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· Dayton Police gets ballistic vests HCDE distributes food in Baytown

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MEMORIAL DAY May 25

COVID-19 Cases as of May 19, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

15,049 POSITIVE 384 DEATHS 5,678 RECOVERED

TEXAS

50.133 POSITIVE 1.373 DEATHS 29.359 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

1,527,895 POSITIVE 91.878 DEATHS **289,392 RECOVERED**

WORLDWIDE

4,896,312 POSITIVE 323,221 DEATHS 1.688.564 RECOVERED

COVID-19 RESOURCES

City of Houston Pre-Screening 832-393-4920 Harris County Ask a Nurse 713-634-1110 Harris County Pre-Screening 832-927-7575 or readyharris.org Harris County Mobile Tests 713-439-6000 MD Medical 1-888-776-5252 Methodist Hospital Download mymethodist app

BIRTHDAYS

May 21-Bruce Mercer Amanda Thompson May 23–Lisa Contreras Doyce Hedger Noah Keaton Jennifer Salters Avery Joseph Boyd May 24-Lisa Dubecak Troy King Cindy Willingham

May 25–Tom Nuckols May 26–Stephanie Riser Allen Dunn May 27–Bob Elkins

ANNIVERSARIES

May 23-Ralph & Rhonda

Governor Abbott announces phase two to open Texas

- Governor Greg Abbott today announced the second phase of the State of Texas' ongoing plan to safely and strategically open Texas while minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase II, restaurants may increase their occupancy to 50% and additional services and activities that remained closed under Phase I may open with restricted occupancy levels and minimum standard health pro-

to cols laid out by the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Texas}}$ Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Additionally, the Governor announced that public schools in Texas have the option to provide in-person summer school so long as they follow social distancing practices and health protocols laid out by DSHS. These classes may begin as soon as June 1st.
"Today, tomorrow, and

every day going forward is one step closer to medical discoveries that can treat and protect people from COVID-19—but until that day comes, our focus is keeping Texans safe while restoring their ability to get back to work, open their businesses, pay their bills, and put food on their tables," said Governor Abbott. "By continuing to use safe practices, we are slowing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting our most vulnerable. Now more than ever,

we need to work together as

to continue heeding the guidance of our state and federal medical experts and do their part to protect public health. If we all unite in our resolve, we will overcome this challenge.'

Via Executive Order, the following services and activities may open under Phase

Child Care Centers (May

Massage and Personal-

Care Centers (May 18) Youth Clubs (May 18) Rodeo and Equestrian Events (May 22)

Bowling Alleys, Bingo Halls, Simulcast Racing. and Skating Rinks (May 22) Bars (May 22)

Aquariums and Natural Caverns (May 22) Zoos (May 29) Day Youth Camps (May

See Texas Opens,

memorial day observance



AMERICAN BATTLE FLAGS are flown at Sterling-White Cemetery in honor of those

Waste Pits Virtual meeting 30% Remediation Report on schedule

HIGHLANDS – The San Jacinto River Coalition and its sister organization, THEA held its monthly meeting last Tuesday night by video instead of its usual in-person meet.

The group had skipped

its March meeting due to the scheduled wedding of its president, Jackie Young (now Young Medcalf). Then they were faced with the inability to have its April meeting at the community center, due to the lockdown of county facilities because of the Covid-19 flu epidemic. Undaunted, Ms. Medcalf recorded a report which in-cluded news of the SJR Waste Pits, the Superfund Jones Road site in Cypress, and even her wedding.



Jackie Young

A major question on the minds of many of the Coalition members, and others in the community, is whether the Covid-19 lockdown will affect the schedule of removal of the waste pits. Jackie has discussed this with the EPA project manager, Gary

See Virtul Meeting,

Alice Adams wins truck in North Shore Rotary raffle

CROSBY Chevrolet hosted the North Shore Rotary club as they held their drawing for prizes associated with their annual raffle. The normal Catfish Fry and Crawfish Boil was not

held, due to the pandemic. This fundraiser is the premiere event for the charity organization that normally is held at he North Shore Rotary Pavillion with food and auction attacting most of the local communities.

Rotarians distinguished themselves in multiple charity participations, funded by this event. With dealership was just below



Rotary Fish Fry chair Lowell Everitt pulls a winning raffle ticket, as president Ryan Dagley looks on. Saturday, the North Shore Rotary drew for 20 prizes at Turner Chevrolet customers and Rotarians present at the drawing, the Oquin. A Lucky seller was B.R. Hendrix with 5 of the 20

Man captured, wanted for murder of woman floating in SJ River

CHANNELVIEW - A the building. man wanted in the murder of a woman found in the San Jacinto River in April of 2019, led deputies on a pursuit after they tried to conduct a traffic stop on his vehicle.

Deputies and Homicide investigators were in the 3500 block of the N. Sam Houston Parkway W when 32-year-old Christopher Tate fled and crashed his vehicle after a small pursuit. Tate then ran to a nearby Holiday Inn under construction.

Deputies evacuated workers from the building and set a perimeter around

The SWAT team was deployed to the site and a methodical search of the building was conducted.

