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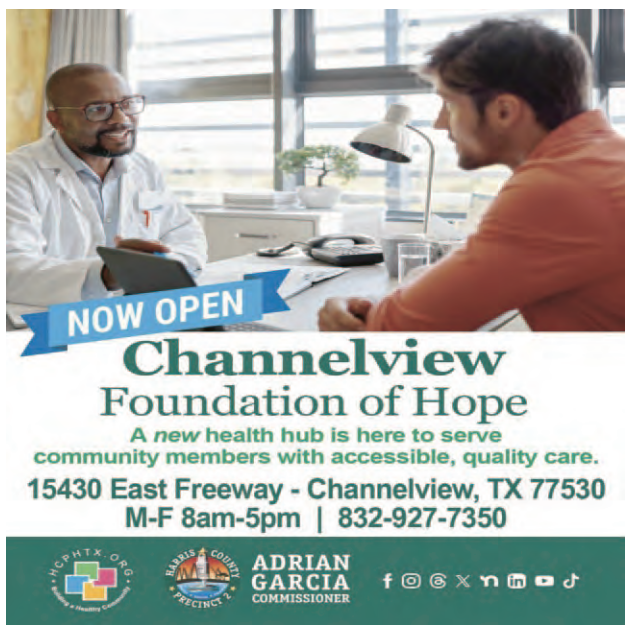

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CHANNEL CURRENTS

North Channel Chamber Announces Summer Hours

The North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce has announced its summer office hours. The chamber will be open **Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m**. and closed on Fridays. Residents and members can stay connected through the chamber's website at northchannelarea.com or by emailing info@ncachamber.com.

Questions Mount Over 339th District Judge's Bond Decisions in Louis Erebia Murder Case

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

HARRIS COUNTY — The June 6 killing of Houston father Louis Erebia has renewed scrutiny of Judge Ta'iva Bell and the 339th Criminal District Court, where critics say repeated decisions to keep violent or repeat offenders out of custody have had deadly consequences.

Erebia was killed while trying to help his son recover a stolen vehicle, according to accounts shared on The Isiah Factor. Police have arrested and charged 37-year-old London Hogan with murder in the case. Hogan, according to those interviewed, was already on felony probation at the time of the killing and had a criminal history that victims' advocates say should have kept him behind bars.

For Erebia's family, the case is not only about one man accused of pulling the trigger. It is about a justice system they believe failed long before Erebia died.

Judge Ta'iva Bell is under scrutiny following her decision to allow 37-year-old London Hogan out on bond, even after he had violated his bond parameters, and then allegedly shot and killed Louis Erebia. Family, community members and leaders are demanding answers.

"Unimaginable," Erebia's wife, Amanda, said on The Isiah Factor. "Something that you think you only see in the movies, but you would never have to live. My kids lost their dad. They're going to spend most of their life without a dad. And I lost my husband of 22 years."

Family members and supporters said Erebia was not acting recklessly or trying to take the law into his own hands when he was killed.

"Louis didn't chase the vehicle," Amber Burrough, Erebia's sister-in-law said on the program. "Louis was not out there trying to be reckless. He wasn't trying to be a lone ranger. He knew that his son's best friend was in danger and he shielded that boy with his body."

Burrough said Erebia "went out there to protect. That's how he lived his life."

The case has focused attention on Hogan's past and on decisions made in Bell's court. Andy Kahn of Crime Stoppers of Houston described Hogan as a "career habitual offender" during the interview, saying Hogan had been to prison multiple times and had been placed on probation for a violent offense before allegedly killing Erebia.

"So, Hogan is what you call a career habitual offender," Kahan said. "He's

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Second Suspect Charged in Fatal Shooting of 17-Year-Old Angel Garcia

By Gerardo Hernandez,

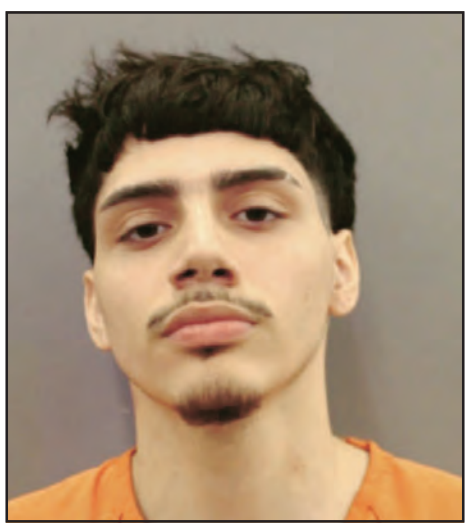
EAST HARRIS — A second suspect has been charged in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Angel Garcia, who was gunned down during a large party in east Harris County last summer.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office announced that 19-year-old Enrique Aguilar was charged with murder on June 17 in connection with Garcia's death. Authorities said Aguilar was already in custody on an unrelated murder charge stemming from the February shooting death of another teenager.

Investigators said prosecutors have also filed a motion seeking to deny bond for Aguilar in the Angel Garcia case.

Garcia was shot and killed on Aug. 30, 2025, during a party attended by approximately 200 people in the 14700 block of Waldine Street. Deputies responding to reports of gunfire found the 17-year-old suffering from gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Earlier this month, authorities arrested 18-year-old Jefferson Velasquez, who also faces a murder charge in Garcia's death. Velasquez remains in the Harris County Jail on a $500,000 bond.



Enrique Aguilar, 19 yrs old suspect

Investigators have not publicly detailed the roles each suspect allegedly played in the shooting, and no trial dates have been announced.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said the investigation remains active. The latest arrest marks a significant development in a case that has remained unsolved for nearly 10 months and brought renewed attention to youth violence in east Harris County.

Sources: Harris C. Sheriff's Office.

Dr. Tory C. Hill Named 2026 Region 4 Superintendent of the Year for Transformative Leadership at Channelview ISD

HOUSTON, TX—Channelview Independent School District (ISD) Superintendent Dr. Tory C. Hill has been selected as the 2026 Region 4 Superintendent of the Year. He will advance as the Region 4 nominee for Texas Superintendent of the Year, to be announced by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) during txEDCON26 in October.

