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March 6, 2018
Primary Elections
Early Voting
is Feb. 20th - Mar. 2nd

NEWS NOTES

Harris County Public Health confirms Flu related pediatric death

Residents Encouraged to Protect Themselves from the Flu

Harris County, TX - Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is confirming a flu-related death of a child in Harris County. This is the first pediatric death in Harris County this flu season (starting October 1, 2017). Due to confidentiality issues and out of respect for the privacy of the family during this difficult time, no further information on the child will be released.

According to information provided last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been 84 pediatric flu-related deaths across the country during this challenging flu season. Additionally, per the CDC, this year's vaccine offers good protection for children over six months to eight years of age.

Since flu season can last as late as May, HCPH reminds individuals to remain diligent in protecting themselves and their families against the flu. Harris County residents who haven't had a flu shot are encouraged to get one as soon as possible as flu vaccine remains available throughout our community.

"This death is a somber reminder of the danger flu poses to our residents, especially those who are more vulnerable to develop serious flu complications" said Dr. Umair A. Shah, Executive Director of Harris County Public Health "Obtaining a flu shot and taking other preventive measures are your best lines of defense against the flu."

See Flu-Related Death, page 2

Congressional Candidates speak at East Aldine

ALDINE – With the retirement of Congressman Gene Green from the 29th District, many other candidates have started campaigning for the position.

Last Wednesday evening, civic clubs and the East Aldine District hosted a Candidates Forum at their offices, to meet some of the candidates and hear their positions on various issues.

Candidates attending were Democrats Roel Garcia, Sylvia Garcia, Tahir Javed, and Augustine Reyes, and Republicans Phillip Aronoff and Carmen Montiel. Not present



CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS FROM TEXAS DISTRICT 29 included Phillip Aronoff, Roel Garcia, Tahir Javed, Sylvia Garcia, Augustine Reyes, and Carmen Montiel

were Democrats Dominique Garcia, Hector Morales, and Pedro Valencia, and Republicans Jaimy Blanco and Robert Schafrank.

Because the district is heavily Hispanic, it is expected that this seat will finally go to a representative of that community. It has been held the last 26 years by Gene Green, a non-Hispanic male quite popular with his constituents, partially due to his hard work to represent

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Pct. 2 meets with public on improving drainage

ALDINE – Representatives from Harris County Precinct 2 met with the public last Thursday evening, to hear about the county's plan to alleviate the severe flooding that has occurred in many neighborhoods around Aldine Mail Route and Lauder Road.

They specifically targeted the Western Homes and Magnolia Gardens subdivisions north of Aldine Mail Route. Although the flooding can occur from normal rains, they said, it has become critical due to events such as the 500 year flood that accompanied Hurricane Harvey in September.

Precinct 2 Director of Infrastructure Jeremy Phillips, and engineering consultant Derek St. John, of the firm Lockwood Andrews & Newnam, showed drawings, maps, and slides of the proposed improved drainage for the area.

Also present at the meeting to hear from

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Pct. 2 official Jeremy Phillips explains drainage route to East Aldine board members Reyes Garcia and Gilbert Hoffman

Early voting started Feb. 20th

Voters in Northeast Harris County can now vote early for the Primary Election, at the following locations:

• Northeast Multi-Service Center, 9720 Spaulding St., Building #4, 77016.

• Lone Star College-Victory Center, 4141 Victory Drive, 77088.

• Acres Home Multi Service Center, 6719 W. Montgomery Road, 77091.

• Hardy Senior Center, 11901 West Hardy Road, 77076.

Early Voting Hours are:
Feb. 20-Feb. 23, 8am - 4:30 pm

Feb. 24, 7am - 7pm

Feb. 25, 1pm - 6pm

Feb. 26-March 2, 7am - 7pm

The Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 6. Polls will be open 7am - 7pm. You may vote either Democratic or Republican ballot, but not both.

Voters will be choosing a US Senator, US Congressmen, Texas Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and various department commissioners. Additionally there are State Senators, Representatives, and Justice of the Peace on the ballot. The Democrats have 12

Early Voting, Page 2

Sam Houston Trail Riders visit Spring Creek Park

Signaling the start of rodeo season across the region, Sam Houston Trail Riders made an appearance at the Tomball Depot Tuesday on their way to the 2018 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Every year since 1955, riders have made the 70-mile trek from Montgomery County to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to raise awareness about Texas' Western heritage. On the second day, riders visit Tomball Depot for a parade and lunch before heading to Harris County Precinct 4's Spring Creek Park for two days of camping.

Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle greeted trail riders at the depot and wished them well on their journey to Spring Creek Park.