Tate was located after a few hours hiding in the building.

On Monday, April 15, 2019, at around 5:00 p.m. District 3 deputies responded to 17407 River Rd, in reference to a body in the San Jacinto River

When deputies arrived on the scene, a witness directed them to the west river bank, adjacent to a

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COMMUNITY NEWS *





Houston Health Department and partners to offer more than a dozen free COVID-19 test sites week of May 18

HOUSTON - Houstonians will continue to benefit from easier access to free COVID-19 tests as the Houston Health Department and its partner agencies offer 13 testing sites across the city the week of May 18, focusing on vulnerable communities.

Texas Division of Emergency Management

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the health department will open four drive-thru test sites at these locations:

Hilliard Elementary School, 8115 East Houston Street, May 18-20

Yolanda Black Navarro Middle School, 5100 Polk Street May 18-20

Street, May 18-20 B.C. Elmore Elementary School, 8200 Tate

Street, May 21-23 John R. Harris Elementary School, 801 Broadway Street. May 21-23

TDEM sites require appointments, obtained by calling 512-883-2400 or visiting txcovidtest.org. The sites will open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until each reaches its daily capacity of 250 tests.

United Memorial Medical Center

United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) and the health department will extend operations at an existing site and open five new drive-thru sites May 18-22 at these locations:

Fonwood Early Childhood Center, 9709 Mesa Drive, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Forest Brook Middle School, 7525 Tidwell Road, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

United Memorial Medical Center, 510 W Tidwell Road, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cullen Middle School, 6900 Scott Street, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Griggs EC/PK/K School, 801 Regional Park Drive, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Houston Community College-Southeast testing site, 6815 Rustic Street, which opened May 7, will continue operations through May 22 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

UMMC sites do not require people to have symptoms or appointments and have a daily capacity of 250 tests each.

People needing information about UMMC test sites can call 1-866-333-COVID or visit ummcscreening.com.

Houston Health Department Community-Based Sites

The health department continues to operate two free drive-thru COVID-19 community-based testing sites open to anyone, regardless of symptoms. Each site has capacity for 500 tests per day and opens daily until capacity is reached.

People must call the department's COVID-19 Call Center at 832-393-4220 to receive an access code and directions to the nearest community-based site.

Kroger Health

Kroger Health and the health department will operate a free drive-thru test site at the Acres Homes Multi-Service Center, 6719 W. Montgomery Drive, May 19-23.

The site requires appointments by visiting krogerhealth.com/covidtesting. The site will operate 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or until reaching its daily capacity of 175 tests.

Federally Qualified Health Centers

The health department is also providing test kits, lab access and equipment to four local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) so they can expand their COVID-19 testing capacity. The centers and phone numbers people can call to set up testing appointments are:

Spring Branch Community Health Center, 713-462-6565

El Centro de Corazon, 713-660-1880

Avenue 360 Health and Wellness, 713-426-0027 and

Lone Star Circle of Care at the University of Houston, 877-596-6192.

FQHC patients pay what they can afford, based on income and family size, and are not denied services due to inability to pay or lack of insurance.

Houstonians should visit HoustonEmergergency .org/covid19 for test site information and updates about the COVID-19 response.



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Governor's grant provides Dayton PD with ballistic vests

resistant ballistic vests will help to ensure the safety of the Dayton Police Department's officers. The department received the vests, which are valued at \$21,000, through a grant from the Office of the Governor.

"It's always possible for law enforcement officers to encounter dangerous situations in the line of duty, so it's vital that they have the proper safety equipment," said Police Chief Robert Vine. Each sworn officer will be issued one of the vests.

The grant was made available as part of Senate Bill 12, which was created in 2018 to provide personal body armor to law enforcement agencies throughout Texas.



Theo Melancon Credentialed by ICMA

Dayton City Manager

The City of Dayton's City Manager, Theo Melancon was recently recog-nized by the International City Managers Association (ICMA). This credentialing program recognizes profes sional local government managers who qualify through a combination of education and experience. adherence to high standards of integrity, and an ssessed commitment to lifelong learning and professional development. Melancon is among the more than 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

To complete the pro-

gram, Melancon was grad-



Theo Melancon. Dayton City Manager

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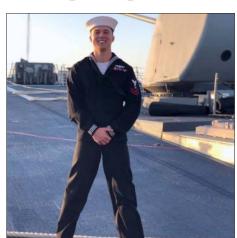
Baytown Native Serves Aboard U.S. Navy Warship in Spainå

ROTA, Spain - Petty Officer 2nd Class Garrett Dannelley, a native of Baytown, Texas, serves aboard USS Porter, a guided missile destroyer, homeported in Rota, Spain.

Dannelley, who has served in the Navy for four years, is a cryptologic technician (technical) responsible for maintaining electronic sensors and computer systems to collect, analyze, exploit, dis-seminate electronic signal and provide technical and tactical guidance to warfare commanders and protect the ship from enemy missiles.

