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CHANNEL CURRENTS

EVENTS

FEB. 3, FRIDAY

North Channel Chamber monthly luncheon, 11:30 am, San Jacinto College Monument Room, program: Cardiovascular Health

FEB. 4, SATURDAY

American Legion District 8 Veterans Benefit Assistance Fair. Jacinto City Town Center Starts 9 am.

North Channel Chamber Luncheon February 3rd

North Channel Chamber will hold its monthly luncheon on Friday, February 3rd at 11:30am in the Monument Room of San Jacinto College North.

Program is Cardiovascular Health, sponsored by HCA Houston Healthcare Southeast. Speakers will be Dr. Donald Nino and Dr. Melissa Silva of Channelview Family Medicine.

Members cost is \$25, Non-members \$35. RSVP info@ncchamber.com or 713-450-3600.

Join us in wearing red for Heart Awareness month.

Rotary Chili Feast set for February 4th

Highlands Rotary Club will hold their 48th Annual Chili Feast, Raffle and Auction on Saturday, Feb. 4th at the social hall of St. Jude's Catholic Church, 808 S. Main Street, Highlands.

Tickets are available from all Rotary Club members, local businesses, or by calling 832-483-3505. Only 700 tickets are sold, increasing your odds of winning one of 16 valuable prizes. Included with your raffle ticket are two delicious chili dinners.

Top prize in the raffle is your choice of a 2023 Chevy Trailblazer, or a 2023 Equinox SUV from Turner Chevrolet.

Houston Crushed Concrete TCEQ Meeting Feb. 6

Houston Crushed Concrete TCEQ Public Meeting The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will host a public meeting on Houston Crushed Concrete's proposed Air Quality Permit Number 170524. The meeting will be held on:

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Holiday Inn Houston East - Channelview
16311 East Freeway
Channelview, Texas, 77530

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the public meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.



Joseph House Grand Opening Ceremony L – R: JC City Council, Carmela Garcia, Mario Gonzales, Allen Lee, J. J. Rivas, Mayor Ana Diaz, Pastor R. C. Stearns, Yuorba Harris, Chief District Director for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Linda Jamail, Community Liaison for State Rep. Ana Hernandez, Houston District B Councilwoman Tarsha Jackson, Abur Abner Lyons, District Liaison, State Rep. Harold Dutton. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Joseph House Food Pantry opens in Jacinto City

(part 1 of a series)
By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. – January 21, 2023 the City of Jacinto City (JC) partnered with the Joseph House (JH) for an area wide community outreach project to provide food and other services to those in need out of the City's old vacant library. Anyone needing help should first make an appointment by calling 281-936-8175 or 281-652-836. Do not go to the 1026 Mercury Drive Jacinto City facility or the main JH food bank at 7802 Jensen, Houston without having an appointment.

The grand opening and ribbon cutting (see photos) was well attended by city officials, community leaders, citizens and Pastors of several churches who work

with Pastor R.C. Stearns. After the opening ceremonies attendees were provided a BBQ lunch and refreshments.

Pastor Stearns opened the event and thanked all who helped make the pantry possible. He thanked Mayor Ana Diaz and the city council, Councilman J.J. Rivas, City Manager Lon Squyres, Donna Parrott Dailey, Christopher Welch, B. J. Plettenberg, Dr. Sheila Wilson and others present for their help.

Ana Diaz, Mayor, thanked everyone and recognized city officials and workers. Each Councilmember present made a brief comment. Diaz said Councilman J. J. Rivas would be the city's liaison with Stearns' and Dr. Sheila Wilson the pantry's Director.



The Joseph House Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening Ceremony. Cutting the ribbon, Mayor Ana Diaz & Apostle/Pastor R. C. Stearns Others: L – R: J. J. Rivas, Mario Gonzales, Tarsha Jackson, Allen Lee, Yuorba Harris, Linda Jamail & Carmela Garcia. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Rivas said it was his mother-in-law, Donna Parrott Dailey who actually was responsible for his involvement in bringing the Joseph House to the city. She had invited him to see the work for the needy at

the main JH on Jensen and to see if he'd like to bring one to JC. It was then he decided he'd bring the idea to the city officials. Both Rivas and Dailey over several months promoted it until it was approved.

City Manager Lon Squyres said, "I work for the city council, once they approved having a JH, I began doing what I could to make it possible." He said the city spent about two thousand dollars making the building suitable for use and there's a small amount of funds budgeted if needed for later needs. The city will not charge a rental fee for the JH.

Yuorba Harris, Chief District Director for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee presented Stearns with a US flag flown at the Capitol and a certificate of recognition for his work in creating all the Joseph Houses. Linda Jamail, Community Liaison for

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Veterans group target of repeated thefts in Channelview

CHANNELVIEW – Two veteran service organizations in Channelview are the target of thieves once again.

The New Year's Day break-in made the fifth time in less than a month.

A thief started the new year off the same way he ended the last... by breaking into the American Legion Post 644 and VFW Post 10462 building on Market Street in Channelview.

It was first reported on the facility being broken into three times within four days in December



Eli Cedillo of the American Legion Post 644 reports on repeated break-ins and thefts at their building on Market Street.

2022. Scholarship money for local students saved inside safes and mementos of the USS Battleship Texas displayed inside a shadow-

box were among the items taken.

Finance Officer Eli Cedillo said the thief struck for a fourth time later that

month.

"The fourth time they opened up a hole in the back of the facility and crawled in through the attic. That's how they dropped in by our jukebox where the ceiling tile is missing," Cedillo, a veteran, said.

Cedillo said that he, along with a few other members, have been taking sporadic shifts and sleeping at the facility to try to catch the criminal. He said they even made sure their cameras were working since they were previously disabled during

the pandemic.

Cedillo said the cameras captured a brief glimpse of the thief when they returned on New Year's Day. Unfortunately, Cedillo said the person cut the electricity to the building, which impacted the camera.

The person also damaged a door and rummaged through empty gaming machines looking for money.