Since joining Channelview ISD in 2022, Dr. Hill has led significant progress in student outcomes while expanding innovative learning opportunities and strengthening long-term district planning. Under his leadership, Channelview ISD improved its Texas Education Agency accountability rating from a "C" to a "B" under a more rigorous accountability system and increased the percentage of graduates demonstrating College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) outcomes to 96 percent.

Dr. Hill has expanded opportunities for students through initiatives such as the Gateway to Education P-TECH program, which provides students with a tuition-

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Dr. Tory C. Hill
Channelview ISD Superintendent

NS Rotary Club Closes Out Year with Generous Donations to Trio of Community Pillars

NS Rotary Club members posed with the Boy Scouts of America, Guerrero Clinic & Baytown Shriners.

By Gerardo Hernandez,

NORTH SHORE - The final gavel has fallen on the 2025–2026 Rotary year, and members closed out the term in true service-above-self fashion—by writing checks to three organizations that are changing lives both locally and abroad.

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Sheldon Community Fire & Rescue Crews Deploy to Support HFD During FIFA World Cup

By Gerardo Hernandez,

HOUSTON - Sheldon Community Fire & Rescue has joined forces with the Houston Fire Department as part of Task Force North for the FIFA 2026 World Cup.

The department has assigned UTV-23 and two personnel to cover the seven game days being played at Houston Stadium. Capt. Venegas and E/O Fernandez are the assigned crew members, pictured at their post.

Officials say the collaboration and partnership are imperative to ensure resources remain available and operations run smoothly throughout the tournament.

Sheldon Community Fire & Rescue leadership

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Service above self in action as NS Rotary Club wraps up 2025-2026 term,

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At Tuesday's regularly scheduled meeting, The NS Rotary Club presented donations to the Boy Scouts of America, Baytown Shriners, and Guerrero Clinic, calling the presentations "the perfect capstone" to a year of community partnership.

Supporting organizations that serve others aligns with Rotary's mission of Service Above Self, and Rotarians are proud to partner with these groups in making a positive impact in the community.

What a great way to wrap up their final regularly scheduled meeting of the 2025–2026 Rotary year.

CVISD's Dr. Tory C. Hill named region 4 Superintendent of the year,

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free pathway to earn an associate's degree and industry certifications, and the New Horizons Fine Arts Magnet, which offers specialized arts programming designed to increase student engagement and achievement.

He led a comprehensive long-range planning process that aligned district facilities, enrollment growth, and academic programming with community priorities while maintaining financial stability. Channelview ISD also earned the Region 4 Dr. Rod Paige School Safety Award, marking the first time the district has received the honor. The district continues to demonstrate strong fiscal stewardship through its "A" Superior Achievement Rating under the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST).

"Under Dr. Hill's direction, Channelview ISD has become a model for purposeful growth, defined by strategic decision-making, collaboration, and an unwavering belief in the transformative power of education," said Channelview ISD Board President Alex Ybarra. "His leadership demonstrates excellence in every aspect of district management, from instructional innovation to board relations, fiscal stewardship, and public advocacy."

Prior to joining Channelview ISD, Dr. Hill served as superintendent of Sweeny ISD and held executive leadership positions in Katy ISD and Clear Creek ISD. He currently serves in statewide leadership roles, including co-chair of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Visioning Refresh initiative and member of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund Board of Trustees.

"Dr. Hill's leadership has produced measurable results for students while positioning Channelview ISD for continued success," said Dr. Rodney Watson, Executive Director of Region 4 Education Service Center. "His commitment to academic achievement, innovative programming, school safety, and responsible stewardship reflects the qualities this award is designed to recognize. We are proud to honor his service to students, educators, and the Channelview community."(Source CVISD website)

Capt. Venegas and E/O Fernandez representing Sheldon fire & Rescue as part of task force north,

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expressed gratitude for the opportunity to provide support and assist HFD, adding that the assignment offers great first-hand experience for their firefighters.

"Keep up the good work," the Sheldon department said in a statement. (Source Sheldon Community Fire & Rescue facebook page)

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

By Charlotte Jackson

Nestled Between Holidays

We made it through a three-day holi day weekend, complete with rain and mosquitoes, with fewer outdoor activities but still a time to rest and spend time with family and friends. And we will blink and next week, we will do it again—hopefully without the rain. While Juneteenth has finally received the recognition it deserves, as we move to celebration of America's 250th anniversary, I hope you find time to be thankful and get out of the house to celebrate. We often hear about the problems in our nation, with everything from hunger, homelessness, gun violence and unemployment, the truth is, I still feel America is the greatest nation and largely in part due to the spirit of our community.

When tragedy strikes, we roll up our sleeves and get busy. Fortunately, we have worked hard to elect leaders in our area that work diligently to listen and put into practice programs that we need when emergencies happen. If you have noticed there are also some new "road signs" throughout the area. These are a part of the County's Adopt-a-Road campaign. Local businesses as well as organizations and even a few families have "adopted" roads to pick up trash on a scheduled basis. One of the largest eyesores in the area is also illegal. These are the BANDIT SIGNS we see way too often along the roads, especially at busy intersections.

In Harris County there are very specific rules as to where and who can place these signs, often seen made of coroplast material and put in the ground with metal stakes. These, just like the many signs nailed to utility poles are ILLEGAL. The fines are too costly to keep putting them out there.

What if you have a business or organization that needs to advertise to the community? Consider reaching out to Luz Lopez, Community Liaison with Harris County Commissioner Adrain Garcia's office and discuss adopting a road? Visitors and guests will see that it is clean and well-maintained, and they will see a LARGE sign in place with your name on it. You could have volunteers, from your company or organization, get involved and do the monthly clean ups. (As a suggestion, you might also want to purchase t-shirts that they can wear while doing the Clean-Ups as well as throughout the month to interest potential volunteers.) Perhaps you can find a youth organization and offer shirts as well as learn about ways you could partner to help support their events throughout the year? Imagine, your employees get to know the youth, attend the events for the youth and perhaps build lifelong friendships. We all know several youth who are missing out on having extended family and I have a list of senior adults what would love to share stories with younger people about their rich history and what they have learned while living in east Harris County.