"Being a part of an Forward Deployed Naval Force (FDNF) command, we do much more than commands stateside," said Dannelley. "We are consistently training and preparing for patrols on a more demanding schedule and get to experience more thrills than most sailors I

know in the Navy." USS Porter is an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer named after U.S. Navy officers Commodore David Porter, and his son, Admiral David Dixon Porter. Guided-missile destroyers are multi-mission ble of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, and anti-surface



Petty Officer 2nd Class Garrett Dannelley

Dannelley, a 2016 graduate of Barbers Hill High School, joined the Navy to carry the family torch in

serving his country.
"My brothers are a big inspiration to me and they both served," Dannelley said. "One is active duty serving in Little Creek, Virginia, and the other was a Mass Communication Petty Officer so i figured I'd do the same as them and serve my country.

According to Dannelley the values required to suc-

ceed in the Navy are similar to those found in Bay-

town.
"I was taught to always work hard, look out for your fellow man and to never quit," Dannelley said. "I have learned that you will experience many hardships and triumphs, but always keep your head on target and your feet

Though there are many

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HCDE continues in distributing food, masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves

Families Receive Care Packages March 27 at J.D. Walker Head Start. The program called "Because We Care" provides food items meeting healthy food guidelines selected by nu-trition staff at HCDE Head Start during the COVID-19, stay-at-home order.

Care packages were de-livered to Head Start families from three area centers and two child care facilities: Barrett Station, J.D. Walker and Baytown Head Start centers, as well as Early Head Start child care part-ners John G Jones and Let's Learn. Staples included items such as oatmeal, canned foods and peanut butter. Baby food is included in the infant/toddler care

package.
The HCDE Board approved the \$238,000 food program through an emergency board meeting, ap-propriating the funding from general HCDE funds to accommodate approxi-

mately 1,230 families. Food was purchased through Choice Partners. HCDE's purchasing cooperative which supplies one million meals for Harris County students yearly. Distribution assistance was provided by Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner



Care packages for Harris County Department of Education Head Start families were assembled and distributed by HCDE staff March 27.

Adrian Garcia's office. HCDE Superintendent James Colbert Jr. volunteered alongside HCDE staff and thanked the HCDE Board for recognizing and supplying basic family needs during the coronavirus.

More care boxes will be assembled as food shipments arrive through the HCDE co-op Choice Partners. Geographic distribu-tion will follow, and center directors and staff will notify HCDE Head Start families about pick-up dates. HCDE Head Start serves

families of children ages six weeks to age 5 with 15 Head Start centers located in north to northeast Harris County. Income-eligible families and children with disabilities gain free Head Start services to help equip children with academic and social skills for school readiness. Families receive support services in the school readiness program through community partners. For more information about Head Start visit http:// www.hcde-texas.org/Head

Don't Put Off Wound Care Treatment

BAYTOWN—(May 14, 2020) — Time is critical for patients dealing with chronic wounds. Small or large, wounds take time to heal and delaying treatment because of concerns over COVID-19 could lead to serious health consequences.

While some wounds, like small cuts, can usually heal on their own, others, like burns, ulcers or rashes, may become serious and require urgent medical attention. Chronic wounds are wounds that fail to heal naturally and on their own for over a month.

The Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown offers expert treatment of wounds by a skilled and knowledgeable staff in a brand new, safe and clean facility that features two, stateof-the-art hyperbaric chambers.

Some people have medical conditions that cause small wounds to become chronic sometimes issues that are beyond their control," said vascular surgeon Dr. Jacobo Nurko, medical director of the Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown "That is the time when you need to talk with your doctor and seriously consider a referral for an evaluation at our advanced wound care center. Our multidisciplinary group of doctors will evaluate wound to provide the best cost effective treatment option to promote healing in a timely fashion."



Dr. Jacobo Nurko

Protect Your Health Because all wounds have the potential to become chronic, your overall health may depend on how well you take

may contribute to poor wound healing include smoking, diabetes, neuropathy, obesity, peripheral vascular infection, poor nutrition and immunosuppresamong others. sion, among others. Specialized care can help heal wounds and prevent more complex medical problems. Some technology and techniques used for treating chronic wounds include:

Wound dressings: Cleansing, covering the wound, ensuring moisture

balance away tissue to allow growth

·Compression therapy: Compression bandage sys-

· Offloading: Protective footwear, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs

•Skin grafting: Using your own skin, or a skin substitute. to provide quick coverage of the wound and expedite heal-•Hyperbaric oxygen ther-

apy (HBOT): Delivering more oxygen to the wound by breathing 100% oxygen in a special chamber.

The Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown provides a full spectrum of specialized care to treat chronic wounds. The program is accredited by the Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS), one of just two clinics in the Houston area accredited by the UHMS. The program meets the very strin-

gent certification criteria, which provides Baytown area residents with the highest quality of wound care treat-ment and patient safety possible without having to leave

"There is no question that with help from your specialized wound care team chronic wounds can heal faster and complications can be avoided," said Nurko. "Don't wait for wounds to get worse. Consult your doctor, or call us di-rectly. We are ready to answer all of your questions to ensure the best outcome."