"We're excited to help continue this important tradition," said Commissioner Cagle. "The warm greeting Precinct 4 residents give the riders every year demonstrates how special our region truly is."

After leaving Spring Creek Park, trail riders went downtown to meet with 10 other groups for the Downtown Rodeo Pa-

See Trail Rides, Page 2



Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle with Trail Riders in Spring Creek Park.

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Jump for heart at
Mendel Elementary



Students at Mendel and Greenspoint Elementary jumped rope to raise money and awareness for Heart Disease the No . 1 killer of all Americans. This event teaches our students how to keeping our hearts healthy and preventing heart disease. Did you know that 80 % of Heart disease is preventable through lifestyle change. Students earn prizes for donating and keep up healthy by jumping rope!
We are proud of you Mendel Bees and Greenspoint Owls!!! You can still donate until March 1st. Make a difference and donate and save a life!

MacArthur’s Mike Peraza
signs with Allen College



MacArthur High School cross country runner Mike Peraza signed a national letter of intent with Allen College of Kansas on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Peraza was a three-year varsity letterman for the Generals and helped them win three straight district titles and one trip to the Class 6A State Cross Country Meet. Pictured with Mike is his mother Rosa Henriquez. Also pictured are, standing, (l-r): coach Roderick Baxter, coach Jonny Lennon, head cross country coach Xang Chareunsab, MacArthur High Principal Heather Peterson, former head cross country coach Kelly Silha, and AISD Director of Athletic Services Sandra Mader.

Two men wanted for
aggravated robbery

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department’s Robbery Division need the public’s assistance identifying the suspects responsible for an Aggravated Robbery – Deadly Weapon.

On Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 6:30 a.m., the victims were loading their van for work at an apartment complex located in the 300 block of Sunnyside Street, in Houston, Texas. As one of the victims sat in the front passenger seat of the van, two male suspects approached. One of the suspects, pulled the victim from the van, pointed a gun at his forehead, and

demanded money. The victim complied and gave the suspect money, but the suspect wanted more. The victim then walked away, at which time the suspect leaped into the van and shot at the victim’s brother, who was in the driver’s seat. The suspects then fled on foot through the complex in an unknown direction of travel.

Suspect’s description: Suspect #1: Black male, small build, early 20’s, 5’5”, 155 lbs., wearing a light colored hoodie, black pants and black shoes.

Suspect #2: Black male, early 20’s, 5’3”, wearing a ski mask, black jacket and

blue jeans.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.

If you have any information about this crime, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers of Houston. You never have to give your name or any other identification information.

Aldine ISD Board approves
2018-2019 school calendar

Parents and students can start making their summer vacation plans.

The school board approved next year’s calendar. The start date is Aug. 20, 2018. The last day of school will be May 30, 2019.

Thanksgiving will be a full week again.

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved the calendar recommendations for the 2018-2019 instructional calendar during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The District received input from teachers, parents, community members, campus administrators and support staff. To seek public input, the District posted an online survey for community members to provide feedback on two proposed calendar drafts.

The calendar is based on an instructional year of 76,985 minutes, required by state House Bill (HB) 2610.

2018-2019 Calendar
• August 20: First Day of School

• September 3: Labor Day

• November 19-23: Thanksgiving Holiday

• December 20, 2018–Jan. 4, 2019: Midwinter Break for Students

• December 21, 2018–Jan. 4, 2019: Midwinter Break for Staff

• March 11-15: Spring Break

• May 30: Last Day of Instruction

• May 31: Staff Development Day

What if schools close due to inclement weather or other emergency circumstances?

Inclement weather make-up days will be February 18, 2019 (make-up day #1) and April 22, 2019 (make-up day #2). The required number of time thereafter will be time of student and staff attendance to satisfy the state requirement of 76,985 instructional minutes.

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• GAME NIGHT (R) 12:15pm, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

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• HALF MAGIC (R) 12:05pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:25pm, 9:50pm

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• SHIFTING GEARS (NR) 12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

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• BLACK PANTHER (PG-13) 12:30pm, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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• BLACK PANTHER in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 3:30pm, 9:30pm

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• EARLY MAN (PG)

12:00pm, 2:15pm, 4:30pm

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• SAMSON (PG-13)

1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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THE 15:17 TO PARIS (PG-13)

6:30pm, 9:30pm

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FIFTY SHADES FREED (R) 12:10pm,

2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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LA BODA DE VALENTINA (R)

12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Stadium Seating;CC-Closed Caption

PETER RABBIT (PG) 12:30pm, 2:45pm,

5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm

Stadium Seating;CC-Closed Caption

PETER RABBIT (PG) 12:00pm, 2:15pm,

4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:15pm

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MAZE RUNNER: The Death Cure (PG-

13) 12:00pm, 3:05pm

Stadium Seating;CC-Closed Caption

DEN OF THIEVES (R) 7:00pm 10:00pm

Stadium Seating;CC-Closed Caption

JUMANJI: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-

13) 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

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Trail Ride,

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rade last Saturday, Feb. 24 at 10 a.m.

