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CHANNEL CURRENTS

Safe Schools Town Hall August 3rd

State Representative Ana Hernandez (D143) will host a public meeting on August 3rd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the Galena Park ISD Administration Building, 14705 Woodforest Blvd. 77015. Present at the meeting will be representatives of Channelview ISD, Galena Park ISD, and Goose Creek CISD to discuss School Safety in their Districts. Everyone welcome.

North Shore ROTARY B2S Aug. 6

North Shore Rotary and Sheldon ISD will hold a Back-to-School Backpack and School Supply Giveaway at Sheldon Lake Elementary, 13002 Sheldon Community Drive, Houston 77044. Drive-Thru Distribution starts at 9:00am. Must have student in car to receive Backpack and Supplies. All students welcome - Any District.

NCA Chamber Luncheon Aug. 5

The North Channel Area Chamber will hold its monthly luncheon on Aug. 5 at 11:30am at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City 77029. Featured Speaker will be Frank Mulcahy, on the topic of Grow & Protect - New Benefit. Members \$20 Others \$30. RSVP to info@ncachamber.com or 713-450-3600.

Galena Park B2S Event Aug. 5

City of Galena Park Back To School Event will be Friday, Aug. 5 from 10am to 2pm at Baggett Community Center. Free Backpacks, school supplies, music, health services, photo booth, carnival rides, and more.

100°+ Heat Wave setting records

HARRIS COUNTY – For at least 18 days since the beginning of the year, Southeast Texas has experienced record setting temperatures of 100°+. In the month of July, we are on track to set the hottest month on record, checking records all the way back to 1889. Little to no rain is forecast to alleviate this problem for the next week or more.

Authorities are advising about Heat Stroke, and other measures to deal with the excessive heat.

Heat Safety & Heat Stroke: What You Need to Know During a Heat Wave

When you live in Southeast Texas where the summers are always hot, a heat warning or advisory may not seem like a big deal. But, right now, it's excessively hot, and it's a good time to brush up on heat safety.

Heat stroke, also re-



ferred to as sun stroke, is when a person's body overheats as a result of exposure to hot weather. When it's particularly hot outside, your body temperature can rise faster than your body's cooling mechanisms (such as sweating) are able to lower it. In addition, heat that's accompanied by high humidity

(above 75%) can reduce the effect sweat has on lowering your body temperature.

"In most cases, heat stroke results from exercising outside in the heat without proper hydration. But, when it's really hot outside, a person doesn't have to be exercising to develop heat stroke," said

Dr. Gregory Terry, a primary care physician with Houston Methodist Baytown.

Here's what you need to know about heat stroke and staying safe in the heat during a heat wave.

The signs and symptoms of heat stroke:

The most common symptoms of heat stroke

include:

—A body temperature of 104 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, as measured by a rectal thermometer

—Sudden confusion or hallucinations

—Difficulty walking

—Seizures

—Fainting

"People suffering from heat stroke may also experience racing heart rate, rapid breathing, overly warm skin or skin redness, vomiting or diarrhea, muscle cramps and weakness, and throbbing headaches," said Dr. Terry.

Heat stroke is an emergency requiring immediate medical attention

The high body temperature associated with heat stroke can damage your brain, heart, kidneys, muscles and other organs. "The

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Channelview Fire Department serves, protects

Harris County Emergency Service District (ESD No. 50)

By Allan Jamail

Channelview Fire Department was established in 1949. From 1949 to 2012 the fire department was operated by volunteers. On January 1, 2012, Channelview Fire Department has been a fully paid, professional fire department operated as a local government agency under Harris County Emergency Service District (ESD No. 50).

All employees including administration are Emer-

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HARRIS COUNTY ESD NO. 50 -

L – R: Standing: Jimmy Sumner, Administrator; Ryan Thistle, Fire Chief; Steven Adams EMS Assist. Chief; D-Shift Staff: Andrea Brown, Chad Mikush, Jason Tharling, Jason Ramirez, Eric Mosley, Nicholas Villareal, Charles Moore, Rigo Juarez, Austin Tisdell, Cody Barron, Justin Roach, William Alvarado.

L – R: Kneeling: Miguel Maldonado, James McMahon, Luis Ibarra, Herbert Otis, Josue Posada, Julio Flores, James Harris, Alan Ramirez (members not present in photo were off duty or works another shift at time of photo) (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Precinct 2 installs Free Health Kiosks at 3 Courthouses

Analyze blood pressure, weight, body mass index, and pulse rate – informs users of potential health risks

HARRIS COUNTY – Commissioner Adrian Garcia has debuted three new ACCESS2HEALTH Kiosks, at Jim Fonteno Annex (14350 Wallisville Rd. Houston, TX 77049).

Garcia was joined by representatives from Amerigroup Texas (donors of both the kiosks and free ongoing services for one year) and the American Heart Association (which is providing related health literature for users) for a ribbon cutting and unveiling of the devices.

In addition, Commissioner Garcia was the first person to have his readings taken at the kiosk.

