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COVID-19 Cases as of May 5, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

11,142 POSITIVE **271 DEATHS** 3820 RECOVERED

TEXAS

32,879 POSITIVE 911 DEATHS 16.090 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

1,192,119 POSITIVE **70,115 DEATHS 187,180 RECOVERED**

WORLDWIDE

3,628,824 POSITIVE 254,430 DEATHS 1,184,499 RECOVERED

COVID-19 RESOURCES

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EVENTS

Local Free Food programs serve Pct. 2

HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 2 - Harris County Precinct 2 has three programs to distribute food to those that need it on a first come first serve

The first thing to know is that most of the Harris County Community Centers have been closed unless there is a special program going on at one of them. For example who knew they were testing for Covid-19 at the Crosby Community Center last weekend? The only centers still open are those that are centrally located within Precinct 2 such as Barrett Community Center, and J.D. Walker Comservicing Highlands and



Constable Sherman Eagleton and deputies gave away brisket tacos last Thursday at Frank's Collision Repair just South of US 90 on FM 2100. The barbecue was cooked right outside the shop.

Crosby and Huffman, to obtain food in the drive

through programs.
Free Food Programs include the Senior Home-bound Food Distribution $\begin{array}{c} Programs \ where \ about \ 300 \\ meals \ are \ taken \ to \ the \ res- \end{array}$ ident's home a day if the senior registers online or by telephone and they are

accepted.
"Secondly, we are doing what we call brown bag lunches at Community Centers on Mondays and Wednesdays and at our three parks on Tuesday and Thursdays on a weekly basis," said Frida Villalobos, who heads the programs for Commission-

er Adrian Garcia.
"On Fridays we are offering "Free Hot Meals" at our Community Centers.

local restaurants at the five community centers. So, each community center is offering 200 meals, so each business gets the opportunity to bid for the project and then they bring the food and families can come on a first come first serve basis and they get their meal." concluded Vil-

lalobos. The registration website is hcp2.com and the telephone number for those lacking internet is (713) 274-2222. Also on social media on the Precinct 2 page, there is constant updating for changes and opportunity.

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As Governor Abbott expands opening of businesses, virus deaths increase

Health officials want more testing, more tracking

HARRIS COUNTY Two new sites for testing of the COVID-19 virus opened last week and this week, as health officials said that more tests are required to combat a rise in the count of affected persons and those who have

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee has led the effort for the last two months to get more test



Sheila Jackson Lee, right, announces the seventh free drive-thru virus testing site, with the cooperation of UMMC, United Memorial Medical Center. The site is at Griggs Primary school, 801 Regional Park Drive, in the Greenspoint area. No screening is required, this is a drive-thru or walk-thru site. Speaking at the opening is Aldine superintendent LaTonya Goffney.

for the opening of these two sites, along with Dr. Joseph Varon, the presi-dent of UMMC, the Unit-ed Memorial Medical Center, who has been providing the medical personnel and tests for these free

While the medical profession is calling for more test sites, and warning that the virus pandemic is not contained or under control, Texas Governor Greg Abbott has expanded his order to open businesses to the public. On Tues-day, May 5th he added hair and nail salons, wedding venues, tanning salons, swimming pools, and on May 18 office buildings

and gyms may open, with appropriate restrictions on distances. The order also allows non-essential man-

ufacturing to open.
Abbott originally said that Phased openings would depend upon the rate of infections and deaths from the virus de-creasing, but data from last week indicates that -Harris County and the state of Texas had its highest number of deaths since the epidamic started. The governor did not comment on his decision to enlarge the opening of businesses,

See COVID-19 VIRUS,

New Pastor at St. Jude church

BIRTHDAYS

May 7-Germaine Broussard May 9--Jimmie Dickey Tim Holton Vanessa Whittaker Elonda Cravatt

May 11–Nancy Johnston May 12–Rusty Salters May 13–Judy Bailey Bobby Horn, Sr. Larry Koslovsky Michelle Lomanzoff

ANNIVERSARIES

May 8–Tim & Lisa Dammon May 10-Thomas & Eleanor

May 12–Robert Smesny and Malba Stasney-Smesny

HIGHLANDS - St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church has a new Pastor, Father Daniel S. Baguio, appointed on April 13, 2020. He is happy to serve God and his people in Highlands,

specifically at St. Jude Thaddeus he said.
Father Baguio was born in the Phillippines, on Mindanao island, in 1957 and educated near Manila. Originally pursuing a career in business and accounting, he was drawn to the church after a traumatic incident in his family when he was 22 years old and a college stu-

He tells of a family visit to a cemetery, but his young niece was critically hurt when running across a street to get to the gravesite. Baguio picked her up and took her to the hospital, and with broken bones and heavy bleeding he did not expect her to live. At that moment, he asked God to save her life, promising he would follow the priesthood if she lived After her survival, he changed from his college to the seminary, Maryhill College of Theology.



Father Daniel Baquio

Father Baguio came to the U.S. in 2005. and his first assignment was a church in Houston, Notre Dame on Montrose Bou-

After that, he served at churches in Kingwood and Humble, and for the last 10 years has been pastor at two small churches, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sweeney, Texas and St. John the Apostle in West Columbia, Texas. When an opening at St. Jude became available this year, he applied, and after an interview with the Diocese, was appointed to the church.

In his career as a priest, he has had a pilgrimiage twice to the Vatican to see the pope, and a

visit to the Holy Land.

He said that St. Jude Thaddeus is larger than the churches he pastored in Sweeney and West Columbia. He is very enthusiastic to serve the Highlands community, and we are always in his prayers especially during these difficult times. He says his mission in Highlands is the salvation of souls.