If you are interested in learning more about adopting roads,

please contact Luz.Lopez@pct2.hctx.net

or if you are wanting to volunteer, please contact me at charlotte.jackson@yahoo.com

Community Events

Thursday, June 25

Community Prayer Line, 7-8 p.m., Call 727-731-7272

Friday, June 26

Channelview Ministry Team Monthly Meeting, 9 a.m, Channelview First Assembly of God, 330 Sheldon Road

Neighbors TableFree Lunch for Community, 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Set Free Church, 749 Uvalde Road,

Saturday, June 27

Free Soccer Fest, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Panther Stadium, 11433 E. Sam Houston Pkwy North

Grand Opening Family Day, Small People Development Center, 2 - 5 p.m., 534 Normandy

Worship Grateful Nights (Ticketed Concert with Chandler Moore and Anthony Evans), 7 p.m. Inspire Church Houston, 11727 E. Sam Houston Pkwy North

Sunday, June 28

Community Prayer Line, 7-8 p.m., Call 727-731-7272

Monday, June 29

Harris County Public LIbrary

Harris County Public World Cup Trivia, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30

Our Daily Bread Food Distribution, 5 - 6 p.m., St Andrew Catholic Church, 827 Sheldon Road

Community Prayer Line, 7-8 p.m., Call 727-731-7272

Wednesday, July 1

Senior Adult Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., Next Generation Church, 13817 Forece Street

Mid-Week Mid-Day Bible Study, 12 p.m., Fellowship of Purpose, 14203 Wallisville Road,

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If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out.

Jackie Moreno, Gabriel Project Donation Coordinator(832) 309-6037.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is Padparadscha?"

Padparadscha is an extremely rare variety of sapphire. In fact, it's the most rare, and most prized form of sapphire. It is also one of the most expensive gems in the world, with prices similar to those of emeralds and rubies. Padparadscha is also one of the hardest gems in the world, second only to diamond. As hardness is a factor that determines how long a gemstone will last, this trait makes padparadscha an excellent gem for jewelry.

The name padparadscha (sometimes spelled padparadsha) derives from the Sinhalese word padma radschen, meaning lotus blossom, as the stone is of a similar color to the lotus blossom. Most padparadscha gems are small, less than two carats in weight. However, a stone from Sri Lanka is on display at the American Museum of Natural History in New York that weights an incredible one hundred carats.

Padparadscha is a beautiful pinkish-orange color, however retailers sell rich orange colored sapphires as padparadscha. This is misleading, as true padparadscha displays a delicate mixture of orange and pink. Quality stones will have a uniform, pure pink/ orange color and will be a lot more expensive. Padparadscha is the only variety of corundum other than ruby that is given its own name. Usually, different varieties of corundum are referred to as a particular color of sapphire.

Today, many padparadscha stones are heat treated, to enhance their color. Most are cut into oval or cushion cuts. Padparadscha is brittle, with an adamantine to vitreous luster. It is an extremely hard stone, rating a 9 on the hardness scale. Many knowledgeable sources argue that the only real padparadscha can be found in Sri Lanka. However, pinkish orange sapphires have also been found in Madagascar, at the Quy Chau mines in Vietnam, and in the Tunduru district of the Umba Valley in northeast Tanzania. The padparadscha from Tanzania tends to be browner and is sometimes called African pad.

It has been said by some that: "Padparadscha is a gentle stone with enormous energy that is said to have many positive attributes. It is a stone that represents joy, vital energy and foresight. It can help the wearer make enormous changes, helping him come close to achieving his life goals. It removes the many resistances to change the wearer may have, replacing this resistance with clarity. With this newfound clarity, the wearer can achieve a much-needed calm. This calm helps him understand the root of his problems, allowing for a much needed change. With this calmness, it is also easier for the wearer to trust himself, which is freeing."

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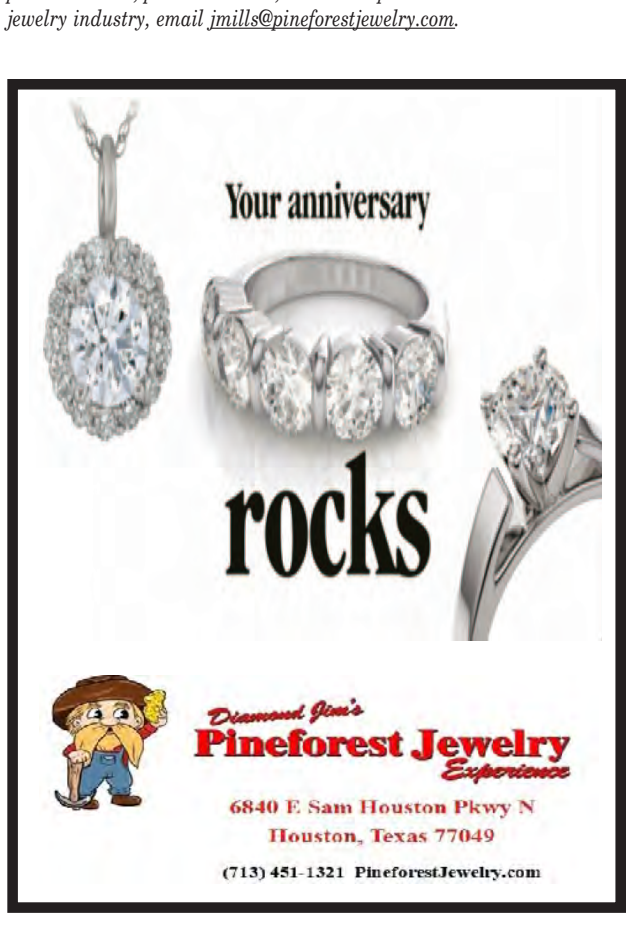

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Commissioner Garcia Honors Community Pillars at Precinct 2 Juneteenth Celebration

By Gerardo Hernandez,

NORTH HARRIS – On Friday, June 19, Commissioner Adrian Garcia hosted a Juneteenth celebration to commemorate the historic day.

At the Harris county's annual Juneteenth gathering, Garcia presented awards to a slate of local leaders, singling out those whose daily work "strengthens families, uplifts neighborhoods, and moves Precinct 2 forward."

