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FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

County issues "Stay Home Work Safe" order

Effective thru April 3rd; Virus cases reach 284

HARRIS COUNTY - Faced with the reality of mounting cases of the infectious and potentially lethal Coronavirus known as COVID-19, local leaders have issued an order to "Stay Home Work Safe" which amounts to a shelter-in-place directive.

At a joint news conference Tuesday morning, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner called for all but essential members of the public to stay at home, not to travel and not to congregate in groups. Businesses were advised to have their employees work

at home. The order is set to last ten days, until Friday April 3rd.

As of Tuesday, there were 284 virus cases in the greater Houston area that had tested positive. These include Houston 55, Harris County 79 including 1 death, Brazoria County 28, Brazos County 16, Fort Bend County 46, Galveston County 21, Matagorda County 8, including 1 death, Montgomery County 23, Chambers County 1, Liberty County 1, Grimes County 2, Wharton County 3, and Walker County 1.

The Order allowed the



HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO AND HOUSTON MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER MAKE JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT TUESDAY MORNING.

public to travel for necessities such as food and fuel, and allowed workers in 16 essential categories to continue to work. These include: Healthcare, Law Enforcement and Public Safety, Food and Agriculture, Electricity or Utility workers, Petroleum, Natural and Propane gas workers, Water and Wastewater workers, Transportation and logistics, including auto repair and postal service, Public Works, Communications and Media including newspapers, Government and Education, Critical manufacturing, Hazardous materials, Financial services including banks, Chemical workers, and Defense industries.

Across Texas a number of cities and counties have issued stay-at-home orders. These include Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, and Houston. Many states have also issued such an order, such as California and Ohio, but Texas Governor Abbott has said he will not follow, because most of the counties in this large and often rural state have not reported any cases of the virus.

However, Governor Abbott did issue sever-

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Federal relief available for businesses and other tax filers impacted by COVID-19

Coronavirus Emergency Aid Package Signed

The legislation signed last Wednesday evening provides paid sick and family leave for some for U.S. workers impacted by the illness, expands unemployment assistance, includes nutrition assistance and increases resources for testing. Efforts are already underway to put together a third, larger relief measure that could total \$1 trillion.

Deadline for Tax Filing extended to July 15th

Following President Donald J. Trump's emergency declaration pursu-

ant to the Stafford Act, the U.S. Treasury Department and IRS issued guidance allowing all individual and other non-corporate tax filers to defer up to \$1 million of federal income tax (including self-employment tax) payments due on April 15, 2020, until July 15, 2020, without penalties or interest.

SBA to Provide Disaster Assistance Loans for Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small

businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

If you have a business that has been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, there may be resources available to you through the Small Business Administration (SBA). Authorities encourage to visit the Texas Department of Emergency Management webpage to learn more and fill out an Economic Injury Worksheet.

For additional information, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center. Call 1-800-659-2955 (TTY: 1-800-877-8339) or email disastercustomer.service@sba.gov.

3 Virus test sites now open



INFORMATION ON CORONAVIRUS TEST SITES:

United Memorial Med Ctr. private site at 510 w. Tidwell, as seen above is free, and does not require pre-screening.

People tested at the community based testing site are provided instructions on how to obtain their test results. Positive cases will continue to be reported by local health departments.

Harris County and the City of Houston have announced that they have opened three drive-thru testing sites for Coronavirus tests, and plan to open several more in the next week. For all the public sites, pre-screening is required, and then those that qualify due to Coronavirus symptoms, or because they are in a high risk category, will be given an ID number and an appointment at one of the locations, that remain unidentified to the general public.

City of Houston, at Butler Stadium, call 832-393-4220 for pre-screening. Also free. At both sites, only those with symptoms will be tested.

Harris County has one site open in East Harris County, in the Baytown area. Prescreening is done at readyharris.com.

Harris County plans to open a second site in the Katy area this week.

Constable Eagleton's statement on Covid-19

Statement from Constable Sherman Eagleton

Our community is known for its strength and ability to overcome challenging times such as unprecedented flooding, the occasional ice storm, chemical fires and the San Jacinto Bridge outage. We will fight the Corona Virus with that same ferocity. At the onset of this virus we began preparing for the worst, as did most of our community. We ask that every one of you help us combat COVID-19 and be proactive with us.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo has issued a "Stay Home - Work Safe" Order for all Harris County residents. Simply put, everyone should stay home unless they are an "essential employee". If you're able to stay home, try to leave only if you have a medical emergency or an "essential" need, such as

groceries, medications or pet supplies. Restaurants can and should remain operational with drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options only. Grocery stores, pharmacies and convenience stores will remain open but should regulate the number of customers allowed in the store at a time. For those that are deemed essential personnel, use every precaution while performing your job duties. You should keep a distance of six feet between yourself and anyone in the same area. Refrain from social gatherings with 10 or more people or where space is limited making it difficult to maintain six feet of separation. In an effort to comply with



social distancing, we are screening all incoming calls for service. Our dispatchers will ask a series of questions so that we can continue serving our community with a healthy department. Every call will receive the same level of care, either over the phone with a deputy or in person if the call is life-threatening or severe in nature. Our deputies are disinfecting their workspace, wearing gloves and facemasks as needed, and encouraging those they encounter to do the same.

The Office of Precinct 3 Constables will continue working with all Harris County and City Officials to help flatten the curve of the Corona Virus pandemic. By working together we can aid in restoring normalcy to our schools, our neighborhoods and our communities. Stay Home - Stay Safe!

Governor Abbott postpones Runoff Primary Election until Tuesday July 14th.

AUSTIN, TX March 20, 2020 - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation postponing the runoff primary election until July 14, 2020 - the same date as the special election for Texas State Senate District 14. The runoff election was originally scheduled for May 26th, but has been postponed in conjunction with the state's ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The postponement of this election serves to help

fulfill the Governor's recent executive orders mandating certain obligation for Texans that are aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19, including the encouragement of social distancing. Holding the runoff in May would cause the congregation of large gatherings of people in confined spaces and cause numerous election workers to come into close proximity with others. This would threaten the health and safety of many Texans.



Early voting for the postponed runoff primary election will begin Monday, July 6, 2020.