Due to the Coronavirus, Masses currently are being held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in English, and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish, until further notice. Seating is limited to 25% of normal capacity to follow guidelines from the state and county

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COMMUNITY NEWS *

Precinct 3 finds jacked cars



The Precinct 3 Constable's Office located a series of vehicles and equipment reported stolen in Channelview on Monday morning. Deputies recovered 4 stolen vehicles and a mini excavator this morning (only 3 pictured) in the Sheldon / Channelview area. Deputies are investigating to see if these auto thefts are connected. These are expected to be related to an organized crime operation and have not yet been determined to relate to a chop shop interdicted in McNair early this week.

GCCISD to hold virtual graduation ceremonies

Goose Creek CISD will hold virtual graduation ceremonies for the four high schools this year due to social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The events will take place during the dates and times originally scheduled and will include traditional aspects of graduation ceremonies as well as some creativity, such as allowing seniors to personalize the slides that will be shown as their names are announced.

IMPACT Early College

IMPACT Early College High School's virtual graduation ceremony will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21. Virtual graduation ceremonies will be Saturday, May 23, for the other three high schools - Ross S. Sterling High School at 10 a.m., Goose Creek Memorial High School at 2:15 p.m. and Robert E. Lee High School at 6:30 p.m. The ceremonies will be streamed at www.gccisd.net.

"While this is not the way we planned to end the school year and celebrate our Class of 2020, I want



Paola Santos, a graduating senior from IMPACT Early College High School, who also is receiving an associate degree from Lee College, is a proud member of the Class of 2020.

Photo by Carrie Pryor-Newman

them to know how proud we are of their accomplishments as well as of their resilience and understanding as they face the disappointment of not having the opportunity to participate in several of their rites of passage as seniors. As always, the safety of our students and their families, as well as that of our staff, is our top priority,"

said Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent. "After meetings with principals and senior leadership teams and with input from students, we decided to take a creative approach to honoring our seniors with virtual ceremonies, senior videos, and yard signs to make graduation a positive experience they will remember."

Pct. 2 provides free Brown Bag Lunch



Every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Harris County Precinct 2 distributes free lunch for all ages in a drive-thru style and on first come, first serve basis. This week distribution will be at Cloverleaf Park, 825 Beacon St., Houston, 77015; Baytown Soccer Park, 4700 Village Ln., Baytown, 77520 and at Bay Area Annex, 16603 Buccaneer Ln., Houston, 77062.

Initial lifelines for Harris County Small Businesses have arrived

First cash distributions have been made to applicants to Harris County Small Loan Program that was championed by Commissioner Garcia

Harris County, TX —
Today, May 5, 2020, Harris
County Commissioner
Adrian Garcia, along with
program administrators
from Houston-Galveston
Area Council are proud to
announce that the first set
of cash disbursements
have been made to successful applicants to the Harris County Loan Program.

The Program was developed by Commissioner Garcia's office and approved by Commissioners Court on April 7th. Less than 4 weeks later, money

in the form of forgivable loans has begun flowing to qualifying applicants.

The first batch of businesses have already received or will receive their loans shortly. These loans can be forgivable if certain conditions are met. In total, around more than 600 local small businesses are expected to receive loans.

"I am extraordinarily

pleased with how fast we've gotten these lifelines into the hands of our local small businesses," Commissioner Garcia said. "For a program to be designed from scratch to money in bank accounts in less than a month exemplifies the strong leadership local government has taken during this pandemic. We've proved that we are often the best option to move most quickly to respond to residents' needs. I also want to thank the fine folks at Houston-Galveston Area Council for stepping up and acting fast for the people of Harris County."

"We're moving as quickly as possible to navigate the applicants through the underwriting and review process, and to get funds distributed to these businesses that are in dire need," said Omar Fortune, program manager of the Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation.

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ROUND-UP

CORVID-19 **CASES CHAMBERS**

COUNTY As of May 4, 2020

Tested-885 Recovered-37 Hospitalized-1

East Chambers-5 Med Chambers-7 West Chambers-33

Mont Belvieu Food pantry needs help

The Mont Belvieu Food Pantry is in need of a number of items to restock their pantry due to the increased demand caused by the COVID-19 impact on our economy. John Eversole, the BCVFD President and current Volunteer of the Year, has organized some volunteers to collect food in Beach City and nearby to help the Food Pantry on Friday April 24th beginning at 10:00AM. They will be collecting along the route that the BCVFD follows for Santa on the Bay each year. John asks that you just leave a box or bag at the end of your driveway by 10:00am and someone will come by and pick it up. Here is a list of items that are needed the most: Spam, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta, pinto beans in bags, rice in box or bags, elbow macaroni, mixed vegetables, ramen noodles, tomato sauce. cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, pancake mix, syrup, 18 ounce oatmeal and grape jelly.

Two graduation opportunities available to GCCISD Seniors

By Susan Passmore

With plans for virtual graduation ceremonies underway for Goose Creek CISD seniors due to concern for the safety of students, their families, and district staff, Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, also recommended a face-to-face ceremony option to allow students to walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. Students are invited to participate in both. "We felt it was necessary

to hold virtual ceremonies so that students who are leaving for the military or for summer college classes could be certified as grad-uates and receive their di-plomas," O'Brien said. "Results of a survey showed that 70 percent of the seniors who responded wanted to be able to walk across a stage in front of family and friends to receive their diplomas and would be able to attend an event in the summer. With safety as our top priority, after meetings with cam-pus leadership teams and central administration staff, we decided to hold a ceremony in July, contingent on our ability to follow safety protocols at the time of the event. COVID-19 is a moving target, and we cannot predict what lies ahead, but we hope the situation will be under control by that time."