Present at the debut were Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Judge Joe Stephens (Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1), and Amerigroup Texas President Greg Thompson

ACCESS2HEALTH Kiosks measure blood pressure, weight, body mass index, and pulse rate. If a user's readings show signs of being at risk of heart disease, stroke or other risk factors, those



On hand for the ribbon cutting of the new Health Kiosk at Fonteno Courthouse were Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, left, Amerigroup representatives, and Judge Joe Stephens, right.

users are given literature — or in extreme cases, instructed to visit a doctor immediately.

Two other ACCESS2HEALTH Kiosks are stationed at Raul C. Martinez Annex (1001 S/Sgt. Macario Garcia Dr., Houston, TX 77011) and John Phelps

Annex (101 S. Richey St., Pasadena, TX 77506). They went online on April 1. All three ACCESS2HEALTH Kiosks have been placed in strategically important locations across Precinct 2 (North Shore, East End, & Pasadena) where incidents of diabetes and other ail-

ments are highest and rates of health insurance coverage are lowest.

"Precinct 2 residents have the lowest rates of health coverage in Harris County. To deal with this disparity, I've instructed my Precinct 2 team to develop innovative ways to bring health services to

people, wherever they are and regardless of income," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "These free health kiosks are just the latest in our ACCESS2HEALTH programming, allowing people to conveniently get their vitals checked while they are already on site to pay their taxes or register to vote. This is an exciting development, and there is

so much more to come!"

"For more than 25 years, Amerigroup has worked to improve health in part by creating healthier communities. These kiosks will make vital health information simple and accessible for people

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An employee of Pct. 2 checks her blood pressure on the new Health Kiosk installed at the Fonteno Courthouse.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

Kroger Backpack Boosters Program

Channelview ISD is a proud beneficiary district of the Kroger Backpack Boosters program which will equip 40,000 students with essential school supplies this year. Visit any Kroger store to give back! #KrogerCares

Now until July 31, simply donate \$2, \$5 or \$10 in any Kroger store to help local students.

Channelview's own Kroger is located on 14710 Woodforest Blvd!



SHELDON ISD NEWS

C.E. King 9th Grade Campus held a “Popsicles with the Principal” event.

Our new C.E. King 9th Grade Campus held a Popsicles with the Principal event last Thursday to meet the new administrators at the school. We are excited to welcome the Class of 2026.



Sheldon ISD Hired a Service Dog

A new employee has joined the team in Sheldon ISD! Meet Nero, a two-year old part German Shepard, part Belgian Malinois. Nero has been hired as a service dog and will be seen throughout the district making rounds with the district's security team. Welcome, Nero!



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STEM Camp Wraps Up This Week

we enjoyed seeing the smiles of the kids and their outstanding projects coming together. Each roller coaster design looked more exciting than the last. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to what you'll create in the coming school year!



GALENA PARK ISD NEWS

Dr. Moore, GPISD Superintendent, welcoming our campus administrators and district administrators back for the 2022-2023 school year!



Dr. John Moore at the meeting.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Helping a Neighborhood?

Over the course of the next few weeks, you are being given a unique opportunity to impact the future and leave a legacy. You might be asking what am I taking about. There will be multiple back to school events happening in the community. You can volunteer to help with the collection, sorting, and distribution of supplies for the area children.

I recall a time when I met a single lady in Cloverleaf who worked all sorts of odd jobs because her passion was helping the children of Cloverleaf. She loved the community so much that long before she founded the non-profit “Project Cloverleaf” she was raising funds at her cousin Sambo’s business to buy uniforms, socks, underwear, and school supplies for children who might not have otherwise had items for school. Cyndi loved the Cloverleaf community.

As soon as school started, she was moving on to her plan on how to meet the needs of families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She worked tirelessly to collect donations of food and toys. She was always making a connection with those who would help her supply winter coats to the children. She may have lacked in a formal education, but the size of her heart made up for it.

In the early 1980’s there was a group of churches who wanted to combine resources as well as volunteers to provide resources to help those in need. After several meetings, the group formed North Channel Assistance Ministries. For many years these caring and compassionate neighbor have worked to make life for those who have needs. Thousands of residents have been fed. Individuals working together to help children, families, and senior adults.

Just a few miles north of Cloverleaf there is a place where miracles happen. Over 35 years ago, there was a longhaired street evangelist who also had a heart for the young men who were in the streets. God opened doors and with the help of many, Curt Williams founded Youth Reach Houston. Once again, the community opened their hearts, checkbooks, and calendars to help with troubled young men. Not only housing but mentoring as well as education. At one point, Youth Reach was housed in Cloverleaf. Over three thousand young men have been a part of the program and while not every one of the boys completed the program, many not only completed the program but have gone on to change lives around the world. It all started with a handful of praying supporters and a passion to help make a difference,

As I close for now, I want to challenge you to look for ways to have influence and leave a legacy in the community.