"The cameras caught everything right up to when

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Deadline Feb. 16 for Free Scholarship at San Jacinto College

San Jacinto College Promise

If you are a high school senior from the following high schools, you may qualify for the San Jacinto College (SJC) Promise. These funds cover in-district tuition, books, and required supplies for a 3-year period for full-time attendance at SJC! Please see the flyer below for a list of eligible schools.

Promise scholarship deadline is approaching

Eligible high school students should pledge and apply by February 16

NORTH CHANNEL — Graduating seniors in the class of 2023 who live in the San Jacinto College

taxing district should pledge and apply to become a Promise Scholar by February 16, 2023.

"We look forward to welcoming 2023 high school graduates this fall," said Roberto Mendez, Promise Coordinator at San Jacinto College. "By completing the steps to become a Promise Scholar at San Jacinto College, students can be on their way to attending college completely debt free. We have a network of support that will help students through every step in the enrollment process and throughout their time at the College."

The Promise @ San Jac Scholarship offers money to graduating seniors who

live in the College taxing district to cover the cost of in-district tuition and books. The scholarship is good for up to three years or the students first associates degree, regardless of income or high school GPA. Students are required to enroll at San Jacinto College the fall semester after their graduation and must be a full-time student which means taking at least 12 credit hours each semester.

Two years ago, the Promise @ San Jac Scholarship began with three high schools from the Pasadena Independent School

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Are you a **senior** at one of these high schools?

CHANNELVIEW ISD
• Channelview High School
• Endeavor Alternative School

DEER PARK ISD
• Deer Park High School

GALENA PARK ISD
• Galena Park High School
• North Shore High School
• Early College High School

LA PORTE ISD
• La Porte High School
• Viola DeWalt High School

PASADENA ISD
• Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High School
• Dobie High School
• Pasadena High School
• Pasadena Memorial High School
• Sam Rayburn High School
• South Houston High School
• Tegeler Career Center

SHELDON ISD
• CE King High School



SHELDON ISD NEWS

9 Students Selected for Hayloft Gallery Artwork Display at Rodeo



Sheldon ISD is full of great student artists and our 2023 Rodeo Art Winners showcase their exceptional skills. This year nine students were chosen by the School Art Committee as winners from across Sheldon ISD. These students will have their artwork on display in the Hayloft Gallery during the 2023 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This colorful collection features artwork made of various mediums including: charcoal, graphite, pastels, and colored pencils. The competition spans all age groups from Kindergarten

to High School seniors. The Best of Show is our highest recognition, followed by Gold Medal and then Special Merit. We would like to congratulate the following artists:

Monica Arceo- Best of Show, 12th Grade, King High School

Asia Fontenot- Gold Medal, 12th Grade, King High School

Samantha Meza- Gold Medal, 11th Grade, King High School

Ashley Banegas- Special Merit, 10th Grade, King High School

Danna Basilio- Best of Show, 8th Grade, Null

Middle School

Jacob Cerna- Gold Medal, 6th Grade, King Middle School

Ayvah Cortes- Best of Show, 5th Grade, Sheldon Elementary

Lillian Turner - Gold Medal, Kindergarten, Sheldon Early Childhood Academy

Kara Bartholmey- Best of Show, Kindergarten, Sheldon Early Childhood Academy

District artwork will be on display for parents at the Sheldon Choral Canvas show starting April 11-13th.

Sheldon ISD Campuses Celebrate College Week

Throughout the week of January 23-27, Sheldon ISD students at all campuses celebrate College Week. From the early childhood campuses to the high school, students are learning about higher education opportunities, participating in dress up days, hearing from guest speakers and more. College Week is a national campaign and is directly aligned with Sheldon ISD's mission to provide personalized learning for students to be able to graduate career and college ready.



Elementary Students Showcase and Compete in Annual UIL Contest



Elementary students showcase and compete in annual UIL contest

More than 450 Sheldon ISD elementary students in second through fifth grades competed in the annual UIL contest January 24 and 26 with an awards celebration commencing the week on January 27. There were 13 contests including creative writing, music memory, number sense and more. The district champion is Sheldon Elementary and the runner-up is Monahan Elementary. Congratulations to our students for their hard work and achievements. Pictured are administrators from Sheldon and Monahan elementary schools.

CHANNELVIEW ISD NEWS

Channelview ISD ESL Classes

CISD is rolling out with community ESL classes for 2023. Registration for ESL classes will last from January 31, 2023 to February 8th. Classes will begin on February 14 from 5-7pm.

Childcare is available and classes will be taught by an ESL certified teacher. The classes will take place at South Drive Baptist Church located at 15229 South Drive, Chan-

nelview, TX 77530. Childcare will be provided for children under 12 years old. Please click the link to register <https://forms.gle/qp7SADBRRmZmP8qGA>

CHANNELVIEW ISD

PRESENTA:

CURSOS DE INGLÉS PARA ADULTOS

GRATIS

Channelview ISD se ha asociado con South Drive Baptist Church para proporcionar clases de inglés a los adultos que viven en Channelview sin costo alguno.

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Repeated thefts at Veterans' building,

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we lost power to the facility. The facility's power was shut off and then the cameras went off."

Veteran Jim Bishop's personal shadowbox, which was on display, was also stolen.

"In the shadowbox is a Marine Corps sword given to me by the department commander," Bishop said.

He also said there were also two hats and a sword, for which he had plans to

pass on to his grandson.

"I promised that to my grandson when I leave the VFW stuff, and now we don't have it to give to him," Bishop said.

Cedillo said while they may not be able to replace the items inside Bishop's shadowbox, Battleship Texas is going to replace the two planks that were stolen last month and all members pitched in to re-

place the battleship sword.

He also said they've upgraded their security system, which should hopefully catch the thief should they decide to come back.

"We do a lot for the community. If you need some help, you know to contact us and we'll help you. You don't have to steal from us, from the veterans," Cedillo said.