Seniors, then considered graduates, will be contacted by their senior sponsors and administrators following the virtual ceremonies after a date is set to allow them to RSVP for the faceto-face ceremonies, which will likely be held at a local venue. The ceremonies will be a little more casual than traditional gradua-tion ceremonies, and provided safety guidelines can be followed, families may watch their students walk across a stage and be congratulated by administrators and board members.
Meanwhile, students,

teachers, school administrators and district administrators are hard at work to make these unique virtual ceremonies meaningful to graduates. The



Fernando Benavides, Robert E. Lee High School senior, picks up his cap and gown and is surprised by being handed a yard sign.



Social studies teacher Dr. Brian Walenta shows his message, truly a sign of the times, reminding seniors picking up their caps and gowns to check their Google Classroom for assignments.

nally designated date and time – May 21 at 7 p.m. for IMPACT Early College High School and May 23 at 10 a.m. for Ross S. Sterling, 2:15 p.m. for Goose Creek Memorial and 6:30 p.m. for Robert E. Lee, Speeches by the superintendent, principal, valedictorian, salutatorian and other designated students will be prerecorded. Seniors have the opportunity to personalize the slide that will be shown as their name is called. A professionally produced senior video, featuring photos and videos submitted by seniors, will be created for each high school and shown during the virtual

Graduation programs will be posted on the Goose Creek CISD website at www.gccisd.net, where families also may view the ceremonies can be viewed at each high school's origi-

programs will be included with the diplomas, which may be picked up at a designated date and time following the ceremony. Yard signs, bearing positive words or phrases suggested by seniors about the Class of 2020, also have been created for each school and are being picked up with caps and

gowns. "We hope you will begin planning your watch par-ties now for the virtual graduation ceremony and, provided we can follow safety recommendations, we look forward to celebrating your senior at a face-to-face ceremony in July. The Class of 2020 may have missed out on some of the rites of pas-sage of seniors, but these students are making their own memories, and we are proud of the way they are handling this unprece-dented situation," O'Brien

CHAMBERS COUNTY Guidance for Public Visiting County Buildings

Some county offices will have a limited opening on May 4, 2020. The following guidance shall apply:

1. No public allowed at the main courthouse in Anahuac until further notice;

2. Any county office open to the public is by appointment only;

The following offices will be open by appointment only:

• County Clerk (West

Annex location only);

• District Clerk (West Annex location

only);
• Libraries (pickup

only);
• Tax Assessor -Only Anahuac office open, drive through only 8:30am-4:30pm; • Health Department

Anahuac location only;

 Commissioners Of $fices \, - \, appointment$

only; • Golf Course Open – no appointment required;

All courts are closed through June 1st;

• All persons centering each office/depart-ment will be required to wear face coverings and practice social distancing (6 feet) from each other, and from clients seeking services;

• All persons will have temperature checked before entering

county buildings;
• Only one person per family unless a person with a disability needing assistance.

These procedures will be in place pending the expiration or extension of the Governors Executive Orders on May 15th.

Police investigate chop shop in McNair



This truck's VIN number showed it is a stolen vehicle.

On May 4, 2020, Harris County Sheriff's Office, District 3 Tactical Units responded to an information call to a residence in the 6800 block of Frank Rd. in east Harris County.

Deputies found the residence and an adjacent building unoccupied, but observed more than a dozen vehicles in different stages of being dismantled.

Investigators were able to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the vehicles and found they were all reported sto-

Auto Theft investigators contacted Baytown Police Investigators and met with patrol deputies on scene.

A consent to search was obtained by the home owner and two possible sus-pects/witnesses were interviewed.

Investigators were able to recover a total of thir-teen vehicles from the Har-

ris County area.
A total of 8 Chevrolet Silverado's, 1 Cadillac Sedan, 2 Ford F250's, 1 Chevrolet SSR and 1 Chevrolet Trailblazer were found on the property.

Charges are pending at this time as the investigation is ongoing

An emergency is still an emergency

BAYTOWN — (May 1, during the pandemic. 2020) — Emergencies are still emergencies—even during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you're experiencing concerning symptoms that require immediate medical attention, don't let our fear of catching COV-ID-19 keep you from head-

ing to the emergency room.

During a pandemic, it's easy to let fear and anxiety take over to the point that you may push the rest of your health to the side. But it's crucial that you to take acute illnesses as seriously as the coronavirus. Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital provides the following information on seeking emergency care

The Emergency Room is Safe

If you have anxiety or fear about going to an emergency room right now. you're probably not alone But whether it's through the efforts of our ER doctors and nurses or our housekeeping staff, you can rest assured that Houston Methodist Bay-town's Emergency Depart-ment is safe. Practices such as isolating contagious patients and thoroughly disinfecting rooms, workspaces and surfaces are regular practices for us, but we are being even more vigilant in these ef-

forts now.

Houston Methodist Baytown, as well as all Houston Methodist Emergency Care Centers, are also taking additional precautions to keep patients and staff safe, including:

 Providing all patients with a mask as soon as they arrive

• Screening patients be-fore they walk in the door • Thoroughly disinfecting patient rooms, as well as surfaces in common areas and employee workspaces

 Isolating suspected COVID-19 patients in a separate area

· Ensuring social distancing in waiting rooms
• Increasing housekeeping hours • Screening all employees before they enter What's Considered

an Emergency?

Now's not the time to venture out of your house unnecessarily, but leaving home becomes necessary during an emergency. A medical emergency is a rapid onset of serious, debilitating or painful symptoms that have the potential to impact your life, limbs or bodily func-

Symptoms that require immediate medical attention include:

See EMERGENCY, page 6



Remains of a stolen and dismantled vehicle



Remains of a stolen and dismantled vehicle.

