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## Giant Fireworks Display celebrates the 4th of July



**GP/JC 2022 FIREWORKS SHOW CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
By Allan Jamail  
July 4, 2022 - Galena Park and Jacinto City had their annual 4th of July celebration at a safe location between the two cities. The thousands of celebrants were allowed to get as near as safely possible to watch the display. Lon Squyres, Jacinto City's City Manager said this year's fireworks show cost twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) with both cities splitting the cost. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

## GP and JC police will enforce Hot Weather Safety for Pets

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. – July 4, 2022 – Galena Park Police Chief Richard Wagner and Jacinto City Police Chief Joe Ayala and their officers will be keeping a careful watch for possible dangers or difficulties the city's pets may encounter this hot summer.

Chief Wagner said, "If people would test their own foot to the temperature of where their pet's paw is on then they'd understand the pain their pet is being exposed to. If it's too hot for your foot, it's too hot for their paw."

Galena Park Officer E. Reyna said people take their pets out for a walk without concern for their need of water or about the scorching pavement on their paws. He said if they'd imagine their dog asking, "What would it be like if you walked a mile in my paws on the hot pavement and without water?"

Detective Jessica Bolanos said, "A pet is no different than us humans



Galena Park Police Chief Richard Wagner (left) and Galena. Galena an AKC registered one year old English Bulldog has won the hearts of the police department's personnel. She goes office to office getting all the love and attention and healthy treats a one year old could hope for. Her name on her registered paper is Galena, but the personnel have tagged her several other nicknames, Boo Boo and Lena short for Galena. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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## 50 YEARS OF SERVICE: ONE MAN, ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

It was June 1972 when 13-year old Sidney Webb, Jr. joined Sheldon Volunteer Fire Department, in an eastern suburb of Houston. The department was formed in 1965 by former retired Air Force Capt. Paul V. Reed, who saw the need for a fire department and ambulance service for the area. It was during a time when the founders often used homemade firetrucks and water hoses to extinguish fires and tend to the sick and injured. Fire crews were small but served when the need arose.

Sidney joined as a Junior Firefighter. His main duties at the time were cleaning and rolling up hose for the fire trucks and washing ambulances returning from calls. As he matured he went on to take various firefighting training and Emergency Medical Tech training for their ambulance service. He later became Ambulance Chief for the department. At one point he was both Fire and Ambulance Chief.

The response area was approximately 50 miles with limited hospital and medical outlets nearby. The annual fire department budget was under \$10,000 a year. From 1955 to 2003 the fire department was exclu-



CHIEF WEBB AT DEDICATION OF NEW STATION 33

sively volunteer. Sidney's parents also served with the fire department. His mother was a dispatcher via a phone tree to the volunteers. To call out the firefighters, a Q2 air horn siren was blast over the neighborhood. Since

then, Sheldon has had extensive growth with residents and industry. The area has an estimated population of 175,000 residents and response area of 100 miles. One home-based station has expanded into three with another in the building process now at a cost of \$14 million. The department has over 1,800 calls per year, 26 full-time firefighters, 32 part-time firefighters on staff and is overseen by Harris County ESD#60. Chief Webb and Sheldon Community Fire & Rescue would like to thank the community for their continued support.



CHIEF WEBB AT THE "PUSH-IN" OF A NEW HIGH WATER TRUCK HE HELPED DESIGN.



FOUR NEW SHELDON HIGH WATER FIRE TRUCKS

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# Channelview Health & Improvement Coalition

### A voice for Channelview

As part of C.H.I.C.'s initiative to improve Channelview, C.H.I.C. has adopted Sheldon Rd. from Market St. to Woodforest Blvd. and is endeavoring to beautify and keep this area clean. To achieve this goal C.H.I.C holds monthly trash and debris removal with community members and volunteers and quarterly clean ups and beautification efforts in partnership with Harris County Precinct 2.

### 2022 Sheldon Rd. Clean Up Schedule

Clean Ups will be held:  
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Or 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. as needed

### Meet Up location is usually held at:

Foodtown parking lot  
435 Sheldon Rd.  
Channelview, TX 77530  
\*May 21st  
\*June 23rd  
\*July 16th  
\*August 20th Quarterly assist with Pct. 2  
\*September 17th  
\*October 15th  
\*November 19th  
\*December 3rd & 17th

\* December clean up is scheduled, but may be rescheduled or not be held due to the holiday season.  
Volunteers do not have to stay the entire length of the cleanup, participation of any length of time will be greatly appreciated.  
Please Wear Bright Clothing. Preferably Safety Yellow or OrangeShirts or Vests if you have them.  
Contact us at C.H.I.C.77530@gmail.com  
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CVISD Interact students cleaning at the railroad tracks.