SanJac Scholarship,

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District. Thanks to a generous \$30 million donation from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott, San Jacinto College was able to establish an endowment to offer the Promise Scholarship to all eligible high school seniors who reside within the College taxing district.

To learn more about Promise @ San Jac, visit sanjac.edu/promise.

About San Jacinto College

Surrounded by monu-

ments of history, evolving industries, maritime enterprises of today, and the space age of tomorrow, San Jacinto College has served the people of East Harris County, Texas, since 1961. The College is one of the top five community colleges in the nation as designated by the Aspen Institute, and was named an Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction in 2020. The College is a Hispanic-Serving Institution that spans five

campuses, serving approximately 41,000 credit and non-credit students annually. It offers more than 200 degrees and certificates across eight major areas of study that put students on a path to transfer to four-year institutions or enter the workforce. The College is fiscally sound, holding bond ratings of AA and Aa2 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

For more information about San Jacinto College visit sanjac.edu.

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson



Cherish the Memories

During the past week, I was reminded how precious time is as well as the memories that we make. Year ago, while working for San Jacinto College, I met an extremely interesting mother of one of our students. As time went on, I would run into her at her son's band concerts as well as at Election Judge Training Classes. In 2014, I talked to her about a desire to start a new club in the community to help unite not just the Election Judges and Precinct Chairs in our area as well as to build a strong base of those who held strong Democratic values. Eventually East Houston Democrats was formed in the summer of 2016.

Mrs. Hunter was active in our club, as well as in her church and in many community projects. COVID took her too soon. To help keep her memory alive, our Club established a memorial scholarship in her name. This spring, the Club will award four \$500 scholarships in her honor.

Steve Bate, Class of 1980 from North Shore, passed away recently and his Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday. It was an opportunity to pay our respects to his memory as well as love on his wife, who was also a classmate of ours from North Shore. As I arrived and began to look around, I was greeted by three guys who I realized I had known since 1971. Memories began to flood my mind as I waited for my best friend Kristal to arrive. We laughed about how despite all of the years since graduation, we still remembered details of our years together. When one of Steve's best friends stood to speak, we laughed as we could not tell if it was Fred or Jerry. (Yes, age plays games on your mind.)

Once the service was over, a large group of our classmates gathered in the foyer of the reception area and laughed together and shed a few tears. There was a time for pictures and promises that we would get together before the 50th Class Reunion and we promised that it would not be at another funeral. I drove away thinking about how even after 43 years, many marriages and even more children and grandchildren, we all still have some cherished memories in common.

The week continued with an opportunity to speak about my position with the Constable's RUOK? Program. It was at the Rotary Club of North Shore, so yes, there were many memories of working with this group of leaders. Later that evening, I spoke to another group, C.H.I.C., about yet another project I am involved in. I looked around the room and memories flooded my mind. Living in the area for 51 years, there are some great memories.

On Saturday I was blessed to attend a Memorial Service for my friend Benny. Our friendship began when he pulled his 18 wheeler over on the top of the Ship Channel Bridge in 1988 to change a tire for me. Life continued and we ran into each other in 1992, again with him changing a tire for me. Through the years, our paths crossed many times and I met his parents as well as sisters and he met my children. Rarely was there a week that I did not hear from him. At the service, which was held at his sister's house, there were tears, laughter and many memories.

Life is too short not to care for others and not to make those memories. Hug someone today. Reach out and call someone. Make some memories.

ROTARY CLUB NEWS



Rotary Club of North Shore hears of RUOK program



Left to right, Ken Wimbley and Charlotte Jackson

Our Speaker today was Charlotte Jackson with the Constable Pct 3 R.U.O.K. Program:

If you have, or know of a Senior citizen or someone possibly disabled that lives

alone in Harris County, please sign them up for this wonderful program.

Go to <https://hccp3.com/are-you-ok/> or email ruok@cn3.hctx.net.

GP and JC Rotary Club Pose with Santa



Members of the Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary Club spent some time with Santa last month, as part of their Christmas party. HO HO HO.

Jacinto City's Joseph House Opening

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State Rep. Ana Hernandez presented him with a certificate of recognition and appreciation on behalf of his work and that of the Joseph Houses.

Pastor Robert C. Stearns, Chief Executive Officer of the Joseph House's created them in order to do community outreach for veterans, the disabled, the elderly and the needy. Stearns is the Pastor of the congregation of The Living Water's I AM. He said, "God assigned me the work over 10 years ago, it is His Grace that places me here."

Stearns said he decided to name the main Jensen Drive food warehouse The Joseph House because of the Bible story in Genesis 50, of Joseph helping his brothers and the Egyptians who were starving. The Bible says Joseph became the overseer of a vast amount of grain that he made available to the people of Egypt during a famine.

The first recorded history of other's helping the needy with food can be found in Leviticus 19:9-10 and Deuteronomy 24:19 when the poor were allowed to "glean" the leftover wheat from the harvest.

Pastor Don Jones, Senior

Servant of the Ministry of Faith / House of Hope Church was at Stearns church one day watching cars drive up to get food that Stearns made available to them. Stearns told Jones God is going to provide a larger facility that will allow people to come and shop and choose what they wanted as opposed to not having a choice. It came to pass and was so successful Stearns had a vision of creating smaller JH's, this too has come to pass. (see part 2 coming)

Jacinto City's first food distribution for the needy was in 1989. Allan Jamail said, "When I was Mayor and the late Don Horn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Harris County AFL-CIO appointed me to set up a food distribution point in the city. Horn had been appointed by Harris County Judge Bill Elliot to be the Executive Director of Harris County's Food Bank. I had City Manager JoAnn Griggs appoint Jeanie Diggs and her Assistant Rose Springs to be in charge. It operated out of the Community Center on Oates Road. It's was truly a blessing from God back then and to now have a Joseph House here."

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: 'I'm Ready to Propose to My Girlfriend.

What are the Rules of Engagement?'