In a social media post following the event, Garcia reflected on the legacy of freedom while stressing the work that lies ahead. "We reflect on the legacy of freedom," he wrote, "but we also recommit to the continued work of building stronger, more connected communities."

The honorees a mix of grassroots organizers, small-business owners, and longtime volunteers were celebrated for their behind-the-scenes impact on everything from youth mentorship to food access.

With sponsors and community partners looking on, the event mixed live music, historical exhibits, and a call to action.

The celebration capped a week of county-led Juneteenth events, all aimed at turning remembrance into renewed civic energy.

COUNTY MATTERS
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo

Judge Hidalgo Honors Juneteenth

Harris County, TX, June 18, 2026, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo released the following statement in honor of Juneteenth tomorrow:

"In Harris County, we have so much diversity and tolerance is the glue that keeps our community together. As we honor the history and contributions of Black Americans tomorrow, we also commemorate our shared history of helping one another through struggle. And as we remember the sacrifices and fights that continue to this day, let us also remember the late Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee for her decades of work to recognize Juneteenth as a federal holiday," **said Judge Lina Hidalgo.**

Fun Fact

In 1867, on Coney Island, New York, an immigrant named Charles Feltman invented the first "hot dog bun," enabling beachgoers to enjoy his "Frankfurter" sausages without needing plates or silverware. Over the next 60 years, Feltman's "hot dog" stand grew into Feltman's Ocean Pavilion, serving up to 40,000 hot dogs each day.

Source: www.feltmansofconeyisland.com

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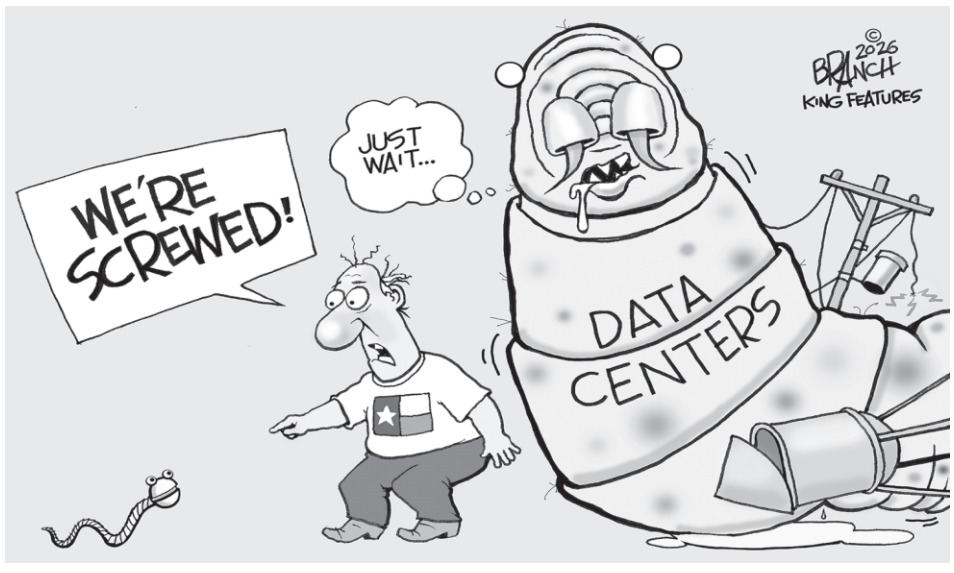

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders

Gains Seen in all Subjects on STAAR test

Texas high school students showed improvement in every subject in this spring's end-of-course STAAR exams, the Texas Education Agency reported.

The results include assessments in Algebra I, English I, English II, biology and U.S. history. The biggest improvement was in biology, with 71% of students meeting expectations, up 9%.

"These results reflect the hard work of Texas students, educators and families and demonstrate that focused instruction and high expectations continue to produce positive outcomes for students across our state," said Commissioner Mike Morath. "These results may also be reflective of the legislature's ban of cell phone use in classrooms, so that students are better able to stay focused on their schoolwork while at school."

Parents and families can access their child's individual STAAR EOC results through their school district's family portal or by visiting TexasAssessment.gov and using the unique access code provided by their child's school.

STAAR results for students in grades 3-8 will be available this week.

Schools will begin phasing out STAAR end-of-year testing beginning in the 2027-2028 school year.

EXPERTS WARN CHARTER SCHOOL BOOM COULD BUST

The pace of growth of charter schools in Texas slowed this past school year, with experts warning that the enrollment drops facing traditional school districts could begin to affect charters, The Texas Tribune reported. With declining birth rates, the growth of vouchers, and increased immigration enforcement, experts say the growth of charter schools may soon reverse.

"They're headed to a cliff, for sure," said Bob Templeton, a senior consultant with an Austin-based public policy firm called STRIVE. "And I don't know if it's going to be next year, but it could definitely be within five years."

Texas public schools this

past year experienced their first non-pandemic enrollment decline in nearly 40 years, with 76,000 fewer students. The drop was primarily among Hispanic students in traditional neighborhood campuses. Charter schools still increased enrollment, but at a lower rate. They now educate roughly 446,000 students, or 8% of the state's nearly 5.5 million public school students.

"It was the changes in immigration enforcement that caused the enrollment to turn the way that it turned this year, especially as it relates to the Hispanic community," said Templeton.

ABBOTT, ROLLINS UPDATE TEXANS ON SCREWWORM RESPONSE

Gov. Greg Abbott and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins briefed the public on the state and federal governments' ongoing response to the threat posed by the New World Screwworm. There have been 11 confirmed cases in Texas as of Monday.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is importing and dispersing sterile male flies to combat the invasion, and the Texas Animal Health Commission has designated five "infested zones" that include Coke, Edwards, Gillespie, Kerr, Kimble, La Salle, Sutton, Tom Green, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, and Zavala counties.

Warm-blooded animals must pass an inspection before being authorized for shipment outside an affected area.

"Sterile flies are the well-established solution to the spread of the New World screwworm," Abbott said.

Ranchers and livestock owners are urged to remain vigilant by checking animals daily and treating wounds promptly. The screwworm lays its larvae in open wounds.

