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- City of Baytown Hurricane Workshop
- Beach City Barge Dock Project
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IN THE STARS

EVENTS

MON., MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Sterling White Funeral Home Memorial Day, 10 am, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX. 77562

TUE., MAY 28 GIRLS ROCK 2

7th - 12th Grade Young Ladies Life Skills. Education, communication, appearance, friends, dating, future goals & job skills training. 5:30 pm - 8 pm at Crosby Community Center, 713-274-0904.

FRIDAY, MAY 31 SUMMER BOOK SALE IN CROSBY

Friends of the Crosby Library will hold a Summer Book Sale Friday, May 31st - 1pm - 6pm & Saturday, June 1st - 10am - 5pm. Buy 2 books, get 1 Free!! For more info, call the Library at 281-328-3535.

MAY 31 - JUNE 8 CROSBY FAIR & RODEO

MAY 31 BAG O DONUTS
 JUNE 1 PARADE 10:00 8 P.M. TRAVIS MATTE
 JUNE 5 LIVESTOCK SALE
 JUNE 6 - 8 PRCA RODEO & CONCERTS

MON., JUNE 3 WISDOM OF PREPLANNING

7 pm - 8:30 pm at 4 Corners BBQ, 7735 Decker, Baytown, TX 77562.

BIRTHDAYS

- May 23-Lisa Contreras
- Doyce Hedger
- Noah Keaton
- Jennifer Salters
- Avery Joseph Boyd
- May 24-Lisa Dubecak
- Troy King
- Cindy Willingham
- May 25-Tom Nuckols
- May 26-Stephanie Riser
- Allen Dunn
- May 27-Bob Elkins
- May 28-Ellen Beck
- Mrs. Mark Collins
- Rufus Larkin
- Blake McCain
- Rusty Maxey

ANNIVERSARIES

- May 23-Ralph & Rhonda Brewer

HEART SCREENINGS FOR TEXAS ATHLETES

Cody Bill passes

The Cody Bill or House Bill 76 that provides an opt in opportunity for parents to have their children screened with an EKG before participating in competitive activities passed the Texas Senate on May 20 by a vote of 20-11 after clearing the House overwhelmingly.

The bill goes back to the House for an amendment before going on to the Governor who can sign it or do nothing after 15 days and the bill become law. The bill probably comes into effect in 2020.

According to Scott Stephens, "We are going to have a better system. It has been seven years and two weeks to the day since Cody died in my easy chair for what we would later discover was unnecessary. So, my wife, Melanie and I said let's give this thing seven

See HB 76 passed, Page 8



Dan Huberty R, House of Representatives District 27 and formerly Crosby's Representative here with State Senator Carol Alvarado, D., District 6, these two carried the bill through their legislative bodies.

Crosby ISD sets audits, spending

CROSBY - The local school board decided issues of expenditure, heard a report from the Superintendent on the state of the school district and hired a brand new auditing company for next year.

The Board of Trustees on advisement from Lisa Jones hired the firm of Pattillo, Brown and Hill to do their audits for next year for the very low sum of about \$40,000, considerably less than previous

yearly audits. The trustees also decided to take under consideration rotating auditing firms every five years in the future.

The Superintendent Scott Davis harkened back to the days of the financial stresses the community had undergone and he stressed that the days of not having much money are not over. It will be that way for several

See CROSBY ISD, Page 3

Rotary awards \$32,000 in scholarships

HIGHLANDS - Monday night was the Rotary Club Annual Scholarship Banquet, held at the San Jacinto Community Center.

Receiving scholarships were 18 students, who attended along with their families. The scholarships totalled \$32,000 and these funds were a result of the Chili Feast held each February. Scholarships were in the amount of \$1500 except for four special awards named for individuals as memorials. These were \$2500 apiece.

The keynote speaker was Justice of the Peace Lucia Bates, of Precinct 3 in Baytown. Judge Bates spoke of her early life, having been born on the island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean (hence her name), and coming to this country at an early age.

Bates was educated at See Scholarships, P. 8



Scholarship recipients proudly pose after Monday night's Scholarship Banquet. Also pictured is the keynote speaker, Justice of the Peace Lucia Bates. 17 of the 18 recipients were present at the ceremonies at the San Jacinto Community Center, with the others either away at college, or receiving other awards the same night. The total amount of the scholarships awarded was \$32,000. Students were from local high schools, with six already at college.

Water level lowered in Lake Houston

In anticipation of heavy rains and storms through the rest of the month, the City of Houston Public Works has warned residents along the lake to expect lower lake levels for at least the rest of this month, and perhaps extending further into the

year. The normal lake level is 42.5 feet above sea level, and authorities will let it drop to 41.5 inches.

Officials said that all four of the flood gates on the dam structure are open and will remain open until the desired level is reached. This means that property below the dam can expect higher water levels, but hopefully will not be flooded if the heavy storms do occur.



The water level in Lake Houston is being lowered this month, in anticipation of heavy rains and potential flooding.

Severed head found near Lake Houston

HUFFMAN - In March of 2018, trash cleaners found the severed head of a woman in a trash bag near the McKay Bridge, doubtlessly thrown from FM 1960. Now Houston Police are still trying to follow up and obtain leads concerning this murder, similar to one that occurred in Louisiana.

A description of a suspect has been released. He is described as in his mid-twenties, short dark hair with long bangs standing about 5'4" to 5'8". He was observed driving a teal or green blue Chevy Silverado Extended Cab. The victim was described as being between 20 to 45 years old.

A head was similarly found in Calcasieu Lake inside Camron Parish nearly 100 miles apart. Call (713) 222-TIPS with any information for a reward.