OPINION PAGE \bigstar





Social Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Should My Wife Take Her Social Security at Age 62?

 $\bf Dear\ Rusty: I\ have$ been advised by my financial planner to start my wife's social security benefits at the age of 62 (she is now 61). I am 65 and still employed, not on Medicare and not taking social security benefits. My wife's benefits are much less than mine. I hope to wait until age 70 before starting my benefits. My income is currently \$160,000. Do you see this as a wise choice to start my wife's SS benefits at age 62? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning:

Whether your wife should start her benefits at age 62 depends upon whether her own benefit at age 70 would be more than she is entitled to as your spouse at her full retirement age (FRA). You can get these estimates from Social Security. If her own benefit would eventually be higher than her spousal benefit from her own higher benefit at age 70 (as you are). But if her benefit as your spouse will be the highest she can attain, then claiming her own benefit before you claim yours could be a good choice, but there are some things to consider if she does that:

First, if your wife claims at age 62 (or any age before her FRA), that will mean that her eventual spousal benefit when she claims it (when you claim your SS) will be less than 50% of the benefit you are entitled to at your full retirement age. Taking her own benefit earlier than her FRA will mean her spousal benefit from you will be reduced to less than half of your FRA benefit amount even if that spousal benefit starts after she has reached her FRA.

Second, if your wife is still working, by claiming her own benefit before her FRA she will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits the amount of money she can make without SS taking back some of her

benefits For 2020 the annual earnings limit is \$18,240 (changes annually) and SS will take back benefits equal to half of any earnings which exceed that amount. The earnings limit becomes less severe during the year your wife reaches her FRA and goes away entirely after she reaches her FRA, but if she works while collecting early SS benefits the earnings limit could affect her benefits.

Third, your wife's Social Security benefits will become part of your taxable income (assuming you file "marriedjointly). Taxation of your wife's Social Security benefits will be determined based upon your combined income if you file your taxes as a married couple. At your combined earnings level, up to 85% of your wife's SS benefits will become part of your taxable

I'm not suggesting you not follow your financial planner's advice; I only want to make sure you're aware of all the factors involved when benefits are claimed early. Sometimes, a wife claiming at age 62 is a prudent choice as your financial planner has suggested. But sometimes understanding the above factors may lead to a different strategy.

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Governor's order reopens many businesses Security on limited basis

AUSTIN - An executive order issued by Gov. Greg Abbott to reopen instore retail shopping, dinein restaurants, movie theaters, museums, libraries and more took effect May 1 and will continue through May 15.

As Texas, the rest of the United States and the world's nations seek to balance cries for increased commercial activity — and the jobs that result while also containing the spread of the deadly influenza-like virus, COVID-19, Abbott's order allows most venues to operate at up to 25% of their total listed occupancy with certain

other conditions applying. For example, shopping malls may operate at up to 25% of their total listed occupancy. However, their food-court dining areas, play areas and interactive displays and settings must remain closed. Abbott's order, in accor

dance with guidelines issued by White House and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, reminds Texans that schools remain closed to in-person classroom attendance by students through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Meanwhile, teachers and staff are encouraged to continue to work remotely from home if possible but may return to campuses to conduct remote video instruction and perform administrative duties under strict terms required by the Texas Education Agency. Also, private schools and institutions of higher education are urged to establish similar terms to allow faculty and staff to return to campuses to conduct remote video instruction and perform administrative duties when it is not possible to do so from home.

Notably, the order does not prohibit people from accessing essential or reopened services or engag-ing in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential or reopened services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing or engaging in physical activity like jogging, bicycling or other outdoor sports, "so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\} =$ are not in the same household."

The complete executive order is available at gov.texas.gov.

Cumulative figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services at noon on May 3 showed that some 31,548 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 867 deaths had been confirmed as resulting from the influenza-like vi-

PBS, TEA launch

initiative The Texas Education Agency and PBS television stations on April 21 announced a joint initiative to air educational programming each week in each of Texas' 10 PBS viewing areas during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The programming commenced statewide on April 20 through the "At-Home Learning Initiative" that preempts regularly scheduled weekday programgrade-level-appropriate programming divided into three age groups: Pre-K through 3rd grade, 5th through 8th grade, and high school.

This joint initiative be tween TEA and PBS stands to benefit all students as they work each day to navigate uncharted waters and continue to do their best to learn and grow as students and individuals," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike

Revenue total

decreases Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 1 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.58 billion in April, an amount 9.3% less than the amount reported in April 2019, marking the steepest decline since January 2010.

The majority of April sales tax revenue is based on sales made in March and remitted to the state comptroller in April. Next month's remittances likely will show steeper declines compared to a year ago because of the shuttering of businesses related to COVID-19 and plummeting oil prices throughout April, Hegar added.

Benefits may continue

The Texas Workforce $\begin{array}{c} {\rm Commission} \ \ {\rm on} \ \ {\rm April} \ \ 30 \\ {\rm issued} \ {\rm new} \ {\rm guidance} \ {\rm to} \ {\rm un} \end{array}$ employment claimants concerning their eligibility for unemployment benefits should they choose not to return to work due to COV-ID-19.

The TWC said Texans can continue to receive unemployment benefits throughout the COVID-19 response if they choose not to return to work for certain reasons, including:

-At High Risk: People 65 years or older are at a higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19;

—Household member at high risk: People 65 years or older are at a higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19;

-Diagnosed with COV-ID: Individual has tested positive for COVID-19 by a source authorized by the State of Texas and is not

-Family member with COVID: Anybody in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 by a source authorized by the State of Texas and is not recovered and 14 days have not yet passed; —Quarantined: Individ-

ual is currently in 14-day quarantine due to close contact exposure to COV-ID-19: and

- Child care: Child's school or daycare closed and no alternatives are available Any other situation will

be subject to a case by case review by TWC based on individual circumstances.