Texans are urged to report any suspected New World screwworm cases in livestock to the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242 and report suspected wildlife cases to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) at (512) 389-4505

ABBOTT TAKES AIM AT TEXAS DATA CENTERS

Abbott has directed electric regulators and ERCOT, the agency that oversees the electric grid, to require new data centers to pay for the power and infrastructure needed to power their operations, The Dallas Morning News reported. The explosive growth in the centers is sparking fears that they will drive up consumer electric bills.

The governor further ordered the Public Utility Commission to ensure that new data centers actually reduce residential electric bills.

"Data centers must operate in ways that reduce costs for residential electricity customers, do not drain water needed for our communities and take into consideration the needs of our neighborhoods," Abbott said in a statement.

He has also proposed new laws in next year's legislative session that would repeal a data center sales tax exemption that could cost the state billions of dollars in tax revenue, require data centers to use water-efficient technologies, and report electric and water usage.

AGENCY TO SET RULES ON USING FRACKING WASTEWATER ON FARMLAND

Lawmakers have directed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to lead the charge in setting water quality guidelines for using treated oilfield wastewater on Texas farmland, The Tribune reported. As the state's demand for water grows, lawmakers have invested millions of dollars studying ways to treat the billions of gallons of toxic wastewater produced from fracking operations so it can be used for irrigation purposes.

Each site where the water is to be used will require its own permit, including limits on pollutants before the water is released, and reporting requirements "as necessary to ensure protection of human health and the environment," said Laura Lopez, a TCEQ spokesperson.

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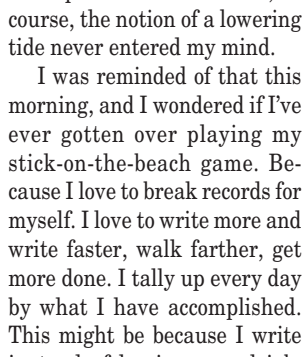
The Stick Game



When I was 8 years old, I played a game while on vacation.

I was visiting the ocean for the first time. The sand was dry, and as the waves hit the beach, I would see which wave came up highest, and I would put a stick on the high-water mark.

I kept doing this. To my amazement, the record continued to be broken — not by every wave, but within a minute, a new wave would break in a place higher up on the beach. I kept moving the stick higher and higher up the beach. It was a very exciting game.

I didn't learn about the tide until much later.

Somehow, the idea that the waves would simply be outdoing one another didn't require an explanation at 8. And, of course, the notion of a lowering tide never entered my mind.

I was reminded of that this morning, and I wondered if I've ever gotten over playing my stick-on-the-beach game. Because I love to break records for myself. I love to write more and write faster, walk farther, get more done. I tally up every day by what I have accomplished. This might be because I write instead of having a real job, where my hours would be recorded or I would be given a performance review. Perhaps I need to reassure myself that typing away on my computer really is proper work.

But I have always done this — to a greater or lesser degree. I was once told by a reliable source (my brother-in-law) that I must never get a fitness tracker because watching the numbers click up for every step I took would become a mad compulsion.

I confess, my brother-in-law knows me well.

For someone who has never had any interest in competing with others, I am insatiably competitive with myself. I am always looking for the next wave to hit a higher point on the beach, and I always assume I can keep doing it. Up and up and up.

At some point, the tide has to go out. And that is a good thing, or the planet would be covered by water. (I'm not sure what being covered by water would look like, for me personally, but it doesn't sound good.)

A friend recently asked a variation on the old question, "Would you rather be happy or rich?" by adding, "or content?" And everyone seemed to agree that contentment beat out happiness because it was lasting and stable, and happiness was so flighty.

I wasn't so sure. A little dose of discontent is what spurs me to try new and harder things, to go a little further than I did the last time, to explore ideas outside the ones I already know. I don't think any of this is bad. I told him I'd take happiness — even with its unreliable nature.

But sometimes, I need to recognize that the tide will go out, my stick will not move up and that is OK as well. I guess that would be contentment. At least it would be a rest.

Today I am looking at crazy words I wrote in the middle of the night, words that look as if they want to turn into a new book — and I have not quite finished the previous one. It seems like a little rest would be a better idea.

But maybe the tide is going up now, and it's OK to play the stick game a little longer. I'm not a young person, after all, and the tide will not come up forever.

Till next time,
Carrie

OBITUARY

Deborah Elizabeth "Deby" Parrott

Deborah Elizabeth "Deby" Parrott, 76, passed from this earth on June 15, 2026, surrounded by the family who loved her deeply. Deby was born on August 2, 1949, to D.H. "Toby" and Mary Emily Essary. As Twin #1, she always reminded everyone that her "womb mate," Diana, arrived seventeen minutes later. Together they were known simply as "The Twins." Later, their sisters Candy and Molly completed the Essary family, and as adults the four sisters became affectionately known as The YaYas.

When thinking of Deby, we are reminded of her nurturing, caring ways. The same characteristics that are found in the biblical story of Miriam, the sister of Moses. Miriam watched over Moses with faithful, nurturing eyes, ensuring he was guided safely toward his future. Deby was our own family's Miriam—our constant, watchful nurturer. Just as Miriam ensured Moses was placed where he would thrive, Deby found purpose in looking after and taking care of many. She was the steady hand and the protective heart that kept her YaYas safe, loved, and encouraged. She was our "sister-keeper", always ensuring we had what we needed to walk in our own purposes, and we will forever cherish the way she cared for us.

Deby graduated from Galena Park High School in 1967, where she was a proud and dedicated member of the Jacketeers. The friendships and school spirit she developed during those years remained a cherished part of her life, and she carried her love for Galena Park and its community throughout the years.

Deby married her high school sweetheart, Mike Parrott, the first and only love of her life. They were united in marriage on June 7, 1968, and recently celebrated 58 years of marriage. Their relationship was a true testament to the vows they made that day, marked by unwavering love, devotion, and friendship.

After ten years of marriage, God blessed Mike and Deby with their children, John Michael and Michael Elizabeth. Their lives revolved around family and the many activities that filled their children's days, including baseball, softball, basketball, and golf. Deby never missed an opportunity to cheer them on and support their dreams.

