



Harris County residents and businesses are continuing their Recovery work after last week's storms and tornados. SEE RECOVERY HELP INFORMATION, PAGES 3 AND 5.

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## CHANNEL CURRENTS

### North Channel Chamber Luncheon June 7

Monthly Luncheon, for Members Only this month, at LyondellBasell headquarters. 11:30am to 1:00pm, speaker is Tony Wood, Plant Manager.  
RSVP by May 31, call 713-450-3600 or info@ncchamber.com.

### North Channel Chamber Magic Casino Night Aug.9

Plan for the Magic of Chamber Casino Fundraiser, Friday August 9 from 7pm to 11pm at the Jacinto City Town Center, 1025 Oates Road, Jacinto City. Sponsorships now available, from \$200 to \$1800, proceeds to NCAF scholarships. Call 713-450-3600.

## Galena Park ISD Named Top District in State by HEB Excellence in Education

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

The first weekend in May was a banner one for Galena Park ISD. On the first Saturday, May 4, they watched voters approve the largest bond in district history with an overwhelming majority. The following day, Sunday, May 5, Dr. John Moore and a team of district personnel attended an awards ceremony at the Marriott Marquis in Houston where they accepted the Large School District of the Year Award at the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards ceremony.

The food store chain handed out \$480,000 in cash awards and grants to six teachers, two counselors, two principals,



A certificate was presented to H-E-B Excellence in Education Committee Members on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. (Photo Credit: Christopher Gause)

two school districts, one early childhood facility and a public school board for being among the best in Texas.

H-E-B has been hand-

ling out awards since 2002 and has issued more than \$13 million in cash and grants to Texas teachers and schools and is the largest of its kind

in the state of Texas and the nation.

Galena Park ISD won the large school district award over numerous other competitors.

"That's the big daddy, the one everyone is chasing," Moore said.

Sam Houston Elementary School counselor Roxanne McCabe was awarded the School Counselor—Elementary of the Year and received a \$10,000 check for herself and a \$15,000 grant for her school.

J.J. Watt delivered the keynote address to a ballroom packed with hundreds of educators, community leaders and H-E-B employees. Watt, a Pewaukee native, was the number 11 Overall Pick in the 2011 National Football League (NFL) Draft by the Houston Texans and was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year three

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## Crosby Rodeo opens May 31 thru June 8 East Harris County Community ready for biggest, best Annual Event

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

For 78 years, fans looking for a good ole time and a place to return to their country roots turn out for the Crosby Fair and Rodeo. This year will be the best in recent years, with a lineup that will excite young and old with rodeo competition, a fair with lots of rides, a barbecue cookoff, and great musical entertainment to dance the night away.

Rick Loggins, director of public relations for the CFR, said this year was a banner year for the organization in awarding scholarships.

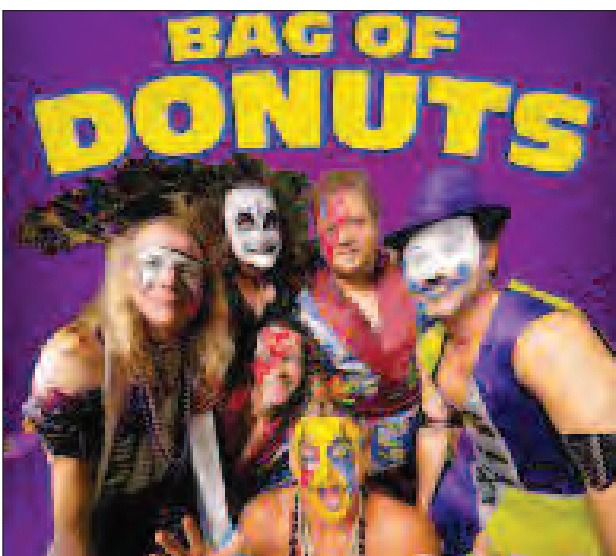
"We had a lot more applications this year and it's hard to say no to our own kids who grew up in this community," he said. "They were outstanding applicants, and this is all made possible by the support of the community for the rodeo and fair every year."

While some things remain the same, there is a noticeable change at the Rock'n C Arena this year.

"We did a refresh on the facilities," Loggins said.

Most notable is the paint job that sports a bright Cougar red.

"I'm told you can probably see it from space," he smiled.



Crosby Fair & Rodeo opens this Friday, May 31 with the start of the Cookoff and the BAG OF DONUTS entertainment at 7:00pm.

Returning to take the stage to kick off the week's festivities on Friday, May 31 is Bag of Donuts, a New Orleans-based party band that's a little non-traditional for what's expected at a rodeo.

The fan favorites come dressed in a flair for kabuki make-up and extravagant costumes. The four Louisiana natives play and sing cover songs in a style they have self-branded as Superpop.

Doors open for all shows at 5 p.m. and a show start time of 7 p.m.

Saturday's show opens with Logan Beard followed by The 22's. The following weekend the rodeo hosts

Randall King on Friday night, June 7, and Dylan Wheeler closes out the rodeo with a concert on Saturday night, June 8.