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★ COMMUNITY NEWS ★

Governor announces federal funding distribution for COVID-19

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today announced that Texas has received \$36.9 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of the state's initial allotment of funding from the first emergency coronavirus bill passed by Congress. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will distribute \$19.5 million to 43 local health departments to aid in their COVID-19 response. This includes \$1.75 million for Dallas County, Tarrant County, and the San Antonio Metro Health District where operations have been impacted by federal activities. The remaining funds will be used by DSHS to support

operations in areas of the state not covered by local health departments and for statewide response activities. These funds will be used to strengthen Texas' community intervention efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and preserve critical healthcare, workforce, and infrastructure functions, while minimizing social and economic impact. In addition, these funds will be used to scale up Texas' surveillance, lab testing, and reporting capabilities. "The State of Texas is at a crucial stage in our COVID-19 response, and these funds are essential to supporting health authorities

throughout the state to scale-up testing and community intervention efforts," said Governor Abbott. "To ensure these resources are used swiftly and effectively, a majority of the funds will go directly to our local health departments which understand best the needs of their communities. I thank President Trump, the Texas delegation, and leaders in Congress for quickly passing this aid package. The State of Texas continues to work with federal and local partners to give our communities the resources and support they need as we work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

Governor Abbott, DPS waive expiration dates for driver licenses

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott announced that he has directed the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to temporarily waive expiration dates for Driver Licenses, Commercial Driver Licenses, and other identification forms. This action falls within the Governor's State of Disaster Declaration and is part of the ongoing effort to re-

duce to spread of COVID-19. "Our top priority remains public health and safety, and we will continue to take action to ensure that Texans can avoid large public gatherings," said Governor Abbott. "Texas is at a pivotal moment in the response to COVID-19, and by tempo-

rarily delaying Driver License renewals we will help limit non-essential trips into public settings and slow the spread of this virus." This suspension will be in effect until 60 days after the DPS provides further public notice that normal Driver License operations have resumed.

Governor Abbott allows event permit refunds for businesses affected by COVID-19 cancellations

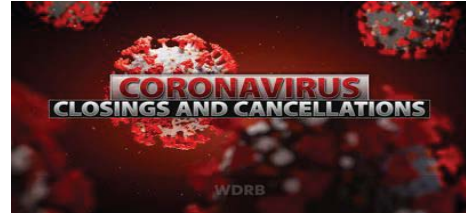
AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott announced that he is temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to help businesses whose events were cancelled due to COVID-19. Suspending these provisions will allow for

refunds of application fees paid to obtain a temporary event permit for an event that was later cancelled. "With events and festivals across Texas cancelled, it is essential that we find ways to reduce the financial burden on event

organizers and the hospitality industry as a whole," said Governor Abbott. "By suspending these provisions, Texas is helping these businesses and organizations recoup some of the costs associated with their cancelled events."

List of cancellations in the area due to COVID-19

The containment of the Coronavirus has caused the following cancellations or postponements: Harris County and the City of Houston had adopted States of Emergency and Stay Home order thru April 3, 2020. Authorities will continue analyzing the situation and possibly extend order.



EDUCATION: The following School Districts have cancelled classes and events thru April 10: Aldine, Channelview, Crosby, Dayton, Deer Park, Galena Park, Sheldon, Goose Creek, Houston ISD, and Huffman. Free meals will be served by most districts on the days off. Many daycare facilities are starting open, with limited access.

The Texas Education Agency and Governor Abbott have suspended the STAAR tests for this school year.

Lee College and San Jacinto College cancelled classes until April 23 at which time they will hold online classes, Lone Star College facilities will be closed until April 6. Online classes resumed March 23 and all other classes resume April 13. Houston Community College extended cancelled classes through April 27, and the University of Houston will start remote classes April 23.

EVENTS Highlands, Crosby, and

North Houston Little League Parade and Opening Day Postponed. Reset for April 6th or later.

Any public event with over 10 attendees.

San Jacinto Battle and Festival cancelled.

Judge Stephens Teens Rock camp postponed and will be rescheduled.

Pilot Club Bunco evening in Channelview has been cancelled.

Dayton has cancelled the Mudbug Festival that was scheduled for April 4th.

PUBLIC FACILITIES:

Pct. 1 and Pct. 2 Community Centers closed.

Houston Libraries and Harris County Libraries are closed indefinitely.

Harris County Clerk's office is closed downtown and at the branches.

Houston Parks Events cancelled.

ENTERTAINMENT: Space Center Houston clo-

sure through April 12, Houston Zoo, Discovery Green events, Houston Ballet, Alley Theater, Disneyland, Disney World closed.

Alley Theater, Houston Symphony and Houston Ballet, cancelled.

SPORTS: Astros season opener moved to April.

Soccer, basketball rescheduled or cancelled, check with your team.

UH Men's Basketball, AAC tournament cancelled.

Olympics to be held in summer 2021 instead of 2020.

RESTRICTIONS:

Access to most hospitals and VA Med Ctr. are limited. Supermarkets have limited their hours to 8am to 7pm or 8pm.

Most shopping malls have changed their hours, from noon to 7pm.

Note: this list is changing daily, check with your event prior to attendance.

Governor Abbott takes action to expand nursing workforce

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott has waived several regulations to help meet Texas' growing need for nurses as the state responds to the COVID-19 virus. The Governor's actions will expand Texas' active nursing workforce by doing the following:

- Allowing temporary permit extensions to practice for graduate nurses and graduate vocational nurses who have yet to take the licensing exam.

- Allowing students in their final year of nursing school to meet their clinical objectives by exceeding the 50% limit on simulated experiences.

- Allowing nurses with inactive licenses or retired nurses to reactivate their licenses.

"In the coming weeks and months, Texas will continue to see a growing need for medical professionals to help us respond to these unique and challenging

times," said Governor Abbott. "With these actions, Texas is taking an important step to meet that need. Nurses are essential to our ability to test for this virus, provide care for COVID-19 patients, and to continue providing other essential health care services. Suspending these regulations will allow us to bring additional skilled nurses into the workforce to assist with our efforts and enhance our COVID-19 response."

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ROUND-UP

Chambers County Library Curbside pickup service:

Following CDC guidelines, the library is closed for public safety. You can now pick up items at your local branch. Curbside service is available to everyone through May 1. Fines and blocks have been temporarily waived during this time. If you do not have a card, please call and staff will create a temporary card for you. A library card will give you access to curbside service and online resources.

LOCATIONS:
Anahuac: 409-267-2554
Winnie: 409-296-8245
Mont Belvieu: 281-576-2245
HOURS FOR PICKUP:
Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm

WHAT CAN YOU CHECK OUT? Books, DVDs, Books on CD
- Place items on hold from the library's catalog or call to request (please note we can only pull items from your local branch)

- Once you arrive at the library call and give staff your name and library card number
- Library staff will bring items to your car in a bag

WHAT WE CANNOT DO AT THIS TIME
- Accept fine payments
- Accept donations
- Interlibrary Loan requests
- Return items (please use the book drop located outside each building)

Local State of Disaster

Due to the probability that the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) will at some point impact some citizens/businesses of Beach City I am issuing a proclamation declaring a Local State of Disaster for the City of Beach City. Effective as of 7:00PM, Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This may be necessary in the event that Federal money could be made available, in the future, for those impacted financially by COVID-19. Lets pray that it will be unnecessary.