Removing the overgrowth – Theresa Blackwood, D.I.D.U's Christin Blankenship



C.H.I.C. Sheldon Rd Cleanup partnering with Pct.2 group photo



One of the two fire hydrants revealed during 05-21-22 Sheldon Rd. Trimming & Cleanup



Removing trash from Sheldon Rd – CVISD Family & Community Partnership Coordinator Anthony Mireles



Part of the 05-21-22 cleanup volunteers – D.I.D.U. Francisco Tijero, Theresa Blackwood, Carolyn Stone, Jennie Ramsey, Pct 2 Nelson Espitia, D.I.D.U. Christin Blankenship and CVISD Anthony Mireles



Determined to get the job done – Cindy Miller, Cass Oman, Jennie Ramsey and Tanya Oman



Cleaning the median near



Preparing for Sheldon Rd. cleanup – Carolyn Stone, Jennie Ramsey & Pct. 2 Nelson Espitia



The right tools make the job easier and allow more area to be covered.



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



In the Heat

These past few days have been hot. Not just hot, but sweltering. I am so thankful that I work inside an air-conditioned building that is less than five minutes from my home. And when I drive to work, I am in my air-conditioned vehicle. My home air conditioner works great, even though I am someone who rarely turns the unit on. I typically leave a fan running all day and the apartment stays cool.

Many of you are aware that I work with many senior adults. My coworkers and I call them weekly to see how they are doing. Each week many tell me they have no air conditioning. Even though there are a few programs in the county to provide portable units to seniors, the need is much greater. Recently, an employee of a local non-profit called to see if I knew of any seniors who needed a box fan. At the time, I had a list of five who had shared that they needed one. The caller's timing was perfect. By this past Friday, the seniors had received the fans and were beginning to cool off.

Like many of you, while I am in the community, I see individuals often soliciting money at the intersections. There are various reactions to these people. Some people will hand them change. Others will look away from them. Some will drop food off to them. There are some people who will lecture them about finding a job. I honestly do not believe anyone enjoys standing in the heat and facing more rejections than handouts.

There are mornings that I travel down Woodforest Boulevard and see older adults walking around the local track. I see younger adults running along the sidewalk. And too often there are loose dogs along the route. I sometimes wonder if there is any water along the way for any of the people or the dogs.

Working with law enforcement officers, I think about the various professions of have employees out in the heat. The many landscapers and construction workers need to stay hydrated, but I often wonder, I think about er if they packed enough water for their day. And as a mother, I think about how many children are left at home during the long summer days and wonder if they are drinking enough water or are they drinking sugary drinks?

I mention these thoughts to plant a seed in your mind and even in your heart. Cases of bottled water are affordable. Often you can find box fans or rotating fans for less than a couple of premium coffees or a dinner out. In the heat of the summer, you might want to pick up some water, put it in the refrigerator and pass it out to any of the people mentioned above. You may want to purchase a fan or two and donate them to a senior citizen. During the heatwave, if you would like to see how you can help others, contact me.

Be blessed and be a blessing to others.

Hot Weather Pet Safety,

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when it comes to needing to be hydrated in the triple digit high temperatures.”

Jacinto City Police Chief Joe Ayala has said his officers would be extra vigilant this summer on pet care. He urges citizens to call and report anonymously if they desire to report animal cruelty.

Most all children naturally want a pet, but one of the worst things parents can do is to get a pet and then neglect it and let the pet suffer and not be cared for. It's a parent's responsibility to teach their child how to provide for their pet with water and food. In the first place people should never get a pet if they don't have the means for caring for it properly. But if they get one and then later realize they can't properly care for it, they should give it to someone who will or call one of the many pet care facilities.

Pets should be vaccinated against the rabies and other diseases' and given heart worm prevention medication. Heart worms are easy for a pet to get by being bitten by a mosquito when taken outside or if they're an outside pet.

Dogs kept outdoors are the most common pets to be mistreated, 70 percent of animal cruelty cases is dogs. With daytime temperatures in the high 90's and 100's it doesn't take long before a pet can have a heat stroke.

Warning signs of a heat stroke in a dog can be recognized by the early warning sign of their mouth becoming partially open and panting or breathing with short quick breaths like it's out of breath. If their mouth becomes fully open with rapid pants it means the dog is on the verge of a heat stroke. It must immediately be cooled off by putting it in front of a fan or into air-conditioning and given fresh cool water. If the symptoms persist quickly get it to a veterinarian.

Dogs sweat and cool-off by drooling (dripping) from the mouth, small amounts of dripping from the mouth is normal but a constant large amount of drooling (sweating) is a sign of over-heating and the dog cannot cool itself off without help; it will need lots of water to prevent dehydration (inadequate body fluids) and a heat stroke.