At top the latest sketch by a Forensic Anthropologist in April. BELOW: the previous sketches done by HPD Forensic Anthropologists of a woman with Auburn hair.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Comm. Garcia proposes 1 million dollars for county-wide land trust program

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – May 14th - Commissioner Adrian Garcia has proposed to invest one million dollars in a new Land Trust pilot program that could give Harris County residents an opportunity to own a home.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Garcia requested the court discuss and approve the establishment of a Land Trust Program for Unincorporated Harris County. Under the current proposal, the program would operate as a Community Land Trust (CLT) nonprofit owned by the county and will have the ability to acquire land, including accepting land currently owned by the county. The acquired land will be used to develop affordable housing, which will be made available to low- and moderate-income families at below-market rates. The County will continue to own the land and lease it to the homeowner. In exchange for purchasing a



Commissioner Adrian Garcia

makes homeownership accessible to those who may not be able to do it otherwise," said Commissioner Garcia.

"One of the most significant driving factors of gentrification in Harris County is the cost of land. By offering the opportunity to own and pay taxes on only the improvements and providing the land for a low-priced lease, Harris County will be providing an opportunity for housing that will remain affordable in perpetuity," said Commissioner Garcia.

CLT home at an affordable price, buyers agree to resell at a price that is affordable for future low-income owners. A likely scenario would include a 99-year lease that may be renewed and inherited. "My Precinct has the highest percentage of renters among all 4 precincts. Most residents rent because they cannot afford to own and I want to change this. This type of program

Commissioners Court authorized Harris County Engineering, the Community Services Department, and the County Attorney to establish the land trust, and create policies and procedures to determine how it will work. Harris County would be setting aside one million dollars for the program with each Precinct receiving \$250,000.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Garcia visits in Highlands



PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA was the guest of local Highlands businessman Jack Adcox and wife Irene at their home on Grace Lane. Several dozen guests were treated to a steak dinner, and then Garcia gave a review of his accomplishments since taking office, and his goals for the rest of his term. Key issues were flooding, hurricane protection, environmental air and water quality.

Pct. 2 holds environment meeting in Crosby


CROSBY – Last Saturday at the Crosby Community Center Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia hosted a Community Meeting on the Environment. It was sparsely attended by local residents.

During the meeting Veterans emphasized their desire for park land to place a monument to veterans that have sacrificed for the cause of freedom. The meetings are a chance to get to know the new Precinct 2.

The next local meeting is to be on Monday, June 3 from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. at the San Jacinto Community Center 604 Highlands Woods Drive in Highlands. The topic will be flooding.



An Environmental Engineer talked with residents concerning advice for those that may have been effected by releases and environmental disasters.




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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Crosby School board recognizes Student Achievement



Crosby ISD was recognized with a plaque and a clear memorial trophy for being a HCDE Safe and Secure School. The center was created in 1999 and here recognized for supporting student achievement.

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years. He however highlighted the generosity of the community in caring for the needs of students during that time. He provided a detailed report of how he believes the school should proceed on trips by students outside the district. Davis allowed for trips funded privately would proceed and attempted to make sense of why a policy was enacted that "any trips that cost over \$30,000 must be approved by the board." He asked do we need to review that to make sure that it is what was intended in practice.

RIGHT: Kevin Knight Director of Bands at the high school won the 2019 Phi Beta Mu Young Bandmaster of the Year.



R.W. "Bob" Royal Jr. of the Huffman Masonic Lodge Co-Chairman of Committee on Mediation #2 of the Grand Lodge of Texas presented Cindy Wigham of Crosby Elementary with the Mirabeau Lamar Award.



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Balie CoVan and Kenedi Lynch are National Merit Scholar Semifinalist Nominees



The JROTC State Air Rifle Competition winners here with Sponsor Colonel Troy Reeves was earned by 1st. Macie Lockwood, 2nd Cierra Citizen, and 3rd Sasha DeFoe



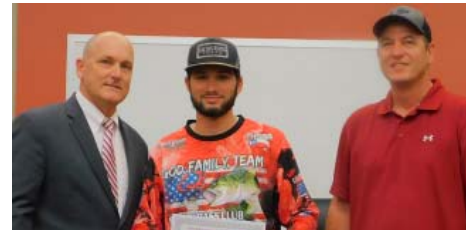
Demetrius Sheats was presented his TMEA 5A All-State Symphonic Band Award.



Texas Girls Coaches Association All-State Basketball Coach Michelle Trotter introduces Ta'Nya Gibson and Briana Johnson.



With track coach Johnnie Freeman Charde Van Zandt was Back to Back State Qualifier in High Jump, 4th in State



Reiden Hicks represents the Crosby F.F.A. Forage Team not pictured are Cade Hoehner and Ethan Key

73rd Annual **CROSBY FAIR & RODEO** May 31 - June 8

Bag of Donuts Friday, May 31

Travis Matte Saturday, June 1

Flatland Cavalry Thursday June 6

Adam Hood

Parker McCollum Friday, June 7

Caden Gillard

Koe Wetzel Saturday, June 8

HI-LO PRO RODEO 7:30pm June 6, 7 & 8

Mutton Bustin' 7:00pm every night

★ OPINION PAGE ★

TEXAS SENATE NEWS
By Richard Lee

Senate approves constitutional prohibition on income tax

(Austin) Voters could enshrine a ban on a personal income tax in the state constitution under a measure approved by the Senate late Monday. Texas' lack of an income tax is one of the state's major economic success, said bill sponsor and Prosper Senator Pat Fallon. "Every day more people move to Texas seeking an opportunity to make their lives better for themselves and their families," he said. "A big part of that is they know that a larger portion of what they earn will be kept in their pockets and not go to the government because Texas has a climate that is business-friendly, low-tax, high-prosperity and we have reasonable regulation." Many Texans, said Fallon, are under the mistaken impression that the state constitution explicitly prohibits a personal income tax, but it's more complicated than that. At issue is the "Bullock Amendment," named for the late Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, who pushed for the amendment in the early 90s. It requires that any personal income tax proposal be first approved by a majority of Texas voters. While that's not likely, as Fallon cited recent polling showing that more than 70 percent of Texans oppose an income tax, there is a way it could still become law. Any statute can pass the Legislature with a simple majority, meaning that 51 percent of lawmakers could hypothetically put the question of creating an income tax before voters. It takes a 2/3s majority of the Legislature to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot, however, so any future bills that seek to repeal this proposed income tax ban would require a supermajority of lawmakers in both houses.