SNAP online is **approved**The Texas Health and

Human Services Commission on April 23 received federal approval to conduct a pilot program that would allow Texans to purchase groceries online using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials said the statewide pilot program is expected to start by May



"Small Containers"

Every Mother's Day, I have a terrible time finding a card that remotely reflects the relationship I have with my

My mom is in her eighties now and we have always had a good relationship, free of drama and never short of love. My mother has always been a wonderful role model. But the cards available all have paragraphs of gooey prose that in no way communicate what I

want to say to my mother.
I want a card that says my mother has good habits

This sounds a little dulland my mother is not at all dull She is a woman with many and varied interests. She is an enthusiastic biker, quilter, camper, and reader. She is a wonderful baker, a great entertainer, a funny and interesting conversationalist and a spiritual woman. To say that her good habits are the thing I admire most sounds like damning with faint praise. But more and more, I realize how important good habits are and how much I have benefitted

from her example.
My mother puts things in

small containers. Whether it is a box of precisely the right size to store leftovers for a future meal, a small satchel for a weekend's worth of clothes, a tiny vase for a single flower, or a little tin for a few small homemade cookies-everything is contained in a small, practical container. From this habit, I learned not to waste. I learned that quality was much more important than quantity. I learned that just the right amount is usually as good as a large amount-and often

I don't have a single recollection of my mother saying any of these things, but I have more memories than I can count of instances where she stored what was needed, made use of what was available, and made something beautiful on a small scale.

My mother does things

immediately.

She does not talk about walks she is going to take later—she puts on her shoes. She doesn't complain how the house needs cleaning. She cleans. She does not delay or procrastinate. She starts to do whatever she thinks should be done and (usually before I am aware of it) she is doing the thing I would still be contem-

I don't remember any lectures about the evils of procrastination but I remembe her looking at the clock and saying, "I have 30 minutes before I start dinner, I'm going out for a walk!" My mother has nice rituals

Every day she reads a devotional in the morning, she writes in her diary, she exercises. Every evening she has one glass of wine with cheese and crackers and keeps current on the news. She sets a table, even if there are only two people eating. She sends cards, even though she is on Facebook. She volunteers, keeps up with friends, calls her daughters (at least one of whom has been known to go off for long periods of time without much communication) just to say "hello."

My mother never said anything to me about creating rituals in life, but I learned from her how comforting it is to have things done repeatedly and with care. I learned how valued people feel when an effort is made to treat every meal, every gathering, as if it is worthy of fresh flowers.

I never found the card I wanted. I never found a card that said, "Thanks for good habits and fresh flowers and keeping things in small containers.'

Maybe that's okay. I'll tell her next time I see her.

> Till next time. Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.



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How To Make Mother's Day From Anywhere

(NAPS)-For many Americans, this May 10 will be a Mother's day like no other. Some families have been home together for weeks and developed a new appreciation for all their mother does. Others are unable to see their mothers person due to social distancing or just because of time, finances and distance. Fortunately, in all cases, there are ways to show Mom how much you care.

If You're Together

If the lady in your life has been working from home, on the front lines as an essential worker, home schooling and housekeeping, while keeping everyone healthy and happy, you can show you know all the effort that takes with a great gift. For example, Dads, kids and others can offer to take on her chores for a week. Give her a home spa day: do her nails, style her hair. Make dinner. Bake cookies. Create a handmade card full of heartfelt sentiments, popsicle stick jewlery box or clay bowl. One such lets her learn flower arranging through a live-streamed workshop from 1-800-Flowers.com and Alice's Table.

If You're Apart

Keep in mind this advice: "At its core, gift-giving is the practice of turning feelings such as love, warmth, appreciation and pride into physical keepsakes," writes Mara Leighton on BusinessInsider.com. "It's one of the too few opportunities to convey to loved ones just how much we really love



You can plan for a virtual Mother's Day celebration May 10.

One way to do that is to send flowers. You can quickly and easily order her favorite blooms at any time, though earlier is better to ensure ontime delivery. Consider a lush, healthy plant and give mom an opportunity to flex her green thumb. What's more, scientists say plants add oxygen to the room and havng greenery around may reduce stress.

You can also give her a gift that keeps on giving to children everywhere. This Mother's Day, 1-800-Flowers.com, Inc. will contribute \$1 (up to \$50,000) to the nonprofit No Kid Hungry for everyone who shares a Mother's Day note of thanks and a photo. No Kid Hungry ensures kids nationwide get the meals they need during school closuresand beyond. Share your #ThankfulforMom story at 1800Flowers.com/ thankful-for-mom.

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read my clues below, then fill in the crossword puzzle.

1. Mother's Day is a time to honor a mother. or even a special aunt Soon after the death of her mother (in May 1905), a woman named Anna Jarvis urged people to support the idea of a national ______ for moms. Anna wanted people to show respect for _____ and to give thanks for all the work that mothers do for us.