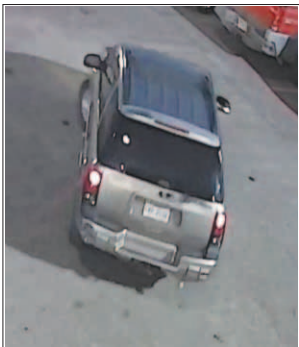
Vandals set Fire at Top Dog Fireworks Warehouse on I-10



Suspects caught on camera



Suspects walking outside the property



Suspects ran in this Gray SUV Vehicle

The Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office and Crime Stoppers need the public’s assistance in providing any information identifying the three men in the video and images below. The incident happened on July 4, 2022 at approximately 10:30 p.m. at Top Dog Fireworks Warehouse located at 14424 East Freeway, Houston, Texas 77015. One of the suspects was seen igniting a firework inside of the store. They stole approximately \$200 worth of fireworks during the evacuation.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to felony charges or an arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling (713) 222-TIPS (8477) or submitting tips online at www.crime-stoppers.org. All tipsters remain anonymous.

Home destroyed by stored fireworks



The Fire Department reports that this house and garage in the North Shore neighborhood off Wallisville were destroyed when stored fireworks exploded due to the extreme heat.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “Cheap dollars? Expensive dollars? What does it all mean?”

I just got off the phone with Bill, Sam’s son. Both own a sizeable investment in silver coins. Sam is holding his silver...but Bill was thinking his dad was wrong in holding... and wanted to sell. After a brief “dissertation”, Bill has decided to hold his investment as would Diamond Jim and Sam...and see if silver will go to \$40-\$50 in the short term. I told him it might happen...and again, might not. However, Bill would never hear the end of Sam’s telling him “I told you so!” In my humble opinion, the worst that could happen is that Bill will continue to own real money...that will more than likely be worth more “money” than the cheap dollars for which he is contemplating trading it. Worst case scenario is that he can always sell it...probably for more than the current “value”...because of anticipated future demand PLUS the fact that it will take more of our new cheapened dollars to purchase it.

Here is the short explanation I used.

The government just printed and spent (gave away) \$3 trillion...and is attempting to spend (give away) another \$2-3 trillion. The government has no money, so they are printing money with no value...putting it into circulation...and devaluing the money all of us already own and worked for...to the tune of \$6 trillion!!! And, to be clear, again, the government has no real money (backed by gold and/or silver). What they print is fiat money. Fiat money gives central banks greater control over the economy because they can control how much money is printed, the value of the money, and the interest on the money. So the \$6 trillion simply dilutes what little value you already had in the dollars you already earned that were already in circulation.

Now for the reality of how it affects each of us. After another round of printing presses being cranked up, your money has just been reduced in value again...in other words, ALL of your fiat money...not only previously earned money but also the newly printed money recently given away by the government some of which YOU received... is now cheaper because it has been diluted by trillions of dollars put into circulation! SO...IT WILL TAKE MORE CHEAP DOLLARS TO PURCHASE THE SAME COMMODITIES TODAY AND TOMORROW THAT YOU COULD PURCHASE YESTERDAY FOR LESS!!! Silver will go up...not because it actually will “go up” (although it may go up in real value due to demand)...but because your fiat money in dollars became less valuable causing you to need more of those cheap dollars to purchase the commodities. Simple, huh? Watch the price of eggs...bacon...bread...skyrocket! Don’t blame the stores. Blame your own government bureaucrats and politicians!

THAT loss of value in your dollar is due to nothing more than theft of your “store of value” for your work and effort that you were convinced by your government you had been given in the form of that fiat dollar. But it is nothing more than a hidden tax that no one sees. It used to be called “inflation”. But bureaucrats and politicians and global bankers now call the erosion of the value of our dollar “quantitative easing”. How do you like losing your money by government theft? But the word does have a cool ring to it, doesn’t it?

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OPINION

By BILL KING



Suicide in America

Over the last 20 years, nearly a million Americans have taken their own lives. During that time, suicide has been the tenth leading cause of death for all ages.1 In 2020, it was the second leading cause of death for the ages of 10-14 and 25-34 and the third leading cause for ages 15-24. Because the incidence of suicides is so high among young people, the years of life lost2 is especially tragic. One research group estimated that in 2020 alone, there were nearly a million years of life lost in America to suicide.

The number of suicides over the last two decades has been steadily increasing, reflecting both a larger population and about a third increase in the rate of suicide. Interestingly, suicides topped out at just over 48,000 in 2018, and then declined slightly in 2019 and 2020. Preliminary data for 2021 indicates that there was probably not much change from 2020. This contradicts the predictions of many, including yours truly, that suicides would increase during the pandemic due to depression from isolation.

Advocates for stricter gun laws, almost always lump suicides together with homicides and firearm accidents, when citing the toll of gun violence in America. I think that is unhelpful in trying to sort out why so many people die from guns in America because the two phenomena are so dramatically different. However, it is entirely fair to ask the question of whether American's greater access to guns affects the number of suicides.