The annual BBQ Cookoff and carnival open the rodeo on May 31 at 5 p.m. The cookoff continues the following morning at 8 a.m. with judging later in the day.

The 78<sup>th</sup> annual Crosby Fair and Rodeo parade winds down FM 2100 on Saturday, June 1 beginning at 10 a.m.

On Monday, the animals move in and through

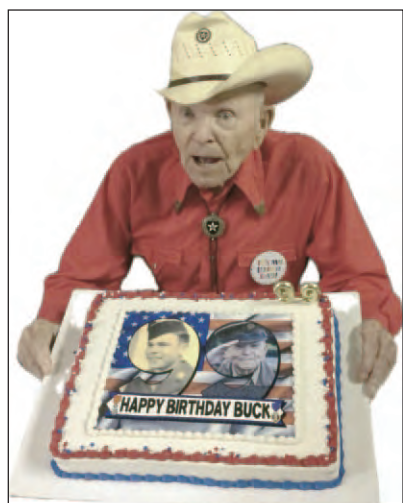
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## WWII Veteran Buck Sloan celebrates 100th Birthday with the Community

NORTH CHANNEL – Friends and well-wishers will gather this Saturday, June 1st to wish World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient, and well-known local musician Buck Sloan a happy 100th birthday.

The event will feature a Parade of decorated vehicles of his friends, in a drive-by of his home and the Jamboree building at 7414 Hartman Road, off old US 90 Beaumont Highway.

At 2 to 2:15 everyone that wants to take part in the parade will line up at The Buckshot Jamboree and the parade will start at 2:30, come around in front of Buck's house and thru the neighborhood, back to The Jamboree. The ladies that want to, will bring a dish and at 4:00 we will eat and start our program. There will be no order in which the mu-



Buck Sloan at last year's 99th Birthday Celebration, at the Buckshot Jamboree.

sicians and singers will get up and will try to get as many as possible up.

Buck's wife Shirley says Come and enjoy. Thank all of you for being there and for being a friend.

Buck Sloan continues to bring musical joy to others and himself, performing

with the Buckshot band every Saturday night at 6pm at the Jamboree building.

Not slowing down, Buck and Shirley are planning a trip back to the beaches of Normandy in France, for the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Buck was drafted when he was 18 years old, at by 19 he was in the middle of the war. He was awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded at the Battle of the Bulge.

Buck is the last surviving member of his WWII division, and he is looking forward to his return to the Normandy battlefield, as he say "One more time" but with Buck, you can expect him to keep going, and playing, for a long time.

## North Shore Rotary supports GPISD Mental Health Fair



North Shore Rotary Teamed Up to Highlight Mental Health Awareness

Galena Park ISD recognized the North Shore Rotary Club for its generous donation to the Fifth Annual Mental Health Awareness Fair. The fair, inspired by a former Galena Park ISD student who lost her father to suicide, aims to destigmatize mental health disorders. On May 7th, the fair offered hands-on activities, fun games, and opportunities to meet with community partners, all to educate the Galena Park community about the prevalence of and support for mental health disorders. Thank you to the North Shore Rotary Club for your assistance in bringing a needed resource to our community!

A plaque was presented to the North Shore Rotary Club on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. (Photo by Christopher Gause)

# SHELDON ISD NEWS

## Jeralan Kannady II Named Principal of C.E. King 9th Grade Campus

Sheldon ISD is pleased to announce Jeralan Kannady II as the principal of C.E. King 9th Grade Campus. Mr. Kannady brings approximately 10 years of leadership experience to Sheldon ISD. He is currently the principal at Cedar Bayou Junior School in Goose Creek CISD where he has served students and families since 2021. He has additional administrative experience as a high school assistant principal in Baytown and Houston. His educational career began as a high school science teacher.



"We are thrilled to have Mr. Kannady join the Sheldon ISD family," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Demetrius McCall. "He is passionate about collaborating and building relationships with staff, students and families to build upon a vision and culture for the schools he has served. I look forward to seeing all he will accomplish at our 9th Grade Campus."

Mr. Kannady is pursuing his doctorate of educational leadership from Texas A & M University-Commerce. He holds a master's of education in educational technology and leadership from Lamar University and a bachelor's of science in Kinesiology from Sam Houston State University.

"As I step into this new role in Sheldon ISD, I am committed to working in partnership with our school community to enhance our strong foundation," said Mr. Kannady. "I am excited to join the team and start working with the staff, parents and students to foster a positive and enriching learning environment."

Mr. Kannady will begin his principal role in June. Families should look for more communication on an upcoming meet and greet with their new principal.

## Abilities Day Showcases the All-Stars in Sheldon ISD



This week, Sheldon ISD celebrated its third annual Abilities Day. Students participate in adaptive activities where they can be successful with support. The theme this year was superheroes, highlighting the notion that everyone is indeed an All-Star! Abilities Day is for all grade levels and this year was celebrated over three days. Each day had a dedicated age group to participate in fun events, activities and earn their very own medals. Students volunteered at the event from the STEM Ambassador program and Early College High School Ambassadors.