Focus on Prevention Focusing on preventing infection, can help to keep

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Memorial Day Heroes By the American Legion

Every crisis has new heroes. During the 9/11 attacks, they were the first responders running into burning and crum-bling buildings as others ran out. Now during the Coronavirus pandemic, the most visible heroes are the health care professionals, who are saving others and risking their own lives while

doing so. These heroes have much in common with the people that we honor today - America's fallen veterans. They are men and women who have sacrificed their own lives so others could live. They are both elite and ordinary. They are elite in the sense of character. Giving your life so others could live is the ultimate definition of selfless.

They are ordinary in the fact that they represent the diverse fabric of our country. They are rich and poor, black and white, male and female. They come from every ethnicity and background. In short, they looked like anyone of

As we celebrate the selfless and untiring performances of the healthcare workers during the COVID-19 $\,$ pandemic, it brings to mind the military medics doctors and nurses who sacrificed their lives while treating others on the battlefield

One such hero was Pharmacist Mate Third Class Jack Williams. The Navy Reserve corpsman was only 20 years old when he landed on Iwo Jima 75 years ago. On March 3, 1945,

James Naughton, a Marine in Williams' unit, was wounded by a grenade. While under intense enemy fire, Williams dragged Naughton to a shallow depression and treated his wounds. Williams used his own body as a screen and was shot four times. Yet he continued.

After he treated Naughton, Williams dressed his own wounds. He then proceeded to treat another Marine, despite his own immense pain. While heading to the rear, he was hit by a sniper's bullet and killed. For his actions, Petty Officer Williams wa awarded the Medal of

We also remember Army veterans like Lieutenant Sharon Lane.

According to her biographer, Philip Bigler, Lt. Lane threw herself into her work as a nurse While serving in Colorado, she requested a transfer to Vietnam.

There, at least, you are busy 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week. she said in a 1968 letter

to her parents. Her dedication was obvious, even as she treated enemy Viet Cong soldiers who would eturn the favor b kicking, cursing and spitting at their Ameri-

can captors.
In the early morning of June 8, 1969, Sharon's tour of duty ended. A Soviet-built rocket struck the hospital. Lieutenant Sharon A. Lane was killed in action at age 25.

If she were still here, her skills as a nurse might still be benefiting us during the current crisis. But not all of the heroes working during the COVID-19 pandemic are in the healthcare industry. Grocers, first responders, delivery workers and drivethrough restaurant employees are just a few of the many people that vital services for society while risking their own

The military also has heroes in every occupational field. Truck drivers. cooks and administrative clerks have all paid the ultimate price. At sea, on land or in the air military service requires great risk.

Roy Knight, Jr. was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. On May 19, 1967, he was shot down while attacking a target on the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos He was posthumously promoted to colonel. Last year, a joint team from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency discovered and later identified Col. Knight's

When his remains arrived at Dallas's Love Field, a crowd had gathered to witness the dignified transfer of the flag-draped casket from the Southwest Airlines jet into the receptive arms of the military honor guard. One observ er reported that the entire crowd fell silent.

The Southwest flight was piloted by another Air Force veteran, Col. Knight's son, Bryan. Bryan Knight was only five-years-old when he said goodbye to his father as the elder Knight left for Vietnam.

This is yet another legacy that these heroes leave behind. A legacy that includes their sons, daughters, grieving parents, grandparents and friends.

Their heroic acts are sometimes performed to protect those with whom they serve. Corporal Jason Dunham was a squad leader with the Third Battalion, 7th

Marines in Iraq. On April 14, 2004, his squad approached a Toyota Land Cruiser After his squad discov ered AK-47s in the vehicle, the enemy insurgent exited and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the unit. The driver dropped a

grenade. To save his fellow Marines, Corporal Dunham made the ultimate sacrifice. He threw himself on the grenade and tried to use his helmet to shield the blast. Severely wounded by the grenade's fragments, Cpl. Dunham was taken off life-support eight days later.

Corporal Dunham died so other Marines could live. He, too, was awarded the Medal of Honor for

his gallantry.
Approximately one million men and women of the U.S. military have lost their lives in defense of our nation since the founding of this great

Republic. Not all have died from enemy fire. Some have died from diseases that have too often festered around war zones. Often times, deaths from outnumbered casualties caused by enemy weap-

During the Spanish American War, 60 soldiers of the all-black 24th Infantry Regiment volunteered to serve as nurses. Thirty-six of them would later die of vellov fever or malaria.

A generation later, the flu would kill nearly 16,000 U.S. soldiers in France during World War I. Another 30,000 American servicemembers died in stateside camps. These men and women could have isolated safely

in their homes. But they knew they had an important job to do. A mission to accomplish. They were all on a

mission to serve.

Even when the enemy is an invisible virus or a microscopic germ, the sacrifices made are just as meaningful. The U.S. military has already lost servicemembers to COVID-19.

This Memorial Day as we continue to honor those who fell for us in battle, let's also pause to remember those who have also sacrificed their lives while serving

May God bless them and may God bless you for remembering them here today.

Thank you.