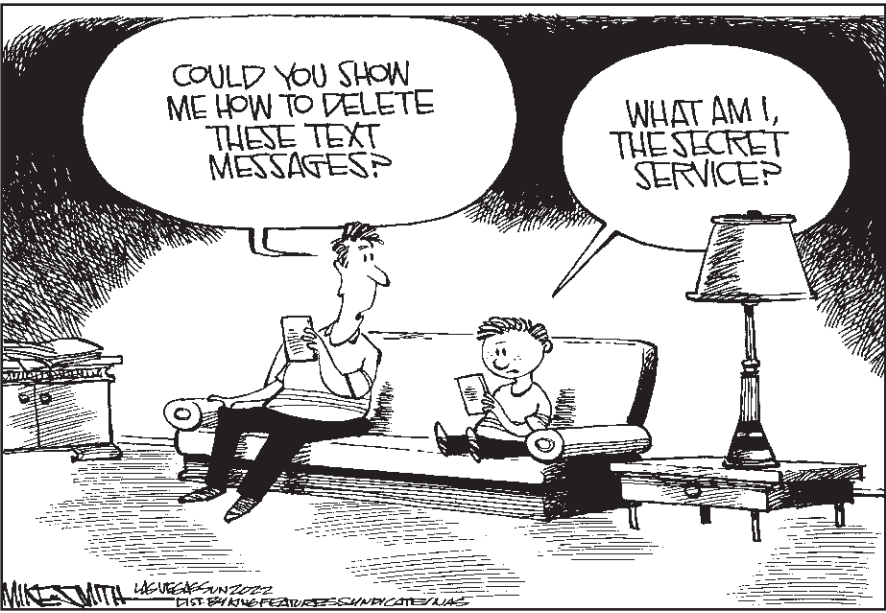
It seems intuitive that greater access to a lethal weapon would certainly make it easier to commit suicide and therefore more likely. A survey of studies conducted by a research group at Harvard suggests a correlation between the number of gun ownership parameters and higher suicide rates, e.g., people who own handguns are almost ten more likely to commit suicide than non-owners. However, as I have previously discussed, correlation does not necessarily imply causation and some of the data suggests a more complicated picture.

First, only about half of all suicides are committed with a firearm and that rate has remained fairly steady over the last twenty years, despite the rapid increase in gun ownership I noted in my last post. Indeed, the number of suicides committed without a firearm has actually increased by a greater percentage over the last twenty years than firearm suicides (72% vs. 46%).

Also, the United States' suicide rate is only slightly higher when compared to other countries. In 2019, the global rate was about 10.4 versus 11.7 for the U.S., which, of course, does not come close to coinciding with our country's dramatically disproportionate private ownership of firearms compared to other countries.3 And to further muddle the data, there are several countries with miniscule private gun ownership but which have higher suicide rates than the U.S., e.g., Belgium, Russia, South Korea.

One factor is that individuals who attempt suicide with a firearm more often succeed in ending their life than those who use other methods. A 2000 study found that 82% of those who attempted suicide with a firearm died while less than 10% of those who used other methods did. The study was a relatively small sample and is somewhat dated, but I find those results intuitive and likely consistent with all suicides attempts.

So, does the greater access to firearms in America result in a higher suicide rate? I do not think we can definitively answer that question. But it seems to me that the weight of the evidence suggests the ready access to firearms is a factor that results in a higher rate than we might otherwise have. Does it make a dramatic difference? I doubt it.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Wildfire Danger Continues to Rise throughout state

As we cross the halfway point of July, wildfire danger continues to increase across the state. On Friday, Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to 15 new wildfires that burned 651 acres. As of Sunday, there were eight active wildfires; the largest was the Nethery Road Fire in Kimble County, involving an estimated 3,500 acres. It has been 70% contained.

The forest service is taking to the air to augment fire suppression efforts on the ground. It has opened the Austin Airtanker Base at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The service has three dozen aircraft mobilized at 17 airports around the state for wildfire response. The Austin Airtanker Base will serve as a reload station for aircraft coming and going to wildfires. It is the only airport in the state set up for what is known as a Very Large Airtanker, or DC-10.

Forest service aircraft can get anywhere in Texas in under one hour. Since being placed in operation in early December, they have flown 4,641 hours and dumped 6.8 million gallons of water and retardant on Texas wildfires.

"This year, we have utilized aviation resources for response in areas experiencing significant wildfire activity," said Jared Karns, with the forest service. "These aircraft provide support to ground crews and assist in protecting homes as well as other critical infrastructure."

There are now 212 counties across the state with burn bans — 84% of the total number of Texas counties.

Fourth consecutive month with rain deficit

Unsurprisingly, June was warmer and drier for much of Texas, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of June, drought conditions covered



86% of the state, up 8 percentage points from May.

"That all adds up to the conclusion that Texas is in a significant drought, the worst since 2011, but not worse than 2011," Wentzel wrote.

The drought predictably is having an effect on the state's water supply reservoirs, which are at 75% of capacity, 10 percentage points below normal for this time of year, according to TWDB.