While her children were in elementary school, Deby became a beloved volunteer and teacher's aide. Her experiences in the classroom inspired her to pursue a lifelong dream of becoming an educator. She attended the University of Houston–Clear Lake and graduated in May 1991 with her teaching certification.

Deby began her teaching career at North Shore Middle School, where she taught reading to sixth and seventh grade students. Deby transferred to Sam Houston Elementary when it opened and taught second grade. Throughout her 19 years with Galena Park ISD, Deby became known as an exceptional educator whose guiding philosophy was simple: kids come first, and you have to care. Her dedication earned her numerous honors, including being named Region IV Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2001–2002 and Galena Park ISD Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2002–2003. Long after leaving her classroom, former students would often stop her to say, "Oh, Mrs. Parrott, I loved your class." One student described her best, writing, "Mrs. Parrott showed the depth of passion and the epitome of being your best. She not only taught lessons from textbooks, but life lessons as well."

Deby retired from teaching in 2010 but continued serving her community as a member of the Board of Directors for United Community Credit Union.

Deby's heart was enormous and filled with a love that overflowed to everyone around her. Her first love was the Lord, followed closely by her family and friends. Her grandchildren were the precious blessings in her life. Many hours were spent loving on each one in the way they needed. She treasured her Beta Sigma Phi sisters and the lifelong friendships they shared. Red was her signature color, reflected in her trademark red lipstick and perfectly polished red fingernails. It also represented many of the people and places she loved most—including her husband's University of Houston football legacy, her own alma mater, the University of Houston–Clear Lake, and the North Shore schools and community she faithfully served throughout her teaching career. She was also a devoted Astros fan who faithfully cheered on her team through every season.

Deby was preceded in death by her grandparents; her parents, D.H. "Toby" and Mary Emily Essary; her mother-in-law Linda Drilling, her sister, Molly Smith; her brothers-in-law, Joe Sherbert, Troy Drilling, and her beloved great-granddaughter, Elana Recio.

She leaves behind her devoted husband, Mike Parrott; her children, John Parrott and wife Gaby, and Michael Elizabeth Parrott; her grandchildren, Jonathan Parrott, Sofia Parrott (David), Olivia Parrott, Maddox Parrott, and Reese Parrott; her sisters, Diana Kurten and husband Jimmy, and Candy Sherbert; Brothers-in-law Fred Drilling and wife Suzy, Paul Drilling, and her sister in law Jackie Drilling, along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and cherished friends. Deby's legacy lives on in the countless students she inspired, the family she adored, the friends she treasured, and the faith she carried throughout her life. She will be remembered for her generous heart, her unwavering love, her servant's spirit, and the joy she brought to everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Deby's family would like to thank the special nurses and staff at Enhabit Home Health Hospice for their care of Deby during her last few months and also Tonia Villegas and Charlotte Dyer for her loving care all these years. As well as her neurologist Dr Allison Boyles.

A celebration of Deby's life will be held Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Holy Trinity Global Methodist Church 13207 Orleans St Houston, TX 77015, with a time of visitation beginning at 10:00 AM and a memorial service to follow at 11:00 AM with Pastor Rob Morris and Pastor Paul May to officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Galena Park ISD Foundation 14705 Woodforest Blvd Houston, TX 77015 for Scholarships and Holy Trinity Global Methodist Church 13207 Orleans St, Houston, TX 77015.

1 Corinthians 13:13: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

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Bond decision sparks debate over judicial discretion,

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been to prison multiple times. He's done time in state jail. He's done time in county. Matter of fact, the only time he's been crime free is when he's been locked up."

Kahn said Hogan received five years of probation in 2024 for assault with intent to impede breathing. While on probation, Kahn said, Hogan traveled to Louisiana and was charged with four felonies, including allegations involving an attempt to deliver drugs and alcohol into a federal correctional facility.

Prosecutors filed a motion to revoke Hogan's probation, Kahn said, but Bell dismissed the motion and sentenced Hogan to 30 days in jail, with credit that reduced the actual time served to roughly two days.

"The judge dismissed the motion to revoke and gave him 30 days jail with credit for 13, meaning he had to do a whopping two days in jail for violating his conditions of probation," Kahn said. "If the judge would have taken a good hard look at his record, there is no ifs, ands, or buts. Louis is alive today. He was failed by our criminal justice system. It is a cataclysmic failure. None of this should have ever happened. He should have never been out."

In a separate interview, Kahn said the decision reflected a broader problem with probation revocations in Harris County.

"Why bother having conditions of probation if you're never going to enforce them, especially when you're convicted of a new felony while on probation?" Kahn said. "What kind of message are you sending?"

Kahn called Erebia's death "so utterly preventable," adding, "Our criminal justice system failed this family. Miserably."

Bell has faced similar criticism before. In a 2023 FOX 26 "Breaking Bond" report, Judge Tavia Bell, then presiding over the 339th Criminal District Court, was criticized after she revoked and then reinstated the bond of 18-year-old Jamie Salinas, who had been charged with disarming a police officer. According to the report, Bell set Salinas' bond at $7,500. After Salinas allegedly violated curfew requirements, Bell revoked the bond but allowed him out of jail the next day without increasing the bond amount.

Salinas was later charged with capital murder in the death of Jamie Torres, a 26-year-old father of four.

"That decision you can plausibly argue perhaps cost Mr. Torres his life," Kahn said in the FOX 26 report.

Louis Erebia, 56 and his wife Amanda Erebia

Kahn said the problem is not limited to one case.

"This is judicial discretion, and this is not an anomaly," Kahn said. "I've seen this happen repeatedly."

He said he has asked state leaders to examine how courts handle motions to revoke probation.

"I suggested to the lieutenant governor and the governor that we take a good hard look at what's going on with motion to revoke probations," Kahn said. "Like I said, this is not an anomaly. I've seen this repeatedly happen."

During The Isiah Factor interview, Kahn said judges and courts must confront the consequences of leaving offenders on probation after new arrests or convictions.

"How do you allow someone who's already on probation getting another conviction while on probation and still be allowed to remain on probation?" Kahn said. "That's the question that's going to haunt this family and this community forever."

April Aguirre, a family friend, said on the program that Erebia's death reflects a larger failure to hold repeat offenders accountable.