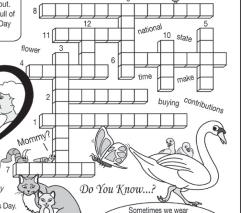
4. She gave out her mother's favorite _ , the white carnation, a custom that spread to many states. 5. Her home of West Virginia was the first

(in 1912) to have an official Mother's Day celebration.
6. On May 9, 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson declared the first

_____Mother's Day to honor mothers whose sons had died in war 7. Mother's Day is celebrated on the second _____ in May (U.S., Cana __ in May (U.S., Canada A beautiful, historic building in West Virginia was named
 The International Mother's Day Shrine and Museum. grandmother They hold teas and programs to promote the of mothers (and other women) to our country.

of cards, flowers, jewelry and other gifts for Mother's Day. Businesses promote the 10. Although it is nice when children give a gift, it is even more special when they to write a letter or to do something special with their moms. 11. Often families attend religious services, have picnics or do _____ get-togethers or calls.

12. Can you _____ a breakfast, write and decorate a card or plan an activity for your mom's special day?



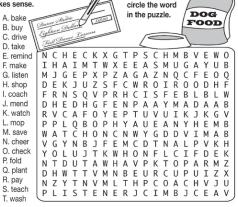
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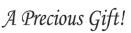
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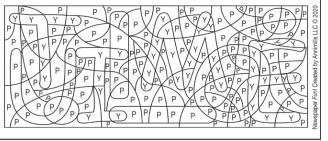
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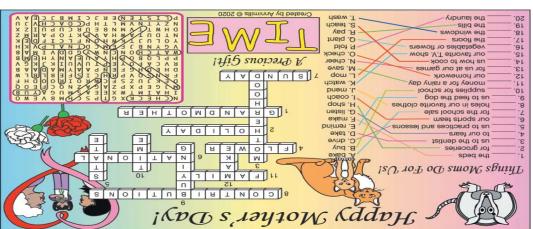
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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.6 Billion in April

Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.58 billion in April, 9.3 percent less than in April 2019, the steepest decline since January 2010.

The majority of April sales tax revenue is based on sales made in March and remitted to the agency $in\,April.\,Wide spread\,social$ distancing requirements were not in place across much of the state until late March, meaning the impact of those measures affected only a portion of sales tax remittances in April. Next month's remittances likely will show steeper declines compared to a year ago, as the effects of both the shuttering of businesses related to COV-ID-19 and plummeting oil prices were manifest throughout April.

"State sales tax collections declined as a result of efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19 through business closures, crowd limits and stay-at-home orders adopted in the state, as well as a precipitous drop in worldwide demand for oil," Hegar said. "The steepest declines in tax remittances were from businesses most quickly and dramatically affected by social distancing: restau-

(AUSTIN) — Texas rants, performing arts venues, movie theaters, theme parks and fitness centers, as well as department stores and boutique retail shops. However, those losses were, to a degree, offset by increases from big-box retailers, grocery stores and online vendors Remittances from oil- and gas-related sectors also fell significantly as oil and gas exploration and production companies slashed capital spending in response to the crash in oil price.' Sales tax is the largest

source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections. It can also be a lagging indicator of economic slowdowns. The recession associated with the financial crisis more than a decade ago began in December 2007 and lasted 18 months, but Texas did not see significant sales tax declines until early 2009. While the effect on sales taxes from the current economic contraction has been more immediate, the impact of rising unemployment and contracting economic activity in many parts of the state's economy, including oil and natural gas exploration and production, likely will act as a drag on sales tax rev-

The effects of the March economic slowdown and falling oil prices were more evident in other sources of revenue in April 2020. Texas collected the following revenue from other major

motor vehicle sales and rental taxes - \$164 million, down 45 percent from $April\ 2019,\ the\ largest$ monthly drop on record in data going back to 1983; motor fuel taxes - \$284

million, down 12 percent from April 2019, the steepest drop since 1991;

natural gas production tax — \$67 million, down 48 percent from April 2019; oil production tax -

\$191 million, down 45 percent from April 2019; hotel occupancy tax \$24 million, down 63 per-

cent from April 2019, the deepest drop in data going back to 1990; and alcoholic beverage taxes

\$57 million, down 55 percent from April 2019. Declines were driven by mixed beverage gross re ceipts and sales taxes, both of which were down more than 58 percent. Excise taxes on beer were up 16 percent from April 2019, while wine excise taxes were up 9 percent from

Do You Need to Wear Gloves While Outside?

BAYTOWN - (April 23, 2020) — In the wake of Harris County officials mandating that cloth face coverings be worn in public effective April 27, many Baytown area residents may be wondering if gloves should also be used in pub-

If you're confused about glove guidelines, Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital has the answers you

Public health officials aren't currently recommending that you wear gloves while running essential errands. Just as you can spread germs from your hands to the mucous membranes of your face, ou can also spread germs from the gloves you're wearing to your eyes, nose and mouth. Plus, you can also still spread germs to other objects you touchlike your phone, glasses, wallet or purse.

Even if you're doing everything right to avoid cross-contamination, keep in mind that gloves are only effective if you're removing and discarding of them properly.

There's a right way and wrong way to remove your gloves. And if you're not taking them off the right way, as well as at the right time, you're basically undoing all of the protective advantages of them. Follow these steps when removing

your gloves: 1. Without touching your skin, grab the first glove at your wrist and pull away from your arm.

2. As you peel the glove downward, let it fold inside

3. Hold the glove inside out with the fingers of your hand that's still gloved.

4. Slide your ungloved fingers into the palm inside of your gloved hand, taking care to avoid touching the outside of the glove.

5. Peel the glove downward, turning it inside out. 6. As you peel toward your fingers, allow the second glove to wrap around

the first glove. 7. The second glove should now be inside out, with the first glove tucked inside of it.

8. Throw the gloves away. 9. Wash your hands

thoroughly. Keep in mind, you should never wear gloves more than once, and they

should be removed before entering a "clean" setting or touching a "clean" sur-face, such as before opening your car door.
Rather than wearing gloves while running es-

sential errands, protect yourself, and others, from getting COVID-19 through the following ways: - Avoid close contact

vith other people. Even though it's hard to do at a store, you still need to try to maintain social distance ing. At the very least, make a conscious effort to put distance between yourself and others. If people are crowded in the baking aisle, circle back until the aisle is less crowded.