Texas bolsters efforts to reduce spread of

AUSTIN — Testing, sanitizing and emergency food benefits increased as Texas entered its third month of fighting the COV-

ID-19 pandemic. Notably, Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement concerning an outbreak of the deadly coronavirus in Amarillo, where more than 700 cases were reported on May 16. The report came after the governor's Surge Response Teams conducted site surveys and testing in high-risk areas, includ-ing meat-packing facilities in the Amarillo area. Two more weeks of testing would be conducted in high-risk areas, Abbott

Abbott on May 13 announced that Texas National Guard disinfection teams operating in coordination with the Texas Department of State Health Services have been deployed to help limit the spread of the deadly coronavirus in nursing homes

Major Gen. Tracv R. Norris, adjutant general of Texas National Guard, said each of the six teams on duty across the state received training from the Texas Military Depart-ment's 6th Civil Support Team, which specializes in manmade and natural disaster assessment and rapid response in hazardous environments.

The Texas National Guard also fights the COV-ID-19 pandemic by providing personal protective equipment manufacturing support, food bank support, mobile COVID-19 testing and points of distri-bution for essential items.

Last week, as more Texans increased public activities, official data showed COVID-19 is not contained. On May 17, cumulative figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 47,784 people in Texas had been diagnosed deaths resulting from the influenza-like virus had been confirmed.

Order: Test nursing

homes Gov. Abbott on May 11 directed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of State Health Services to test 100% of residents and staff in Texas nursing homes. The collaboration of those agencies, Abbott said, would "ensure that any potential clusters of COV-ID-19 cases in nursing homes are quickly detect-

ed and contained. Food benefits

announced Gov. Abbott on May 12 announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide more than \$1 billion in food benefits through the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program to fami-lies with children who have temporarily lost ac-

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cess to free or discounted school meals due to COV-ID-19-related school clo-

The program, to be administered through the state health department, the Texas Department of Agriculture and Texas Education Agency, provides a one-time benefit of \$285 per child. The benefit can be used in the same way as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits to pay for groceries. Visit hhs.texas.gov/pebt to learn

Hospitals receive antiviral

The Texas Department of State Health Services, with FDA approval, on May 12 distributed 1,200 vials of the antiviral drug remdesivir to hospitals to treat patients with COV-ID-19.

Clinical trials of the antiviral drug reportedly have sped up by several days the recovery time of COVID-19 patients. Remdesivir was provided to the DSHS by the federal government from a supply do-nated by Gilead, the manufacturer.

Hospitals in these cities received shipments of rem-desivir: Amarillo, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, McAllen, Odessa, San Antonio, Tyler

Mail-in ballots thwarted

Texans who wanted to vote by mail to reduce their exposure to COVID-19 still must go to their polling place if they plan to cast an election ballot, pursuant to a stay granted by the Texas Supreme Court on May

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In effect, the stay accepts an argument lodged by Texas Attorney Gener-al Ken Paxton, who said Texas law prohibits a registered voter who is not disabled, not over age 65 and not an absentee from voting by mail-in ballot Paxton said Texans should not be allowed to vote by mail merely because they fear contracting the deadly coronavirus if they must

vote in person. Texas Democratic Party Chair Gilberto Hinojosa issued a statement in response to the high court's action, saying, "This is a dark day for our democracy. The Republican Texas Supreme Court is wrong to force the people of Texas to choose between their health and their right to vote. They would have Texans die, just so they can hold on to power.

Sales tax holidays set

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week promoted the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR® sales tax holidays, May 23-25.

"Inefficient appliances and outdated water systems put a tremendous strain on our power grids and water supplies," Hegar said. "Even in these uncer-tain times, Texans can take advantage of this sales tax holiday to buy more energy-efficient items, support local businesses and save money. You can practice social distancing and other precautionary measures when shopping in person or shop online. Qualifying

products are tax free."

More information is available comptroller. texas. gov.

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THE **POSTSCRIPT** Carrie Classon

"Chatting with a Tree"

Every day I look down the trail in either direction, checking to see if anyone is coming. I'd just as soon no one knew I was talking to a

I take the same hike every day. There are a lot of trails and most folks try different trails on different days. I don't. I do my best thinking on my daily walk. I am not seeking variety. Some days I am seeking inspiration. Some days I'm looking for answers. Some days I just want a little escape. More and more lately, I've been looking for

I visit a particular tree. I walk by a lot of trees, but this pine is special. It may not be the oldest, but it's awfully old. It has survived at least a couple of major fires and still wears the blackened scars around its base. It has obviously had some close calls, but it is doing well now and it is not an exaggeration to say that this tree cheers me every single day I see it.

Every day, I risk a little embarrassment and have a word with my favorite tree. I lean in close. "How're you

doing?" I ask. A few weeks ago, the tential embarrassment of being caught chatting with a tree carried a lot more weight Right now, I'm happy to get some comfort-and perspec-

tive-wherever I can I don't really expect to hear anything back. (I tilt toward the edge at times but I haven't quite toppled over.) Still, I figure this tree has seen it all: fires and droughts, woodpeckers and chainsaws. lightning and windstorms. All around my tree are the remains of dead trees-some that died within my lifetime, some that died long before I was born. This tree has beaten the odds and is standing here today, letting me know it can be done.