"The truth is, a lot of people are just tired of being victimized," Aguirre said. "When you get a call from your son saying, dad, somebody just put a gun to my face, I think he reacted like any father would do."

Aguirre said the family wants accountability not only for the person accused of shooting Erebia, but also for others involved.

"I don't just want the shooter," she said. "I want the getaway driver, and I want all of his buddies."

Amber Burrough, Erebia's sister-in-law, said the family is trying to honor Erebia's life while demanding answers from the justice system.

"It's tough because it should have never happened," Burrough said. "This gentleman has a record of multiple egregious felonies. He was on probation. He violated bond. He should have never been released in the first place."

Burrough said the family wants the courts to do what they believe should have happened before Erebia was killed.

"I ask that you pray for my sister," she said. "I ask that you pray for my nieces and nephews. I ask that you pray for the victim, the other victim who was shot and just released from the hospital. And most importantly, I ask that the judicial system works and that these criminals are punished to the fullest extent of the law."

Kahn said the issue now belongs not only to Erebia's family, but to the public and lawmakers who have the power to change the system.

"This makes a mockery of the entire system," Kahn said. "Very rarely do I see anybody's probation revoked, and that includes with a new conviction. And that to me is the core issue of this."

For Erebia's family, those questions are no longer abstract. They are tied to a husband, father and community member they say died while trying to protect someone else.

"I think the way that we're going to cope with this is honoring the life of my brother-in-law," Burrough said, "who was a man who put his family first, his faith above everything, and he served his community."

062226 ErebiaJudge 01 – Judge Ta'iva Bell is under scrutiny following her decision to allow 37-year-old London Hogan out on bond, even after he had violated his bond parameters, and then allegedly shot and killed Louis Erebia. Family, community members and leaders are demanding answers.

Texas Leads Nation in Solar Growth

By Gary Borders,

Texas is leading the nation in new solar capacity, installing 50% more than any other state in the first quarter of 2026, the San Antonio Express-News reported. Across the nation, solar generation and battery storage accounted for 91% of new energy capacity.

"Texas is actually soon to overtake California for the most total installed solar capacity," said Daniel Giese, state director for the Solar Energy Industries Association. California now has 55.5 gigawatts of installed capacity, barely exceeding Texas' 53.5 gigawatts.

A separate report from a global energy think tank showed that nationally, solar supplied more electricity than coal in May for the first time. Solar accounted for 12.8% of U.S. energy last month, while coal dropped to 12.2%. In Texas, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas expects solar to exceed coal for the first time later this year.

The growth in data centers is a major reason for the growth in new solar capacity in Texas, since it can come online fairly quickly.

Intoxicated Driver Charged After Crash Involving Precinct 3 Deputy

By Gerardo Hernandez,

CLOVERLEAF – A Harris County Precinct 3 deputy suffered minor injuries early Monday after a suspected intoxicated driver pulled into the deputy's path along the 7400 block of Miller Road No. 2, authorities said.

According to Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton, the deputy was traveling on Miller Road No. 2 when a white Lincoln Navigator failed to stop while exiting the parking lot of an event hall, causing the deputy to collide with the vehicle.

The driver of the Navigator told authorities he was not injured and admitted to being intoxicated. The Harris County District Attorney's Office accepted charges of felony driving while intoxicated and unlawful carrying of a weapon against the driver.

The suspect was taken into custody and booked into the Harris County Jail.

The deputy sustained minor injuries in the crash and was transported by EMS to a local hospital, where he was later treated and released.

Constable Eagleton said his office is grateful the deputy was not seriously injured and that none of the occupants of the Lincoln Navigator were hurt. (Source Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton social media)

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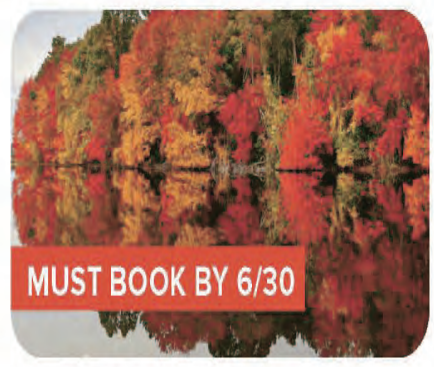

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Eric Andre, Left, and John Cena star in "Little Brother."

"Little Brother."

"House of the Dragon: Season 3" (TV-MA) — Fans of the "House of the Dragon" series have been waiting two years for this season premiere, and because much of the second season was a build-up to the third season. Eight episodes long, the season kicked off on June 21 with episodes premiering every Sunday night at 9 p.m. ET. Heads of Team Black, Matt Smith ("The Death of Bunny Munro") and Emma D'Arcy ("Rhoda"), are back in their respective roles of Daemon and Rhaenyra as they brace themselves for war against Team Green. At the end of last season, viewers learned that Otto Hightower was taken captive, Rhaena finally found her wild dragon, and "King" Aegon and Larys fled the city together in secret. Get your flagons of wine and mead ready for what should be a memorable season! (HBO Max)

"Little Brother" (R) — Guess we've lived long enough to see John Cena ("Heads of State") go from playing the funny guy in a buddy comedy to playing the serious one! (What range, am I right?) In this film premiering June 26, Cena plays Rudd, a type-A real estate agent who lives an orderly life with his wife (Michelle Monaghan) and sons. When he receives sudden news that his estranged "brother," Marcus (Eric Andre), was in a car accident, the incident leads them to reconnect. The thing is ... Marcus isn't really Rudd's brother; they met as kids through a "Big Brother, Little Brother" program. So, when Marcus starts causing havoc in Rudd's perfect life, Rudd wonders if having a brotherly bond is worth all this trouble. Ego Nwodim ("Saturday Night Live") and Christopher Meloni ("IF") co-star. (Netflix)

"Strung" (TV-MA) — This latest Peacock original film is a psychological thriller from Blumhouse Productions, led by Chloe Bailey ("Fight Night: The Million Dollar Heist") and Lynn Whitfield ("Eyes of Wakanda"). Bailey plays a violinist named Layla, who signs on to be a live-in music tutor for a young girl from a wealthy family. Upon meeting the young girl, Layla is put off by an odd mask that the girl carries, as well as an ominous air that permeates the house. On top of this, the girl's mother, Jasmine (Coco Jones), becomes increasingly hostile toward Layla, leaving her to think that she made a terrible mistake in taking this job. Lucien Laviscount ("People We Meet on Vacation") and Anna Diop ("The Man in My Basement") co-star in the film, which premieres on June 26. (Peacock)