Besides supporting the rodeo, Sam Houston Trail Riders raise funds for fire departments in Montgomery, Magnolia, and Cypress as well as the Sharp Family Scholarship for seniors who participate in the trail ride.

Spring Creek Park is a 114-acre facility featuring

one unlighted softball field, one lighted basketball pavilion, two lighted tennis courts, a small barbecue pavilion, a large barbecue pavilion, eight RV/camper hook-ups, three tent camping sites, one primitive camping area, a playground, trails, picnic tables, barbecue grills, an archery range, a sand volleyball court, and a rest room/shower pavilion.

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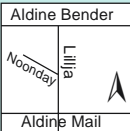
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House catches fire in
Northeast Houston

On February 20, 2018 around 9:19 a.m. firefighters arrived at the 5700 block of Knightwood Street, 77106 to find heavy smoke coming from the front door and windows of a one-story house. The crew of Engine 34 made an offensive attack on the fire while firefighters from Ladder 56 conducted a primary search of the home and the Ladder 34 crew performed ventilation operations.

The fire was tapped out in less than 10 minutes and crews remained on scene for cleanup and over-haul operations.

The Houston Police Department removed an arson suspect from the residence and HFD arson investigators ruled the cause of the fire was incendiary with multiple areas of fire origin found.

No one was injured in this fire.



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COMMUNITY PAGE

Governor orders action to address safety of Texas schools

AUSTIN - February 21, 2018 – Governor Greg Abbott today sent a letter to Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner Mike Morath ordering immediate action to ensure the safety of children in Texas schools following the tragedy that occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida last week. In the letter, Governor Abbott outlines a number of steps to be taken by state education leaders to help respond to and prevent such tragedies.

"All of Texas grieves the tragedy that occurred in Parkland last week," said Governor Abbott. "As Governor, I take seriously the safety of all Texas residents, and as an American, I mourn the loss of 17 Floridians in a cruel and senseless act of violence. Immediate steps must be taken to keep our students and communities safe, with the understanding that more will be expected in the future."

Governor Abbott's letter outlines the following steps:

- Catalog and share all available information from the Texas School Safety Center on school safety programs and distribute this information to all school districts, charter schools and education service centers across the state. To the extent possible, distribute this information to private schools and childcare providers as well. The goal is to ensure that all schools have access to the best, most up to date information about strategies to protect schools and students from attacks like the one in Parkland.
- Ensure that all Texas public schools have completed their statutorily required school safety audits and have submitted confirmation of these audits to the Texas School Safety Center. Also, ensure that all districts have a multi-hazard emergency operations plan in place and ensure that schools have



Governor Abbott

conducted safety and security audits on all facilities, both instructional and non-instructional.

- Publish on the Texas Education Agency website and via Agency press release a list of any school districts that have not completed the statutory requirements referenced in point two above within 45 days.
- Work with the Texas School Safety Center, the Texas Department of Public Safety and my office to draft recommendations to the Texas Legislature on changes to the school safety architecture of our state.

Nimitz Robotics Team Advances to Youth Energy Summit at University of Texas, Takes Fourth in Competition

The event turns high school students into stakeholders who find solutions to world problems.

Teams with the most thought-out, developed and innovative projects were invited to present to leaders, angel investors, venture capitalists and distinguished energy leaders at the University of Texas in Austin.

In early 2018, project submissions from high school and college students across Texas were evaluated by a committee of leading UT faculty and industry experts. Finalists came to the campus during the 2018 Energy Week in February to pitch their ideas.

Fostering the Next Generation of Young Scientists and Entrepreneurs

"Energy is one of the world's most fundamental problems," said Michael Webber, deputy director of the Energy Institute. "This turns students into central stakeholders who can move us from identifying problems and complaining about them to actually solving them."

The United Nations Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals, developed the competition to inspire energy innovation and promote the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, eight of which are related to energy initiatives.

The annual competition includes two divisions: Youth Energy Summit for high school students and the Longhorn Energy Challenge, which is open to UT Austin students only.

Through the summit, UT is looking for some of the brightest young people who are interested in energy innovation.

Nimitz HS Makes It to Final Four

Hundreds of high school teams entered the Youth Summit contest for high school students. Among the finalists was the VOR-TEX (Vehicles Operated



Youth Energy Summit at UT (Austin) — Jesse Ceballos, Reese Brown, Caleb Horning, and Keilah South comprise the Nimitz HS VORTEX Team. Posing with them is team sponsor David Ericson.