Every morning I read the news and every day I realize with greater certainty that nothing is certain. I have friends and family who rely on theaters and churches and concert halls and ballrooms to make a living and right now, the only thing they know for sure is that they will not know for a very long time when or if they will get their livelihoods

My cousin who tours with an a cappella singing group and my brother-in-law who stage manages corporate events and my other cousin who is a minister-they're all wondering what their lives will look like in a month or a year's time. They are depressed and angry and confused and anxious in turn. but mostly they are uncertain uncertain.

In these times, my tree has become a lot more important to me. This tree has seen it

And, although the tree doesn't actually speak to me, it has a story to tell. Because somehow, this old tree managed to make it. It had some luck. It sits in a low spot, where there has been more water over the eons and where fires have been more likely to hop over. Misfortune is never equally shared and this tree has survived, not simply because it is strong, but because it is lucky.

I feel very lucky these days. I feel lucky that I can get out of my house and take these walks in nature, but luckier yet to be like this tree—in a place where there is enough water and the worst of the fire has passed over.

And no, I'm not embarrassed anymore to be chatting with a tree.

Till next time. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com

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Northside Baptist, Highlands Pastor Retires

Longtime Northside pastor, David R. Brumbelow, announced his retirement last January. It is to be effective June 1, 2020. His last Sunday as pastor His last Sunuay at r. will be Sunday morning, May 31, 2020 at 11am. A meal in his honor will be enjoyed immediately after the Worship Service.

Brother David has served as pastor of Northside Baptist Church of Highlands from 1991-2020. He previously pastored churches in Beeville and Henderson, TX. A graduate of ETBU and SWBTS, he has authored two books while at North-side: A book about his preacher dad, Wit & Wisdom of Pastor Joe Brumbelow; and Ancient Wine and the Bible: The Case for Abstinence. Both are available on the internet. "I will greatly miss the



people of Northside," said Brumbelow, "but I have no doubt the Lord is leading in this direction. God has provided in a number of ways for my retirement. I will always fondly remember so many at Northside that were faithful and encouraging during my time there. I appreciate them putting up with me all these years! And, I remember many who are now in

Heaven because of their faith in Jesus Christ as

Brumbelow has taught Bible courses at Lee College and San Jacinto College, Pasadena. He served from 1992-2020 as Baptist Student Ministry Director at Lee College, Baytown. "Again, I have great memories of students, faculty, staff, security, administra-tion at Lee College," stated Brumbelow. "They will be missed."

Brumbelow will retire to the Brazoria, TX area where he loves the outdoors (gardening, cows, fruit trees, etc.), and will continue to be involved in church ministry. He will continue to write at gulfcoastpastor.blogspot.com. His new address is P.O. Box 300, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.

Happy 103rd Birthday to Mrs. Mamie Lewis



Mrs. Mamie Lewis was born in Louisiana on May 15, 1917- making her the oldest living resident of Barrett Station at 103 years. Mrs. Lewis relocated to Texas with her husband and retired from Crosby ISD. Family, friends, and neighbors lined up by the dozens for their turn to wave and shout their birthday wishes to the towns matriarch, most in a drive by parade. A senior who regularly attends the Barrett Station/ Riley Community Center enjoyed her parade an special recognition by

T-Mobil donates to Goose Creek **CISD Education Foundation**

\$25,000 to Goose Creek CISD to help meet the needs of students during the COV-ID-19 crisis. Erika Foster, director of the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation, accepted the donation on behalf of the foundation, a nonprofit organization which helps support the dis-trict's students and staff.

"School districts nation-wide have been turned upside down and are seeing the impact on everything from disruption to the physical learning environment to more and more students facing food insecurity," said Brigitta Witt, vice president, Social Impact & Sustain-ability, T-Mobile. "The Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation has really stepped up to address a multitude of issues. We're grateful that our T-Mobile teams in the Houston area identified the opportunity to serve and had the means to quickly help the district continue supporting students and their families."

The donation from T-Mobile will be applied to an area of district need as de-termined by Goose Creek administrators and the Education Foundation board.

"The kindness and generosity of T-Mobile is greatly appreciated as Goose Creek CISD faces the many chal-



Savannah Marie Pineda, who just finished fifth grade at Bowie Elementary, shows her appreciation to T-Mobile for the \$25,000 donation to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation to help meet the needs of students during the COVID-19 crisis

lenges this situation has imposed on our district and our families," Dr. Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent, said. "We recognized the needs of our community, and we immediately addressed those needs, creating grab and go meal distribution sites and supplying instructional

packets as well as iPad checkout stations to allow students to continue to receive nutritious meals and online instruction. Working with our community part-ners, such as T-Mobile, we can continue to help our families overcome obstacles during this challenging

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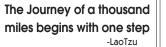


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For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

--2 Timothy 1:7

THE ASK EXPERT

Commissioners Court Approves \$30M Fund for Equitable Economic Relief for Vulnerable Residents

A \$30 Million **COVID-19 Relief Fund for Harris** County

By David Ellison

Harris County Commissioners Court voted to provide economic relief for up to 25,000 Harris County families who are suffering because of the pandemic. Proposed by Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis, the \$30 million COVID-19 Relief Fund will help our most vulnerable residents pay for rent, food, medical care, child care

and other basic needs.
The Harris County COVID-19 Relief Fund (HCCRF) -- which will be distributed equitably throughout the county – will provide \$1,200 for households of one to four residents, and \$1,500 for households of five-plus people. It is expected that between 20,000 and 25,000 households will benefit from the fund.