THE PERFECT PROPOSAL

You've found the right person. You've found the right ring. Now you have to find the right moment to pop the question. So how do you make your proposal turn out flawlessly? We have plenty of tried-and-true tips to help you, but overall, it all comes down to just one thing: effort. Putting in real effort, thought and love into your proposal makes all the difference. Remember, your proposal doesn't have to change the world. It just has to show your partner that they mean the world to you.

Here are a few tips that will help you along the way:

KNOW THE ANSWER

Your proposal should be surprising, but it shouldn't come directly out of left field. Before you pull a ring out, have a good idea how your partner will respond. "Will you marry me?" shouldn't be your first discussion on the subject.

RULES OF THE ENGAGEMENT (RING)

Here's where a little bit of effort goes a long way. The history of the diamond as an engagement ring first became popular in the 1930's, but the idea of an engagement ring has been around for centuries. If you're still deciding on a diamond engagement ring, consider doing some window shopping with your partner prior to making a purchase. If you want to keep things more secretive, talk to your partner's friends and family to get a feel for their taste.

Another option is to use a stand-in ring for the proposal. Perhaps you can use their great grandmother's diamond engagement ring, and then take your partner shopping later. (A trusted jeweler can tell you everything you need to know about how to buy a diamond and will take the time to help educate both of you).

PEACE-OF-MIND

Do your homework before buying the engagement ring. Most importantly, find a jeweler you trust. And, since you're making such a big investment, be certain you insure the ring as soon as you purchase it. Your knowledgeable jeweler should be willing and able to discuss this with you. One option is that you may be able to insure it for an additional cost under your homeowner's or tenant's insurance policy.

ASK PERMISSION, NOT FORGIVENESS

Before you take a knee, take the time to speak with your partner's parents first. Asking permission is a tradition carried since the Roman times, and it's a great way to make a good impression on your future in-laws.

BE CREATIVE

This is your chance to shine. A good jeweler should have several ideas that will help you to be creative when "popping the question". You could also use modern technology for a Twitter proposal. No matter what you do, just put your heart into it. Here are a few ideas to get your started:

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Propose via video or in person from an extreme location - atop a mountain, while skydiving, or on the shores of a romantic and faraway beach.

SPREAD THE NEWS

Your partner will most likely handle this for you, but make sure to share the big news with family and friends. You might also consider sending out an engagement announcement.

CELEBRATE

You did it! Consider toasting your engagement with a night on the town, a glass of champagne, or a celebration with friends and family.

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WALLE WORLD
By State Representative
ARMANDO WALLE



January 19, 2023

On Tuesday, Jan. 10th, the 88th Legislature officially gaveled into Session. Rep. Walle will spend the next six months traveling back and forth between Harris County and Austin, TX to fight for our communities in House District 140, and for all Texans across the state.

Rep. Walle was joined by his wife, Debbie, and their children, Armando and Joaquin, for the Opening Day Ceremonies. Several members of his extended family also came by to celebrate.



Texas legislators have until March 10, 2023 to file bills for the 88th Session. Each newsletter, we will highlight a few of Rep. Walle’s legislative priorities for 2023.

- House Bill 737
- Raises the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per hour.
- House Bill 778
- Expands worker’s compensation benefits on construction sites to contractors and subcontractors, providing better coverage for working families.

On Jan. 16th, Rep. Walle joined the City of Houston and Black Heritage Society’s 45th Annual Original Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade downtown. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner served as Grand Marshal of the event.



While marching in the parade, Rep. Walle met up with Houston City Councilwoman At-Large Letitia Plummer, Olympian and University of Houston Track and Field Head Coach Carl Lewis, and Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney (pictured above).

Rep. Walle sits down in his Austin office for an interview with ABC Houston Reporter Tom Abrahams.

88th Texas legislative session gets underway with incumbent house speaker reelected to role | ABC Houston

Among the 7,000 bills that might be filed during the long session, most of which are substantive in nature, there are also the hot-button issues: those that fall more sharply along cultural or ideological lines. ...

“You can see it in the bills that are being filed,” State Rep. Armando Walle, D-Houston, told ABC13. “Anti-CRT. Anti-LGBT. Anti-transgender. Some of us are on these social issues. I think most Texans, average Texans, don’t like to attack vulnerable communities.”

2023 Texas Legislature: \$27 billion surplus raises stakes for Republicans | Houston Chronicle

“I think our No. 1 opportunity is in the crafting of the state budget,” said state Rep. Armando Walle, a Houston Democrat who serves on the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee. “There’ll be a lot of opportunity to spread goodwill around the state with the amount of surplus that we have. And that surplus needs to be reinvested in human capital, in the infrastructure of opportunity for people to get a good education, get a good job, access to quality health care and live in safe communities.”

Walle is one of two Democrats on the influential Legislative Budget Board, which compiles draft budgets for the state’s spending plans each session. He’s aiming to put more money into the state’s Flood Infrastructure Fund, formed by the Legislature in response to Hurricane Harvey to pay for flood control projects, and said he’s working on sending more to the Harris County Flood Control District “by whatever source of dollars we can use.”

House Bill 1501

Rep. Walle and Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) worked together with Feeding Texas on House Bill 1501 and Senate Bill 557, which instruct the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to identify college degree programs that are vocational or technical in nature so that students enrolled in these programs can receive SNAP benefits.

“A simple change in policy would allow low-income students in vocational and technical degree programs to access SNAP while they pursue their educational goals,” Rep. Walle said in a statement. “Improving short-term food assistance would help thousands of Texas students along their path to economic self-sufficiency. This legislation is a win-win and makes good business sense for Texas.”



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Lawmakers Push \$15k Teacher Raises

A group of House Democrats is proposing a \$15,000 raise for the state’s teachers and a 25% raise for other state employees by using some of the state’s record budget surplus. State Rep. James Talarico, D-Austin, announced the bill last week and was joined by Democratic legislators and teachers, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

“This moment demands bold action, and that’s what our state is known for,” Talarico said. “House Bill 1548 would be the biggest teacher pay raise in Texas history. In Texas, we go big or we go home. Let’s go big on teacher pay.”