One issue raised by those opposed to the legislation is the unintended impact it could have on the business franchise tax. The resolution would place this exact language in the constitution: "The legislature may not impose a tax on the net incomes of individuals, including an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income." A possible issue arises due to the use of the term "individual" in place of "natural person" as exists in the Bullock Amendment today.

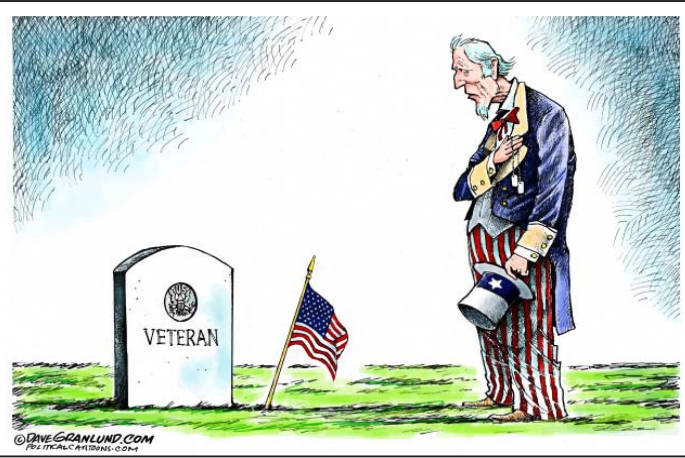
According to the fiscal impact statement by the Legislative Budget Board, the term could open the door to legal challenges of the franchise tax. "The term 'individuals' is not defined and could be interpreted to include entities that are currently subject to the state's franchise tax," it reads.

There are places in state law where the definition of "person" includes a corporation or other business interest. Subject to a lawsuit, if a court rules that "individual" means "person", and affirms that "person" applies to corporations, then it could theoretically strike down all or part of the levy. The Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate projects that tax will bring in more than \$6 billion in revenue over the next two years, so a court ruling exempting some, or all, businesses from the franchise tax could introduce a significant deficit into the budget.

In response, Fallon emphasized that his proposal could only apply to personal income taxes. "The legislative intent of HJR 38 is that an individual is just like what it sounds: a single human being," he said. "There's no case law we can find where an individual is described by anything other than a single human being." More than that, he said, the amendment couldn't apply to the franchise tax. "The margins tax is not an income tax, the margins tax is a tax on gross margins," said Fallon. "So even if this didn't say 'individual' and said something else, it's still not the same thing."

Regardless of potential court rulings, other members worried that the amendment could be tying the hands of future legislatures. Brownsville Senator Eddie Lucio said that while he personally opposes an income tax, future lawmakers may see a need. "If they're going to vote to not have a state income tax in the future, they're shutting down an option for other legislatures," he said. "I'm not for shutting down options." Lucio said he preferred an interim study on the issue, so voters know the exact impact of what could effectively be an irreversible ban on a state income tax might be. Ultimately, the measure passed the Senate with the 2/3s approval necessary to be placed on the November ballot.

MEMORIAL DAY 2019



Much remains on table as Legislature begins final week

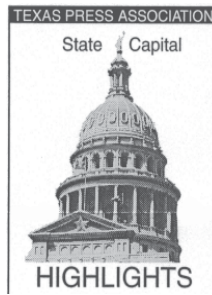
AUSTIN — As the Texas Legislature entered the final week of its 140-day 86th regular session, Texans continued to wait for lawmakers to wrap up priority issues: the 2020-2021 state budget, property tax reform and school finance reform.

Of the more than 7,000 bills Senate and House members have filed proposing to create, amend or repeal a law, only 56 had passed and been forwarded to the governor's desk for final approval as of Sunday, May 19. This is a low number of bills to have survived the threshing floors at both ends of the Capitol at this point in the session. Lawmakers with bones to pick with each other have used and may continue to use parliamentary maneuvers to speed or slow the movement of bills between now and May 27, the last day of the session.

Meanwhile, last week, the House and Senate passed and forwarded to the governor the following bills:

- HB 253 by Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, provides for development and implementation of a five-year strategic plan to improve access support services for postpartum depression.
- HB 621 by Rep. Victoria Neave, D-Dallas, prohibits an employer from taking any adverse employment action against a child-care or education professional who reports possible child abuse or neglect.
- HB 869 by Rep. Cole Hefner, R-Mount Pleasant, provides for the prosecution of the interception, use or disclosure of certain communications, notably credit card skimming, as organized crime.
- HB 1218 by Rep. Stephanie Klick, R-Fort Worth, requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to establish a schedule for the distribution of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, better known as "SNAP" benefits, that ensures the even distribution of the benefits each month over a 28-day period.
- HB 1631 by Rep. Jonathan Stickland, R-Bedford, prohibits a local authority from implementing or operating a red light

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



April, with 28,900 seasonally adjusted non-farm positions added over the month. April was the 108th consecutive month of annual growth for total non-farm employment.

"Our state's ongoing success is linked to the innovation and competitiveness of employers in a range of industries providing Texans more opportunities to demonstrate their world-class skills," said TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughes. "In fact, Chief Executive Magazine has named Texas the Best State for Business for the 15th year in a row."

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded April's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 1.7 percent, followed by the Odessa MSA at 2.0 percent. The Amarillo MSA recorded the third-lowest rate: 2.1 percent.

Sales tax holidays are set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 15 announced state sales tax holidays would be conducted across the Lone Star State May 25-27. According to comptroller's office, shoppers will save about more than \$12 million in state and local sales tax during the Memorial Day weekend sales tax holidays.

Products displaying a "WaterSense" label or logo may be purchased tax-free for personal or business use. These include shower heads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls.

Certain products displaying the "ENERGY STAR" logo can be purchased tax-free, including air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less, refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and clothes washers.

traffic signal enforcement system, but a local authority may continue to operate a system under the terms of a contract until the contract expires. The law allowing cities to install and operate red light enforcement systems became law in 2007.

—SB 442 by Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, requires that insurance companies warn residential and commercial property policyholders if their policy does not cover flood damage so they may better prepare for future natural disasters.