Remotely of Texas) Robotics team from Nimitz High School.

The Nimitz team's VOR-TEX project involves building a tidal stream generator, which uses ocean current tidal flows for producing electric power. This is combined with the use of an underwater robot. The project involves communicating to the Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) using wireless controls from shore, thus eliminating the need for an ocean vessel tethered to the ROV. According to the campus website, conventional ROVs today require a vessel and tethered cables for ROV deployment and operation, which is costly and can limit the environments in which the ROV can be used.

The Nimitz students sought to produce a viable energy source using ocean tides. The ROV provides data about tidal flow, maintenance of the tidal stream generator, inspection of water quality, observation of marine life, reports underwater earthquakes and tsunamis while wirelessly operating the ROV from shore.

The team didn't win the \$10,000 first prize. The group finished in the final four, but came out of the

experience with a wealth of knowledge and feedback from leading experts.

Inspiring Tomorrow's Innovators, Inspiring a Culture of Entrepreneurship

The team is under the direction of David Ericson. He is a technology teacher and heads the robotics engineering program at Nimitz HS.

"Aside from understanding the impact of energy on our society, the challenge also pushed us to develop our creative thinking skills to come up with ideas," said Ericson. "This is a lifetime experience for everyone involved. I am so proud of the students."

"Our goal is to place Nimitz High School's underwater robotics in the top 10 in the world."

The team's next contest is the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) underwater robotics contest. The team aspires to make it to the MATE International ROV Championship in June. To advance to the international championship, the team must qualify by advancing through regional and state-level contests this spring. The Nimitz team has made it to the international competition several times.

Pct. 2 Drainage Meeting,

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the public and receive comments, were representatives from the Harris County Flood Control District, and the Harris County Office of Housing & Community Services. These agencies had questionnaires and explained their services.

Phillips and St. John made a presentation, through slides and aerial maps, of solutions to the flooding problem that the county is planning for the area.

A federal CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) has been applied for, to improve an existing drainage channel, or ditch, that runs from Aldine Mail Route south to Halls Bayou.

See accompanying map to the right, with a line showing the channel.

The CDBG grant, over a million dollars, would allow the county to use this right of way for a larger channel, and some construction to make it carry more water away during a flood. Phillips said that a detention pond in the area west of Aldine Westfield is also a consideration.

If the county is successful in receiving the grant, the project would take several years, requiring land acquisition, engineering studies, and construction. Phillips also explained the progress on a large detention pond known as the Lauder Basin, under construction northwest of Castlewood. He said this would also alleviate some flooding in the study area.

The Housing and Community Services Department asked residents to contact them with flooding information, and any needs for



housing assistance. Their number is 832-927-4820. Forms for reporting information are also available at the East Aldine offices.

Flu Related Death,

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Getting vaccinated is especially important for the following groups:

- Anyone with certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and chronic lung disease;
- Pregnant women;
- Young children over the age of six months;
- Anyone 65 years of age and older; and/or,
- Anyone who lives with or cares for others who are at high risk of develop-

ing serious complications. Flu symptoms include the following signs and symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills;
- Cough;
- Sore throat;
- Runny or stuffy nose;
- Muscle or body aches;
- Headaches;
- Fatigue (very tired); and/or,
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea,

though this is more common in children than adults.

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

Persons who have flu-like symptoms (especially if they are serious) are asked to contact their healthcare provider for further advice and stay home from school or work for at least 24 hours in order to avoid making others sick. Please visit hcphtx.org.

Candidates Forum,

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their needs and issues in Congress.

The Forum was moderated by Marina Suggs of the Green Forest subdivision civic club, and questions were taken from all the civic clubs and the audience.

Also, each candidate had two minutes at the beginning to state their position, and a minute at the end to summarize. In between they answered questions read by various civic club representatives.

An underlying theme most of the candidates mentioned was the need for a Hispanic delegate to represent their special interests.

Some of them emphasized that they were born and raised in District 29, but Javed was a Pakistani and Montiel was from Venezuela. Reyes said not only was he raised in District 29, but cited his service as a Marine, and later helping to clean up the drug trafficking.

Questions ranged from asking positions on healthcare, and Obama Care vs. Trump's plans, flooding and drainage, and social security and medicare. One odd question was whether we should make English our national language.

Reyes Garcia wanted to know how the candidates would get more federal funds for sewer and water projects for Aldine.

Tahir Javed spoke about his experience as a healthcare owner, and his interest in providing affordable healthcare services. He also pointed out that through this business, and about a dozen others he owns, that he has created 1000 jobs, and said he knows how to do this for District 29.