While the proposal may not gain traction in the GOP-controlled House, it could spur debate as the state faces a growing exodus of public-school teachers. The Dallas Morning News, which analyzed teacher salaries across the state, reported that major suburban and urban districts pay educators the most, while rural school districts and charter schools pay the least.

The highest average teacher salary is in the Houston region at \$62,589, while the lowest average teacher salary was in the Abilene region, according to the Texas Education Agency. The state operates 20 educational regions.

DISASTER DECLARATION FOR SOUTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITIES

Gov. Gregg Abbott last week issued a disaster declaration for Harris and Orange counties after at least one tornado touched down in Pasadena, Deer Park and neighboring Southeast Texas communities. The Texas Division of Emergency Management has requested federal assistance in making preliminary damage assessments.

The Houston Chronicle reported no injuries despite the considerable damage in the area.

Abbott urged Texans with damage to their homes or businesses to complete a self-reporting damage survey at [damage.tdem](https://www.dem.texas.gov/damage).



[texas.gov](https://www.texas.gov). Damage should also be reported separately to insurance agencies.

TEXAS LEADS NATION IN JOB CREATION IN 2022

A December employment release from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates Texas led the nation in job creation with 650,100 nonfarm jobs added last year – a 5% rate, the fastest in the nation. Coming in second with 621,400 new nonfarm jobs was California.

“Texas works when Texans work, and in this legislative session, we will continue expanding opportunity and ensuring Texas remains the best state to live, work, build a business, and raise a family,” Abbott said.

The state’s unemployment rate stood at 3.9% in December, slightly higher than the national average of 3.5%. Total Texas employment reached a new high of 13.705 million at year’s end.

HEAT-RELATED DEATHS REACH TWO-DECADE HIGH

Heat-related deaths in Texas reached a new high last year, according to a Texas Tribune analysis of state data since 1999. The state’s second-hottest summer and the worst drought since 2011 combined to increase risk of heat exhaustion and heatstroke. At least 268 in the state were killed by heat, with a large portion of those being migrants who died after crossing the border, the Tribune reported.

The analysis showed six of the top 10 counties for heat deaths since 1999 are

on or near the Texas-Mexico border, with Webb County having the highest number at 325. Migrant experts and local officials along the border say the number reported is almost certainly a “dramatic undercount.”

LOCAL PARKS GRANTS TOTAL \$9.8 MILLION

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved more than \$9.8 million in local parks grants last week “to help create and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities.” The grants are allocated to local governments on a 50/50 basis. Once a park is funded, it must remain in existence in perpetuity, be properly maintained and open to the public.

Grants went to 20 cities of varying sizes for nature trails, native gardens, playgrounds, splash pads, dog parks and sports fields.

A full list of grants can be found on the [tpwd.texas.gov](https://www.tpwd.texas.gov) website.

BILLS PUSH FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AFTER UVALDE SHOOTING

The state senator whose district includes Uvalde has filed four bills related to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary last May. Sen. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, filed bills to “reduce gun violence, increase support for school shooting victims and survivors, and push for accountability for the flawed law enforcement response to the mass shooting,” the Statesman reported.

Several families of the Uvalde school shooting victims joined Gutierrez for the announcement last week. One bill would create a school violence victims’ compensation fund. Another would eliminate qualified immunity protection for police officers. The law enforcement response to the shooting has been widely criticized.

Another bill would raise the minimum age to purchase military-style rifles.

“When will it be enough bloodshed? Are you waiting for it to happen to you or your family before you stop to think about your gross negligence?” said Velma Lisa Duran, the older sister of Irma Garcia, one of the two teachers killed in Uvalde, the Statesman reported.

COVID-19 CASES DIP SLIGHTLY

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas during the past week dropped slightly to 23,530, with 194 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services was 2,513, down about 300 from the previous week. Only reported cases are tallied, and people who test positive with a home test kit likely are never reported.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By
Carrie Classon

Walking Through The Snow

It was snowing hard, the way it almost never does anymore, and I decided I needed to go for my walk, heedless of the weather.

“I probably won’t be gone long!” I texted a friend in California as I headed out the door looking like an Arctic explorer. The snow was coming down fast and sideways. Many businesses were closed, and the streetlights had eerily popped on at midday.

Once outside, I wondered if this was such a good idea.

It was impossible to keep the snow out of my eyes. I pulled my fur-trimmed cap down so it nearly hid my eyes. I pulled my face mask up over my nose and navigated through a narrow strip of vision with a fringe of fur on top.

It was a lot of work. Between 4 to 5 inches of snow had already fallen and only a few people had traversed the sidewalk ahead of me. I found myself tripping and slipping in their tracks.

“I’m going to walk to the next cross street and turn around,” I promised myself. “A short walk is better than no walk at all!”

I kept trudging. But a funny thing happened on the next block. The last of the footprints disappeared, and I was walking through untouched, fresh snow. Once I was no longer stumbling in the footsteps of previous pedestrians, the walk became easier. The snow had a bounce to it. My steps, though slow, were even and smooth. I started to have fun. “I’ll go one more block before turning around.”

The block came and went. Every so often, I’d hit a patch of sidewalk where someone had shoveled, and walking became amazingly easy. Then I’d go back to what I was now used to.

And, eventually, walking through the snow became normal. I settled into a slow but steady pace and observed the closed businesses and the unshoveled sidewalks and the snowplows trying to clear the street beside me. At one point, I saw two young people trying to pry a car out of a parking spot, and I helped push it free. “Thank you!” they called as they headed down the street, wheels spinning in the deep snow.

“They’re going to get stuck again,” I thought. And they probably did.

I heard sirens in the distance and watched great whirls of snow gust off the rooftops and fill the air with dancing snow phantoms. I ended up walking my whole route.