It's a serious crime to abandon an animal for a unreasonably long time and or leaving it in a hot vehicle, transporting or confining it in a cruel manner, permitting unjustified or unwarranted pain or suffering or failing to provide fresh cool water, food and shelter for a animal to maintain a state of good health, are crimes.

Texas law provides filing animal cruelty charges either as a felony or misdemeanor, the severity of cruelty will determine which of the two types of charges will be filed against the pet owner or keeper of the pet. If convicted of felony animal cruelty punishment can be up to two years in jail and or a \$10,000 fine. Also any animals in your direct care may be removed by a local humane society or law enforcement. You may be prohibited from owning animals in the future. Persons convicted under the age of 18 are also required to undergo counseling.

Phone numbers for reporting animal cruelty: Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 713-869-7722 (HSPCA), they also provide a 7/24 animal ambulance for injured animals at 713-880-HELP (4357) and Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force 832-927-7297 (PAWS).

Texas criminal laws can be enforced by any law enforcement agency including animal cruelty laws. Phone numbers to keep in your cell phone for reporting any crime: Houston Police – 713-884-3131, Harris County Sheriff Office 713-221-6000, Jacinto City Police – 713-672-2455, Galena Park Police – 713-675-3471, Constable Pct. 2 Jerry Garcia - 713-477-4070, Constable Pct. 3 Sherman Eagleton - 713-274-2500.

Coming soon will be the Texas New Leash Law passed this past session. Allanj211@aol.com

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “How much will it cost to do this job?”



CUSTOMER: “How much will it cost to do this job?”  
CONTRACTOR: “\$2,800 Dollars.”  
CUSTOMER: “That's WAY too expensive for this job!!”  
CONTRACTOR: “How much do YOU think it should cost?”  
CUSTOMER: “No more than \$800 Dollars - MAX!! It's a simple job!”  
CONTRACTOR: “I can't prioritize my time for so little.”  
CUSTOMER: “People in your line of work are so greedy.”  
CONTRACTOR: “Sorry you feel that way. Why not do it yourself?”  
CUSTOMER: “But... but... I don't know how to do any of this.”  
CONTRACTOR: “For \$900 Dollars, I'll teach you EXACTLY how to get this job done. Then you can spend \$800 to do the job and you'll still be saving \$1,100 Dollars - PLUS... you'll get the knowledge and experience for the next time you want to do a job yourself.”  
CUSTOMER: “Deal!! Let's do it.”  
CONTRACTOR: To get started you'll need tools. So you'll have to buy a welder, a grinder, a chop saw, a drill press, a welding hood, gloves and a few other things.”  
CUSTOMER: “But I don't have all this equipment and I can't buy all of these for one job.”  
CONTRACTOR: “Well then for another \$300 more I'll let you rent my tools... and you'll still be saving \$800 Dollars.”  
CUSTOMER: “That's cutting into my savings. But I'll rent your tools.”  
CONTRACTOR: “Okay! I'll be back on Saturday and we can start.”  
CUSTOMER: “Wait. I can't on Saturday. I only have time today.”  
CONTRACTOR: “Sorry, I only give lessons on Saturday, because I have to prioritize my time and my tools have to be at other jobs with other customers all week long.”  
CUSTOMER: “Okay!! I'll sacrifice my family plans on Saturday.”  
CONTRACTOR: “Yeah... me too. Oh... and I forgot... to do your job yourself, you also have to pay for the materials. Everything is in high demand right now, so your best bet is to get your truck and load up at 6AM before everyone else gets there.”  
CUSTOMER: “SIX AM??? On a Saturday??? That's way to early for me. And also... I don't have a truck.”  
“CONTRACTOR: “I guess you'll have to rent one. Do you have a couple of strong men to help you load and unload everything?”  
CUSTOMER: “Ummm... ya know... I've been thinking. It's probably best if YOU get this job done. I'd rather pay someone to get it done correctly than go through all the hassle.”  
CONTRACTOR: “Smart move, sign this and please get out of the way so I can work.”  
THE REALITY IS THIS...

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- Tools
- Services
- Time
- Punctuality
- Accountability
- Professionalism
- Accuracy
- Labor
- Sacrifices
- Safety and Security
- Payment of tax obligations

No one should denigrate a professional's work by judging prices - ESPECIALLY when they don't know all the elements or costs necessary for the production of such work.

This was just a remix of an old story I once heard and I am sharing this in support of craftsmen, specialists and entrepreneurs everywhere!

You can't haggle over a service that you don't actually have the skills or knowledge to do yourself. You can't get a high quality gourmet dinner party for the same price as a Happy Meal from McDonald's. And you can't be mad when skilled people actually KNOW their own worth.