- Avoid touching your face. During a pandemic, it's always important to avoid touching your eyes. nose and mouth as often as possible — especially when you're in a public setting full of frequently touched surfaces where germs can

- Wear a cloth face covering. While a cloth mask won't necessarily help keep you safe, it can help keep you from spreading COVID-19 to someone else, especially if you're asymptomatic or presymptomatic. Avoid touching your mask while it's on your

- Avoid touching surfaces and items as much as possible. You need to grab your items, but that doesn't mean you need to touch and pick through every bread loaf on the shelf first. And instead of constantly touching your phone to check your gro-cery list, consider writing it out on a piece of paper you can toss before leav-

 Carry hand sanitizer. It's not always feasible to wash your hands with soap and water when you're on the go. Instead, carry your own alcohol-based hand sanitizer so vou can disinfect vour hands before touching vour wallet or purse, vour phone or getting into your

For more information and resources on managing the challenges created by the pandemic, visit the Houston Methodist blog "On Health" at houstonmethodist.org/

About Houston Methodist Baytown Hospital Houston Methodist

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- Abdominal or stomach pain accompanied by nausea and vomiting
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- or higher that persists
 Headache accompa nied by fever and confu-
- sion
 •Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 • Severe shortness of
- breath Stroke symptoms, including face drooping, arm weakness, difficulty talking, dizziness, blurred vision, intense headache and
- confusion Severe burns

If you're experiencing any of these symptoms, seek emergency care as soon as possible. Some serious symptoms, such as chest pain and those associated with stroke, are time sensitive, and the risk of losing function or even your life increases the longer medical attention is delayed. In these events, consider calling 911 so you can receive immediate medical atten-

tion. Which Symptoms Can Wait?

When deciding if your symptoms warrant emer-gency care or are just annoying, ask yourself the following two questions:

•Did these symptoms appear suddenly?

•Do these symptoms have the potential to

threaten my life? If your answer is "no" to these questions, you may want to consider scheduling a video appointment with your doctor (or an inperson appointment, if necessary) instead of visiting the emergency room. If u don't have a doctor, you can speak to a Houston

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Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O1543

Application and Draft Permit. Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC, 8360 Market Street Rd, Houston, TX 77029-2418, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. 01543, Application No. 30233, to authorize operation of the Houston Roofing and Asphalt Facility, an Asphalt Shingle and Coating Materials Manufacturing facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 8360 Market Street Rd in Houston, Harris County, Texas 77029-2418. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.771666&Ing=-95.279444&zoom=13&type=r. This application was received by the TCEQ on March 26, 2020.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and at https://www.gbmcassoc.com/newsroom/public-notice, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceg.texas.gov/epic/eComment/

and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

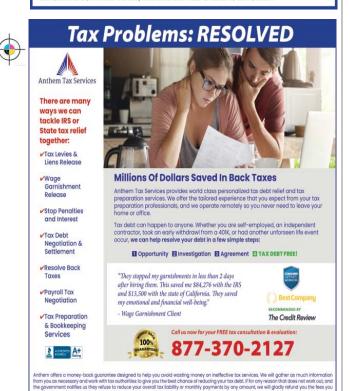
Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for Owens Corning Roofing and Asphalt, LLC by calling Ms. Katrina Cheshire at (713) 670-3102.

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COMMUNITY NEWS *

Covid-19 Testing,

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except to note that Texas has one of the lower per-capita death rates in the

nation. Last week Abbott had issued an order that restaurants, retail stores, malls, movie theaters, museums and libraries, and churches were allowed to open, but had to observe a 25% occupancy limit.

The press conference also proposed four methods for high schools to hold graduation ceremonies in lieu of traditional indoor

The seventh drive-thru free public site opened last week at the Griggs Primary School in the Greenspoint district, at 801 Regional Park Drive. This site is run by UMMC, or United Memorial Medical Center, and will remain open as long as there is a need, said Jackson-Lee.

During a press conference in front of the school on May 1, Congresswoman Lee said "I am thankful to Aldine ISD to allow us to go into neighborhoods where no testing has come," Lee said. "Green-spoint has not had free accessible testing and we are delighted to start testing there because All of Houston should be tested. It is imperative that we continue increasing testing op-portunities at a rapid

Testing is free and open to all individuals seeking to get tested, with or without symptoms. No preregistration is required. Testers may be asked for proof of identification or medical insurance; however, neither is required to complete the testing.

The screening is designed to quickly test as many people as possible. A health care professional in protective gear will screen community members from their car. Anyone who tests positive will receive a call from the Harris County Health Department.

For more information www.ummc screening.com or the Harris County Health Department, 713-634-1110 for Ask A Nurse, or 713-439-6000 for information on mobile test sites.
County Judge Lina

Hidalgo announced last week that four Harris County Public Health (HCPH) mobile units will provide drive-through testing for COVID-19, adding up to 400 tests per day to the county's current testing capacity at two permanent sites, one in Baytown and one in Katy. Each popup site, which will rotate locations across the precincts starting Tuesday, will be able to make up to 100 drive-through tests per day. Additionally, test-ing capacity at HCPH's two existing stationary sites will increase to 500 tests per location, per day, starting Wednesday.

These two units are in addition to 13 Drive-Thru sites around the county. sites around the county, both public and private. These include 2 Harris County sites, 2 City of Houston sites, 4 free sites by UMMC, and 3 sites by MD Medical.