—SB 649 by Sen. Zafirini, D-Laredo, seeks to reduce the volume of waste deposited in landfills by requiring the creation of a plan to stimulate the use of recyclable materials as feedstock in processing and manufacturing.

—SB 962 by Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, extends provisions in current law through 2034 requiring that the state's economic stabilization fund maintain a sufficient minimum balance before constitutionally approved transfers to the state highway fund may be executed.

Jobless rate drops again

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased another tenth of a point to 3.7 percent for the month of April, the Texas Workforce Commission reported May 17.

Growth in the Texas economy continued in

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor
Association of Mature American Citizens



Ask Rusty – What Social Security Benefit Will My Wife Get If I Die?

Dear Rusty: I am 69 and have been holding off on collecting my Social Security payment until I'm 70 on the assumption that my wife would collect my benefit if I died first. My thought was that she would collect the monthly benefit I will earn at age 70 in the event of my death. Now a Social Security employee is telling me she would only be entitled to what my benefit would have been at age 66 (my full retirement age). That is about an \$800 drop in monthly benefits from what I thought it would be. My wife is a year younger than me, much healthier than I am, has mostly worked part time and she started collecting her SS at age 62 and gets about \$700 a month. So, is the Social Security employee correct? Signed: Concerned Husband

Dear Concerned: The Social Security employee you spoke with might have misunderstood your question. It sounds like the answer you were given pertained to the benefit your wife is entitled to as your spouse while you are living, which is based upon your "primary insurance amount," or "PIA" (your PIA is the amount you were due at your full retirement age, or "FRA").

When you claim your increased benefit at age 70 your wife can apply for her spousal benefit, which will be based on your FRA benefit amount (not the increased amount you'll get by waiting until age 70 to claim). She gets that spousal benefit if it is more than she is receiving on her own work record, which from what you've told me it will be. What actually happens is that she will continue to get her own benefit and she will also get a supplemental amount to make her total Social Security benefit equal to what she is entitled to as your spouse. That amount will be a bit less than half of your FRA benefit because she took her own benefit at age 62 (claiming Social Security early doesn't only affect one's own benefit, it affects their spousal benefit also). The spousal benefit your wife gets when you claim at age 70 will continue for as long as you are living.

But the Social Security benefit rules are different for your wife as your widow and your survivor. If you predecease your wife, her spousal benefit from your work record, as described above, will discontinue and she will be switched to her survivor's benefit. That survivor's benefit will be 100% of the benefit amount you were receiving at your death, instead of the lower amount she was receiving as your spouse when you were living. So, your original assumption is correct – as your widow your wife will get 100% of the increased benefit you were receiving when you pass. The Social Security employee was incorrect by telling you that, if you pass, your wife will only get what you were due at your full retirement age; instead she'll get the full amount of your current Social Security benefit (your full age 70 benefit, plus any COLA adjustments made after your claim).

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ROUND-UP

Baytown Hurricane Workshop

The City of Baytown is hosting a Hurricane Preparedness Workshop on Tuesday May 28, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. We hope you can share this information with your organization and look forward to seeing you at the 2019 Hurricane Preparedness Workshop.

The event will include the following guest speakers and informational booths from the following agencies:

- Baytown Fire Department
- National Weather Service
- Chambers County Emergency Management
- Harris County Emergency Management
- Harris County Flood Control
- United Way of Baytown
- American Red Cross
- CenterPoint Energy
- BayCERT - Community Emergency Response Team

Free snacks, drinks, and hurricane preparedness tips will be available.

Beach City News

Seafood Consumption Advisory
"The Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS) has updated the seafood consumption advisory for Galveston Bay to state that no persons should consume any species of seafood caught in Galveston Bay or Trinity Bay north of a line from the end of the Texas City Dike to Smith Point." This update is in response to the barge accident in the ship channel on May 10.

Beach City Civic Club:
City Council formed a committee to address the highway litter problem on FM2354. Committee members are Dana Colquitt, Doug Walker, Nichole Holmes and myself. We have discussed numerous ideas and the first one that we will act upon is form the Beach City Civic Club. The clubs initial project may be entering the TexDot adopt a highway program. Dana Colquitt has volunteered to get the club started so if you would like to become a member and or assist in setting up the initial club structure please contact her via email at ttbooboo@hotmail.com. In the mean time, lets all be more aware of the litter near our homes and take the initiative and pick it up, especially those of us that live on FM2354. If we all pitch in a little, it can make a big difference in the appearance of our community.

Permit Reminder
Before you add a room, pour a driveway, dig a pond, install a pool, install a storage building or any other construction on your property you are required to have an issued permit on site before you begin work. Some things do not require a permit such as adding a fence, painting, roof repairs, etc. If you have any questions, call the City Secretary.

Jackey Lasater, Mayor, Beach City

Mont Belvieu & ORW Firefighters: Boot campaign



Mont Belvieu Fire Department passed the boot at HEB to raise funds to replace old equipment not budgetted for replacement this year.



Guy Vasquez with Old River-Winfrey Fire Department passes the Boot on Saturday to raise money to replace equipment without raising taxes. More firemen lose their lives each year doing their jobs than law enforcement do.

Representatives Babin, Crenshaw hold press conference on the TAPS Act



Representatives at press conference on the TAPS Act on Washington.

WASHINGTON, DC – May 20, 2019 – Representatives Brian Babin (R-TX-36), Katie Hill (D-CA-25), Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-02), Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-07), and Gary Palmer (R-AL-06) joined forces to hold a press conference on Wednesday, May 15, to discuss Rep. Babin's bill, the Threat Assessment, Prevention, and Safety (TAPS) Act of 2019. This legislation is a bipartisan, bicameral solution to prevent targeted violence and make our communities safer.

Various members of the Houston Police Department and other law enforcement

were also present to show their support for the TAPS Act and in recognition of National Police Week.