Be smart. Trust a reputable professional. And never forget... that you ALWAYS get what you pay for.

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OPINION

By Grace Chimene, President  
League of Women Voters of Texas

## LWV comments on Supreme Court abortion ruling

Austin, TX – On June 24, 2022, all abortion clinics in Texas stopped providing abortion services. This will have devastating consequences for Texas women.

The United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* on June 24, 2022. In this opinion, the Court overturned almost 50 years of precedent going back to its seminal decision in *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that found that women have a constitutional right to abortion. As a result of the *Dobbs* opinion, there is no longer a recognized federal constitutional right to an abortion. Women’s rights will be determined by their state legislatures.

During the last Texas legislative session, a so-called “trigger law” was enacted which bans abortions in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*. This ban becomes effective 30 days after the issuance of a Supreme Court decision overruling *Roe*. There are no exceptions for pregnancies that result from rape or incest. There is an exception if the physician determines that the woman has a life-threatening physical condition that places her at risk of death or substantial impairment of a major bodily function.

However, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued an advisory that prosecutors could immediately pursue prosecutions based upon Texas law that pre-dated the 1973 *Roe* decision. As a result of questions regarding when an abortion ban would become effective, abortion funds and providers have paused their operations.

“The League of Women Voters of Texas strongly supports women’s access to comprehensive reproductive health services, including safe, legal abortions. The *Dobbs* opinion is an affront to the dignity of women and their ability to make their own decisions regarding their bodies and their futures. This decision puts the health of millions of women in danger, and it creates a hardship on women who do not have the financial means to travel out of Texas for abortion services,” explained Joyce LeBombard, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

The League of Women Voters has been advocating for reproductive justice for forty years. The League of Women Voters of the United States provided this statement on June 24, 2022.

The Texas League will continue to fight for both state and federal legislation that protects women’s liberties and their right of self-determination as to their reproductive choices, including abortion access.

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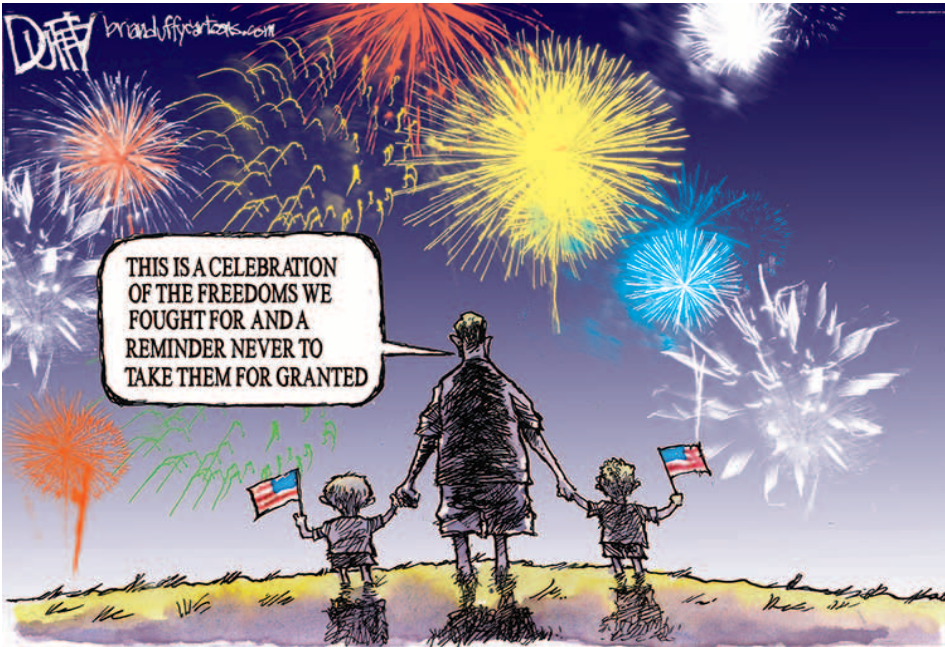
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



## Abortion now Officially Illegal in Texas

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe vs. Wade* effectively ends all legal abortions in Texas within the next 30 days, many news media outlets reported.

“Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman’s Health, with clinics across Texas, stopped performing abortions following Friday’s decision, due to uncertainty about how the ruling will affect the state’s trigger law and a long-standing ban on abortion that predates *Roe v. Wade*, officials with those organizations said,” according to the [Austin American-Statesman](#).

“Texas is a pro-life state, and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life,” Gov. Greg Abbott said in an issued statement.

Beto O’Rourke, Abbott’s Democratic opponent in the November gubernatorial election, said on Twitter, “I will always fight for a woman’s freedom to make her own decisions about her own body, health care, and future.”