Jackey Lasater,
Mayor, Beach City

Chambers County Pilot Club Gala cancelled

The West Chambers County Pilot Club's April 18, 2020 Gala fundraiser has been cancelled at this time. The club is planning to have it after all this virus mess is done.

Chambers County reports first positive case of COVID-19

Chambers County, TX - March 21, 2020 - Chambers County Public Health (CCPH) is reporting their first positive case of COVID-19 in Chambers County. The female patient is between 50-60 years old, lives in West Chambers County, is at home, quarantined, and in stable condition. Her case represents a possible travel related case. The immediate risk to other residents of Chambers County remains low. She will be monitored by Chambers County Public Health staff.

Epidemiology investigators and public health staff are performing contact investigations and surveillance on this patient, and will identify individuals who potentially are associated with this case. Those identified to be at possible risk of contact or infection will be contacted for further case investigation.

The next two weeks are critical in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Stay home as much as possible.

Limit close contact (six feet) with others. If you are sick or have mild symptoms, stay home and call your Primary Care Provider. If you feel like you have severe symptoms and need to go to the ER, please call ahead. Call the Chambers County Public Health Department at 409-267-2731 or email healthdept@chamberstx.gov.

"I urge the citizens of Beach City to exercise caution, diligent hygiene practices and minimize social situations as we battle the spread of this virus. Share official information with friends and family but please resist sharing rumors and unverified information, as there are numerous false rumors circulating that promote fear and panic in some people. Fear and panic can lead to irrational decisions and behavior that can be counterproductive," said Jackey Lasater, Beach City Mayor.

"The City Office is still

open regular business hours but I ask that before you come to the office that you call first, as a lot of business can be handled via phone and e-mail. The City Secretary can advise," Jackey Lasater, Beach City Mayor concluded.

Chambers County Public Health states that along with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and other healthcare partners, they will continue to monitor COVID-19 in the County to prepare for the possibility of more cases. They recommend following all published guidance by the CDC, as well as guidance published locally by Chambers County. This includes social distancing, avoiding crowds of more than 10 people, proper hygiene, and staying at home and away from others when mildly sick.

Guidance Links:
www.cdc.gov/COVID19
www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus
www.co.chambers.tx.us/page/coronavirus

Chambers County taking actions to reduce spread of Coronavirus

Chambers County, TX - March 18, 2020 - The following is a summary of current actions that Chambers County is taking to curtail the spread of COVID-19. These actions are being taken upon the recommendations of the CDC and the Chambers County Local Health Authority:

County Closures
- All County-owned rental facilities (community centers, arenas, etc.) are closed until April 28th. Parks are currently still open.

- All County Libraries will be offering curbside service M-F/8am-5pm. Please call the library to make your reservation: Anahuac 409-267-2554, Winnie 409-296-8245, Mont Belvieu 281-576-2247

- The 344th District Court is closed for two weeks.

- No County Court judicial proceedings until April 28th.

- County Solid Waste Permit renewals (dump

stickers) are suspended until April 28th. If you have a sticker that has expired, you will be allowed to dump. If you need a new sticker you will have to purchase one as normal.

Commissioners Court

Meetings are still open to the public. However, per County Judge's Order issued 3-18-20, persons exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness will not be allowed in the building. All persons will be screened before entry.

Shopping in Chambers County

Please exercise courtesy and consideration for others, especially vulnerable populations, when shopping during the COVID-19 disaster. Please exercise social distancing, and limit your shopping trip to one family member to reduce the chances of exposure. Please limit purchasing large quantities of the same item so others have a chance to get the items they need as well.

The following stores are open in Chambers County:

Anahuac:
B&B Foods 7am-8pm
Bi-Rite Supermarket Sunday 8am-8pm, Mon - Sat 7am-8pm Page 2 For Release 3/18/20

West Chambers:
HEB 8am-8pm (until further notice)
Wal-Mart 6am-11pm

Winnie:
Market Basket 7am-10pm (hours subject to change)

Recommendations for the Community

In support of the President's guidelines, "15 days to Slow the Spread", the Chambers County Public Health Department recommends that Chambers County residents:

- Avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people.

- If you are sick, STAY HOME, contact your Primary Care Provider, and avoid going to the ER if you do not need EMERGENCY CARE.

- Exercise proper hand-washing techniques

Chambers County under Executive order

Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia revised the previously issued Executive Order related to the COVID-19 crisis to take effect March 24, 2020.

Below is a summary of key changes:

1. Curfew in place between 10pm and 6am for all persons;

2. Curfew remains in effect for persons under 18 (24hr);

3. Price Gouging Prohibition remains in effect;

4. Revision of business and facility closures to more closely align with Governor's guidance:

(a) In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor, no person in Chambers County shall participate in or allow social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

(b) In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor, people shall not eat or drink at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visit gyms, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, beauty salons, barber shops, and nail salons. The use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged.

(c) In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

(d) In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, CDC, and Governor, public and private schools shall temporarily close. Per guidance from the Governor's Office and HHS, this does not apply to licensed daycares.

(e) This order does not apply to Critical Infrastructure Industries, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, including healthcare facilities, pharmaceutical stores and suppliers, grocery

stores, fuel stations, financial institutions, governmental facilities, water districts and special purpose districts, pipelines and petrochemical facilities, and telecommunications services, as these types of operations are essential. However, these industries and occupancies shall follow CDC guidance on routine hygiene practices, including employee screening and limiting and/or controlling access as necessary.

(f) County offices are operating with restricted access. Only personnel pre-authorized by the County Judge, in consultation with the Chambers County Public Health Department, are allowed in the County Courthouse, Emergency Operations Center, or other county buildings and facilities.

ALL PEOPLE ENTERING THE CHAMBERS COUNTY COURTHOUSE WILL BE SUBJECT TO HEALTH SCREENING (INCLUDING EMPLOYEES) BEFORE BEING ALLOWED ON PREMISES.

Chambers County Clerk

- West Annex is closed
- Main office is open, call 409-267-2418 before visiting

Chambers County District Clerk

- West Annex is closed
- Passport services have been suspended
- All other services available by appointment—call 409-267-2432

- Customers are encouraged to take advantage of online services

Chambers County Health Department

- No immunizations will be given until further notice

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Chambers County Judge addresses rumors of lockdown

Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia addressed rumors being spread on social media regarding COVID-19 in Chambers County on Saturday, March 21. Responding to the rumor being circulated that Chambers County will soon be placed under lockdown, Judge Sylvia said, "At this time there are no plans for a shelter in place order for Chambers County."