SIX WAYS TO SAVE WATER IN SUMMER HEAT

TDWB is offering six tips on saving water in a state whose population is expected to increase from 29.5 million in 2021 to 51.1 million in 2070 — a 73% increase that will put a strain on water supplies. Water conservation is one of the major strategies recommended in the 2022 state water plan. Here are the tips:

- Water landscape in the early morning and at night when winds are calmer and temperatures lower.
- Design a water-wise landscape with native shrubs, trees and grasses. Native plants have adapted to a region's climate and conserve water more efficiently.
- Follow local watering restrictions. They're there for a reason: to make sure a community doesn't run out of water.
- Manage in-ground irrigation systems and check sprinkler heads. Avoid

leaving systems on automatic settings that may come on when it isn't necessary — like during a thunderstorm.

- Consider installing a rainwater harvesting system. In general, for every inch of rain that falls on a 2,000-square-foot roof, about 1,000 gallons of water can be collected. Find out more here: <https://tinyurl.com/mryburys>.
- Cover your pool or spa when not in use, since evaporation throughout the summer can add up to the equivalent of a pool's volume.

TXDOT APPROVES \$146 MILLION FOR STATEWIDE TRANSIT

Two grants totaling \$146 million have been announced by the Texas Department of Transportation to fund transit providers across the state, particularly in rural areas.

"This funding is critical to ensuring everyone in Texas, especially in rural areas, has access to where they need to go safely and reliably," TxDOT Transportation Commissioner Alvin New said.

Transit agencies can use the funds, which come from both federal and state coffers, to cover maintenance costs, buy new buses, build new facilities and expand services to more people, according to TxDOT. The funding is a 65% increase over last summer's funds, in large part due to federal funds from the infrastructure act passed last year.

O'ROURKE OUTRAISES ABBOTT IN LAST FOUR MONTHS

Democratic gubernatorial challenger Beto O'Rourke raised \$27.3 million from Feb. 20 to June 20, outpacing Gov. Gregg Abbott's \$25 million, according to the Austin American-Statesman. Abbott still has a commanding lead in cash on hand, with \$46 million in the bank. The O'Rourke campaign has not released how much cash it has on hand.

The O'Rourke campaign said nearly all its donations were made online, at an average of \$54. Teachers gave more money than people from any other occupation.

The latest poll indicates the race for governor has tightened, though Abbott still holds a 6-point lead — 45% to 39%.

BA.2 VARIANT OF COVID-19 SPURS HIKE IN CASES

With the highly transmissible BA.2 variant of COVID-19 now the dominant strain, the number of new cases continues to rise in Texas and elsewhere. The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 107,367 new cases in Texas during the past week, up 27% from the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"The Package"

The package arrived last week and, I have to admit, I was surprised.

I knew what was in it, of course. It was a painting that my friends Angel, Nora and I co-own. I had it for one year 11 years ago. Then I brought it to Paris, where Angel was living. But Angel had no time to hang the painting. She had just moved to a new condo and was diagnosed with cancer. And so it remained rolled up under her bed for two years. That's when Nora decided her turn had come—and she was right. Before Angel died, Nora brought the painting to her family home in Vienna and hung it in her mother's bedroom.

That's where it remained for seven years.

I didn't really mind. During those seven years, I started and finished a college program. I moved out of state, met my husband, Peter, moved in with him, then moved again back to the Midwest. There were a lot of changes and a lot of moving, and I knew Nora was enjoying the painting. Then, four years after Angel's death, after Peter and I had made a new home together, I decided it was time to have the painting again.

Nora was not immediately receptive.

Nora likes her things. This is not a criticism; it's just how she is. She is a collector. She has a lot of beautiful art and antiques and rocks and crystals. She likes to have her lovely things around her. Sending things away is hard.

This painting, in particular, was difficult to part with because it was a painting of the three of us—Angel, me and Nora. Letting go of this painting felt like letting go of a special time in the past that had been important to us all.

But I still wanted the painting.

I told Nora the time had come, and I would like her to send it. She said she would, but then things came up. There were delays. There were a few excuses. More than a year had passed and, I will be honest, I began to think I would not see it again.

And, honestly, I would have been fine with that.

Because people are more important than things. My friendship with Nora and my memories of Angel were more important than any painting. If getting the painting meant hurting my friendship with Nora, I would do without the painting.

Then, one day, she sent a photo of a large box with my name on it in the arms of an unidentified man in a brown uniform.

"That could be anyone!" my friend, Andrew, said. He has heard every chapter of the painting saga and was more skeptical than I was about it ever arriving.

Then—with no notice at all—it showed up at my door.

It was incredibly heavy. Nora is an engineer, and she had built the box herself. It was made of half-inch plywood and 2x2s and lined with Styrofoam. It looked as if it could safely be launched into space. I had trouble carrying it into the house. It took several tools and a lot of time to open.

Nora is a woman of few words, but I knew what she was saying.

She cared about the painting—but she cared about our friendship even more. She was sending the painting in a way that would keep both the painting and our friendship safe and whole for years to come.

I received both the package and the message. They both made me very happy.

Till next time, Carrie

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

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Pct. 2 Installs Health Kiosks,

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who need it — and will help them act on that information,” said Greg Thompson (President of Amerigroup Texas — which sponsored the ACCESS2HEALTH Kiosks for Precinct 2). “These machines will save lives, help people live healthier lives, and help communities overcome barriers to better health.”