Most of the Democratic candidates were in favor of Obamacare as it stand, while the Republicans wanted changes. Aronoff said he wanted government out of healthcare, and favored privatization.

On the issue of gun safety, Roel Garcia said we should ban high caliber guns. Javed said we should improve "behavior health."

On education, Javed said we need more money from the state and feds for local schools, but not higher property taxes. Aronoff favored the voucher system. Almost all did not want teachers with guns.

Sylvia Garcia emphasized



Richard Cantu, East Aldine director of services, and also a candidate for the County Board of Education, spoke briefly.

her experience. On guns, she said "No" to NRA, and if you are on a "No Fly List" you should not have guns.

In their closing statements, Aronoff said we need values that made the U.S. great; Roel Garcia said a vote for him was a vote for change; Javed said he was for better healthcare, jobs, and more money for education. He pointed out that there was only one hospital in the district, not enough; Montiel said she represented the Latin culture; Sylvia Garcia said she was proud to work with East Aldine, and the DACA kids needed to stay; and Reyes said he will set an example for kids to follow.

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OPINION PAGE

Smart Security practices for Spring Break Travel

(NAPSI)—As a father, Maurice Gibson says his smartphone is integral in documenting his children’s memories from vacations. But as an assistant dean for the College of Information Systems and Technology at University of Phoenix, he worries about the risk of losing much more than his data if his phone is hacked.

Gibson warns that people may overlook cybersecurity best practices when traveling if they focus primarily on protecting information like credit card numbers or passwords. He encourages Americans instead to look at cybersecurity as a way to protect not only personal data but memories.

“Most of our experiences today are captured in moments through our smartphones. I have children, and we’re always taking photos of them while on vacation. Losing those photos is like losing their childhood,” Gibson says. “For me, looking at cybersecurity on a personal level helps to incorporate smart cybersecurity practices.”

Three-fourths of Americans bring their smartphone with them on vacation, according to a survey from University of Phoenix. The survey also found that 48 percent of respondents worry about cybersecurity risks while traveling. However, 55 percent feel that the need to use personal devices on vacation outweighs cybersecurity risks.

Americans practice habits that put them at risk of cyberattacks, but very few take measures to prevent data breaches. Three in 10 access credit card or banking websites while on vacation and 23 percent make purchases online. However, only 39 percent of those

surveyed update antivirus software before traveling and fewer than a quarter (24 percent) change passwords2.

Gibson shares three tips to help prevent data breaches this spring break.

Post photos online from the hotel or home, not in public.

Gibson says that people should be wary of how often they post photos online or on social media while traveling, especially on unsecured public Wi-Fi networks, which are often used to avoid mobile data limits and provide criminals an opportunity to breach devices. Rather than logging online at a coffee shop or in the hotel lobby, he says to wait until you are in your room and can use a network that is password protected.

Disable Wi-Fi auto-connect and location tracking services.

Gibson encourages travelers to disable their phone’s feature that allows it to auto-connect to public Wi-Fi networks when in public, as well as turn off location tracking that can make it easier for criminals to track and access data. Refrain from providing information on how long you will be away because it can put your home at risk.

Avoid making online purchases in public.

Popular spring break destinations can be prime locations for criminals looking to steal credit card information or other data. Gibson warns travelers not to make online purchases on public Wi-Fi. These networks are not secure and can be monitored by anyone, making sharing payment information dangerous. If you must make purchases online in public, use your phone’s more secure hotspot.



How to spend your money with companies that share your values



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(StatePoint) From small one-time purchases to monthly service fees, you may not think much about what happens to your money after spending it.

But beyond the typical considerations, such as price and product features, many savvy shoppers are starting to pick their brands and services based on new criteria like ethics. An ethical company treats both its employees and customers fairly and practices environmental sustainability. Luckily, there is some guidance out there for those consumers who want to spend their money with companies that share their values.

Your Wardrobe

Patagonia’s mission statement is to “build the best product, cause no unnecessary harm, use business to inspire and implement solutions to the environmental crisis.” A leader in social and environmental responsibility efforts in the fashion industry, the company is fair-trade certified for all its sewing production and is dedicated to transparency. Consider shopping here if you want to look good and feel good.

Your Wireless Provider

One good resource to check out is “The World’s Most Ethical Companies” list, released annually by the Ethisphere Institute. It offers a quantitative assessment of a company’s performance in corporate governance, risk, sustainability compliance and ethics, and knowing a company or brand has scored high on this particular assessment can help set your mind at ease.