"Given the horrific tragedies we recently witnessed at both the STEM School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and the Poway Synagogue in Southern California – and not to forget the unfortunate anniversaries of Columbine, Parkland, Virginia Tech, and Santa Fe (which was Saturday, May 18) – we must be doing more to prevent these types of atrocities from occurring," said Babin. "I am proud that the TAPS Act

has the support of more than 75 Members of Congress and nearly 50 outside organizations, such as Sandy Hook Promise and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Our goal is to take a scientifically-validated process that has been in place for decades and make it readily available on the State and local levels. I am proud to have had Representatives Hill, Crenshaw, Spanberger, and Palmer standing beside me urging the swift passage of this important bill, and I look forward to our continued work on this effort."

BEACH CITY

Another Barge Dock Project

Proposed Plans

The applicant proposes to construct a commercial goods dock and fleeting project intended for the loading of steel rolls, containers, and liquid products safely and efficiently. The proposed project would shorten trips needed for hauling loads to only half-mile upstream of Cedar Bayou, saving transportation costs, delays, traffic, and barge collisions while providing a safer alternative for the shipping and receiving of commercial goods. In order to complete the project, the applicant is proposing to install 1,338 feet (ft) of steel corrugated bulk-heading to stabilize the banks of the commercial dock, expand the existing, privately owned Tri City Beach Road to a width of 200 ft to allow safe thoroughfare that would fill 1.69 acres (ac) of Waters of the United States (WOUS), including wetlands. The proposed project would also raise the loading and unloading dock to an elevation of +9 ft above Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). The applicant proposes to mechanically dredge approximately 32.94 ac and 684,000 cubic yards to a depth of -14 ft below MLLW to facilitate barge access within the area. Dredged material will be placed within a previously approved upland disposal site located 0.2 mile from the project. It is anticipated

that 0.08 ac of oyster reef, 33.55 ac of waterbodies, and 0.53 ac of estuarine wetlands will be directly impacted by the proposed project.

This is my initial take on this project:

I have met with the principles of this project already. They reached out to me to inform me of their plans as a courtesy, considering our very recent dealings with a proposed dredging project. After my initial review of the proposed barge dock project plans, I have yet to see any red flags that might be of a concern to Beach City during the construction phase. I am concerned with the increased truck traffic in the area after the barge dock becomes operational. I was assured that almost all new truck traffic will be utilizing FM1405. This is a route that many Beach City citizens use to go to and from work and into Baytown, including myself. TxDot needs to seriously consider increasing FM1405 to four lanes from FM2354 to HWY 99 as it has already become very congested with trucks. Impatient drivers passing an eighteen-wheeler is already becoming a significant safety issue. Increasing the truck traffic will only compound the problem.

Jackey Lasater, Mayor, Beach City

Know Your Risk for Stroke

BAYTOWN — (May 17, 2019) — According to the American Stroke Association (ASA), one in six people will suffer a stroke in their lifetime.

As the fifth leading cause of death and leading cause of disability in the U.S., stroke exacts a heavy toll on Americans. Worldwide, about 17 million stroke cases are reported each year.

Stroke can affect anyone at any time with no warning, but Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital neurologist Dr. Ruby Parveen says being educated about risk factors and the signs of stroke can save lives.

"It's very important to understand your risk factors. Many of these, including smoking, drinking, obesity and high cholesterol, can be controlled with lifestyle changes," Parveen said. "Being alert to the symptoms of stroke could save your life or someone suffering from stroke."

Parveen hosted a free seminar on Thursday, May 23 that focused on recognizing the signs and symptoms of stroke, reducing risk factors and providing information on advanced stroke care available at Houston Methodist Bay-

town Hospital.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is shut off by a blood clot (ischemic stroke) or a ruptured blood vessel (hemorrhagic stroke). Lacking an adequate blood supply, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs. Because early intervention can make all the difference, getting immediate medical care by calling 911 is crucial if you or someone you know shows symptoms of a stroke.

In 2018, the hospital's life-saving stroke program was awarded the American Heart Association's (AHA) highest stroke care recognition: the Get With the Guidelines Target: Stroke Honor Roll-Elite Plus. Parveen said the award is an exclusive designation given only to those hospitals capable of treating the majority of high acuity stroke patients quickly with the clot buster drug called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA).

Houston Methodist Baytown is the only hospital in southeast Texas to earn the Get With the Guidelines Resuscitation Gold Award from the AHA/ASA for the superior work in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by members of its Code Blue team.

"This award is a testament to the cutting-edge delivery of neurologic care provided to stroke patients at Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital," Parveen said. "By choosing our hospital, patients are receiving the best, most advanced stroke care available."

If you think someone might be having a stroke, remember the "F.A.S.T" test from the National Stroke Association:

Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

Time: If a person shows any of these symptoms, call 911 immediately. Carefully note the time when the first symptoms appeared. This information is critical for treatment decisions.



Dr. Ruby Parveen

GED adult grad from HCDE share story

Attend an avant-garde graduation as 65 adult learners ranging in age from 17-65 celebrated gaining their high school equivalency degrees with family, friends and their teachers. The ceremony took place on Saturday, May 18 at Harris County Department of Education Adult Learning, 6300 Irvington Blvd., Houston, Texas.

Adult graduate Veronica Davila, Baytown, Texas:

Spanish-speaking student Veronica Davila moved to the United States two years ago. A registered nurse in Mexico, she started over to receive her credentials in the United States. Upon passing her high school equivalency diploma, she enrolled in free certified nursing assistant classes, as well as free phlebotomy classes. She is employed at a local nursing home as a CNA. She continues to take English conversation classes with HCDE to improve her conversation skills with her patients. Her future plans include enrolling in nursing classes at Lee College.



Veronica Davila

HCDE Adult Education is the largest, no-cost adult education program in Texas, with a variety of health care and construction career training options in Harris and Liberty counties. Students may also take English as a second language classes and high school equivalency degree classes simultaneously in a traditional classroom setting or online. For more information, go to <http://www.hcde-texas.org/adult-education>.

Students Choice Awards

By Susan Passmore

Despite heavy rain and a power outage, 15 teachers, nominated by seniors as having made a difference in their lives, were honored at the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation's Students Choice Awards Banquet. A selection committee chose the honorees from a field of 550 letters from seniors about their teachers or former teachers.