I remember hearing the neural pathways of our brain described as paths through the snow. I can think in new ways, but it is much easier to follow an existing path, one that has already been cleared, and so I’ll do that whenever possible.

But I wonder if there isn’t more to it.

I think of all the times that I’ve heard there was a “right way” to do things, and remember all the times the right way hasn’t been all it’s cracked up to be. Of course, it’s always easy to walk on a clear path. But sometimes I have to break a new trail and, when the path is new, it’s often a good idea to find my own way.

“I did the whole loop!” I told my friend in California once I was back. “It wasn’t too hard to walk because I was the first one to make tracks!”

“It’s harder to follow in someone else’s footsteps?” she asked. She hasn’t seen a lot of snow.

“It is!”

And it was. And there’s a lesson for me in that, I am sure.

Till next time,
Carrie
Photos and other news can be found at [CarrieClasson.com](https://www.CarrieClasson.com).

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City of Houston and Harris County
Announce Unprecedented Investment to
House the Homeless

\$100 million program will house more than 7,000 additional people by 2024 and build critical infrastructure to end homelessness

HOUSTON - Officials from the City of Houston, Harris County, and the nonprofit Coalition for the Homeless on Wednesday announced a \$100 million initiative to house 7,000 more people experiencing homelessness and to make critical enhancements that will bring the region closer to ending homelessness. Federal COVID relief funding will be used for the second phase of the Community COVID Housing Program. The housing initiative has already housed a record number of people experiencing homelessness — more than 7,000 people since Oct. 2020.

At the announcement, the City and the County also officially signed on to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)'s national House America Initiative.

“In Phase 1, we not only met our goal, but we also beat it and did so in record time,” said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. “We are not resting on our laurels, together, we will do more, and we must keep the momentum going. Therefore, Houston and Harris County are doubling down and once again partnering with the Coalition for the Homeless and fellow agencies to launch the largest and most ambitious homeless initiative in the history of the City and County. Together, we can strategically utilize COVID-19 related funding to turn the crisis of the pandemic into an opportunity to reduce homelessness further and save lives.”

“By pulling together in the same direction, Harris County and Houston are showing the rest of America how to get within striking distance of solving an intractable issue like homelessness,” said County Judge Lina Hidalgo. “Our rapid deployment of creative, effective programs is changing countless lives for the better. This is how we make our community stronger, more resilient, and prosperous for everyone.”

“After a lifetime of working in public safety, I have focused on keeping our entire community safe for decades,” said Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia. “We chose to partner again with the City of Houston and the Coalition for the Homeless on the Community COVID Housing Program because housing the homeless not only protects the homeless, it protects the broader community.”

“Everyone deserves access to a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Access to housing and shelter is a fundamental human right, yet we often treat housing as a commodity,” said Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis. “We have an opportunity to end chronic homelessness in our community. That’s why I am excited to support ongoing funding with the City of Houston and proud that the County will continue to invest in our homelessness system through the Community COVID Housing Program.”

“Although Houston and Harris County just joined the 60+ communities part of House America, they’ve been following the spirit of the initiative,” said Anthony Love, Interim Executive Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). “They used federal funding for the COVID homeless housing program to set goals and break new records. They permanently rehoused 5,000 people – a year before they expected. The House America community can learn from Houston and Harris County.”

“The Way Home, the local homeless response system, continues to prove out how collaboration among governments, nonprofits, and philanthropy can provide long-term fiscally and morally responsible solutions to homelessness,” said Michael Nichols, president and CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County.

Funding for Phase 2 of housing-focused pandemic response

First announced in July 2020, the Community COVID Housing Program (CCHP) is a housing-focused response to the pandemic for people experiencing homelessness. Led by the Coalition and implemented by about a dozen homeless service provider agencies, the CCHP pioneered the use of housing as a pandemic response. It has become a model for other cities and counties across the country looking to use federal funding for maximum impact for people experiencing homelessness.

Harris County intends to invest \$35 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in Phase 2 of the CCHP, with \$29.5 million committed by Commissioners Court this week on top of \$5.5 million previously approved. The City of Houston plans allocate at least \$35 million — including funds approved by City Council today for a \$6.2 million housing navigation center — and helped secure \$26 million from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The Coalition will raise additional funding for Phase 2 from private philanthropy, making it a public-private partnership.

Partnership with national initiative

On Wednesday, the City and the County officially signed on to the House America Initiative. House America is a national partnership in which HUD and USICH invite local leaders to “use the historic investments provided through ARP to address the crisis of homelessness through a Housing First approach by immediately re-housing and building additional housing for people experiencing homelessness,” according to a release from USICH. This aligns with the approach that the City, County, Coalition, and community partners have been implementing successfully for over a year.

Success of Phase 1 of the Community COVID Housing Program

Through the first phase of the CCHP, the partners of The Way Home — the local homeless response system — have been able to accelerate their work and have housed more than 7,000 people experiencing homelessness — or on the verge of homelessness — since October 2020. The number of people permanently housed through the CCHP exceeds the number of people housed in the two previous years combined.

The initial goal of Phase 1 the housing initiative was to house 5,000 people over two years. Since the official start of the CCHP in October 2020:

—More than 1,080 people experiencing chronic (long-term) homelessness have been housed in Permanent Supportive Housing,

—More than 3,180 people have been housed via Rapid Rehousing (short-term rental assistance and light case management services),