Chambers County officials are monitoring COVID-19 and participating in conference calls daily with State of Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services as well as communicating regularly with other regional partners. Decisions regarding Executive Orders and mandates are made based on guidance and recommendations from these resources.

"I understand that Chambers County citizens are worried but please remember that spreading inaccurate information can cause real harm," continued

Judge Sylvia. "Please share information only if it comes from an official source."

Chambers County citizens are encouraged to use good judgment when presented with updates related to COVID-19.

"We are sharing information and updates regularly," said the Judge. "We update our website, we send out news releases and infographics and post to social media. The correct information is out there and it's easy to access."

Other sources of information include the White House, Texas Governor Greg Abbott and CDC. These organizations are publishing data daily and are great resources for updates and health and safety guidelines.

Chambers County residents can find information regarding COVID-19 in Chambers County at www.co.chambers.tx.us or by following Chambers County Health Department and Chambers County, Texas on Facebook.

San Jacinto Museum of History is closed to the public

Houston, TX . The Texas Historical Commission has closed facilities to the public at all 31 historic sites that it manages. As a result, the San Jacinto Museum of History is closed for an unspecified period of time. The health and safety of our staff and general public are our top priorities as we do our part to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Our president and librarians are on-site with critical staff members taking extra precautions practicing social distancing while working on the daily business of the museum along with organizing and refreshing exhibits. All non-essential staff have been asked to stay home until further notice. There will be staff available via email or phone to answer your questions and direct you to appropriate areas of our website that will enrich your family-time during this unprecedented season.

Website - Our website provides hours of exploration about the battle that changed history on April 21, 1836. Explore maps, weapons, commanders, and facts about the monument itself as one of the finest examples of modern architecture in the United States. It is recognized as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site is a National Historic Landmark. Look for our upcoming special exhibit's Grand Opening announcement.

The Arts and Artifacts section allows you to experience our collection online and browse a selection of over 2,000 items.

The Curriculum Guide for Teachers is a favorite with teachers and is free to download.

The Veteran Bios section lets you learn about the individual men who fought in the Battle of San Jacinto.

The San Jacinto Battleground remains open to the public at this time for healthy visitors who follow safe social distance of 6 feet or 2 meters. Check thc.texas.gov/public-health before you make your trip for current guidance.

Funding - The San Jacinto Museum of History is a 501(c)3 and receives no state or federal funds. Your generous donations keep history alive. Consider a museum membership or donating at www.sanjacinto-museum.org/Support_Us/Donate/

We will continue to monitor the situation and make appropriate changes to this schedule should that be required. Please check our website for updates. www.sanjacinto-museum.org

OPINION PAGE



Social Security Matters

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

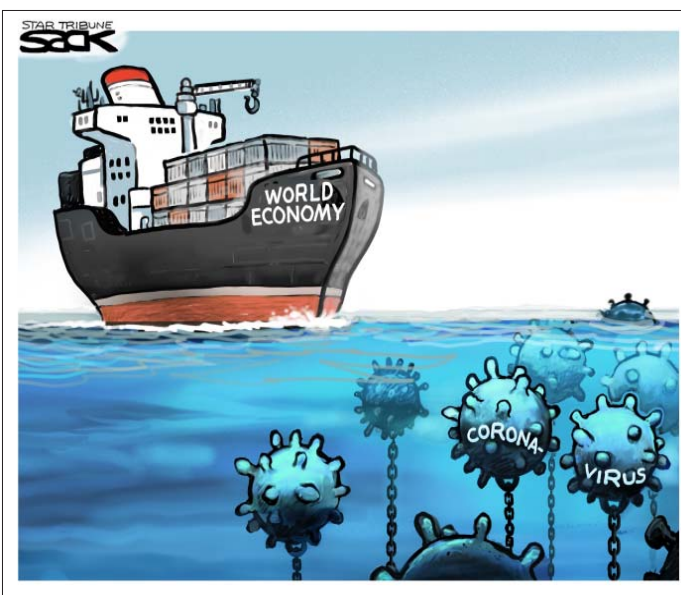
Ask Rusty – Using IRA instead of Claiming SS; Disability Appeal

Dear Rusty: I am currently unemployed and drawing funds from my IRA. I am 62 years old. My financial adviser instructed me to not take Social Security because once I do that the percentage of increase would stop. He said to wait until the benefits increased to the point where I could then take Social Security and leave my IRA alone. Does that seem right? Also, I have applied for SS Disability benefits and have been rejected, but I am currently appealing that decision. Is my next step a lawyer? If so do you have any recommendations? Signed: Befuddled

Dear Befuddled: If you take your Social Security (SS) benefits at age 62, your payment will be cut by about 27.5% from what it would be at your full retirement age of 66. If you wait, your SS payment when you claim it will have grown for each month you delay. You only get 100% of the SS benefit you have earned from a lifetime of working when you reach your full retirement age (FRA). The rate of benefit growth before you reach your FRA is a bit more than 6% for each year you wait, so I expect that your financial advisor compared that guaranteed growth to the interest you are receiving on your IRA and concluded that waiting to claim a higher SS benefit for the rest of your life is a better deal. Provided you are in good health, that seems like a prudent suggestion. And just so you are aware, if you delay claiming SS beyond your FRA, you'll earn an additional 8% for each year you further delay, up to age 70 when your SS benefit would be about 75% more than it will be if you take it now. Regarding your disability appeal, I cannot recommend a specific attorney, but I suggest

you seek one who specializes in Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) claims. SSDI attorneys must adhere to Federal law and they are limited in what they can charge you. Usually that limit is 25% of whatever back SSDI benefits they can secure for you (paid from those back benefits) to a maximum of \$6000. There should be no charge for an initial consultation, and you shouldn't be required to pay anything unless they win your case for you. The easiest way to find someone to assist you is to do a search for "SSDI attorneys near me" and then do some initial research on your search results before selecting. You'll be able to judge the strength of your SSDI appeal by whether the SSDI attorney accepts your case - they'll only accept your case if they believe they can win and be compensated for their efforts. Only you can judge if engaging an attorney is a wise idea at this point. You still have multiple SSDI appeal levels available to you, and an SSDI attorney can be engaged at any point you choose.

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Governor takes actions to slow down deadly virus

AUSTIN — Texas is more invested every day in promoting increased and thorough hand washing, disinfecting surfaces and social distancing to reduce cases of the rapidly spreading novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

As of March 22, the cumulative count of patients testing positive in Texas increased to 334. The death count stood at five with 8,756 people having been tested, according to figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

As the work week began, Gov. Greg Abbott was still not ready to order all Texans to stay at home, as local authorities ordered in Dallas County. However, he issued four statewide executive orders in accordance with federal guidelines issued by President Trump and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people;
—People shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts or visiting gyms or massage parlors — provided, however, that drive-thru, pick-up or delivery options are allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of the executive order;
—People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance; and
—Schools shall temporarily close.