The event, sponsored by Aramark; Awards & Engraving; Beehive Florist; Comex Corporation; Houston Raceway Park Club; Hutchison, Shockey, Erley & Co. and Texas Roadhouse, took place at Houston Raceway Park Club. Entertainment was provided by the Ross S. Sterling High School Varsity Orchestra, under the direction of Camille Gates.

Erika Foster, GCCISD Education Foundation director, kicked off the event, and Laurie Terry, president, welcomed guests. Jennifer Walsh, vice president of development, led the pledge and Jim Wadzinski, board member, gave the invocation. After dinner, Ronnie Hotchkiss, president-elect, recognized students and teachers. Teachers received a plaque, a \$50 gift card and a copy of a video created by Carrie Pryor-Newman of the GCCISD Communications Department. Students also received a copy of the video and a \$50 gift card. Randal O'Brien, GCCISD superintendent, gave closing remarks. To see the video, go to <https://youtu.be/JESyZoEug7M>.

Teachers recognized with their students were Byoung (Sean) Kang, teacher, and Lorenzo Salinas, both from Goose Creek Memorial High School (GCM); Shari May, teacher, and Maeva Flavien from GCM; Alexsia Shackle-Smith, teacher from Highlands Junior School, and Almarie Green from GCM; Jason Wells, Gunnery Sgt. (Ret.), teacher, and Emily Hansen, GCM; Patricia Authement, teacher from Gentry Junior School, and Josiah Hughes from IMPACT Early College High School; Megan Downs, teacher from Cedar Bayou Junior School, and Everett Crutchfield from IMPACT ECHS; Amy Albus, teacher from Travis Elementary, now at Cedar Bayou Jr.



Students (front, from left) Jacob Naiser, Taree Lensing and Canon Svegliato, all from Ross S. Sterling High School, with teachers (back, from left) John Tremmel, RSS; Katie Reyna, Robert E. Lee High School and Homebound and Mindy Merling, Stephen F. Austin Elementary are presented at the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation's Students Choice Awards.



Students (front, from left) Joshua Thompson; Justin Gonzales, Jr.; Brianna Herrera and Autumn Harris, all from Ross S. Sterling High School, honor their teachers (back, from left) Amy Albus, previously at Travis Elementary and now at Cedar Bayou Junior School and Mike Anzaldua, Bert Dunnington; Jennifer Henry and Brenda Fess, all from RSS, at the recent Students Choice Awards. Not pictured are students Casey McCray from RSS, Zion Shillingford from RSS and teacher Ashlee Bellard Madison from Alamo Elementary.

School, and Joshua Thompson from Ross S. Sterling High School and Mike Anzaldua, teacher/coach from RSS, and Justin Gonzales, Jr. from RSS.

Others honored were Ashlee Bellard Madison, teacher from Alamo Elementary, and Zion Shillingford from RSS; Bert Dunnington, teacher, and Brianna Herrera, both from RSS; Brenda Fess, teacher, and Casey McCray from RSS; Jennifer Henry, teacher, and Autumn Harris from RSS; Mindy Merling, teacher and now counselor, from Austin Elementary, and Canon Svegliato from RSS; Katie Reyna, teacher from Robert E. Lee High School/Homebound, and Taree Lensing from RSS and John

Tremmel, teacher/coach, and Jacob Naiser from RSS.

A special tribute to her fourth-grade teacher at Travis Elementary, Suzy McGrew Gregory, from Lizeth Mendoza, a senior at Robert E. Lee High School, was included in the program. Gregory passed away shortly after giving birth to her son in 2011 while Mendoza was in her class.

"I do remember your smile and I recognize now just how much you sacrificed for me. You believed in me and you believe that I was capable of living my best life. You knew all along that I would become a leader and have a successful life. You knew all along that I would accomplish great things in life. . . . Although I

Crosby Chamber welcomes new member



The Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce Welcomed Crosby Cutz & Stylz. They specialize in men, women, and children's haircuts, along with color, make-up and much more. They are located at 118 Kernohan, Suite C, Crosby, Tx and can be reached at 281-462-7911.

C/H Chamber scholars



The Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce awarded scholarships to Crosby ISD students Yoselin Villafuert, Reiden Hicks and Victoria Juarez



Huffman ISD students Cecilia Flores, and Hailey Hickl and Kayla Moorhaj received their scholarships from the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce last Thursday as well during the monthly luncheon held at Crosby Church in Crosby.

know that teaching twenty-one fourth-graders was not an easy task, still you had so much patience for us. . . I am proud to announce to you that all twenty-one of your Class of 2019 students will graduate this year," Mendoza wrote in her letter.

Over the past 10 years, 150 teachers have been honored through the Students Choice Awards as one of the GCCISD Education Foundation's goals of recognizing staff for exemplary teaching.

For more information or to donate to the GCCISD Education Foundation, contact erika.foster at gccisd.net or call 281-707-3610 or 832-597-9106. Individuals can also follow the foundation on Facebook or Twitter or through its webpage at www.gccisd.net/page/EducationFoundation.

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Scenes from the 44th Annual North Shore Rotary Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil

Saturday, May 18, 2019 North Shore Rotary Pavilion



Scott Stephens and his wife, Melodie, are Major Donors Level 1 this year for North Shore Rotary, above he is serving as master of ceremonies for the 44th Annual Famous Fish Fry and Crawfish Boil at the North Shore Pavilion behind the Jim Fonteno Courthouse and introducing two other folks from Crosby, Bill Busby, the auctioneer and the very talented Madison Boaz who sang the National Anthem.



North Shore Rotary at their 44th Annual Famous Fish Fry and Crawfish Boil on May 18 Fundraiser had some of their scholarship recipients show up to bolster moral for the Live Auction on Saturday at the Rotary Pavilion near the Jim Fonteno Courthouse on Wallisville Rd. Major Sponsors were Community Toyota, and Ryan and Isis Dagley.



President-Elect and Fish Fry chairman Ryan Dagley, and Sean Silman, pull the winning raffle ticket from the 1450 stubs in the drum.