“Every person deserves the opportunity for a full, healthy life. As champions for health equity, by 2024, the American Heart Association will advance cardiovascular health for all, including identifying and removing barriers to health care access and quality,” said Mel Edwards (Senior Vice President and Executive Director, Amer-



Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia with Pct. 2 staff and representatives of Amerigroup Texas at the installation of the new Health Kiosk at Fonteno Courthouse on Wallisville Road.

ican Heart Association Greater Houston). “The American Heart Association is proud to collaborate with Commissioner Garcia

and Precinct 2 on this important community health initiative. Thank you, Amerigroup, for supporting our mission for longer,

healthier lives. This blood pressure kiosk and educational materials will save lives in Precinct 2 and beyond.”

Heat Wave Setting Records,

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longer heat stroke is left untreated, the more damage can be done to these vital organs — increasing the risk of long-term complications and even death,” added Dr. Terry.

This means heat stroke is a medical emergency. If you or someone you love is showing signs of heat stroke, call 911 immediately.

While waiting for help

to arrive, try to cool the person down by:

- Moving him or her into the shade or air conditioning
- Removing clothing
- Applying wet towels to the head, neck, armpits and groin or soaking in a cool bath

Heat stroke is preventable

First of all, a person’s risk of experiencing heat stroke is predictable. As

soon as your local officials issue a heat alert, especially if it’s a heat advisory, that’s your cue to take extra precautions to stay safe outdoors.

Given the serious nature of heat stroke, it’s important to take steps to prevent heat stroke from happening altogether.

- Tips for preventing heat stroke:
 - Stay hydrated

- Avoid being in a parked car
- Wear loose-fitting clothing outdoors
- Exercise indoors or early in the morning
- Take frequent “cool down” breaks in the shade if you work outdoors
- Apply (and reapply) sunscreen
- Limit alcohol while in the heat
- Swap outdoor activities for indoor ones

Thieves hit Sheldon Fire Dept. new building site

SHELDON – Thieves struck the new Sheldon Community Fire & Rescue administration building Friday evening, July 22, around 6:46 PM stealing a construction trailer full of roofing steel panels, and destroying heavy equipment to get a trailer.

The photo shows the aftermath of the recent theft. Insulated roofing panels and related tools were stolen from a locked trailer. The (orange) man-lift was up against the locked trailer to deter theft. The thieves used a forklift from the job site, hot wired it



With the new Sheldon Fire Station in the background, still under construction, this photo shows some of the damage done to the man-lift and other equipment as thieves struck not only this new building site, but also the warehouse across Sheldon Road from this site.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Null MS Athletics
Parent Meeting
August 2 @ 6pm-7:30pm
Where: Null Gymnasium

School Supplies: Texas Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 5-7

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state’s sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

“Most Texans won’t hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it’s never too early to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from book bags to ballpoint pens,” Hegar said. “With inflation driving prices higher on just about everything, this sales tax holiday provides Texas families some small relief managing the costs associated with kids heading back to the classroom. As the father of three school-aged children myself, I know how these expenses can add up.”

The Comptroller’s office estimates that shoppers will save \$112 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller’s website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](https://www.texas.gov/tax-holiday).

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either: the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or, the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas’ sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

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ANDREA MICHELLE LEWIS

The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

c/o Weston Cotten
1500 E. Wallisville Road
Highlands, TX 77562

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated this JULY 20, 2022.

Weston Cotten

by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

LEGAL NOTICE

Channelview I.S.D. will accept Sealed Request for Proposals for the following:

RFP# 2122-007 – Landscaping Services

Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 05, 2022, at the Channelview ISD's E-bidding website. Please visit the electronic bidding website at https://cvisd.ionwave.net All necessary information may be obtained by calling the Business Office at (281) 452-8003, or the district website www.cvisd.org, under Departments Business Office Purchasing. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale
of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale to be held at STEVE'S STORAGE, LLC at 5625 Hwy 90, Crosby, TX 77532 on August 13th at 11:30 a.m. Items sold as-is to highest CASH bidder. Property is contents of tenant space of Nicole D Johnson: Appliances, furniture, etc.

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LEGAL NOTICE

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 21

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Directors of Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 21 at a meeting held on the 7th day of July, 2022 adopted an Ordinance Adopting Amended Rates and Fees for Services and Rules and Regulations Establishing Certain Other Policies and Providing Penalties and Violations Thereof. A copy of the Ordinance is on file at the principal office of the District, 15808 Avenue C, Channelview, Texas 77530-3702, where it may be read in full.

James H. Smith
President, Board of Directors

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE – RFP #23-001

The Barbers Hill Independent School District is accepting proposals for:

Delivery of (6) SIX Trucks

Interested parties may contact the BHISD Business Office for a copy of the specifications which can also be obtained at the District website. Please direct all proposal questions to Amy Presley, Purchasing Coordinator, (281) 576-2221 ext. 1268.

Proposals will accepted until 2:00 p.m. August 22, 2022

The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, waive any formalities and/or technicalities in the proposal and award the contract to the best proposal that serves the interests of the district. The district may negotiate with vendors that submit viable proposals.