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended August 31, 2022

Data Control Codes	10	50	60	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	98
	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects		Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 41,979,539	\$ 15,921,669	\$ 294,724	\$ 1,459,172	\$ 59,655,104
5800 State program revenues	57,823,476	799,883	-	1,021,531	59,644,890
5900 Federal program revenues	2,870,150	-	-	17,734,685	20,604,835
5020	Total Revenues	102,673,165	16,721,552	294,724	139,904,829
Expenditures					
0011 Instruction	58,805,532	-	-	11,083,385	69,888,917
0012 Instructional resources and media services	530,653	-	-	-	530,653
0013 Curriculum/instructional staff development	586,249	-	-	15,870	602,119
0021 Instructional leadership	1,725,603	-	-	148,706	1,874,309
0023 School leadership	5,563,501	-	-	155,688	5,719,189
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	2,743,291	-	-	1,150,851	3,894,142
0033 Health services	1,014,205	-	-	-	1,014,205
0034 Student (pupil) transportation	3,864,777	-	1,282,732	-	5,147,509
0035 Food services	-	-	-	6,058,370	6,058,370
0036 Extracurricular activities	1,885,639	-	-	17,044	1,902,683
0041 General administration	4,077,622	-	-	112,652	4,190,274
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	11,555,907	-	-	49,333	11,605,240
0052 Security and monitoring services	1,682,110	-	-	-	1,682,110
0053 Data processing services	1,866,540	-	-	38,550	1,905,090
0061 Community services	-	-	-	9,000	9,000
Debt service:					
0071 Principal	-	7,590,000	-	-	7,590,000
0072 Interest	-	9,918,627	-	-	9,918,627
0073 Bond issuance costs and fees	-	18,350	-	-	18,350
Capital outlay:					
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	542,352	-	43,692,759	-	44,235,111
6030	Total Expenditures	96,443,981	17,526,977	44,975,491	177,785,898
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
7915 Transfers in	-	-	-	1,250,709	1,250,709
8911 Transfers (out)	(414,700)	-	-	(1,250,709)	(1,665,409)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(414,700)	-	-	(414,700)
Net Change in Fund Balances					
1200	5,814,484	(805,425)	(44,680,767)	1,375,939	(38,295,769)
0100 Beginning fund balances	42,387,651	20,372,790	91,172,537	3,835,569	157,768,547
3000	Ending Fund Balances	\$ 48,202,135	\$ 19,567,365	\$ 46,491,770	\$ 5,211,508
See Notes to Financial Statements.					

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS:

Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for the BHISD Locker Room Renovations – Locker Pre-purchase: Barbers Hill Middle School South and Barbers Hill ISD Field House

Proposals and qualification statements will be received by the Barbers Hill ISD., from interested proposers and vendors until 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in the presence of the Owner and Architect at the offices of Barbers Hill ISD, Learning Support Center (Administration Building) at 9600 Eagle Drive, P. O. Box 1108, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580, Phone: 281.575.2221 ex 1268. Proposals and qualification statements may be mailed, hand delivered at the above address or emailed to Amy Presley, Purchasing Coordinator at Amy.Presley@bhisd.net. Any submission received after the deadline will be disqualified.

RFP packages will be available beginning February 6, 2023 and may be obtained by contacting cre8 Architects at 713.526.2738 or emailing George Watanabe at george.watanabe@cre8houston.com. Prevailing wage rates in conformance with Texas law will be paid on this project. All proposals shall remain valid for sixty (60) days.

The Owner and Architect/Engineer reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and irregularities in the proposal process, and to make the awards in the best interest of the school district. By submitting a proposal, each proposer agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and their respective employees arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any proposal; waiver of any requirements under the Proposal Documents, or the Contract Documents; acceptance or rejection of any proposals; and award of a Contract."

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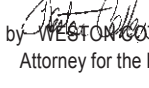
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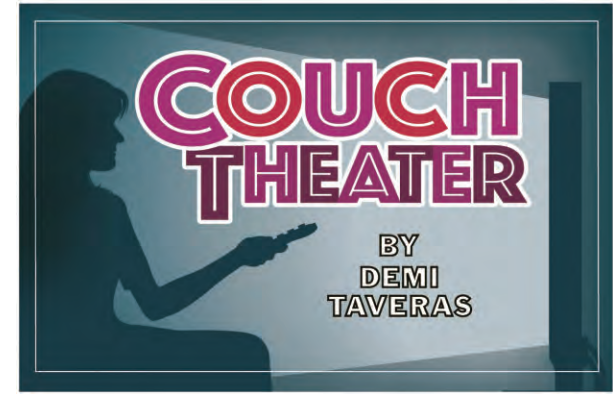


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Stephanie Hsu, Michelle Yeoh and Ke Huy Quan star as the Wang family in “Everything Everywhere All at Once.”

“Everything Everywhere All at Once”

“Everything Everywhere All at Once” (R) — Evelyn Quan lives in a state of chaos in her everyday life. She is the owner of a laundromat and mother to her misunderstood daughter, Joy, and a million other tasks always seem to snatch up her attention.

Because of this, her relationships begin to fall apart, leading up to one seemingly ordinary day when her life gets flipped upside down. A version of her husband, Waymond, from an alternate universe, visits her in need of her help from the evil Jobu Tupaki, who plans to destroy each existing universe one by one. As this alternate Waymond teaches her about the multi-

verse, Evelyn learns she has a much bigger purpose than she ever imagined in the fight against Jobu.

With Michelle Yeoh and Ke Huy Quan taking home Golden Globes for this visually stunning film, “Everything Everywhere All at Once” is incredibly profound — and a must-watch.

Out now. (Showtime) “You People” (R) — Ezra Cohen (Jonah Hill) hasn’t had much luck in his quest for love, although marriage is something he definitely sees in his future. When he accidentally wanders into Amira’s (Lauren London) car, thinking that she’s his Uber driver, he begs her for the chance to make it up to her.

Ezra and Amira begin to hit it off, and Ezra finally feels like he’s found the right person for him. As he makes plans to propose to Amira, Ezra’s friend, Sam, tells him he needs to speak with Amira’s family. So, Ezra sits down with Amira’s parents (Eddie Murphy and Nia Long), and he finds that integrating his Jewish family with Amira’s Black family isn’t as seamless as he thought it’d be.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Mike Epps also star in this relatable comedy film, co-written by Hill and director Kenya Barris. “You People” premieres Jan. 27.

(Netflix) “Shotgun Wedding” (R) — Originally starring Armie Hammer as the male lead before abuse allegations came out against him, this romantic comedy film about a destination wedding replaced him with Josh Duhamel in the male lead role, with Jennifer Lopez as his opposite.