"Queens of the Dead" (TV-MA) — This campy zombie-comedy film is a great watch for Pride Month, and hopefully, it'll pave the way for more queer horror in the future. Led by Katy O'Brian ("Love Lies Bleeding"), the film takes place on the night of a giant warehouse party in Bushwick. Club owner Dre (O'Brian) is scattered in her preparation for the party, which makes her warehouse the prime spot for a zombie attack. Later that night, as zombies start blending into the chaos of the party, drag queens, club kids and disco dolls are forced to join forces and put up a gnarly fight against the monsters. Premieres June 26. (Hulu)

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

Actress Adria Arjona (Upcoming in "Onslaught")

HOLLYWOOD — We first noticed Jason Momoa in the series "Stargate Atlantis" (2005-2009), then in "Conan the Barbarian" (2011), and finally in "Aquaman" (2018). Twenty-five films later, there's no doubt that he's a superstar! He's completed six films that are currently awaiting release.

The first is "Supergirl," led by Milly Alcock with David Corenswet as Superman, and it opens on June 26. In October, "Street Fighter" comes out, in which Momoa co-stars with Noah Centineo (star of the upcoming film "John Rambo"), as well as Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson. Then there's "Dune: Part Three," which opens on Dec. 18. In addition, he's joining Andy Samberg in the action/comedy "Protecting Jared."

Momoa's also confirmed to star in the next "Superman" film called "Man of Tomorrow" with Corenswet, Nicholas Hoult, Rachel Brosnahan and Nathan Fillion for a July 2027 release date. Now he's preparing to shoot "A Minecraft Movie Squared" (with Jack Black and Kirsten Dunst) for a July 2027 release as well. (The original "Minecraft Movie" cost $150 million and made $961.2 million.)

Momoa was married to Lisa Bonet from 2017-2020, but they officially divorced in 2024. (They produced a daughter, 18, and a son, 17.) Momoa's now dating Adria Arjona, who played Dorothy Gale in "Emerald City" (2017). She also starred in "Father of the Bride" (2022) and "Hit Man" (2023).

Arjona's now shooting the action/thriller "Onslaught" (with Dan Stevens), which opens in September. Additionally, she has "The Thomas Crown Affair" with Michael B. Jordan and Lily Gladstone landing in March 2027; "Man of Tomorrow" with Momoa; "Alpha Gang" with Cate Blanchett, Chris Pine and Dave Bautista; and the erotic thriller "Scorn" with Kingsley Ben-Adir of "Peaky Blinders." Momoa turns 47 in August, while Arjona is 34.

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The unforgettable "Harry Potter" lead Daniel Radcliffe was set to star in the Vietnam War thriller "Trust the Man" with Oscar nominee Lucas Hedges ("Manchester by the Sea"), but Hedges had to bow out due to the comedy "Love Is Not the Answer." The latter was written and directed by Michael Cera, and Pamela Anderson, Steve Coogan and Jamie Dornan co-star. (They're shooting in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.)

Radcliffe saved the day by suggesting that his "Merrily We Roll Along" co-star Jonathan Groff take Hedges' place. (Both Radcliffe and Groff won Tony Awards for the 2023 Broadway revival.) Groff also returned to Broadway as Bobby Darin for "Just in Time." But here lies the rub. ... Why take these two huge Broadway musical stars and cast them in a Vietnam War movie that definitely isn't a musical?

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Aaron Sorkin has written, is producing and is directing a sequel to "The Social Network," titled "The Social Reckoning." It stars Jeremy Allen White, Jeremy Strong, 2025 Best Actress Oscar winner Mikey Madison ("Anora"), and comic Bill Burr. It's set for an October premiere. Why'd it take so long for him to come up with a sequel for his "Social Network," which cost $40 million and grossed a whopping $225 million? Was he anti-"Social" for 16 years?

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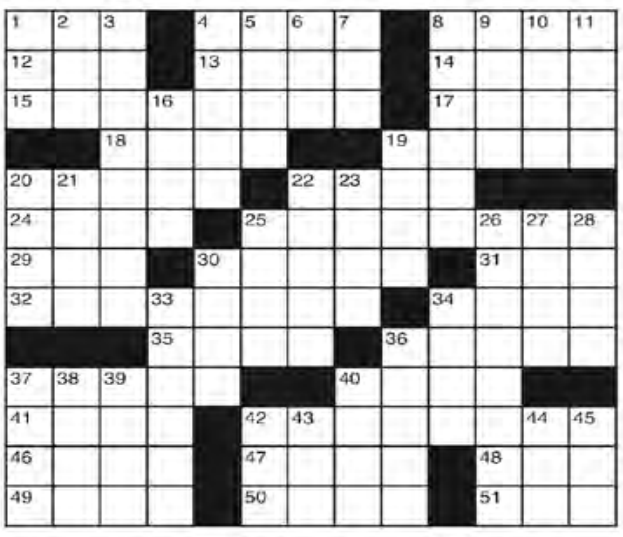

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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5	1	8	9	7	4	6	9	3

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Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a pet pig named Arnold Ziffel?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which three countries make up Scandinavia?
3. MONEY: When was the euro currency introduced?
4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is a more common name for myocardial infarction?
5. MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Egyptian god of the underworld?
6. MOVIES: What is the building whose steps Rocky Balboa climbs triumphantly in the movie "Rocky"?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three signs of the Zodiac are considered to be water signs?
8. GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in a game of Jenga?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Petrified Forest National Park?
10. ANATOMY: Which system in the human body is responsible for hormone production and regulation?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. "Green Acres"; 2. Denmark, Sweden and Finland; 3. 1999; 4. Heart attack; 5. Osiris; 6. The Philadelphia Museum of Art; 7. PISCES, CANCER and SCORPIO; 8. 54; 9. Arizona; 10. Endocrine

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