For the 10th year in a row, that list includes T-Mobile, which, among other initiatives, committed to move to 100 percent renewable energy by 2021, the only major wireless provider to do so. As one of only five honorees in the telecommunications industry to receive recognition from the Ethisphere Institute in 2018, they also landed on Best Place to Work lists for parents, diversity, the LGBTQ community and more. T-Mobile was also given a perfect score of 100 percent on the Corporate Equality Index by the Human Rights Campaign. For the full list of the 2018 World’s Most Ethical Companies, visit worldsmostethicalcompanies.com.

Your Glass of Wine

Red or white? The next time you imbibe, consider going beyond the wine’s flavor and potential pairings, seeking a bottle from a company that you know treats its employees well. Included in Glassdoor’s 2018 Best Places to Work Employees’ Choice list was E. & J. Gallo Winery, a family-owned company with a strong internal program to foster diversity and career development among underrepresented communities.

Whether you’re shopping online, hitting the mall or choosing services that help you connect with friends, family and the world around you, consider doing a bit of research before making your next consumer decision to ensure you’re comfortable with where your money is headed.

Hazard mitigation funding for Harvey recovery becomes available

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott traveled to Rockport and Houston on Feb. 13 to announce the availability of new funding for hazard mitigation projects along the Gulf Coast following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

Abbott invited cities and counties to submit applications for projects and said the funding would provide an estimated \$1 billion for hazard and flood mitigation projects designed to both help Texas rebuild and reduce the risk of future damage from flooding and Hurricanes.

The funding, to be administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management, can be used for:

- Buyouts and elevations of flood prone properties;
- Drainage and reservoir projects that eliminate future flooding;
- Projects to lessen the frequency or severity of flooding;
- Flood risk reduction projects such as dams, retention basins, levees, floodwalls; and
- Large-scale channeling of waterways.

Of the estimated \$1 billion that Texas will receive, \$500 million in funding is available now, while the remaining funding will be provided on or before August 25. Additional funds may also become available as FEMA continues to process and approve project requests from Texas cities and counties, the governor’s office said.

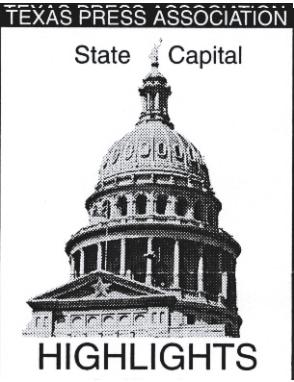
AG Paxton joins coalition

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 13 joined a bipartisan coalition of 56 states and territories urging Congress “to end secret, forced arbitration in cases of workplace sexual harassment.”

In a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the coalition led by Florida and North Carolina

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



asked Congress to pass legislation to ensure that sexual harassment victims have a right to their day in court.

“Congress today has both opportunity and cause to champion the rights of victims of sexual harassment in the workplace by enacting legislation to free them from the injustice of forced arbitration and secrecy when it comes to seeking redress from egregious misconduct condemned by all concerned Americans,” the states’ attorneys general wrote.

Electioneering addressed

Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 14 dispatched cease-and-desist letters to Brazosport, Holliday and Lewisville independent school districts regarding alleged violations of the Texas Education Code for unlawful electioneering.

Those school districts, Paxton said, used taxpayer resources to distribute messages to their staff and the public advocating for or against certain political candidates and measures.

“My office fully encourages Texas schools to educate their students on civic duties and assist them in registering to

vote. But pushing faculty or others to vote for a particular person is a clear violation of the Texas Election and Education Codes,” Paxton said.

The letters include screenshots of the school district’s political messaging on social media, as well as campaign videos. In some cases, Paxton said, districts distributed partisan information on behalf of the school district as a government entity, using resources that belong to Texas taxpayers.

African-Americans honored

Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 9 proclaimed the month of February to be African-American History Month in Texas.

“As a state and nation shaped by the diversity of our citizens, it is vital we recognize and celebrate the different races, nationalities and backgrounds of the land we love. In particular, African-Americans have made tremendous contributions to our society.

“Having faced slavery, many forms of oppression, deep-rooted adversity and the very real dangers of demanding equality and change, the contributions and achievements of African-Americans are imbued with a unique strength and resilience, which are respected and greatly valued in the Lone Star State,” Abbott stated in the proclamation.

Heart health is focus

State Rep. Walter “Four” Price, R-Amarillo, authored House Resolution 2683 in the 2017 session of the Texas Legislature to recognize February as “American Heart Month in Texas.”

On Feb. 14, Price, who chairs the House Committee on Public Health, noted that heart disease is the leading cause of death among adult Texans and the leading cause of death for women.

