appearance altered with the phases of the moon — a belief that held until well after the sixteenth century. A phenomenal gemstone, moonstones show a floating play of light (called adularescence) and sometimes show either a multi-rayed star or a cat’s eye.

Considered a sacred stone in India, moonstones often are displayed on a background of yellow (a sacred color) and are believed to encapsulate within the stone a spirit whose purpose is to bring good fortune. Part of the family of minerals called feldspar, moonstone occurs in many igneous and metamorphic rocks and comes in a variety of colors such as green, blue, peach, and champagne. The most prized moonstones are from Sri Lanka; India, Australia...the United States, Myanmar, and Madagascar are also sources.

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COUNTY TALK

Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was written before the Uvalde school shooting, and emphasizes the need for gun control reform.

Judge Hidalgo voices concern over increase in gun violence; criticizes NRA

HOUSTON – Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioner Adrian Garcia held a news conference Tuesday to release new data showing an increase in guns being used in homicides in Harris County.

This comes ahead of the National Rifle Association's annual meeting in Houston.

According to data from the county's Institute for Forensic Sciences, the percentage of homicides involving a gun increased from 76% in 2018 to 84% in 2021. Preliminary data from 2022 shows that guns have been involved in 87% of homicides.

Additionally, Hidalgo's office said 2021 data showed that Black residents were disproportionately victims of gun homicides, comprising 55% of all gun homicides in the county.

“Over the past couple of weeks, our nation has had to endure yet another spate of mass shootings and tragedies driven by gun violence,” Hidalgo said, mentioning the recent deadly shootings in Buffalo, Milwaukee, and the shooting at a flea market in northwest Harris County. “We cannot talk about addressing violent crime without also addressing the role guns play in violent crime.”

Hidalgo's office said research shows states with “weaker” gun laws suffer from higher rates of gun deaths, including homicides, suicides, and accidental killings. Between 2011 and 2020, data suggested that the rate of gun homicides in Texas increased by 90%, the judge said.



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“The reason is simple — there is a very powerful gun lobby that cares more about their own special interests than the safety of that community, and that very powerful gun lobby feels so emboldened as to have a major conference right here in Harris County,” Hidalgo said.

Hidalgo announced her intent to introduce a resolution dedicating the month of June “Gun Violence Prevention Month” to honor the lives of the thousands of victims who have lost their lives to gun violence in Harris County.

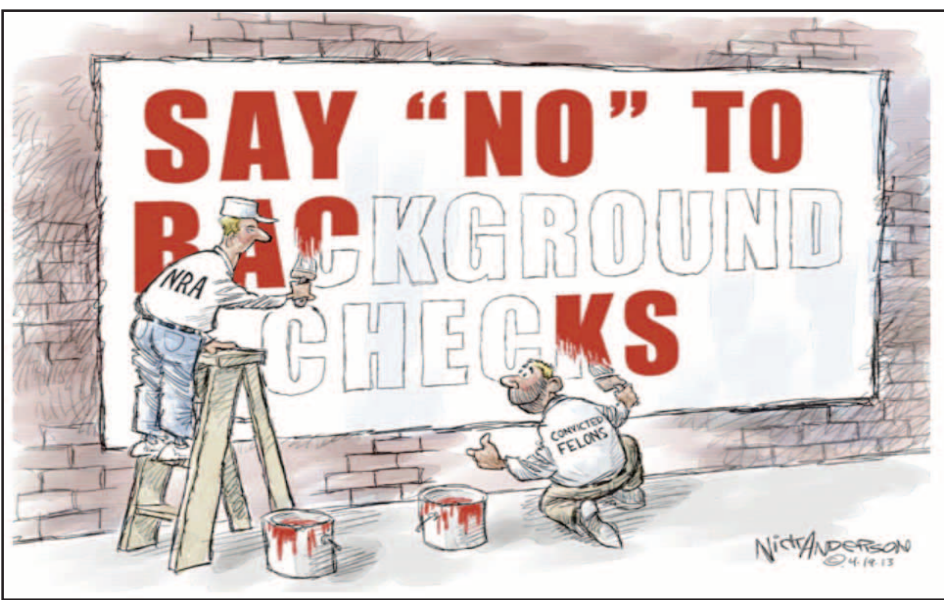
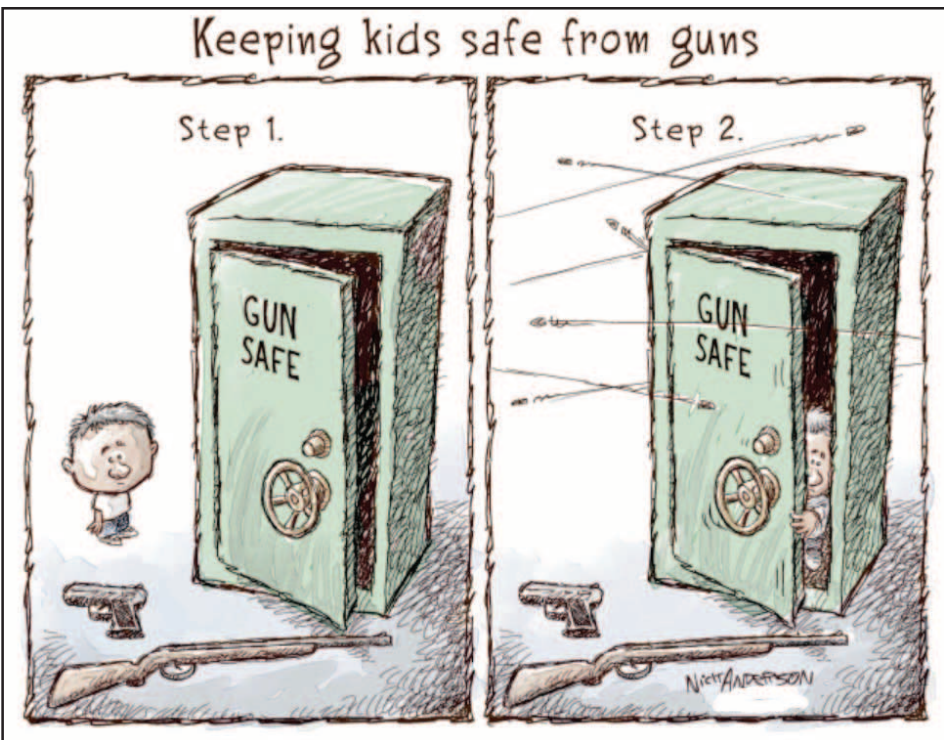
“This is about ensuring that people understand the responsibility that goes with gun ownership,” Garcia said. “It speaks to the reality that a gun left unlocked, left within the reach of a child, left unsecured in a vehicle can ultimately cause harm in a home, in a family, but also be at the reach of an evildoer who will use that weapon against one of our law enforcement officers or another member of the community.”