## GPISD Counselor Recognized for H-E-B Excellence in Education Award



A certificate was presented to Ms. Roxanne McCabe on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools. (Photo Credit: Christopher Gause)

By Dr. Tommie L. Smith

Galena Park ISD recognized Roxanne McCabe, Sam Houston Elementary School Counselor, for receiving the 2024 H-E-B Excellence in Education Award in the School Counselor Elementary category. The H-E-B Excellence in Education Award for School Counselors recognizes School Counselors for providing a safe, supportive, and caring environment for all students, using the Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling programs. It also applauds School Counselors for coordinating counseling services to assist students with problems and concerns. School Counselors who exhibit professionalism and school counseling leadership that positively impact student outcomes are celebrated as well. Thank you to Ms. McCabe for continuing the pursuit of excellence and congratulations on this incredible honor!

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OPINION PAGE

Veteran Cedric Patterson chosen for Honor Flight



Cedric Patterson Honor Flight Houston #30

Crosby native and WWII Veteran Cedric Patterson was selected and flown to Washington April 18-20, 2024 on the Honor Flight Houston #30.

The Honor Flight mission is to transport, with a specific priority given to WWII veterans in the East Texas Region and Korean and Vietnam War veterans residing in the greater Houston area to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials, dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices and return them home to their families and loved ones.

Their top priority is given to America's most senior heroes-Survivors of World War II in the East Texas Region and any veteran with a terminal illness who wishes to visit THEIR memorial. The program is also accepting applications from veterans who served during the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Cold War, and received the Korean/Vietnam and service medal, and reside in the greater Houston area.

The veterans on Honor Flight Houston #30 toured the following locations while in Washington:

- 1. Arlington National Cemetery changing of guard Ceremony
2. Air Force Memorial
3. Korea War Memorial
4. Vietnam War Memorial
5. FDR Memorial
6. Martin Luther King Memorial
7. Lone Sailor Memorial
8. WWII Memorial
9. National Museum of the United State Army
10. American Legion Post 177 Heroes Dinner

Mr. Patterson Served with the 1st Battalion 40th Field Artillery Headquarter supply SGT. August 1967-August 1968.(TET) Located on the DMZ in town called Dong Hall.His duties were as follow: He was responsible for overseeing, evaluation and processing all logistics related matters for the battalion Headquarter operation.

He supervised or perform duties involving requests, receipt, storage issue, accountability and preservation of individual, organizational, installation and expendable supplies and equipment; Receives, inspect, inventories, loads, segregate, stores and equipment. Such as the communication radios, fire direction control radar systems. Prepared and maintained all battalion supply documents utilizing a journals for accounting of the equipment and supplies.

In addition to providing operation training guidance to lower grade personnel and coordinate their supply room activities. While coordinating with Batteries and battalion personnel to insure that equipment and supplies were available and ready for battle.

- Awards:
• Presidential Unit Citation Army
• Solder of Month
• Army Accommodation Medal
• Good Conduct
• Meritorious Unit Commendation Army
• Vietnam Service Medal
Submitted by Cedric Patterson



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

House Democrats Call for Education Special Session

Texas House Democrats are urging Gov. Greg Abbott to call a special session to increase public school funding, while Abbott is criticizing them for opposing legislation last year that tied increased funding to his pet project — school vouchers.

"Our public schools are the bedrock of our communities, and it's imperative we provide them with the resources they need to thrive," Rosenthal said.

A number of Texas school districts are facing funding shortages for the 2024-25 school year budgets after no additional school funding was approved during the last legislative session, when lawmakers blocked passage of a voucher bill tied to increased funding.

A Statesman analysis in January indicated that when adjusted for inflation, per-student funding from state and local sources is down by 12.9% since 2020.

RAINS SWEEP TEXAS AS HURRICANE SEASON APPROACHES

While Texans in the Houston area and throughout East Texas continue to battle the effects of torrential rains — including storms last week that killed at least seven in the Houston area and left hundreds of thousands without power — the official start of hurricane season is just around the corner, on June 1.

As Dan Reilly, a Texas-based meteorologist, told the Texas Department of Insurance, "In most of the recent years, we've had many storms before June. So, in reality, I would say hurricane season probably starts in May."

Families are urged to protect their family and property by preparing now. Here are a few tips from TDI:

- Make or update your home inventory: Take pictures or videos of each room in your home. For major items, write down the serial number, what



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

you paid, and date you bought it. Don't forget to get a video of items inside closets and drawers. Having a home inventory is one of the best things you can do to make sure you get the value of your claim.

- Have an emergency kit packed and ready to go: Set aside 3 gallons of water per person, enough to last three days. Also pack non-perishable food, a can opener and utensils, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and extra batteries. See a full kit list at ready.gov. Put some water and food supplies in your car too, just in case.

- Check your roof. Damaged shingles or leaks around chimneys or skylights will get worse in a storm. Have a professional secure loose shingles and check the metal flashing around openings or on roof valleys for leaks.