Winner of the Toyota Tundra pickup truck was Dr. Chris Warford from Baytown. At left, Rotarians Jim Wadzinski, Ryan Dagley, Dr. Warford, and Bill Palko.



A huge crowd attended the Fish Fry, and Live and Silent Auctions. The Rotary Club raised almost \$470,000 to be used for community projects.

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Psalm: 46:1

Moore receives James Becker Thompson award

Kendricka (Kiki) Moore, special education teacher and department head at Goose Creek Memorial High School, has been selected as the James Becker Thomson Special Education Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019. The 44th recipient, Moore joins the group of excellent teachers chosen for the award, established by Dr. Richard Thomson, a retired ophthalmologist, to honor his late brother James, who benefited from special education services. Moore received her associate degree in Criminal Justice from Colorado Tech while working as a paraprofessional at Ross S. Sterling High School for the Therapeutic Behavior Center. As a result of her

work with students, she decided to get her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice as well as her special education certification. In December 2018, she received her master's degree from Lamar University. Besides her work as a behavior support teacher for the past four years, Moore coaches freshman girls basketball and track. "I like that my job requires me to build a rapport with my students, and it gives me a chance to know a little about their background, so that when they're upset it allows me to calm them down and get them back on track to continue their education in the school setting," Moore said.



Kendricka (Kiki) Moore, special education teacher from Goose Creek Memorial High School, is the 44th recipient of the James Becker Thomson Special Education Teacher of the Year Award.

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1 Corinthians 16:13

Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God.
Leviticus 19:32

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Rotary Scholarships,

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the University of Houston Clear Lake, and the University of Phoenix. Her major was communication and marketing, and she worked for GTE, several newspapers, and then her own marketing firm, LB Marketing Solutions.

She has a passion to give back to the community, which led her to seek a position as judge. She has held a number of public service positions, including Rotary director, chair of the North Channel Chamber, president of her HOA, and former board member of the YMCA, Pilot Club, Top Ladies of Distinction, and an advisory panel to LyondellEQUISTAR.

She said she is busy improving her court, making it a more people friendly, inviting atmosphere.

She has instigated community education on new laws, added an evening court session, works with school districts to reduce truancy, introduced new punishment options instead of incarceration, restarted Teen Court, and has a

program to help recently released prisoners find employment.

Speaking to the scholarship recipients, she said "you are starting a new career beyond student. Surround yourself with positive individuals. There is no secret to success, just hard work and dealing with failure."



KEYNOTE SPEAKER JUDGE LUCIA BATES

You are the Country's next leaders. Don't forget to give back.

Quoting Steve Jobs, "Don't let the noise drown out, listen to your own voice. Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."

Rotarians Dr. Larry White and Rotary President Denise Smith proceeded to award the scholarships, and each stu-

dent was asked to say a few words about their accomplishments and goals.

White said that there were 18 scholarships, but 77 students had applied. A committee of 9 Rotarians read 6000 pages of applications to evaluate the submissions.

Special Awards were made in memory of Pat McPhee, W.L. Herndon, Jay E. Bird, and R.L. Creel by members of their families, or friends..

Students who received scholarships were from Goose Creek Memorial, Crosby, Chinquapin, and four students already at college.

From Goose Creek Memorial High School: Sadie Aiken, Christopher Cerino, Maeva Flavian, Zhabian Gonzalez, Athena Jane Janobas, Land Holman, Anjali Patel, Shaily Yadav. From Crosby High School, Mary Greer. From Chinquapin Prep, Julian Noyola. College students who received scholarships were Kailey Fuchs, Victoria Gonzalez, Jordan Swilley, and Carolina Nunez.

Special scholarship awards were made as follows: Pat McPhee Scholarship, presented by Barbara McPhee to Dayton Berezoski; W.L. Herndon DDS Scholarship, presented by Patricia Scott to Morgan Forsyth; J.E. Bird Scholarship, presented by Weston Cotten to Nicole Trujillo; and R.L. Creel Scholarship, presented by Janice Creel Swick to Joshua Protain.f-

At the end of the evening, students, families and Rotarians were invited to speak about what this event had meant to them. Several expressed their appreciation of the support and that they would not have had the opportunity for college otherwise.



THE HEAD TABLE AT THE BANQUET INCLUDED (L TO R) ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT DENISE SMITH, SPEAKER JUDGE LUCIA BATES, AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DR. LARRY WHITE, EMCEE FOR THE EVENING.

KMCO restructures, reduces work force by 35 positions

CROSBY - After a disastrous fire that took the life of one of their employees, and injured several others, the Crosby Chemical company KMCO announced last week that it was "restructuring" and had eliminated 35 work positions in the process. The plants workforce went from almost 200, to about 165 people.

The incident took place at the plant on Ramsey Road at Crosby Dayton Road, on April 2nd around 11 am in the morning. The resulting fire, believed to be started by a leak in a transfer pipe, was not put out until 5 pm by plant and local fire departments.

KMCO officials said the fire was sparked by isobutylene, a colorless gas with a faint petroleum-like odor, and then was fueled by ethanol and ethyl acrylate. These chemicals are gasoline additives. They said a transfer line ignited and a tank caught fire, which spread to a nearby building that contained other chemicals.

Killed in the fire was a plant employee, James Earl "Bubba" Mangum, 27, who lived in Dayton and graduated from Sam Houston State University. He had worked for a chemical plant in Liberty prior to joining the Crosby plant.

The company issued the following statement regarding the layoffs:



Smoke billows from the KMCO plant fire on April 2, as seen by the neighbors and first responders on Ramsey Road in Crosby. (Star-Courier photo)

"After completing a careful and in-depth evaluation, the company made the difficult decision this week to restructure our workforce to better align with our ongoing business and future growth opportunities. This decision was painful but necessary to achieve our long-term strategic goals. The company is grateful for the contributions made by each of the affected employees and we wish them the best in their future endeavors."

KMCO faces numerous lawsuits, from nearby residents, and the state and county for pollution violations.

In a statement issued after the incident, CEO John Foley said that two of the plant employees

were in critical condition from the fire, but recovering in local hospitals.