“February is the perfect month to raise overall awareness of potential heart disease and encourage specific individual attention to heart health, given the celebration of Valentine’s Day. My hope is that everyone takes the time to love his/her very own heart by seriously thinking about heart health,” Price said.

Governor Abbott extends disaster declaration for Texas Counties impacted by Hurricane Harvey

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation extending the State Disaster Declaration for Texas counties affected by Hurricane Harvey. This proclamation will ensure that all Texas counties declared disaster areas will continue to be eligible for assistance as they recover and rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. There are currently 60 counties included in the state disaster declaration.

State Disaster Declarations must be renewed every 30 days for assistance to remain available. Governor Abbott will continue to renew them as they are needed throughout the recovery process.

Counties currently declared disaster areas include: Angelina, Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Patricio, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, and Wilson.

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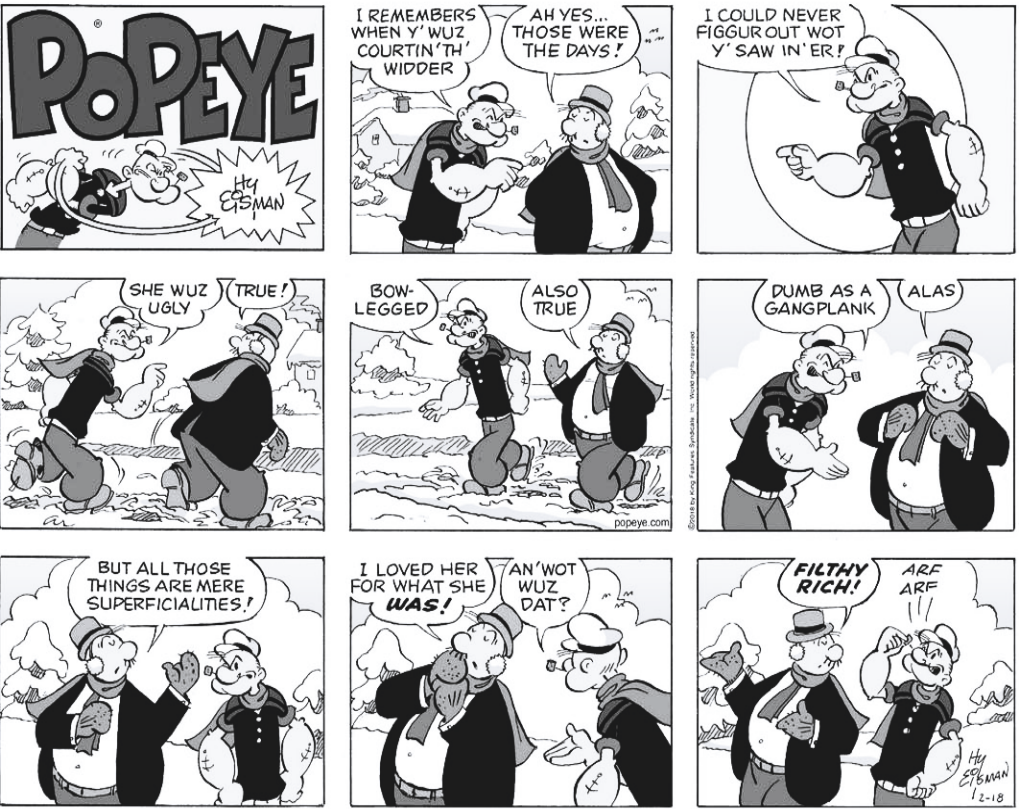
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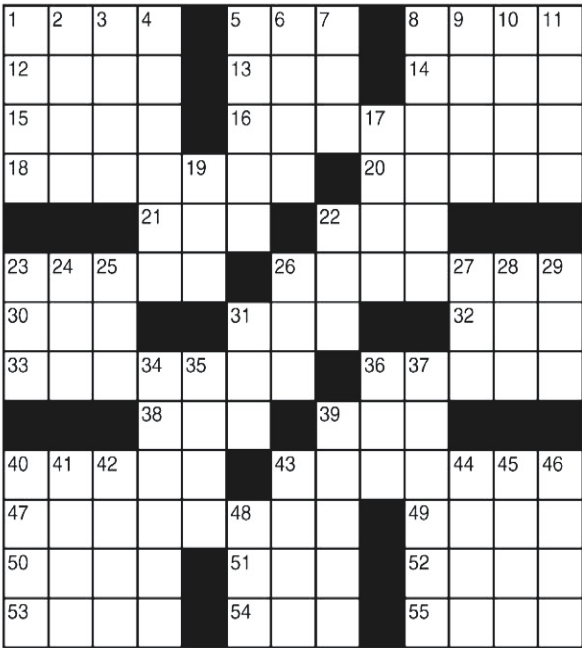
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16 Make less intense
18 Disappointment
20 Shampoo directive
21 Author
22 Cravat
23 Fireplace minutia
26 Square dance party
30 — constrictor
31 Prompt
32 Court
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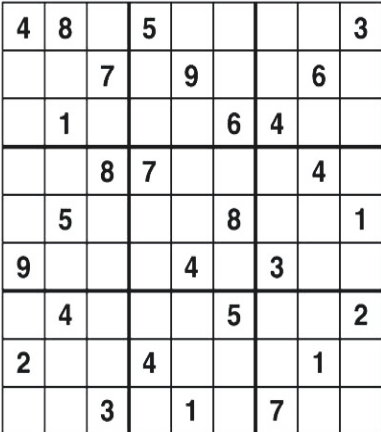