Abbott's orders, effective through 11:59 p.m. on April 3, are subject to extension. Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt also declared a public health disaster last week.

Hellerstedt's declaration allows state and local health authorities to more easily require property owners to disinfect, decontaminate, and seal off property that might be contaminated by COVID-19.

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The declaration also:
—Authorizes health authorities to take control measures to eradicate the threat to public health;
—Streamlines the process for health authorities to invoke the courts to enforce quarantines of individuals; and
—Activates enhanced tools for DSHS to collect disease and health information and to share that information with law enforcement personnel and first responders, as appropriate.

Governor activates Guard
Gov. Abbott on March 17 activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts for COVID-19, ensuring that the military force can assist in various forms throughout the state when needed.

Healthcare workers and first responders who are members of the Texas National Guard are excluded from this activation so that they can continue serving the people of Texas in their respective fields, Abbott said.

SBA assistance requested
Gov. Abbott on March 17 requested designation from the Small Business Administration to access the federal agency's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for the entire state.

If granted, Abbott said, the Small Business Administration would provide long-term, low-interest loans to qualifying businesses across the state.

Small business owners are invited to visit the Texas Division of Emergency Management website: https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-

19/ where they will be directed to an online application on the SBA website.

Telemedicine to increase
Gov. Abbott on March 17 waived certain regulations and directed the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency rule relating to telemedicine care in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Abbott said his actions build upon previous waivers of portions in the Occupations Code to expand provider flexibility in providing medical services over the phone.

Medical providers seeking guidance on the impact of the new rule can expect guidance from the Texas Medical Board to be issued in the coming days. Insurers seeking guidance on the emergency rule should contact the Texas Department of Insurance or visit their webpage for more information.

Goal: Stop transmission
The Texas Department of Transportation on March 17 announced actions to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

TxDOT postponed or canceled its in-person public hearings and gatherings through April 3, subject to change. However, work on projects to improve our transportation system continues, as does TxDOT's ongoing work to maintain and operate our state's transportation system.

Meanwhile, TxDOT has closed the lobbies of its 12 Travel Information Centers until further notice, but outside restrooms will remain available at all times and will be regularly cleaned between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Also, safety rest areas on highways throughout the state will remain open.

AG: Price-gougers beware
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 21 warned retail suppliers, including those who supply grocery stores and pharmacies, that state law strictly prohibits price gouging in the wake of a disaster.

Price gouging laws apply to any person or entity selling necessities at an exorbitant or excessive price after a disaster has been declared by the governor or president. This prohibition includes those who supply retailers.

Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Paxton said, any price-gougers may be required to reimburse consumers and may be held liable for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation with an additional penalty of up to \$250,000 if the affected consumers are elderly.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

"Waiting for the Sun"

An enormous box arrives at our house. It is filled with food and cleaning supplies and, yes, toilet paper. I feel guilty. But the truth is, these supplies were ordered months ago. My husband, Peter, was a hoarder long before hoarding was in fashion.

"Here you go!" Peter says, as he unpacks the latest shipment. "Eight more pounds of oatmeal!"

My oatmeal consumption over the past few weeks while writing would certainly set some sort of record had I been keeping track. Peter pulls out a one-gallon bottle of hand sanitizer—also ordered before everyone in the world wanted it.

"You see?" he says, brandishing the bottle with more than a touch of pride, "I was a germaphobe before germaphobes were cool!"

And it's true. Peter has always had a slightly higher-than-average concern about germs. We live in a small town, with no regular job to go to and no children to care for. Add to that Peter's insistence that we have a four-month supply of all the essentials, and our lives have been less affected than anyone I know.

My parents are in Florida and it looks like they will be staying there for the indefinite future. Normally, they'd be heading back north, but they don't know where they'd stay on the way home and, with everything so uncertain, they're staying put. They are in their 80s so, naturally, I worry. But my mother seems pretty calm.

"We don't play bingo!" she explains, as if bingo was the primary source of the contagion. She tells me they've shut down the pool and the Internet room and the woodshop where my dad likes to go. "But not pickleball!" she tells me. Pickleball games continue, with or without a pandemic.

Before the restaurants were shut down, we had dinner with our scientist friends, Mary and Wolfgang. It's nice to have the news digested and parsed by scientists. But they were not terribly reassuring. "I've been washing my hands until they're chapped!" Mary complained. Their son has just started work as an EMT and Mary feels certain he will contract the virus. She is afraid—but he is young and strong and helping people. She is proud of him.

The hardest hit are, of course, the very old and the very sick. My brother-in-law is both. Peter's oldest sister's husband is dying of Alzheimer's and now she cannot visit him. Everyone in the nursing home is so fragile that they have shut the door to visitors.

"He won't understand why no one is visiting!" she tells us, and I'm sure this is true. I don't know how much he understands about anything at this point but he certainly will not comprehend that a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic is preventing his wife from seeing him.

"I've been thinking, maybe I could look at him through the window," she says, and my heart breaks a little, imagining her standing outside the window of the nursing home in the early spring cold. The nursing staff promised they would let her come when her husband is dying. No one knows when that will be.

For those of us who have it easy, life is not much different and not so very difficult. For those who already have too much on their plate, these times are almost too much to bear.

Peter read somewhere that the sun was good at killing the virus. I hope this is true. I know the sun provides cheer and we could certainly use some more of that. So, right now, I'm watching the sky and waiting for the sun.

Till next time, Carrie

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Learning to Live Differently

As I awoke at 2 a.m., I began to replay conversations from the past few days. Perhaps for the first time in years, I was wishing I did not live alone. If things go the way many are speculating, it might be weeks or even months until we get the next hugs.

Hugs have always been an important part of my life, at least during my adult life. When attending the University of Texas in Austin, I took my first of many psychology classes and learned that research has shown that if you get or give at least three hugs a day, your mental state is most often "happier" and that you will learn to have many more days filled with opportunities to share optimism than if you stay to yourself.

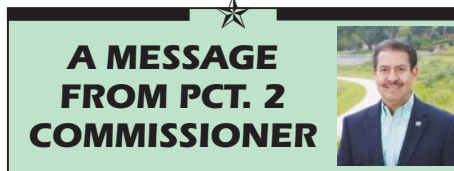
I have often joked that when I get to Heaven, that St. Peter will have to go enjoy something new, as I was going to take his place at the pearly gates

and be the official greeter. And anyone who has been around me knows that greeting comes with a hug. Yet now, just days before my 58th birthday, I am being told that we cannot hug, we should not be in groups larger than 10 and that we should avoid any social activities. Can you imagine? For decades, I have been greeting at church services, Chamber luncheons, meetings and many public events. And now, I guess I can wave and smile to the few people I will be seeing.