Residents in the area were concerned about air and water pollution from the fire. Foley said at that time that monitors at the plant, and those of TCEQ, indicated there were no health risks.

However, a few days after the fire the Harris County Fire Marshal Laurie Christensen, and the County Attorney Vince Ryan, obtained a TRO or Temporary Restraining Order, to have KMCO cease all operations until a Fire and Life Safety Inspection is completed.

KMCO has informed this newspaper that to date they are not back in full production.

HB 76 passed,

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years to get passed while we show them that screenings can be done all over the state without excessive spending and save some young lives. It really is a God thing. Right now, some 100 kids among those that have been screened throughout the State of Texas have been told they need heart surgery. Some 2,600 students have been told they need to be aware of heart conditions that could be a danger, now at least they have some knowledge of there is a condition. Right now, a

Chiropractor can perform your child's screening, in 2020 we can offer parents a EKG. We are the first state to offer this, I started getting calls from California, Florida and Massachusetts almost immediately to ask how we got it passed. Since the bill passed the Senate, I have heard from schools as small as Gilmer to Dallas ISD (that has 22 high schools and 32 middle schools to ask how to set up for first year. The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Foundation has

been doing first year screenings for free but at most it is to cost parents that opt in about \$10 to have their child screened. The main thing is, I want to thank Dan Huberty and Senator Carol Alvarado for their help in getting this bill passed."

There is still need to continue first time athletes, band members, UIL competitors for screening with EKG, according to Stephens, the fundraiser for The Cody Stephens Go Big or Go Home Foundation will be in August.

Sales Tax Holidays for water-efficient and energy star products set for May 25-27

(AUSTIN) — Texas families and businesses can save on the purchase of certain water- and energy-efficient products during the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR® sales tax holidays. Both take place Saturday, May 25, through Monday, May 27.

The Texas Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save about \$12.6 million in state and local sales taxes during the Memorial Day weekend sales tax holidays.

"Inefficient appliances and outdated water systems can put a tremendous strain on our power grids and water supplies," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "By taking advantage of these sales tax holidays, Texans can make upgrades that will help alleviate those pres-

ures and lower their utility bills — while saving money on state and local sales taxes."

This is the fourth year for the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday. Products displaying a WaterSense® label or logo can be purchased tax-free for personal or business use. These include showerheads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls.

The sales tax holiday also applies to lawn and garden products that help conserve water outdoors. Items qualifying for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; moisture controls for a sprinkler or irrigation system; mulch; and plants, trees and grasses. These items can be purchased

tax-free for residential use only.

There's no limit to the number of water-efficient or water-conserving products you can purchase tax-free. For more information on the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday, visit the Comptroller's website.

During the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, certain energy-efficient products displaying the ENERGY STAR logo can be purchased tax-free, including air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less, refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and clothes washing machines.

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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps. GERALD, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TURN OFF THAT MOVIE AND GO TO BED. GERALD... GERALD... HONEY, I'M TALKING TO YOU YOUNG MAN! JIM DEAR, WOULD YOU PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR SON?

R.F.D. by Mike Marland. LOOK WHAT I CAME UP WITH, MAY-- COWMOULFLAGE! OKAY... BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE NEED TO HIDE IN A HERD OF HOLSTEINS? HEY, I'M JUST THE IDEA MAN-- APPLICABLE USAGES IS NOT MY DEPARTMENT.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering. I ONCE HAD A FULL HEAD OF HAIR. I DIDN'T LIKE IT... ...IT WAS ON THE INSIDE OF MY HEAD.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. 5 2 9 4 7 6 3 8 1 7 3 8 4 6 2 5 1 7 3 8 4 6 2 6 5 3 1 6 7 1 9 5. Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

HOCUS-FOCUS by HENRY BOLTINOFF. Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Boy's hat is missing. 2. Girl's skirt has frills. 3. Boy's left arm is longer. 4. Flower is added near girl's head. 5. Boy's right arm is longer. 6. Girl is extending both arms. 7. John F. Kennedy was wounded in WWII. 8. Alaska; 9. Götter; 10. Seven.

King Crossword Posting Date May 20, 2019. ACROSS 1 Macbeth's title 6 Hot dog side dish 11 Tar 12 Bay windows 14 Mr. Ed's owner 15 President Woodrow - 16 Suitable 17 Aristocratic 19 Pair 20 Fishing need 22 U.K. fliers 23 Ball of yarn 24 Gold-finger? 26 Copious oil wells 28 Water barrier 30 Mainlander's memento 31 Outstanding 35 Kitchen lure 39 Apiary house 40 Tease 42 Strait-laced 43 Commotion 44 Olympian's award 46 Mound stat 47 Infamous middle name 49 "Die Hard" star 51 Taxed 52 Loud sounds 53 Fight. DOWN 1 Taiwan's capital 2 Having a handle 3 Priestly garment 4 It may be a proper subject 5 Slip-up 6 Cereal quantity 7 Canal of song 8 Have a bug 9 Get snug and cozy 10 Not as fast 11 Honey bunch? 13 Hemingway's "The - of Kilimanjaro" 18 Satchel 21 Tureen accessory 23 Tweet 25 7-Down's mule 27 Red or Black 29 Copes 31 Wrap. 32 Neatens (up) 33 Develop 34 Disencumber 36 Threatening conclusion 37 More like a mud pit 38 Accumulate 41 Sunrises 44 Encounter 45 Narnia's Aslan, e.g. 48 DIY buy 50 Perjurer's pronouncement.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 1. HISTORY: Which woman won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work with the poor in Calcutta, India? 2. LITERATURE: What was the last known play written by Shakespeare? 3. LANGUAGE: "Cyborg" is a shortened version of which futuristic phrase? 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What men's haircut was named after a style adopted by college rowing teams? 5. MOVIES: Who wrote the screenplay for the original "The Heartbreak Kid" movie? 6. GEOGRAPHY: Which three countries mainly make up the Scandinavian Peninsula? 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only president to be awarded a Purple Heart? 8. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most active volcanoes? 9. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for enlargement of the thyroid gland? 10. GAMES: How many letters does each player draw to begin a game of Scrabble?

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