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Southwest Shipyard LP receives trio of Safety Awards

WASHINGTON – The Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA) today announced Southwest Shipyard, L.P. received all three of SCA's 2022 safety awards: "Excellence in Safety," "Improvement in Safety," and "Significance in Safety Achievement." SCA, the national association representing the U.S. shipyard industry, honors shipbuilding and repair facilities with annual safety awards for enhancement of operations and promotion of safety and accident prevention.

Through their proactive approaches and dedication to improved safety of their employees, Southwest Shipyard - which has operations in Channelview, Brady Island, Brady West, and Galveston - is one of fifteen shipyards to receive awards for their continued advancement of employee safety in the shipyard industry.

"Shipyards are complex work environments, and therefore the safety of our employees, whom we believe are our No.1 asset, is of the utmost importance," said Matthew Paxton, President of SCA. "Southwest Shipyard's admirable safety performance in 2021 and earning three awards reflects both superior leadership in the shipyard and strong commitment to safety. We're proud to recognize Southwest Shipyard and the hardworking men and women who help in upholding the shipyard industry's reputation as one of the safest in our country's industrial base year after year."

"Southwest Shipyard is

honored to have earned the SCA Excellence in Safety award this year. This award is a true testament to our people and the efforts they have put into getting to this point in our safety program. The commitment to safety from the executive team to the newest hire on a daily basis is not an easy task, and I am proud of the continued effort our management team and all our employees put into this program. Making sure everyone returns home to their families in the same condition as when they arrived at work is a goal that requires a high level of commitment from everyone every day. We are committed to continue working safely in the years to come - remaining competitive without compromising our quality or any contract obligations to our customers," Scott Theriot, President & CEO of Southwest Shipyard.

The shipbuilding industry continues to show a decline in recorded injuries and safety issues, and such rates have been on the decline over the past decade. With safety of employees always at the focus, the shipbuilding industry has been able to naturally pivot to tackle the challenges 2022 has brought about while continuing operations.

SCA member companies are eligible for a Safety Award if they submit the SCA Injury & Illness survey for all four quarters, have zero fatalities throughout the year, and either have a total recordable incident rate (TRIR) below the SCA average, or if they reduce their year-on-year TRIR by 10% or more.

Channelview Fire Department and ESD 50,

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agency Medical Technician (EMT) or Paramedics. The fire department operates two fire stations, one located at 16229 Market St. and the other at 1210 Dell Dale St. The fire department staffs and operates the following apparatus 24/7: A District Chief, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Supervisor, 2 fire engines with 4 firefighters each, a ladder truck with 4 firefighters, and 4 ambulance staff with 2 paramedics each. These are staff using 4-shift where each shift works a 48-hour shifts and then are off for 6 days.

The fire department also cross trains the staff in different areas of expertise to ensure under special circumstances we are able to respond adequately and quickly. These special operations include: swift water rescue, high angle and confined space rescue. The fire department owns and operates two 10-men Zodiac Rescue Boats and a 5-Ton military vehicle for high water rescues. With the heavy chemical and industrial presents in our area, the department is very fortunate to work closely with Harris County Haz-Mat which is located in Atascocita.

While the fire department is very capable of handling all emergencies, it does periodically rely on mutual aid from other fire departments to assist with large emergencies. At the same time, Channelview responds outside of its jurisdiction to provide the same type of assistance

when requested. Channelview Fire Department works very closely with the neighboring EMS and fire Departments including: Highlands Fire Department, Cloverleaf Fire Department, North Channel EMS, South Lake Houston EMS, and Sheldon Community Fire Department.

Each year Channelview Fire Department responds to approximately 1,600 fire related emergencies and 4,500 medical emergencies. The average response time for fire is 4 minutes and 30 seconds and the average response time for EMS is 5 minutes. These calls for service are received at a 911 call center located in Channelview which dispatches for the region. This center is a joint venture by five different ESD's included ESD No. 50 which owns 20% of the center. This center dispatches for Channelview, Sheldon, Cloverleaf, Highlands, Crosby, Harris County Haz-Mat, and CEMA.

The fire department has had many accomplishments over the last 10-years which they are extremely proud of. First, they increased staffing from 1 fire truck and 2 ambulances to the staffing mentioned before. They have completely rebuilt and updated the stations and all the equipment. Their EMS operations have been extremely successful at improving cardiac arrest outcomes, heart attack treatments, trauma response, just to name a

few. On June 1, 2021, the Channelview Community accomplished an ISO Class 1 Rating which indicates superior fire protection and reflects on the fact that the department is rated with best in the nation. In the US there are only 362 ISO Class 1 rated communities.

The fire department is quick to point out that none of their success could have been possible without the support and tax base provided by the community and local businesses. The firefighters and administration have a strong understanding that this is the community's fire department and they are very much community oriented. In 2021 the fire department operated on a \$9.5 million budget. As the fire department has built the new stations and updated its equipment it has done so without taking on any debt.