Get your yard ready. Remove dead tree limbs and branches that hang over your house. Check for loose items that can become wind borne such as yard furniture or trampolines. Tie them down.

DEI DISMANTLING CUTS HUNDREDS OF JOBS

Leaders of the state's public universities told state senators last week that dismantling diversity, equity and inclusion programs at Texas universities led to the firing of several hundred staff members and resulted in millions of dollars in program cuts, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A ban on DEI programs was passed in 2023 by the Legislature, meaning programs that provide resources for spe-

cific races, ethnicities or gender identities are no longer allowed. Examining the extent of that compliance was the aim of last week's hearing.

The hearing also focused on pro-Palestine protests that have resulted in more than 140 arrests on state campuses.

STATE LEADERS EXAMINING THE EXPLODING HEMP MARKET

An explosion of legal hemp dispensaries across Texas is prompting increased scrutiny from Texas lawmakers, The Texas Tribune reported. Since hemp products were legalized in 2019, there has been a rapid proliferation of shops selling baked goods, gummies and smokable buds laced with cannabis derivatives that purportedly are under the legal limit for containing THC, the psychoactive ingredient.

The number of hemp retailer registrations has jumped from 1,948 in 2020 — the first year the Texas Department of State Health Services began registration — to 8,343 last year, with 7,700 active registrations received in the first four months of 2024.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick last month ordered the Senate to look into possibly banning hemp products that contain THC and toughen regulations for retailers.

NEW 'CLICK IT OR TICKET' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN TEXAS

The Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new "Click It or Ticket" campaign in hopes of improving traffic safety, the Statesman reported. Motorists are encouraged to wear their seatbelts or face fines up to \$200.

The campaign runs through June 2. Buckling up can reduce the risk of dying in a vehicle crash by up to 60%, according to TxDOT.

Nearly 1,200 people died in crashes on Texas roads last year because they were not wearing their seatbelts, TxDOT said.

WATER TREATY DISPUTE COULD MEAN AID WITHHELD FROM MEXICO

A bipartisan group of Texas lawmakers is demanding aid funding to Mexico be withheld unless that country lives up to an 80-year-old treaty requiring it send 1.75 million acre-feet of water to the U.S. every five years, The Tribune reported.

Inconsistent water delivery from Mexico has exacerbated water shortages that affect South Texas farmers.

"Farmers and ranchers across South Texas remain under continued financial strain and could suffer a similar fate as the sugar industry, should Mexico continue withholding water," the lawmakers wrote in a Friday letter to House and Senate appropriators.

Mexico blames drought conditions on its side of the border for not being able to deliver water as required by the treaty. It also claims the use of floating buoys in the river by the Abbott administration to deter migrants violates the treaty.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Multiplication Tables

Table with 10 columns and 10 rows of multiplication facts (1-10).

I never learned my multiplication tables. Not really.

To this day, if you ask me, "What is six times nine?" out of the blue, with some urgency, I will panic. (Please don't do this.)

The troubles started when I was transferred from one math class to another in the third grade. I now understand that this was some sort of promotion from lower math to higher math, but it did not feel like that at the time.

Almost immediately, I realized everyone around me was privy to some secret code I didn't know. It was called the multiplication tables, and I couldn't imagine how they all knew it, but I clearly didn't, and this was a source of enormous shame.

Only many years after the fact, I figured out that I had been transferred right after everyone had been drilled on the multiplication tables. The lower math class had not gotten to it yet. The higher class was finished with it. I was terrified.

I had no idea what was going on and, instead of actually learning the multiplication tables, I spent the next three years trying to hide my ignorance. In fact, as time passed, I became increasingly convinced this was knowledge I would never acquire and the best I could hope for was to escape detection.

I once talked to my mother about this. "I tried to help you with your multiplication tables," she said. "Don't you remember?"

Perhaps I do—vaguely. But I remained convinced that what I might be able to do at the kitchen table could never be replicated in real life—especially if someone shouted, "What is six times nine?"—which is exactly what my fourth-grade teacher did, in front of the class.

I had gone up to her to ask a question. Instead of answering it, she replied with this very loud non sequitur. Predictably, I had no answer.

"Don't come up here asking me questions until you've learned your multiplication tables!"

You can rest assured I never asked another question in the fourth grade.

Today, I can still remember that awful fear. "How can everyone in the room know something that makes no sense to me?"

In retrospect, it seems so unnecessary. Shouldn't someone have known that I hadn't been taught this? I moved from the class next door, not from Finland. I'm guessing no one ever thought learning multiplication tables could be so daunting and intimidating. Although I've gone on to do reasonably well in math, I still would not like a pop quiz.

This memory bubbled up to me the other day as I made preparations to do some performances of my writing after a long time away from performing. There is a lot I don't know. Some things have changed. Many things I never knew. There are acronyms I do not know and a lot of people talking and writing about stuff I've never heard of. I feel a familiar urge to hide under my desk.

I remember that feeling of being convinced there was this world of secrets I did not know, and I've been reminding myself there is a very good chance that there is no secret. And then reminding myself, if I don't know something, I can always just ask.