### STATE SENATOR SUES DPS OVER UVALDE RECORDS

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who represents Uvalde, has sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over records relating to the Uvalde school shooting that have been withheld.

“In the wake of the senseless tragedy, the people of Uvalde and Texas have demanded answers from their government. To date, they have been met with lies, misstatements, and shifts of blame,” Gutierrez said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday, according to the [Texas Tribune](#).

Both state and local Uvalde officials are contesting releasing the records that could shed light on the botched emergency response to the shooting, which killed 19 children and two teachers. Law enforcement responding to the shooting waited more than an hour before breaking into the



classroom to kill the shooter. Meanwhile,

Gov. Greg Abbott said his office has been transparent in providing information since the May 24 massacre, in a statement released by his press secretary: “The governor and his office will continue making all available information public, including the full results of the ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI. The governor wants all facts of this tragedy to be made public as quickly as possible and will do his part to achieve that goal.”

### WILDFIRE RISKS GROW AS HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

The risk of wildfire across a large swath of Texas continues as the state enters summer after enduring a hot, dry spring.

The [Texas A&M Forest Service](#) reported that last week marked the third week in a row with high-pressure weather systems dominating the state.

Above-normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are again forecast throughout Texas. As a result, the forest service reported responding to seven wildfires that burned more than 1,000 acres as of late last week. All but one had been contained — the Dempsey Fire in Palo Pinto County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres.

A total of 160 Texas counties have enacted burn bans to date.

### DRUNK DRIVERS CAUSE ONE IN FOUR STATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

One in four traffic deaths on Texas roads last year were caused by drunk drivers, while more than 25,000 traffic crashes involved drunk driving — up 9% over 2020.

The Texas Department of Transportation has again launched its “Faces of Drunk Driving” campaign to remind motorists of the human toll a drunk-driving crash causes on the lives of both victims and survivors. The campaign features testimonials from both victims of drunk drivers and drunk drivers as well.

“Every crash and every death caused by a drunk driver is 100% preventable,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “We hope these personal accounts from real offenders and survivors wake people up to the consequences of drinking and driving. Always get a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, rideshare app, or calling a friend—or simply stay where you are.”

### APPLICATIONS TO BECOME A ‘BIRD CITY’ NOW ACCEPTED

It’s time for cities to go to the birds.

Audubon Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are accepting applications from communities that would like to receive Bird City Texas certification. The program, in its fourth year, recognizes the contributions that communities make to improve nature in and around where people live, work and play.

“All communities, big and small, are eligible to participate,” says Richard Heilbrun with TPWD. “Bird City Texas is a great way to demonstrate that a community values nature, that they’re willing to improve that nature, and that residents are encouraged to get outside and experience nature.”

Certification is based on work in three categories: education and engagement, habitat management and improvement and removal of threats to birds. Community residents are encouraged to be part of the process, Heilbrun said.

Applications for Bird City certification will be accepted through Dec. 2, but applications must be started by Nov. 1. More information can be found here: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/wildlife/birding/bird-city-texas>.

### COVID-19 CASES UP, DEATHS DOWN

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University rose once again in Texas the past week, with 61,682 reported — up 28% from the previous week, though deaths dropped sharply to 66. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Texas hospitals rose to 2,055, up 17.6% from the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By  
Carrie Classon

## “Forgotten Salves”

I was packing for our recent trip to Mexico when I found the old tube of V05.

“Do I still have this?” Apparently, I did.

Even though my husband, Peter, and I had moved a year ago, a lot of forgotten salves and soaps and lotions of various types had made the move with us. They sat in storage in the bathroom, pretending they had some reason to exist. I decided to do something about it.

“All the misfit and forgotten products are coming to Mexico!” I announced.

There was the expensive moisturizer I’d picked up when I was in Europe. It smelled funny and had a weird texture, but I felt guilty throwing it out. There was a giant bottle of body lotion I’d been given by my sister-in-law, Shelley. There were a couple smaller bottles of various things, and there was an ancient half-used tube of V05. They all went into my suitcase, and off we went.

My plan worked exactly as I hoped.

Peter started using the peculiar-smelling European lotion. He claimed it had no smell at all—but that’s Peter for you. I started slathering on Shelley’s lotion, but was distressed to see it was not soaking in. Finally, in frustration, I got out my reading glasses to see what this stuff was made of.

“Body soap” it said, plain as day. “Well. That explains it!” The lotion was demoted to the shower, where it did just fine for its intended purpose.

But the biggest surprise was the V05.

It was in a metal tube with the paint peeling off and I had been moving it around with me since before my grandmother died 15 years earlier. My father’s mother swore by V05.

“It’s not just good for your hair!” she insisted. She said it was good for scratches on wooden furniture and dry cuticles and many other uses I’ve since forgotten, which explains why I’d been hanging on to this tube for 20 years.