Being a single mother who has lived alone the majority of the time since my youngest entered the Army in 2011, my life has been blessed to be a part of many groups and organizations that work in the community. Everything from comforting a young mom in prison, to offering my cell phone to a homeless person to use has provid-

ed opportunities to hug them, to pray with them and to try to brighten their lives.

Suddenly, I find myself more thankful than ever to have a position where I can reach out to senior adults and check on them via the phone. So many of them have stories to share and by the time you hang up, you cannot help but be thankful for the time you chatted with them. In these "different" days that we are living in, pick up your phone, look through your contacts and make a call or two. Brighten up the day of someone you have not talked to lately. Reach out to those parents who are "homeschooling" right now and see if you can assist in any way. Take the time to turn off all electronics and listen as you read a book. Start making that bucket list for your next vacation. Learn to enjoy the time with yourself.



Dear Community

We hope you and families are safe during this difficult time. We are reaching out on behalf of Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia to humbly request your help. Commissioner Garcia has asked us to do everything we can to get critical and factual information to residents about COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We understand you are a trusted leader in your area and we ask you to please share the following message with your NextDoor page/Neighborhood message board/Facebook group/email distribution list.

If you are developing symptoms (dry cough, fe-

ver, body aches) that lead you to believe you have COVID-19 (Coronavirus), health care professionals don't want you to rush to doctors' offices, urgent cares, or emergency rooms, unless you are in a critical situation. Harris County Public Health has launched a telephone resource for residents of Harris County that may not have access to healthcare and are looking to visit a doctor due to coronavirus-related care. The call center, called "Ask My Nurse," will help patients assess symptoms assessments and refer patients to appropriate level of care in a clinical setting. Experienced nurses are available to help you and answer

your questions from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week. Nurses will be available to provide care in both English and Spanish. The number to call is 713-634-1110.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. It's vitally important that you share this information to the folks living in each and every neighborhood in Precinct 2 and across Harris County.

I hope you are all managing your new normal with the kind of grace and goodness that you freely exhibit - only from a distance!

I am here for you. Please feel free to reach out to me during this time. Be well - and stay that way!

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Numbers in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Luke 11, what group of people did Jesus say took away the key of knowledge? Prophets, Carpenters, Lawyers, Scribes
3. Whose son, Mahershalal-

hashbaz, is the longest human name in the Bible? Judas, Enoch, Isaiah, Abednego

4. The Ark of the Covenant was carried around and around what city? Ramah, Moroni, Jericho, Nicopolis
5. From John 13, who said to Jesus, "Thou shalt never wash my feet"? Paul, Peter, Andrew, Thomas
6. Who was Jonah's father? Eli, Joppa, Tirzah, Amittai

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Lawyers; 3) Isaiah; 4) Jericho; 5) Peter; 6) Amittai

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Governor Abbott issues Executive Order increasing Hospital Capacity, announces supply chain strike force for COVID-19 response

AUSTIN - March 22, 2020 - Governor Greg Abbott today signed an Executive Order to expand hospital bed capacity as the state responds to the COVID-19 virus. These actions will reinforce Texas' health care capabilities and provide additional space for hospitals to provide care to COVID-19 patients. Under this order, the Governor directed all licensed health care professionals and facilities to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately, medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition or to preserve the life of a patient who without immediate performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death, as determined by the patient's physician. This does not apply to any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the personal protective equipment needed to cope with the COVID-19 disaster. The Governor also suspended certain regulations as requested by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to allow for increased occupancy of hospital rooms — meaning hospitals will be able to treat more

than one patient in a patient room, thus increasing their ability to care for the growing number of COVID-19 patients. Additionally, the Governor announced the creation of a temporary Supply Chain Strike Force — immediately naming Keith Miers, Senior Vice President of Worldwide Procurement at Dell Technologies, to serve as Supply Chain Director for the state of Texas. Miers will be supported by former State Representative John Zerwas, MD, who will assist with hospital relations and preparedness, Clint Harp, Vice President of Transmission Strategic Services for the Lower Colorado River Authority, who will assist with asset research and procurement, and Elaine Mendoza, Chair of the A&M Board of Regents, who will assist with statewide child care infrastructure for critical workers. The Supply Chain Strike Force will be tasked with guiding collaboration between the public and private sectors to ensure health care facilities have the supplies and resources they need to respond to COVID-19. In addition to working with the federal government and businesses to secure necessary personal protective equipment, the team will work to ensure day-to-day resources (includ-

ing food) are available for Texas' medical personnel, first responders and those who have contracted COVID-19. "We have seen how this virus has progressed in other states and nations, and it is vital that Texas stays ahead of the curve as the situation develops here," said Governor Abbott. "Patient care capacity is essential during this time, which is why the state of Texas is taking action to increase hospital bed capacity, provide additional space for medical personnel to care for patients, and ensure that healthcare facilities have the supplies needed to respond to COVID-19. Along with this Executive Order, the Supply Chain Strike Force will play a crucial role in addressing these needs by helping to secure and expedite the distribution of resources across the state. These are unprecedented times, and Texas will continue to take robust action to protect our communities and support those serving on the front lines of the COVID-19 response." The Governor's Executive Order takes effect immediately, and remains in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 21, 2020, unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the Governor.

Coronavirus: What You Need to Know

BAYTOWN — (March 19, 2020) — Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital (HMB) is committed to providing unparalleled safety, quality, service and innovation to our patients throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, HMB serves as a trusted source of information on the virus to help the residents of Baytown and east Harris, Liberty and Chambers counties make the best decisions to safeguard their health. The coronavirus disease outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation, but Houston Methodist Baytown is prepared for any potential cases that may arise in the Baytown area. We want you to be prepared, too. How Does the Coronavirus Spread? Close contact: Within about six feet. Respiratory droplets: Produced by coughing or sneezing. What to do if you Think You're Infected Contact your doctor for guidance if you are experiencing fever, cough and shortness of breath and have (or have been in close contact with someone who has) traveled to: China, Japan, Iran, South Korea, Italy. Refer to the CDC for updated travel advisories. Your first contact with your physician or health care provider should be by

telephone or telemedicine. Coronavirus Prevention Tips There is no vaccine for the virus, but you can protect yourself by: Staying home if you are sick. Practicing proper hand hygiene. Covering your cough and sneezes. Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Avoiding contact with sick people. Practicing social distancing, which helps prevent the spread of the virus: Avoiding crowds or groups of 10 people or more. Keep at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others in common spaces, like cafeterias and waiting rooms. Disinfecting commonly touched surfaces. Avoiding unnecessary travel to at risk countries/areas. Revised Visitor Policy In order to protect the health and safety of patients, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has implemented a new visitor policy that states: Visitation is limited to 1 essential visitor (over 18) per patient per day. No new visitors will be allowed between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. If you are in the ER for COVID-19 evaluation or have tested positive for the virus, you will not be allowed any visitors. Outpatient Policy If possible, please