I'm trying to do what I should have done in third grade. I'm walking right up to people and saying, "I have no idea what you are talking about. Will you please explain this to me?"

And, so far, no one has looked at me and said, "What is six times nine?"

Till next time, Carrie

Americanisms



"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." — Unknown

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# Crosby Rodeo opens May 31 thru June 8

East Harris County Community ready for biggest, best Annual Event

## Crosby Fair & Rodeo Performers



FRIDAY MAY 31 – BAG OF DONUTS 7:00 PM

With a flair for kabuki make-up and extravagant costumes, the four New Orleans natives and two brass men cover songs in a style they have branded as Superpop: Any song popular from any era. In the great tradition of stunning acts, BOD has to be experienced live to fully feel the impact.



SATURDAY JUNE 1 – THE TWENTY TWOS 7:30 PM

Twenty Twos is a country music band that captures the essence of heartland storytelling through their soulful lyrics and captivating melodies. With a sound that blends traditional country roots with modern flair, this talented group of musicians brings a fresh perspective to the genre.



SATURDAY JUNE 1 – LOGAN BEARD 7:30 PM

Logan Beard is a singer known for his country music genre and has released several singles, including: Late night and Lonely, Angel in Disguise.



FRIDAY JUNE 7 – RANDALL KING 7:30 PM

Randall King was born on the endless plains of West Texas. He grew up singing in the back of a '93 Chevy Suburban, mimicking the pure-country vocals of stars like Keith Whitley, George Strait, Alan Jackson and John Anderson and over the years became drawn to the electrifying energy of modern stars like Eric Church, Dierks Bentley and Jason Aldean.



SATURDAY JUNE 8 – DYLAN WHEELER 7:30 PM

Dylan Wheeler is a perfect example of what the evolution of the Texas Independent Music Scene looks like and the level of artist that it can produce. His music has all the singer-songwriter laden depth that lyric lovers covet, while his blending of both Rock and Alternative genres allows his original productions to feel comfortably familiar whilst simultaneously breathing a gust of fresh air into a scene that has long been saturated by its Country roots.

## Crosby Rodeo opens May 31,

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Thursday, own the arena with projects being presented and judged throughout the day. (See the website for a detailed schedule)

Thursday is one of the biggest days of the rodeo, especially for the young people who have worked hard to raise their projects and compete earlier in the week—it's auction day!

"We really encourage everyone to register as a buyer and come out and support these kids," Log-


gins pleaded. He also reminded them that even if they don't think they can afford to buy an animal on their own, they can always go in together with several families or buyers to purchase one in the auction. Participants in the auction can also do 'add-ons' where they might not have won the bid but want to contribute to a student and can put money on their project.

"Buyers will come from all over east Harris Coun-

ty to participate in the auction. It's a big day for us and we invite everyone to come out and bid on an animal and support the kids of Crosby," he said.


Loggins said the organization earns between \$400k and \$500k during the week and much of that goes to scholarships and expenses.

Outside of Friday night football games, the fair and rodeo is the largest event in Crosby every year.



### PET MATTERS

In Memory of  
Susan Hoffman



## Harris County Pets has many dogs and cats for adoption during National Pet Month

**HOUSTON**—Spring and summer bring many great things, including homeless dogs, cats, or unwanted puppies and kittens. Many are being brought to Harris County Pets (HCP), pushing the shelter past its capacity. During National Pet Month, HCP needs people to adopt or foster and rescue groups to help us in our effort to provide forever-loving homes for adoptable pets. Thanks to the generosity of the Bissell Pets Foundation, adoption fees are waived until May 15.

HCP is nearly 300 animals past its capacity with 690 animals! Up to 40% of animals brought to the shelter are surrendered by owners for various reasons. Although not all animals may be adoptable due to different circumstances (elderly, feral, sick, aggressive, or injured), many shelter animals would make great pets for individuals and families.

All animals adopted from HCP located at 612 Canino Road, Houston, TX 77076, are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped. Pet

ownership requires an investment of time and money, so when adopting a pet, please consider:

- Selecting a pet that is suited to your home and lifestyle. Do you have time to walk your dog? Would an older pet be more suitable than an active kitten or puppy?

- Avoiding impulsive decisions when selecting a family pet.

- Owning only the number of pets that you can provide for appropriately.

- Ensuring that the pet is properly vaccinated, identified and registration is up to date.

Check out the wonderful animals waiting to find a loving forever home at [countypets.com](http://countypets.com). If you cannot adopt a pet, consider volunteering at our shelter. Volunteers are needed to facilitate adoptions, socialize, and foster animals. For more information, email [volunteer@countypets.com](mailto:volunteer@countypets.com) or call 281-999-3191.

## After the Storm Clean-up and Health-Safety Tips

Hidden dangers include safety hazards and bacteria that may cause diseases

**HOUSTON**—Last night's sudden storm was devastating for many Harris County residents. As people move into recovery mode, please remember to take precautionary measures to stay healthy and avoid injury and illness. Be aware of things that can pose health and safety risks.