In Mexico, with nothing else to tame my frizzy, fly-away hair, I finally tried it.

The V05 was terrific. And the scent brought me right back to my grandmother. I remembered the smell of my grandmother’s hair as clearly as the cherry almond-scented lotion she used. The tiniest dab kept my hair in order and the tube lasted well beyond our trip to Mexico.

“I’ve gotta get more of this!” I declared when I got home. That’s when I read the awful news.

V05 had been discontinued! I found a few opportunistic folks selling tubes for \$30 apiece on eBay, but other than that, it seemed to have disappeared.

“Oh, no!” I complained to Peter, who pays no attention to this kind of thing. (He thought the body soap worked perfectly fine as lotion, to give you some idea.) But a quest for a lost product is exactly the sort of challenge Peter loves.

“You can’t find it anywhere?” he asked.

“No!”

The next day, Peter found some.

It was still available after all, and at a reasonable price. I immediately ordered a lifetime supply.

When it arrived, it was not in a metal tube; they had switched to plastic a long time ago, so my 20-year-old tube was probably a lot older than that. But the consistency and, most importantly, the smell, was exactly the same.

I saw my dad that week, recovering from his pacemaker surgery.

“Guess what I found, Dad?”

“What?”

“V05!”

I dipped my head toward him in the hospital bed.

“Doesn’t that smell remind you of grandma?” I asked.

My dad smiled.

Till next time,

Carrie

Carrie Classon’s memoir is called “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).



Brenda Sue Ermel

Brenda Sue Ermel, 72, of Hardin, TX went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 20, 2022 after a lengthy illness. She was born on April 27, 1950 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late John Morris Swartz and Joyce Inez Henley. She lived in Channelview, TX many years as well. Brenda and CL retired to Hardin, Texas together. Mrs. Ermel was a Master Gardener and retired from Vaughns Nursery Channelview TX.

She loved planting flowers and planting trees and tending the beautiful gardens she designed. Everything she touched bloomed beautifully. She was into photography her entire life and loved taking pictures of nature and her family. She always had photo albums with her to show off her grandkids and family. She enjoyed feeding



and caring for her many animals, domestic and wild. She had a huge heart. She loved to talk and visit and tell stories about old times. Brenda loved God, family and nature.

Mrs. Ermel is preceded in death by her parents, John Morris Swartz and Joyce Inez Gillespie and step father W.R. Gillespie; brothers, Mike Swartz and Steve Swartz; sister Beckey Swartz; father-in-law, Conrad Ermel and

mother-in-law Joyce Ermel. Those left to cherish her memory are her wonderful husband of 36 years C.L. Ermel of Hardin, TX; son, Ray Jackson Jr. of Uvalde, TX; daughter Jennifer Jackson of Hardin, TX; brother, Daniel "Pete" Swartz of Bastrop, TX; brother-in-law Thomas Ermel and wife Jo of Hunnington, TX and their three children, brother-in-law, Dennis Ermel of Kenefic, TX and uncle and aunt Jack and Sue Fitzwater; granddaughters, Josie Meadows and husband Dustin, Madi McRaven and fiance Shaun, Ariel Jackson, Caitlyn Jackson, Kirstyn Jackson, and Kaydence Jackson; grandsons, Taylor and Douglas Cody; great grandchildren, Josylin, Layla, Atlas, Kash, Ryleigh, Gage, Elijah, and Alivia, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews she loved very dearly and many friends. we love you so much momma, see you when we get there.

Jo Ann (Snow) Williams

Jo Ann (Snow) Williams; 87 years; of Houston, TX; passed away on Wednesday; July 6, 2022 in Pasadena, TX. Funeral services are scheduled for 12PM on Saturday; July 16 2022 at Day Funeral Home in Madisonville, TX and the burial will follow at Mount Tabor Cemetery in Madisonville, TX. The visitation is scheduled to begin at 11:30AM prior to the service.

Jo Ann was born on January 11, 1935 in Normangee, TX to Claude Randolph and Sarah Velma (Batson) Snow. She was a pioneer in academia, attended Texas Woman's University (TWU) in Denton, TX, and was a professor at Massey Business College in Houston, TX until she retired in 1992 where she taught English and shorthand. After retiring from the business school, she went to work for The Texas Depart-



ment of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) at the Hightower Unit in Dayton, TX where she was the supervisor over inmate records until she retired in 2002. Jo Ann married Robbie Carroll Williams on December 2, 1961 and had three children and she was a devoted mother and grandmother. She loved attending church, singing gospel music, and correcting everyone's grammar. When not teaching, she had a passion for shopping for make-up and beautiful clothes and getting her hair done. Jo Ann was once