avoid bringing visitors with you for testing and doctor appointments. Houston Methodist Virtual Urgent Care Baytown area residents concerned they may have been exposed to the coronavirus have an alternative to scheduling an in-office doctor's appointment. They can schedule a consultation with a Houston Methodist practitioner via virtual urgent care through the MyMethodist app. Whether you are experiencing coronavirus symptoms or want to avoid spreading or catching germs, you can speak to a virtual urgent care provider 24/7. The provider will be able to help you determine if testing is needed and advise you on where you should go. While the coronavirus test cannot be administered through virtual visits, this screening method helps keep patients who do not need coronavirus screening out of the emergency room. Virtual urgent care provides easy access to services, allowing patients the opportunity to see a provider via video. In addition to virtual urgent care, the MyMethodist app also provides access to virtual behavioral health and virtual nutrition counseling. For more information about Houston Methodist virtual urgent care, visit houstonmethodist.org/virtual-urgent-care.

Stay Home,

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al executive orders on March 19, which included the following regulations: - Every person in Texas is to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people. - No dining in at restaurants, bars, or food courts. Take out, drive-thru and delivery options will be allowed. - Gyms are to remain closed. - Schools are to remain closed, but online or alternative learning options may be used. - No visitations at nursing homes, retirement centers, or long-term care facilities unless it is to provide critical care assistance. THIS IS NOT A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER. You can still go to grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, parks, and banks. Essential government services and critical infrastructure still operational, and domestic travel al-

lowed. These orders got into effect on March 20, 2020 and will end at midnight on April 3rd. The pandemic has spread quickly through the United States, and the rest of the world. Worldwide figures indicate that more than 380,000 have been infected and tested positive, and more than 16,000 have died. Counties with the most cases include China, Italy, United States, Spain, Germany, Iran, France and South Korea. Italy has the most deaths, over 6000. Texas has reported statewide over 355 cases, with 6 deaths. PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA ON STAY-AT-HOME ORDER: In reaction to Judge Lina Hidalgo's decision to issue a county-wide stay at home order in Harris County, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia released the following statement:

"Today, Judge Hidalgo is making a true leadership decision. It is a very tough, yet extremely prudent choice, but her compass is to find the best possible path that could wind up saving lives of many Harris County residents. The reason for Judge Hidalgo's decision is not solely of her choosing, however, and a stay-at-home order in Harris County comes after careful deliberation and counsel from many health care and business leaders. With what we've seen in other parts of the country, I agree we can't afford to delay, and for my Precinct 2 family, I welcome her decision. This is the best hope for Harris County to prevent a widespread disaster, harming all of us that live, work, and play in this county. I strongly support the order from the Judge. Too many of our neighbors' lives are at stake."

Executive Order,

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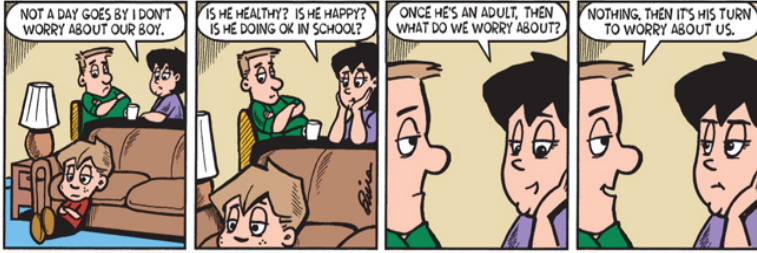
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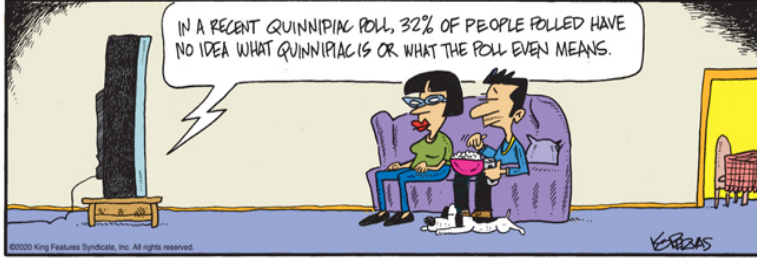
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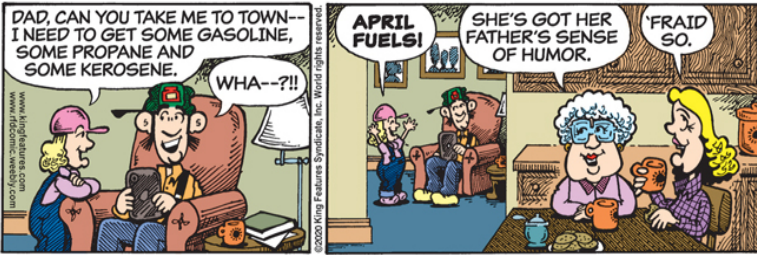
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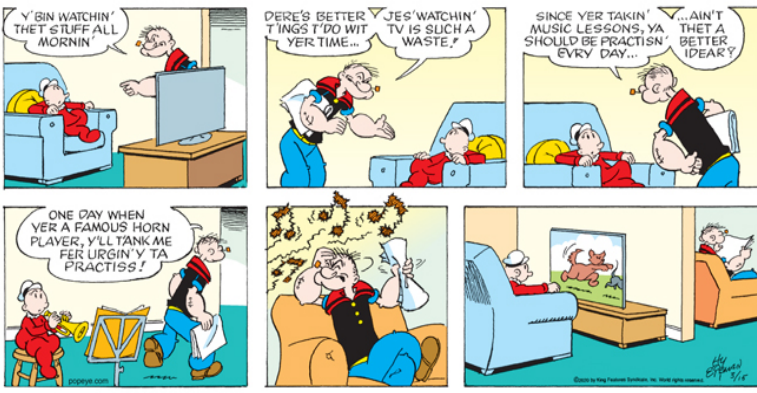
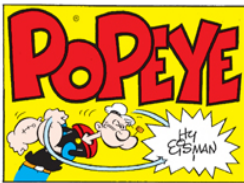
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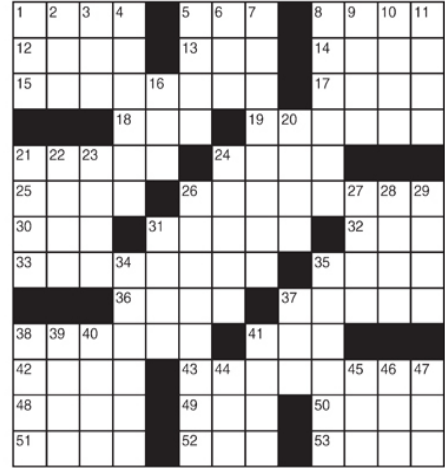
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- 25 Shrewd
- 26 Lunch holder
- 30 Tokyo's old name
- 31 Canonized one
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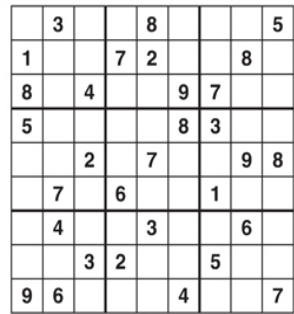