- Protect your health during clean up.
- Dress for safety: Wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, eye/ear protection, boots, and insect repellent to avoid mosquito bites.

### If you lost power:

- Identify and throw away food that may not be safe to eat.
- Throw away food that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- Throw away any food that has been at room temperature for more than two hours.
- Throw away food that has been in a non-running refrigerator for four hours or more.
- Thawed food that contains ice crystals or is 40 degrees F or below can be refrozen or cooked. Refreezing these foods will be a quality (not safety) issue.
- Throw away canned foods that are bulging, opened, or damaged.
- Do not feed spoiled food to your pets since they may get sick just like people do.

### If you are using a generator:

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Place generators more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.

### Heat safety

Despite the storm, hot weather continues to affect our community and can cause heat-related illness. Cool spaces and staying hydrated are the main defense from extreme heat.

- If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over windows, close the blinds, and use fans to cool rooms.
- Drink a lot of water (even when you are not thirsty). By the time you realize you are thirsty, your body's water supply is already lower than it should be.
- Do not drink alcohol and avoid drinks with caffeine.
- If your heart begins to pound, if you become lightheaded, confused, weak or faint, stop all activity and seek immediate medical assistance.
- Pets can also suffer from excessive heat. Ensure your pets have adequate drinking water and a shady resting place.
- Never leave children, older adults, or pets unattended in a vehicle, even if the windows are cracked open.

### Additional health safety tips

- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and clean, warm water for 20 seconds (sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice). If not possible, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Empty any containers that may hold stagnant water to avoid mosquito breeding.
- Pace yourself during clean up. Decide which tasks are most important so you do not become overwhelmed.
- Check your GPS for any road closures due to fallen trees or debris due to the storm.
- Be careful around loose or lost pets. Frightened animals are more likely to bite if approached or handled.

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# Galena Park ISD Secures Historic Bond, Wins Top Education Award

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times. Off the field, as president and founder of the Justin J. Watt Foundation, he provides after-school athletic opportunities for children.

Moore said they were selected from a pool of 68 finalists by judges who include former winners, school administrators, and university and community leaders.

"We filled out the application and recruited expert writer Terri Moore to write the application answering about five questions. She did well enough to get us into the Top 5," Moore said.

Then came the visit. Moore said a host of people participated in the campus visits, but the stars of those visits were the students and parents.

"We had multiple parents on that committee, some were employees, and some weren't, but the students and parents on that committee are the ones that sold GPISD to their committee," the superintendent said.

Every school district has employees that sell the district, he said, but he credited the parents and students as the difference makers.

The application focusing on themes of how the district meets the needs of the whole child—academic, social, and emotional.

"A system that provides multiple opportunities across a vast array of subjects from CTE, to

fine arts, to high level academics, to athletics. All the things that every student can find at least one thing that they can excel at," Moore said.

There were at least 25 on the immediate committee and more than 50 team members from the district were involved with the tours on campuses of North Shore Senior High and Galena Park High Schools.

The \$100,000 prize will go towards the \$150 million-plus annual budget.

"We won't slice out one piece of pie and give it all to one group, but we'll be looking for special projects and what their needs are particularly at the two high schools," the superintendent said.

The district supplements the costs of students for several things this past year including prom, band travels to San Antonio for the state championships, athletic trips and more.

"It will be used for a broad array of activities," the superintendent said.

Public education has traveled a tough road the last few years with COVID-19, a historic freeze, and Hurricane Harvey. Public ed has not received additional funding per student since 2019.

Moore said he felt like the community trusts them to do the right thing.

"This (award) is a cherry on top for them. What they've been believing is going on, now they have

someone verifying that for them," he said referring to the award.

The H-E-B award program is not the only one the district seeks out.

"Our demographics qualify us for a lot of grant opportunities, most of them coming in the form of after school care and some free stuff," he said. "Usually, grant money also comes with strings attached. This money from HEB does not," he explained.

Since winning the large district award, they are no longer eligible for that same award again, but will seek out additional funds through other opportunities.

Moore was also appreciative of the community's support for the recent passage of the \$500 million-plus bond that was won overwhelmingly.

Here's a list of the H-E-B awards given to GPISD candidates since its inception:

2024 - LARGE DISTRICT, Galena Park ISD

2024 - SCHOOL COUNSELOR, Roxanne McCabe, Sam Houston Elementary

2023 - ELEMENTARY LEADERSHIP, Kameice Washington, Galena Park Elementary

2022 - PRINCIPAL SECONDARY: Dr. Kimberly Martin, Galena Park High School

2005 - SECONDARY LEADERSHIP: DAVID PERSAILS, North Shore Sr. High School

# Channelview War Hero remembered at Sterling-White Memorial Service

At the Memorial Day Service at Sterling-White Cemetery in Highlands, the Aguirre family was present for their annual visit.

Only feet from the Wall of Honor lies the burial site of LCPL Anthony Aguirre, U. S. Marine who was killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 21-year-old Channelview High School graduate grew up always wanting to be in the military.