described as "the most beautiful woman I have ever seen". Jo Ann was proceeded in death by her husband; Robbie Carroll Williams; her parents Sarah Velma (Batson) Snow and Claude Randolph Snow; and her grandson Joseph Ryan Nedbalek. She is survived by her daughter, Shelly A. Merchant (James Henry); her son, Eddie Williams (Kayla); her son, Michael Williams (Michelle); her granddaughters, Merissa Parsons (Ryan) and Mikayla Geisinger (Landon); her grandsons, Jake Helton, Corey Williams (Jackie); and her great grandchildren, Conner Joseph Parsons, Carter Eli Parsons, Lee Claude Geisinger and Joseph Randolph Williams. Serving as pallbearers are: Michael Williams, Jake Helton, James Henry, Corey Williams, Miguel Quintana, and Jerry Devinchi. Serving as an honorary pallbearer is: Ryan Parsons.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTINE (CHRIS) JOY RIES

On Saturday, July 2, 2022 Christine (Chris) Joy Ries, loving wife, sister, step-mother, and friend, went to be with the Lord at the age of 69. Chris was born in Pasadena, Texas on January 3, 1953 to her parents Joyce and Kenneth Ries. Chris had a zest for life and a strong sense of faith. She was known for her kind heart and goodwill towards others.

Chris is preceded in death by her parents, Joyce and Kenneth Ries. She is lovingly survived by her husband of 40 years, Ty Hartley; brothers, Joe Ries and Tim Ries; step-children,



Bill, Staci, Debra, and Vicki; grandchildren, Evette, Jessica, Joshua, Grace, Jacob, Lucas, and Samuel; great-grandchildren, Olivia and Vincent; nieces, Heather and Jamie; and nephew, Brian.

The family would like you to join them for a visitation at Holy Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, July 8, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. with celebration of life services to begin at 12:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial donations be made to Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in memory of Chris.

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Catherine Mary Dishman Smith Gilles  
Date of Birth 11/14/1951  
Passed Away 07/15/2021

It has been one year since you were taken from us.  
You are missed by all the people you worked with and the lives you touched.

Love always,  
Marty and Fred Gilles

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# FBI Houston Accepting Applications for Teen Academy

Houston-area youngsters wanting to taste how the FBI operates will have the chance to do so this summer.

The FBI's Houston office announced that online applications are open for its 2022 Teen Academy. The program opportunity gives high school students a comprehensive look into today's FBI.

**2022 Teen Academy**  
**Thursday, July 21**FBI Houston Field OfficeView and Download Applications or view a video at [fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/houston/community-outreach](https://fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/houston/community-outreach)Deadline to Email Applications: The online applications must be emailed to [outreach.houston@fbi.gov](mailto:outreach.houston@fbi.gov) by 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 21.

Note: Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

Applications are open to rising

high school juniors and seniors and recent high school graduates who have yet to start college. According to the FBI website, the program offers an eight-hour block of instruction and demonstrations at its Houston Field Office.

The program provides students with several presentations on topics including terrorism, cybercrime, public corruption, polygraph exams, evidence response, SWAT, and the day-to-day operations of a typical FBI office. Students also learn from special agents, intelligence analysts, language specialists, and professional staff about investigative tactics, including gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, and assisting with cases.

Direct any questions to [outreach.houston@fbi.gov](mailto:outreach.houston@fbi.gov).

# Aldine store sells Mega Million winning ticket

ALDINE – A local resident claimed a second-tier Mega Millions prize worth \$1,000,510 for the drawing on May 13.

The ticket was purchased at Circle M #2, located at 13203 Aldine Westfield Road (Suite A), in Houston. The claimant elected to remain anonymous.

The winning ticket matched all five of the white ball numbers drawn (11-41-43-44-65), but not the Mega Ball number (13). The claimant had an additional win of \$510 on the same ticket.

Mega Millions is played by choosing five numbers from a field of 70 and one Mega Ball number from the second field of 25 numbers. To win the Mega Millions jackpot, players must match all six numbers drawn including the Mega Ball. Players matching fewer numbers may not win the jackpot, but still walk away winners. Mega Millions currently offers a \$20 million starting jackpot and a second-tier (Match 5+0) prize of \$1 million. By choosing the Megaplier for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply



CIRCLE M#2 STORE, AT 13203 ALDINE WESTFIELD

their non-jackpot winnings by two, three, four or five times, winning as much as \$5 million. Drawings are broadcast each Tuesday and Friday at 10:12 p.m.

**About the Texas Lottery**  
Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$34.8 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$75 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$28.9 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit

state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$181 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball, Mega Millions, Lotto Texas, All or Nothing, Texas Two Step, Pick 3, Daily 4, Cash Five and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at [texaslottery.com](https://texaslottery.com).

HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 2

HEAVY TRASH/RECYCLING

DROP-OFF EVENT

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY  
8 AM - 1 PM ONLY

North Service Center  
11901 West Hardy Road,  
Houston TX 77076 (Enter via John Albers Rd.)

Harris County Precinct 2 is hosting a **HEAVY TRASH/RECYCLING DROP-OFF** day at the Hardy Service Center. This is at **NO COST** to unincorporated Harris County residents. ID is required. **NO COMMERCIAL** waste accepted. Please see list below for items that can be dropped off onsite.

ITEMS ACCEPTED INCLUDE:

- Furniture, bedding, junk waste
- Wood fencing
- Non-Commercial yard waste (less than 6 inches diameter, 6ft or less length)
- Shingles, carpet, lumber, sheetrock
- Tires (cars & pickup trucks)
- RECYCLING ITEMS: Paper, cardboard, plastics & glass.
- METALS: Steel, gutter, aluminum (large items must be dismantled)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- batteries or motor oil
- paint cans or spray paint cans
- household garbage
- commercial tires or tires with rims
- chemicals of any kind
- concrete or brick
- electronics or appliances
- RECYCLING ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: plastic bags, styrofoam, pizza boxes, coat hangers, paint containers, light bulbs, mirrors, windows, dishes & paper towels

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top 10 movies

- Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) Steve Carell, Pierre Coffin
- Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13) Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly
- Elvis (PG-13) Austin Butler, Tom Hanks
- Jurassic World Dominion (PG-13) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard
- The Black Phone (R) Mason Thames, Madeleine McGraw
- Lightyear (PG) Chris Evans, Keke Palmer
- Mr. Malcolm's List (PG) Freida Pinto, Sope Dirisu
- Everything Everywhere All at Once (R) Michelle Yeoh, Stephanie Hsu
- Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (PG-13) Benedict Cumberbatch, Elizabeth Olsen
- Jug Jugg Jeeyo (NR) Varun Dhawan, Kiara Advani

## ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

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 ♦♦♦ Boy!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Glasses are missing 2. Buttons are missing 3. Sleeve is shorter 4. Box is missing 5. Name is different 6. Boomerang is missing

July 11, 2022 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Hotel amenity
- Beach bucket
- "— it going?"
- Sandwich meat
- Roughly
- "Garfield" dog
- Class that includes newts and frogs
- Style
- Corn serving
- Took the helm
- Clara of the Red Cross
- Guffaw syllable
- Lawyers' org.
- Label
- Potato, for one
- Toy block name
- "Uh-huh"
- The Big Easy acronym
- Put in office
- Sea, to Henri
- Kimono closer
- Nanny's charge
- Beach robe
- Boris' cartoon partner
- Twitch
- Hgt.
- Highway turn-

DOWN

- Na Na lead-in
- Nonstick spray
- Electrical strength
- Christie sleuth
- Wall St.

off

- Aachen article
- Snitch
- jongg
- June honor-ees
- Sheltered
- Group of seals

wheeler-dealer

- Egyptian deity
- Reluctant
- Four-bagger
- Air freshener target
- Broad
- Feeder filler
- Fez, e.g.
- "Dig in!"
- Hay bundle
- First victim
- Opposing vote
- Wrigley product
- Training site

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- Picnic spoiler
- Scale ranges
- Chest muscle
- Lean— (sheds)
- Baby's toy
- Letter before iota
- Fragrant tree
- Must have
- Inter—
- See to
- Skater's leap
- -de-France
- Chinese chairman
- Prof's degree

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Trivia Test Answers  
Solution time: 25 mins.  
King Crossword  
Answers

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Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the most islands?
- AD SLOGANS: Which product is advertised with the slogan "The snack that smiles back"?
- MOVIES: Which animated movie features more than 10,000 balloons?
- TELEVISION: Who did Jim Halpert marry in the long-running sitcom "The Office"?
- HISTORY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States (1867) for \$7.2 million?
- MUSIC: Which rock group had an album titled "Dark Side of the Moon"?
- LITERATURE: Which novel introduces a character named Lisbeth Salander?
- SCIENCE: What is the name for magma after it has erupted?
- U.S. STATES: Which state was the first to join the union after the original 13 colonies?
- ANATOMY: What is also known as the voice box in human anatomy?

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- **Specialized care:** A new intensive care unit featuring cutting-edge medical technologies as well as an entire floor dedicated to childbirth and obstetrics services
- **World-class physicians and nurses:** A skilled and compassionate team of experts who work together to provide outstanding, personalized primary and specialty care
- **Convenient campus parking:** Fully covered parking garage allows visitors to park with ease and access the entire hospital campus, so parking is one less thing to think about



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