According to Administrator Jimmy Sumbera, "the department created a plan with anticipated budgets and they have followed that. Each year they live within their budget and do not spend funds that the department does not have. Since 2011 there has been no debt or loans used to fund any project or aspect of the fire department."

"The fire department is always looking for new ways to improve and make a positive impact on the community. In 2021, we opened a training field

which has a walking track that is open to the public located at 1210 Dell Dale. We've started hosting certified child car seat inspection days, and currently working on plans to rollout community CPR training with the goal to improve CPR outcomes. Each year we organize a Christmas Parade which is always at 6pm the Friday that Channelview ISD is released for Christmas Break. Along with community sponsors and Channelview ISD, the fire department plays a big role in the Channelview Community Toy Drive, providing Christmas for over 200 children annually" Sumbera said.

Harris County ESD No. 50 ~ Channelview Fire Department, phone - 281-452-5782 (Allanj211@aol.com)

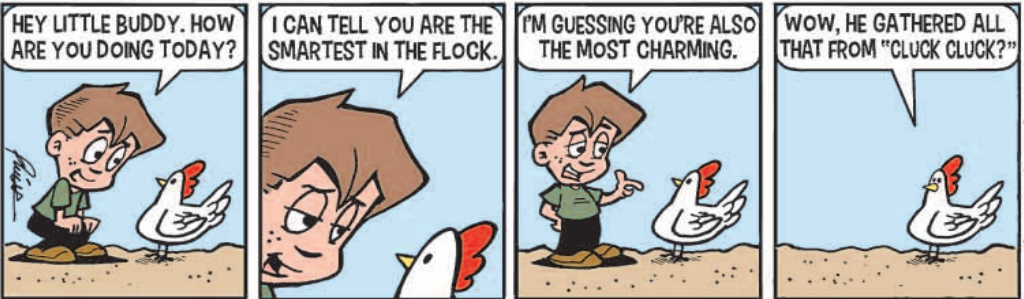
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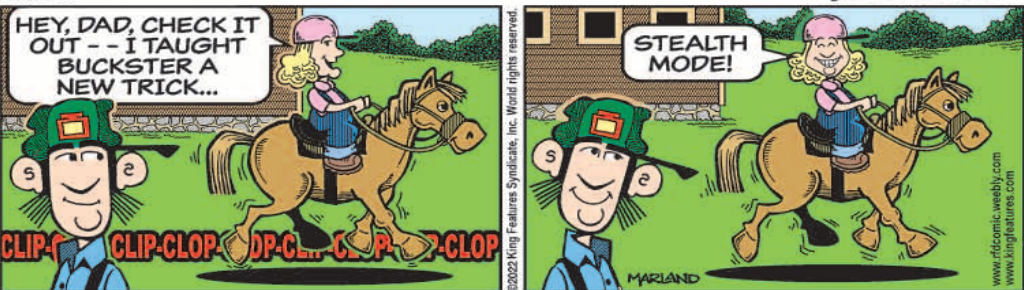
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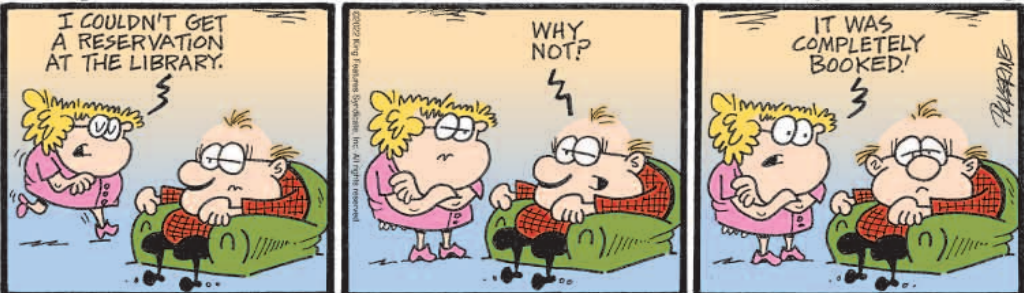
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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Difference: 1. Corsage is smaller. 2. Bracelet is missing. 3. The moved. 4. Star is moved. 5. Moon is different. 6. Urn is different.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in Canada?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the bully neighbor boy in Disney's "Toy Story"?
- LANGUAGE: What is a cruciverbalist?
- TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom character calls his son-in-law "Meathead"?
- HISTORY: What is the Danegeld, a tax levied in Anglo-Saxon England from the ninth through 11th centuries?
- MUSIC: Which pop music band was the first to appear on children's lunchboxes?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president is linked to the teddy bear?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How big are baby kangaroos when they're born?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 19th-century author and philosopher once said, "One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter"?
- AD SLOGANS: Which product's advertising slogan is "Obey your thirst"?

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1. Baffin Island; 2. Sid; 3. Someone who designs or enjoys solving crossword puzzles; 4. Archie Bunker; 5. All in the Family; 6. The Beatles; 7. Theodore Roosevelt. It was invented in his honor after he refused to kill a bear on a hunting trip; 8. About 1 inch; 9. Henry David Thoreau; 10. Spite.

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