"He was always very sweet and was willing to give you the shirt off his back to help anybody," said Christina Castillo, his older sister.

Castillo said he was a proud person of his school, his ROTC, his country, and his heritage.

"We knew from the time he was three years old that he was going to be in the military," she said. At that age, he received a brown military jacket and would wear it even when it was 103 degrees outside.

When Aguirre came home on leave to visit, he spent his time at the Channelview ROTC building talking to the students and encouraging them to join the military.

Three weeks before Aguirre died, he was injured, and his staff sergeant brought him in to discharge him.

"He (Anthony) got down on his knees and he



The family of LCPL Anthony Aguirre visit at their brother's grave on Memorial Day every year in the Sterling-White cemetery in Highlands. From left, Christina Castillo, Krystal Rodriguez, Jose Trevino, and Abel Trevino.

begged him not to let him go. He told his staff sergeant that his purpose in life was serving his country and three weeks later, he laid down his life for that staff sergeant and a couple of dozens of other brothers in arms," his sister said.

Aguirre and his platoon were on a mine clearing operation, and he was in the lead in front of the Humvee. Marines were posted on all sides of the Humvee. The order went out for them to wrap up the sweep. The next step Aguirre took, he heard a click. He didn't immediately jump or move out of the way.

"Instead, he kept his foot down and told the other 26 Marines standing around him to clear the area and take cover," she told his story. "When he saw that they were out of harm's way, he took his foot off the device."

LCPL Anthony Aguirre gave his life that day so his Marine brothers

could live and preserve freedom.

"When we were growing up, Alice Johnson used to live across the street from us," his sister Krystal Rodriguez said. Johnson, a beloved custodian, is the namesake for one of the middle schools in Channelview ISD.

"We always used to talk about her and how neat it would be to have a school named after us," she said, not ever knowing then that Aguirre would have Channelview's second middle school named after him for being a war hero.

Each year his family makes the sad trek from Channelview to Sterling-White Cemetery to remember their son and brother on Memorial Day.

For many named in the Honor Roll Call and the family of Aguirre, it's a painful reminder that freedom is never free.

--By David Taylor, managing editor

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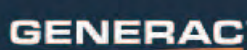


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Q: When is "Yellowstone" coming back for its final season? I don't watch any of the spin-offs. I'm just waiting for the original show to return. — A.W.

A: The wait is almost over for the second half of the final season of "Yellowstone," which last graced our screens in January 2023. The delay can mostly be attributed to the writers' and actors' strikes, but there was also a major dispute between the show's creator Taylor Sheridan and star Kevin Costner that most certainly was a factor. Fortunately, the Paramount Network has announced that production on the remainder of the season has begun and that you should expect to see those some time in November of this year.

There is a spin-off in the works that will continue to tell the Dutton family saga with current cast members Kelly Reilly and Cole Hauser and none other than Academy-Award-winning actor Matthew McConaughey ("Dallas Buyers Club"). The yet-to-be-named spin-off is expected to premiere on the Paramount channel in December and start streaming on Paramount+ soon after.

As for Costner, he knows who his audience is. He starred and directed the Oscar-winning film "Dances with Wolves" and has done the same for the upcoming two-part western film "Horizon: An American Saga," which recently earned a 7-minute standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival.

Q: Since Steve Carell has said he won't appear in the upcoming new version of "The Office," is he going to keep acting in movies instead? — J.S.

A: Like many versatile and talented actors in Hollywood today, Steve Carell seems to enjoy acting in a mix of series and films. Unfortunately, his last series with Greg Daniels, "Space Force," just didn't gel with audiences, and it was canceled after two seasons. Now Daniels is creating a new version of his hit series "The Office" with an all-new cast.

This leaves Carell available for more series work. First up, he's reteaming with his "Date Night" co-star Tina Fey in the upcoming Netflix series "The Four Seasons." He also just inked a deal to star in an upcoming HBO comedy series created by Bill Lawrence ("Scrubs"), which is "set on a col-



Academy-Award-winning actor Matthew McConaughey

lege campus, centering on an author's [presumably Carell's character] complicated relationship with his daughter."

Amy Gravitt, executive vice president of HBO & Max comedy programming, excitedly released the following statement: "The combination of Steve Carell and Bill Lawrence promises to be full of great laughs, warmth and charm. We're thrilled to be home for this long overdue collaboration."

Q: Who is the actress playing Amy Winehouse in the new movie about her? Also, did she do her own singing, or did she lip-sync over Amy's vocals? — K.S.

A: Marisa Abela ("Industry") stars in the new Amy Winehouse biopic "Back to Black," directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson ("Fifty Shades of Grey"), and yes, she did her own singing. The actress took singing lessons daily for four months in order to sound like the bluesy Brit.

"Back to Black" was released in theaters on May 17 and will be available for streaming at a later date.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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HOLLYWOOD — Jennifer Aniston must've loved "9 to 5" so much that she plans to produce a reimagining of the classic 1980 comedy. Jane Fonda confirmed in 2018 that a "9 to 5" sequel was in the works with her, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton set to reprise their roles. It's taken six years to make it happen. Aniston has enlisted Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody ("Juno") to create the screenplay.