'The Coronavirus pandemic has created both a health and a financial crisis in our region," Commissioner Ellis said. "Our communities are hurting. And it is our duty as public servants to make sure that our most vulnerable



Precinct One Commissioner **Rodney Ellis**

residents, who were already living paycheck to paycheck, do not lose everything in the midst of this crisis."

Three weeks ago, Commissioners Court voted to tentatively approve \$15 million for the fund. As the public health crisis continues, the need for relief grows. Increasing the fund to \$30 million will allow doubled the reach and help more people, especially those who are now unemployed, ill or caring for someone who is sick

"Not all job losses are equal," Commissioner Ellis said. "Our food service, health care and retail workers – the backbone of our workforce, who are already struggling to make ends meet – have been hit the hardest. Federal funding helps, but it is

Judge Lina Hidalgo launches virus tracing program

Judge Lina Hidalgo deploys hundreds of contact tracers to assist in isolating coronavirus as Harris County reignites its econ-

omy.

Last Wednesday, May 13, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced the deployment of a small army of contract tracers to ensure that the county can limit spikes in COVID-19 cases that, if not traced, could overwhelm the county's healthcare system. These measures follow the Judge's plans to continue the focus on testing, trac-ing and treatment as Harris County phases in more public activity and reig-

nites its economy. Epidemiologists and other medical experts at Harris County Public Health will complete training of 200 workers this week and another 100 by next week. Current and

out of foster care, and those in homeless shel-The county's Relief Fund will be managed by the Greater Houston U.S. Community Foundation, Navy,

which already is managing a COVID-19 relief fund. The Foundation has the knowledge, capacity, values and community trust to administer the fund. The Foundation will ensure that the funds reach all residents by working with nonprofit, community-based organizations that serve vulnerable communities and through an accessible public intake process.

not enough."
"The Coronavirus Aid,

Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Equal Impact Payments

did not reach all low-in-come residents," said Commissioner Ellis. "Stu-

dents and adults with

disabilities who are list-

ed as dependents and

many households with

immigrants are among those who won't receive a

This fund will target

communities who are

struggling the most—households below 60% of

the Area Median Income

(AMI), victims of domes-

tic violence, youth aged

Judge Lina Hidalgo and contract tracers team.

former top health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say contact tracing is an essential component to effectively controlling fur-ther outbreaks. Hidalgo stressed that the team of "disease detectives" are diverse members of the Harris County community.

From college students to recently laid-off energy sector employees, the tracers will be communicating with their fellow neighbors to identify how the virus might be spreading so that the region can be smarter and more efficient about isolating risk.

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vays for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Dannelley is most proud of receiving his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist in-

signia.
"I am the leading subject matter expert on my system, and I teach other sailors on how to properly use firearms safely," Dan-nelley said.

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Dannelley, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforget-table experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"Serving in the Navy ensures that my family and friends still have the safety and freedom that make America so amazing," Dannelley said.

Protect Your Health,

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wounds from becoming chronic. Nurko recommends the following steps to prevent wounds from endangering your overall health: Maintaining a healthy lifestyle, practicing proper hygiene, including regularly washing hands and feet and checking for small cuts cracks tender ness, redness or swelling on a daily basis, and scheduling regular doctor appointments, especially diabetes patients, who should ask their doctor to check for early signs of nerve damage or other issues

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of our patients: - Screening all patients when scheduling appointments for symptoms and ex-

- Minimizing the number of patients we are seeing per day in our clinics by expanding virtual services and stagin-person gering

appointments - Using Centers for Dis-ease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recommended testing for our employees

- Screening all patients upon arrival with temperature checks and an exposure questionnaire

- Wearing personal protec-tive equipment while providing patient care

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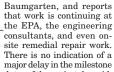
sanitation processes to disinfect all equipment and surfac-

For more information on the wound care treatments offered by the Houston Methodist Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Program at Baytown, visit

houstonmethodist.org/baytown or call 281-425-2160

Virtual Meeting,

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dates of the project, he said. On-site work is in the river just beyond the north edge of the cap, where the storm Imelda caused erosion of the river bed. Contractors are repairing and restoring much of the material that washed away, to protect the cap. The company in charge of the on-site work has submitted an addendum to their Health and Safety work plan to the EPA, indicating additional protection for their workers

from the Covid-19 virus. THEA's short term goal is to protect the public and the environment from any contamination from the toxins in the waste pits. Their long-term goal, Jackie says, is to continue work on re-moval and relocation and storage of the dioxins and other toxic materials.