They play a couple named Tom and Darcy, who are about to say their “I do’s” in the perfect tropical setting. At first, Tom and Darcy think the worst of their worries will be dealing with their eccentric family members.

But then, right before the wedding, plans get interrupted by a heavily loaded gang of criminals. The criminals take Tom and Darcy’s families hostage, but the couple manages to escape and attempts to get help while simultaneously running from the captors. Is there any better way to start the rest of your lives together?

This Prime Video original film premieres Jan. 27. (Prime Video) (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Henry Cavill was the perfect Superman. He first became the legendary superhero for “Man of Steel” in 2013. He also donned his tights and cape for “Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice” (2016), “Justice League” (2017) and “Black Adam” (2022).

But the new co-CEOs of DC Studios have decided to recast Superman. The studio heads made Cavill announce: “I will, after all, not be returning as Superman. After being told by the studio to announce my return back in October ... the changing of the guard is something that happens. James [Gunn] and Peter [Safran] have a universe to build.”

This announcement came right after he quit Netflix’s “The Witcher” after two seasons, with Liam Hemsworth replacing him in the lead role. But, worry not, Cavill’s not hurting for work. He has “The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare,” the four-film franchise “Argylle,” “The Rosie Project” and the reboot of “Highlander” in his future. Also stacking projects is Cavill’s “Argylle” co-star John Cena, who kicks off 2023 with “Fast X” (aka “Fast & Furious 10”); “Freelance” with Alison Brie; and “Coyote vs. Acme,” opposite Will Forte — all lining up for release soon.

As “Avatar: The Way of Water” nears a billion-dollar gross worldwide, Disney must be biting their nails over the projected \$2 billion price tag (which will double for promotion) for the next three “Avatar” sequels. Disney inherited the “Avatar” sequels when they acquired 20th Century Fox. But judging from the \$3 billion grosses of the original “Avatar,” and that “Avatar” creator James Cameron’s “Titanic” is in the third spot, we can expect an “Avatar” sequel every Christmas for the next three years.

Executive VP of Disney Tony Chambers says “James Cameron’s movies have a long tail. So this isn’t about Day



Ronal (played by Kate Winslet) from “Avatar: The Way of Water”

1. This isn’t about opening weekend. This is about the entire run of the movie.” Luckily, there’s very little competition this year. Even with mixed reviews (it received 77% on Rotten Tomatoes), their audience loves this franchise and are enveloping themselves in the IMAX and 3D format.

At a time when moviegoers have fewer reasons to leave home, many do come back to immerse themselves in “The Way of Water,” which runs for three hours and 12 minutes. Moviegoers, especially the younger ones, return time and time again to be lost in their “Avatar” experience. Theater exhibitors hope “Avatar” will get post-pandemic filmgoers back into theaters in a pre-COVID way.

The question remains, was it wise to bank on four sequels filmed back to back with our ever-changing times as the world evolves quicker and quicker? If “Avatar” and its sequels turn out to be a white elephant, Disney could always turn it into a jungle franchise to make their money back. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



After 30 years of delivering comic strips full of humor and charming insight into rural America, Mike Marland has decided to retire “R.F.D.” We wish Mike well in retirement and thank him for his many years of service. This will be his Final strip.

The Spats



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. Hair is different. 2. Flower is smaller. 3. Package is moved. 4. Bunting is missing. 5. Handle is different. 6. Sign is missing. 7. Arby's. 8. Chicago. 9. The rabbit. 10. A kaleidoscope.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Appear

5 Commotion

8 Online auction site

12 Actress Fisher

13 Part of DJIA

14 Dell

15 Youthful countenance

17 Laundry appliance

18 Soft leather

19 Columns of light

21 Pro votes

24 Numerical prefix

25 July's stone

28 It ain't worth a nickel

30 Prattle

33 "Life — cabaret ..."

34 Stuns, as a perp

35 "Bali —"

36 Chum

37 Sharif of "Funny Girl"

38 Wild guess

39 Run after K

41 For fear that

43 "No cheating!"

46 Eucalyptus eater

50 Thames town

51 Temporary mental fatigue

54 Dazzle

55 Here, in Dijon

56 Slangy suffix

57 Skater Lipinski

58 Muppet eagle

59 Dance partner?

DOWN

1 Bloodline sharers

2 Jacob's twin

3 North Sea feeder

4 "Help!"

5 Oklahoma city

6 Elmer, to Bugs

7 Has bills

8 Perrier rival

9 Brawl that's broken up by a bouncer

10 Oodles

11 Desires

16 Tina of "30 Rock"

20 Colorations

22 Wax-coated cheese

23 Twine fiber

25 Wardrobe malfunction

26 "Suits" network

27 Jim Bouton book

29 Simple

31 Small battery

32 Clothing protector

34 Writer Morrison

38 Gems

40 Food from heaven

42 Enjoy Aspen

43 Optimum

44 Jazzy James

45 Baseball stats

47 Roundish 'do

48 Lake bird

49 Awestruck

52 Nipper's co.

53 Goal

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6	9	2	8	1	3	5	7	4	7
1	8	5	2	7	4	3	9	6	
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9	2	1	3	6	5	7	8	4	
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2	6	9	5	4	1	8	7	3	
7	5	3	7	8	2	9	6	1	
1	7	1	8	6	3	9	4	5	

Answer

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Mount Fuji located?

2. MOVIES: What is the material used in Captain America's shield?

3. MUSIC: Who wrote the lyrics to the 1961 "West Side Story" movie?

4. SCIENCE: Which color has the longest wavelength?

5. HISTORY: When did the United States outlaw child labor?

6. TELEVISION: Who played the leading role in the legal series "Ally McBeal"?

7. AD SLOGANS: Which fast-food chain tells customers that "We have the meats"?

8. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the "Divergent" novel series?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which animal represents the 2023 Chinese zodiac year?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of butterflies called?

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