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- 6 Shooter
- 7 Annoying follower
- 8 Drop from a will
- 9 Opposed
- 10 Read cursorily
- 11 Rodgers collaborator
- 16 Lamb's mama
- 20 Salamander
- 21 Dogfight participants
- 22 Gully
- 23 Awestruck
- 24 Pipe type
- 26 Loaf of French bread
- 27 Wild party
- 28 Sheltered
- 29 Paraphernalia
- 31 Halt
- 34 It's handy if you have to break your word
- 35 Religious retreat
- 37 Handle
- 38 Uppity one
- 39 Takeout phrase
- 40 Deserve
- 41 On in years
- 44 Charged bit
- 45 Regret
- 46 Corroded
- 47 Obtained

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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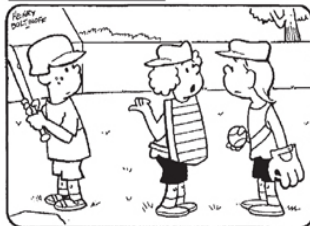
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which show was a spinoff of the 1970s show "The Six Million Dollar Man"?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a personal retreat at Warm Springs, Georgia?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which river runs through the city of Paris, France?
4. MOVIES: Who was the young female star of the movie "Firestarter"?
5. SCIENCE: What is the largest living structure on Earth?
6. FIRSTS: Who is the first (and only so far) football player to win the Heisman Trophy twice?
7. HISTORY: How many people were officially executed in the Reign of Terror after the French Revolution?
8. BIBLE: How many proverbs did King Solomon compose?
9. BUSINESS: What is the unit of currency used in South Africa?
10. U.S. STATES: Which three states have four-letter names?

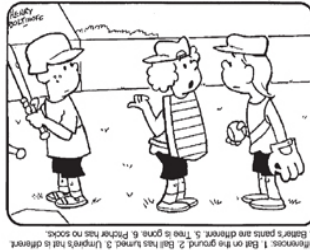
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball on the ground. 2. Ball has landed. 3. Umbrella not in frame. 4. Boy's pants are different. 5. Tree is gone. 6. Fridge has no door.

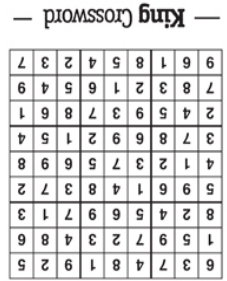
1. "The Bionic Woman"
2. Franklin Roosevelt
3. The Seine River
4. Drew Barrymore
5. The Great Barrier Reef
6. Archie Griffin, Ohio State
7. Almost 17,000
8. 3,000
9. The rand
10. Ohio, Iowa and Utah

Trivia Test Answers



Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword



Answers

- 1. SACRED
- 2. WADING
- 3. BIRD
- 4. SUITABLE
- 5. MORSE
- 6. T
- 7. CREATED
- 8. MEADOW
- 9. ERSTWHILE
- 10. PERUVIAN
- 11. SERIES
- 12. OF
- 13. MISSED
- 14. CALLS
- 15. CELEBRITY
- 16. PAIR
- 17. CONSECRATE
- 18. WITH
- 19. OIL
- 20. COGNIZANT
- 21. HUFFED
- 22. AND
- 23. PUFFED
- 24. SHREWD
- 25. LUNCH
- 26. HOLDER
- 27. TOKYO'S
- 28. OLD
- 29. NAME
- 30. CANONIZED
- 31. ONE
- 32. BEER-LIKE
- 33. BREW
- 34. JOKE
- 35. THAT
- 36. WON'T
- 37. WORK
- 38. ON
- 39. THE
- 40. BRINY
- 41. THY
- 42. THEATER
- 43. STAFFER
- 44. TREELESS
- 45. TRACT
- 46. BLOND
- 47. SHADE
- 48. ARK
- 49. BUILDER
- 50. LONG-POPULAR
- 51. JAZZ
- 52. TUNE
- 53. SHREK
- 54. FOR
- 55. ONE
- 56. PIROUETTE
- 57. PIVOT
- 58. DROP
- 59. FROM
- 60. A
- 61. WILL
- 62. OPPOSED
- 63. READ
- 64. CURSORILY
- 65. RODGERS
- 66. COLLABORATOR
- 67. LAMB'S
- 68. MAMA
- 69. SALAMANDER
- 70. DOGFIGHT
- 71. PARTICIPANTS
- 72. GULLY
- 73. AWESTRUCK
- 74. PIPE
- 75. TYPE
- 76. LOAF
- 77. OF
- 78. FRENCH
- 79. BREAD
- 80. WILD
- 81. PARTY
- 82. SHELTERED
- 83. PARAPHERNALIA
- 84. HALT
- 85. IT'S
- 86. HANDY
- 87. IF
- 88. YOU
- 89. HAVE
- 90. TO
- 91. BREAK
- 92. YOUR
- 93. WORD
- 94. RELIGIOUS
- 95. RETREAT
- 96. HANDLE
- 97. UPPITY
- 98. ONE
- 99. TAKEOUT
- 100. PHRASE
- 101. DESERVE
- 102. ON
- 103. IN
- 104. YEARS
- 105. CHARGED
- 106. BIT
- 107. REGRET
- 108. CORRODED
- 109. OBTAINED



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Blanket
- RELAY
- Outrage
- RANGE
- Irritation
- AGRINCH
- Clarion
- BULGE

TODAY'S WORD

"When my wife told me that my birthday gift was something I could use outdoors, I thought she meant a _____."

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: U equals T

UX VXGN EIYYQVD LNXLJN, LANVV
ZNTVXAVDQL GQYDU KN RNVZAKNR
IV EAQUNA'V ZJIGL.

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word
3. Chagrin; 4. Bugle
1. Layer; 2. Anger;
solution

Weekly SUDOKU

To some wags (and people, press censorship might be described as writer's clump).