According to data released by the CDC this month, firearm deaths have surpassed car accidents as the number one killer of young people in the United States.

“If you want to be for guns, encourage common-sense regulations, common-sense safety measures, and fund law enforcement to go after those who will use those gun switchers, those Glock switchers that we have seen that cause incredible harm,” Garcia said.

The National Rifle Association issued a statement in response saying, “Politicians like Judge Hidalgo embrace policies that release violent criminals onto streets without a hint of justice while the NRA champions the right of law-abiding gun owners to defend themselves, their loved ones, and their homes. While Hidalgo continues to side with criminals, the NRA makes no apologies for standing with law-abiding citizens.”

Cartoonist Nick Anderson says he has drawn too many gun violence toons over the years:



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sen. Carol Alvarado on Gun Safety Reform

Austin, TX — The Texas Senate Democratic Caucus sent the following letter to Governor Abbott:

Dear Governor Abbott:

The members of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus urge you to immediately call an emergency special session to address gun violence in Texas in the wake of this latest gut-wrenching tragedy. We demand that this special session include passage of legislation that would:

- Raise the minimum age to purchase a firearm to 21;
- Require universal background checks for all firearm sales;
- Implement “red flag” laws to allow the temporary removal of firearms from those who are an imminent danger to themselves or others;
- Require a “cooling off” period for the purchase of a firearm; and
- Regulate civilian ownership of high capacity magazines.

Texas has suffered more mass shootings over the past decade than any other state. In Sutherland Springs, 26 people died. At Santa Fe High School, 10 people died. In El Paso, 23 people died at a Walmart. Seven people died in Midland-Odessa. After each of these mass killings, you have held press conferences and roundtables promising things would change. After the slaughter of 19 children and two teachers in Uvalde, those broken promises have never rung more hollow. The time to take real action is now.

“Thoughts and prayers” are not enough. Lamenting the fact that “evil” walks among us is not enough. Laying the blame at the feet of a broken mental health care system—that you and other state leaders continue to underfund severely—is not enough. We need evidence-based, common sense gun safety laws. Without a doubt, if at least some of the measures noted above had been passed since 2018, then many lives could have been saved.

We must address the physical and mental health of our nation, and confront the public health issue at hand—gun violence. Guns should not be easier to access than health insurance, baby formula, voting, books and enlisting in the military. We are not trying to take away Second Amendment rights. Instead, we are asking for reasonable laws or restrictions that will create a safer Texas for all of us. Taking action requires bravery. The proposed solutions are not new. We cannot wait for another tragedy to occur. Texas has the power to protect its people; it is time we do so.

We ask you, Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Speaker Phelan to step up and join us in passing common sense gun safety measures that are supported by a vast majority of Texans and could help keep a gun out of the hands of the next would-be mass shooter.