"Until we make testing accessible to everyone who needs it, we will not be able to fully tackle this disease in Harris County," said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, "These efforts are a key step forward, but they're not enough. We have to be nimble. We have to reach underserved communities and expand our ability to help folks identify if they are sick, and iso-late immediately."

The pop-up testing locations were identified in coordination with Harris County Precincts. To be tested, residents must complete online screening via ReadyHarris.org and obtain an authorization code. Once confirmed they meet the criteria for testing, residents will be provided an appointment time and directed to a testing site closest to them. Walk-

ins will be turned away. Testing sites will be allocated to the precincts from Monday through Sat-urday, spending three days in two precincts, and three days in the other two pre-

All individuals can access the online screening tool at readyharris.org. Individuals without access to a computer or Internet can call the Harris County Public Health COVID-19 resource line at 832-927-

DETAILED LIST OF TEST SITES:

Please note that some testing sites are private and costs may vary at each site; there are 3 sites that are entirely free.

1. Legacy Northline: 5598 A-1

North Freeway | 832-548-5000 (Sliding scale fee)

2. Legacy Santa Clara: East End - 5616 Lawndale | 832-548-5000 (Sliding scale fee)

3. Vecinos Clinic at Denvei Harbor: 6402 Market St | 713-674-3326 or 713-695-4013 for pediatric care (Cost for mandatory screening varies; test

is free) 4. Mi Doctor: 5230 Aldine Mail Route; call or text 1-888-776-5252 or call 281-598-3300 (Will bill insurance; \$165 without

5 Walgreens (starting tomorrow, Friday April 17th): 101 W. Southmoore Ave, Pasadena (Free testing)

6. Walgreens, 14531 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 7. Goose Creek ISD

Stallworth: 2102 E Archer Rd, Baytown, TX (Free testing) 8 Forest Brook Middle School: 7525 Tidwell Rd (Free

Texas Renaissance Festival sets new pricing for 2020 season First of its kind ticketing model yields no surprises at checkout

Todd Mission, TX (April 28, 2020) – For the first time in the Texas Renaissance Festival's 46-year history, the festival will offer "What you see is what you pay" pricing for 2020 online ticket sales. This new pricing means that festival patrons can expect no surprises (no fees or taxes added on) at check-out. "We are looking forward to a wonderful 46th season at The Texas Renaissance Festival, and we are proud to kick off our pre-season ticket sales with our discount season pass event followed by the Sale of the Century in July that feature up front and transparent pricing," said Texas Renaissance Festival General Manager Joe

Discount 2020 Season Passes - On Sale May 1 -31, 2020

Season passes are a convenient and economical way for patrons of the Festival to enjoy each of the nine themed weekends of the 2020 season. The tra-dition of offering discounted season passes in the spring will continue with a

few changes for this year. 2020 Discount Season passes will be on sale on-line from May 1 – 31, 2020 only. During this special discount window, the TRF Festival season pass will be \$259, a 20% discount from the regular price of \$323. Camping can also be added at a 16% discount for \$150 (regular price \$180). Regular priced Season Passes will be available starting June 1.

Sale of the Century – July 18, 2020

Due to the current climate surrounding COVID-19 and following the recently announced stages of re-opening of public areas in the state of Texas as recommended by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Renaissance Festival management has decided to delay the popular Sale of the Century that will now take place on July 18 starting at 8 a.m.

A limited number of General Admission tickets (100,000) will go on sale online and will be available until quantities run out.

The price for this year's Sale of the Century is \$18 per ticket with no additional fees or taxes for adult General Admission. "We are offering the lowest price on Adult General Admission tickets for the season through the Sale of the Century," said Bailey. "We increased the volume this year so more of our patrons can take advantage of these savings and enjoy the festival this fall," he added.

In addition to General Admission tickets, Camping admission will be offered for \$20 (regularly \$35), Preferred Parking for \$10 (regularly \$20) and Valet Parking for \$20 (regularly \$40).

For more information and to purchase your TRF Season Pass or Sale of the Century tickets, visit www.texrenfest.com/tickets-season-passes

This year the Texas Re naissance Festival will continue its annual tradition of donating a portion of the proceeds from the Sale of the Century event to the Society of Samaritans of Magnolia, Texas.

Free Food in Pct. 2,

This Friday, there is to be a back pack filled with food distribution for the first 200 at the San Jacinto Community Center in

Highlands.
Otherwise, the five locations of Community Centers are J.D. Walker Center at 7613 Wade Road for Mc-Nair and Highlands, Barrett Station Center at 11901 Mulberry Street for the Barrett Station Community, Crosby and Huff-man. The Grayson Community Center is to service North Shore and

Channelview. The North East Community Center and East Harris County AC at 7340 Spencer High-way near Pasadena are the other two Centers. These have brown bag lunches for the larger community on Monday and Wednes day from Noon until 1:30 p.m. on a first come until supplies are exhausted ba-

Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at Noon until exhausted of 200 lunches, Baytown Soccer Park at 4700 Village Lane, Buccaneer Lane and Cloverleaf Park at 825 Beacon Street are the three park locations.
The I.T. May Communi-

ty Center is closed until further notice.

The Senior Meals Program is for those that would normally be served meals by the Community Centers.

The other programs are on a first come first served until supplies are exhausted basis. Where once the supply was 250 to 300 meals, now it is 200





In recognition of our hardworking heroes during National Nurses Week, Houston Methodist would like to thank our nurses. Their unwavering commitment to helping the community during this coronavirus pandemic is truly inspiring.

Though the challenge we face during this time is unprecedented, we face it the same way — together. With the help of our nurses and their fellow health care workers, we can make our city healthy and vibrant again.



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