The work plan called for a 30% Design Report by the end of May for the North impoundment, but even though it may be ready, due to the lockdown that prohibits groups of more than 10, the EPA has indicated that they will not make a quarterly report in person to the Highlands and Channelview communities, as originally planned.

Workers on the site have discovered that some of the waste pits are deeper than originally thought. Instead of 12 to 14 feet, some areas of the site have toxins as deep as 25 feet. Since this means more material must be removed, the EPA indicates the removal process will take longer, perhaps 4 years instead of 2. This will require additional negotiations with the Responsible

The coalition was also concerned about a new Corps of Engineers permit, that will allow TxDOT to contract to build new bumpers and supports to protect the IH-10 bridge from accidents that have shut it down twice this year. The permit states that new Dolphin structures, or bumpers, will be built to replace the three in place that are severely damaged, and new fender piling under the bridge for additional sup-

Man Captured,

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vacant lot.

There they found the body of a female now identified as Tera Rose Hoseck, 32, floating in the water.

The victim appeared to have been in the water for several hours and suffered multiple injuries to her face and body. The Sheriff's Office Ma-

rine Unit recovered Ms. Hoseck's body. Homicide investigators responded to the scene and investigated the death. The Harris County In-

stitute of Forensic Sciences responded to the scene and transported the body to their office for an autopsy. The manner of death was multiple stabs wounds to the body.

Investigators have now charged Tate with murder. The motive for the murder of Tera Rose Hoseck is still under investigation.

Dayton's City Manager,

ed against all the other managers across the country who've taken the assessment to identify his strengths and weaknesses and create a professional development plan that was submitted to the ICMA for approval. He progressed toward his goals through education courses, reading books, and studying policies or programs suggest-ed or implemented with city officials.

"It takes someone truly dedicated to public service to go through this process and you can see the results

in the professionalism that Theo brings to the city's management," said Mayor Caroline Wadzeck "I'm confident that our city's growth and development

are in good hands.' To receive the ICMA credential, must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, pref-erably in public adminis-tration or a related field; and demonstrate a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional

development. Melancon holds a Juris Doctor/Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law De-gree from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center and a Master's in Public Administration from Louisiana State University. He also holds a Batchelor's degree in History from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is a member of the Texas City Management Association, where he serves on the organization's Ethics Committee.

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Private, non-profit schools, who legally qualify as a non-profit (currently hold a 501-C3 certificate), home schoolers, parents, and community members are invited to participate in a virtual meeting with representatives from the Sheldon Independent School District to learn more about federally funded programs and services available for the 2020-2021 school year. The meeting will be held virtually using zoom, on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Sheldon ISD at (281) 727-2096. Details on how to access the zoom meeting are posted at

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escuelas privadas, escuelas sin fines de lucro y estudiantes educados en casa que califiquen legalmente como sin fines de lucro (que actualmente tengan un certificado 501 C3) están invitados a reunirse con representantes del Distrito Escolar Independiente Sheldon para saber más acerca de los programas y servicios financiados con fondos federales disponibles para el año escolar 2020-2021. La reunión se realizará en el Edificio de Administración NEY de Sheldon ISD localizado en el 11411 C. E. King Parkway, Houston, Texas 77044, el miércoles 27 de mayo, 2020, de 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Si usted está interesado en participar, por favor contacte a Sheldon ISD al (281) 727-2096 para solicitar información acerca de elegibilidad.

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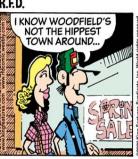


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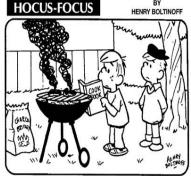


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2. TELEVISION: What city does SpongeBob SquarePants live in?

3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is 4. FOOD & DRINK: In beer styles, what does

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Overnight Youth Camps (May 31)

Youth Sports (May 31) Certain professional sports without in-person spectators (May 31)

All sporting and camp activities are required to adhere by special safety standards, and minimum standard health protocols have been established for all newly-announced opened services and activities. Businesses located in office buildings may also open but must limit their occupancy to the greater of 10 employ-ees or 25% of their work-

Additionally, restaurants may expand their oc-

cupancy to 50% beginning May 22. Bars—including wine tasting rooms, craft breweries, and similar businesses—may open at 25%occupancy but like restaurants, these occupancy limits do not apply to outdoor areas that maintain safe

distancing among parties. Opened services and activities under Phase II are cases will have their beginsubject to certain occupancy limits and health and safety protocols. For details and a full list of guidelines, openings, and relevant visit www.gov.texas.gov/opentexas.

Certain counties experiencing surges in COVID-19 ning date of Phase II delayed until May 29. These counties include El Paso. Randall, Potter, Moore, and Deaf Smith. Surge Response Teams are actively working in these areas to increase testing, maintain hospital capacity, and ensure that COVID-19 is contained and mitigated.

During his remarks, the Governor also presented information on the state's hospitalization and positivity rates-two metrics the Governor and his team of medical experts have used to inform the state's ongoing plan to safely and strategically open.



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