Aniston's last two films were "Murder Mystery" and "Murder Mystery 2," and her series "The Morning Show" is renewed for season four.

Jerry Seinfeld, whose film "Unfrosted" dropped on May 4 on Netflix, recently confessed that he hadn't planned who would play the Frosted Flakes spokesman Tony the Tiger. Then he got an iPhone video from Hugh Grant, who pitched himself as Tony while holding a glass of wine and sitting on a couch.

Seinfeld's writing partner, Spike Feresten, explained, "We were just stunned on how homemade his audition was — and how good it was. Here's Hugh Grant at 8 o'clock at night before he goes to bed, crushing the lines." After Grant signed up, a lot of other people started falling in: Melissa McCarthy, Amy Schumer, Max Greenfield, Christian Slater, James Marsden, Jack McBrayer, and Jim Gaffigan as Kellogg.

This is surprising when you remember Grant trashed his role as the Oompa Loompa in "Wonka," complaining, "I couldn't have hated the whole thing more." He was inconvenienced by the motion capture technology that he had to endure to play a little Oompa Loompa. He also had to wear a special suit to catch his movements, which he said "was like a crown of thorns." Then why did he do it?

"I have lots of children, and I need the money," he confessed. (Grant has five children with two women out of wedlock.)

In addition to playing Tony in "Unfrosted," Grant's got "Bridget Jones:



Jennifer Aniston in 'The Morning Show'

Mad About the Boy" and the horror thriller "Heretic" coming soon.

Both Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway have been saying for a while that they wanted to revisit "The Princess Diaries." The first film (released in 2001) grossed \$165.3 million, and the second (released in 2004) grossed \$134.7 million. (Both were directed by the late, great "Happy Days" producer Garry Marshall.)

Andrews said, "It's quite a long time since the two "Diaries" were done ... but sometimes it's best to leave a good thing alone. ... There was dialogue about it. Nothing was ever realized. ... I'd be very happy if we did do another one, but I don't expect to."

Dame Julie Andrews, who turns 89 on Oct. 1, has, of late, done the voice of Lady Whistledown in "Bridgeton," and Marlena in "Minions: The Rise of Gru." She and daughter Emma Walton Hamilton have written 35 children's books, for which they've also recorded the audiobooks. At this stage, I'd rather read Julie Andrews' uncensored diaries. You know that everything hasn't always been supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

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Amber Waves

Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Grandpa reads a newspaper while a child looks on. Grandpa says, 'GRANDPA, THE OBJECT IS TO PUT ME TO SLEEP.'

Comic strip by Bud Blake. A character says, 'THERE! NEAT AND CLEAN!' and another says, 'LET'S GO TO MY HOUSE AND REST.'

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. A character says, 'I LEFT LIKE A LOG LAST NIGHT...' and another says, '... I WOKE UP IN THE FIREPLACE.'

The Spats

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. A character says, 'I LEFT LIKE A LOG LAST NIGHT...' and another says, '... I WOKE UP IN THE FIREPLACE.'

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9. Includes difficulty level: Moderate. HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. A cartoon about tennis. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

King Crossword May 27, 2024 Posting Date

King Crossword grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Annoyed state, 6 Suitable, 9 TV schedule abbr., 12 Road reversal, 13 Cornfield noise, 14 "— the Walrus", 15 Idaho's capital, 16 Minor complaint, 18 Vehicle's capacity, 20 Intends, 21 German pronoun, 23 "... — quit!", 24 Unravels, 25 Second in command, 27 Fighting, 29 "Already?", 31 Unparalleled, 35 Track horse, 37 Continental currency, 38 Nepal's neighbor, 41 D-Day vessel, 43 — -de-France, 44 Sole, 45 Litter container, 47 Without a sound, 49 Aromas, 52 Ornate vase, 53 Bit of physics, 9 Leg bone, 10 Pleasantly warm, 11 Make — of (bungle), 17 "Peter Pan" author, 19 Swiss money, 21 Hosp. hook-ups, 22 Corp. boss, 24 Summer cooler, 26 Spinach-eating sailor, 28 German sausage, 30 Granola grain, 32 Man of La Mancha, 33 Web address, 34 Fair hirer, in ads, 36 Boosler of comedy, 38 Chef's hat, 39 Accustom, 40 Lose a starting contest, 42 Letter-shaped hardware, 45 Coagulate, 46 "Garfield" dog, 48 Cravat, 50 Ske-daddle, 51 CIA operative.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 10 questions on TV, Geography, History, States, Food & Drink, Movies, Entertainers, Anatomy, Literature, and Geology. Includes a crossword grid and answers.

Trivia Test Answers: 1. Grenada Community College; 2. Bolivia and Paraguay; 3. Appomattox Court House, Virginia; 4. Alabama; 5. Dessert of ice cream and coffee; 6. "The Princess Bride"; 7. Allison; 8. Pineal gland; 9. "A Song of Ice and Fire"; 10. Gold.



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