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17 Great Lake
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by Linda Thistle



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Today's Word

3. Outside; 4. Brute

1. Loathe; 2. Flout;

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What American poet wrote the line, "My candle burns at both ends; it will not last the night"?
2. MATH: The Roman numerals MCDXIV are equal to what Arabic number?
3. MONEY: Which U.S. president's image appears on the \$50 bill?
4. MEASUREMENTS: What does a "candela" measure?
5. MOVIES: What was the original name of Disney's Mickey Mouse?
6. HISTORY: What war is the Battle of Leipzig associated with?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone associated with March?
8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the most populous city in the world?
9. NOBEL PRIZES: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had a yacht titled the "Honey Fitz"?

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10. John Kennedy

9. Theodore Roosevelt (Peace)

8. Shanghai

7. Aquamarine

6. The Napoleonic Wars

5. Mortimer Mouse

4. Luminous intensity

3. Ulysses Grant

2. 1414

1. Edna St. Vincent Millay

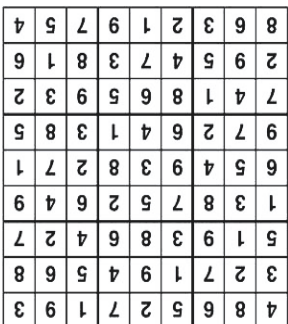
Trivia Test Answers



Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

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Answer

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After a long delay due to some initial snags, the answer is ready to go full steam ahead.

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CHURCH PAGE

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

The Greatest Missionary

Dr. Mark Trice

Who is the greatest missionary of all time? Would you say Paul? Many would, but there is One greater even than Paul. That would be Jesus. When Jesus, in Mark 6:15, told His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, He was simply telling them to do what He had been doing all along.

Because of our need, Jesus accepted a mission. He chose to leave His home in Heaven and come down to Earth, to become part of our culture and

like us in a very real way, so that He could give us the Good News. Those who accepted His message were changed; their lives were never the same again. And those who had been following Him most closely did as He commanded and set about changing the world.

Through thousands of years, that message remains the same, and Jesus' command remains the same. As Christians we are all called to Äggo into the worldÄh and share the Gospel, to offer those in the world we live

in the opportunity to come to know the wonder of having a relationship with God Himself. In truth we are all, as followers of Jesus, supposed to be on a mission every day of our lives.

If we truly have the love of God in us, we should want to share that love with everyone around us. We should want to open our hearts and be sensitive to those we come in contact with. Does the man beside you on the bus appear depressed? Maybe he just

needs to be reminded that Jesus loves him, that God cares. Is your neighbor sick in the hospital? A visit could be just what they need. We are, as it has been said time and time again, the hands and feet of Jesus.

Of course, as individuals we can't each literally cover the whole world. This is where supporting missionaries comes into play. My monetary donations to missionaries in Mexico helps provide a home for orphans, supports daring missionaries as they go out into

areas that have never heard the Gospel, enables the training of Pastors and the raising up of new churchesÄ It is absolutely amazing to think how much a missionary in a foreign country can do with what amounts to pocket change to us here in the US. Truly, most people have no idea what a difference even \$20 a month can make, how many lives it can change.

So, one Christian to another, I encourage you to follow the lead of the Greatest Missionary and get the Word out.

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By Wilson Casey


1. Is the Book of 2 Peter in Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation(s) by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 70
3. Who said, “The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away”? Satan, Adam, Job, Haman
4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant
5. How old was Abram when Hagar bore Ishmael? 19, 39, 68, 86
6. From Acts 13:1, where was Lucius from? Cyrene, Zion, Sodom, Canaan

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) 40; 3) Job; 4) Ant; 5) 86; 6) Cyrene

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2 CHRONICLES 33: 12,13



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Jeff Stauber's Agenda

- *Flood Control for Today and the Future
- *Law and Order is a Priority
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