The Texas Senate Democratic Caucus represents urban and rural communities across the state, serving more than 12 million Texans. The 13 current members are Chair Carol Alvarado (Houston), Vice Chair Nathan Johnson (Dallas), John Whitmire (Houston), Judith Zaffirini (Laredo), Eddie Lucio, Jr. (Brownsville), Royce West (Dallas), Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa (McAllen), José Menéndez (San Antonio), Borris Miles (Houston), Beverly Powell (Fort Worth), Sarah Eckhardt (Austin), Roland Gutierrez (San Antonio) and César Blanco (El Paso).

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EHCEC meets with Galena Park ISD Leadership Council



EHCEC - East Harris County Empowerment Council is at Galena Park ISD Administration Building.
Yesterday at 9:54 AM · Channelview · 🌐

Enjoying the morning with the @GalenaParkISD Community Leadership Council. Thank you to the many community volunteers who participate to make our community better for all.

Uvalde mass shooting stirs up Gun Control debate

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BETO O'ROURKE AND SHEILA JACKSON LEE AT THE NRA PROTEST AT DISCOVERY GREEN LAST FRIDAY. SEE STORY FOR BETO'S REMARKS.
(Photo Courtesy Courthouse News/Karen Yip)

Trump in his speech called for a series of measures that largely mirrored what other Republicans had proposed throughout the day: Schools with a single entryway, with armed guards stationed there, and exit-only fire escapes. He also said some teachers should be allowed to carry firearms.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott canceled his planned appearance at the NRA convention and instead pre-recorded a video in which he was dismissive of calls for gun reforms.

“Remember this: There are thousands of laws on the books across the country that limit the owning or using of firearms, laws that have not stopped madmen from carrying out evil acts on innocent people in peaceful communities,” he said.

In his remarks, Ted Cruz said “The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun,”

Cruz, meanwhile, blamed a “cultural sickness,” including fatherless children and video games, for mass shootings. He said schools should have a single entry point defended by multiple armed guards.

In celebration of its 150th anniversary, the NRA went big for its Texas meeting, with a sign outside the convention center promising “14 acres of guns and gear.”

Guns of all shapes and sizes were on display, from antique pistols to automatic weapons, with some decorated in camouflage and others in American flags. Hundreds of vendors

set up booths for the weekend, selling ammunition and a variety of gun paraphernalia.

Outside the convention center, thousands gathered for a protest organized by gun control advocacy groups including the Harris County Democratic Party.

Many there said they were furious that the NRA would go on with its convention after a school shooting in the state just days earlier.

The focus of those protesting in Houston on Friday, in speeches and interviews, was on guns. Many argued for a ban on the sale of assault rifles.

Among the demonstrators was Beto O'Rourke, the Democratic challenger to Governor Greg Abbott in November's general election. Beto has called for “red flag” laws and a ban on the sale of AR-15s, sought to extend an olive branch to NRA members.

“To those who are attending the NRA convention across the street: You are not our enemies. We are not yours. We extend our hand, open and unarmed, in a gesture of peace and fellowship, to welcome you to join us to make sure this no longer happens in this country,” O'Rourke said during a speech at the protest.

“But the time for you to respond and join us is now. We cannot wait any longer for you,” he said. “Those who will be the victims of the next mass shooting unless we act are counting on us at this moment. So please join us now or be left behind.”

A.C. Bourgeois 100th Birthday Celebration,

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years until her death in 2013. Archie has 16 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren.

Archie retired after 37 years of service with Southwestern Bell and later served as a mentor for two years at the juvenile correction center in Houston, Texas.

Archie and his family join the Historical Bethel Baptist Church where he served as an usher Trustee and Deacon for over 50 years. More recently, Archie has served as a Deacon at Sweet Homes Baptist Church over the past 15 years. As we celebrate his 100 birthday, Archie remains in good health, staying active while cooking, cleaning.

Archie's greatest joy in life comes from seeing his family live happy productive lives. Just ask him and he will tell you, EVERYTHING'S LOVELY.

His Children: John, David, Jeffery, and Karen Bourgeois (Ronnie died 2010)

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Lillie Mae Bourgeois
Family Tea Cake Recipe

Ingredients
1c Butter (2sticks soft)
1 + c Sugar
+ teaspoon Salt
3 Eggs
1 + teaspoons Vanilla Extract
1 teaspoon Baking Soda
2 teaspoon Nutmeg (1Tablespoon for more flavor teacake)
4 + c Flour
Sift flour, soda, salt and nutmeg (set aside)
Cream sugar and butter than add one eggs at a time and vanilla extract
Mix the Flour mixture in with the cream mixture to make a dough
Using a flat surf spread out some flour laying half of your dough on it
Using a rolling pen roll out your dough cut with a 2-inch cookie cutter or a drinking glass
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