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NORTHEAST NEWS



Fire Engines, HCC float, Pct. 1 trucks, marching bands, dance teams, and celebrities were part of the 143 units in the Juneteenth Parade in Acres Homes. MORE ON PAGES 4 & 7.



NEWS NOTES

Mayor Turner holds Juneteenth Parade

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner celebrated Juneteenth with his 7th Annual Juneteenth Parade in Acres Homes last Saturday, June 16.

The parade featured over 140 participating groups and organizations, including local marching bands, dancing groups, horses, floats, vintage cars and more. A number of

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Mayor Sylvester Turner led the Parade of 143 units, with his daughter Ashley.

Judge Emmett speaks on \$2.5 billion flood bonds

HOUSTON – In a wide ranging talk before the Rotary Club of Houston, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett spoke about a number of topics of interest. He started by talking about his appreciation for the work that Rotary does in the community, and across the world. He gave examples from his own experience of how he has

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Judge Ed Emmett speaking at the Rotary Club of Houston last week.

Flood Control District Public Meeting

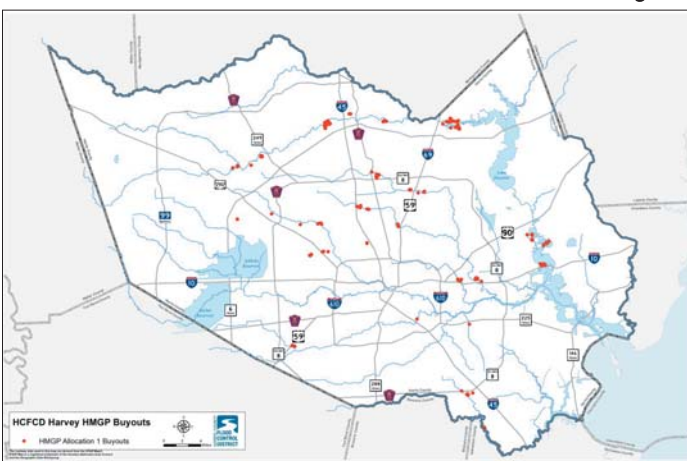
Harris County Flood Control District (HCFC) - Public Engagement Meeting for Greens & Halls Bayou Watersheds is scheduled for Wednesday June 20th at the North East Community Center located at 10918 Bentley near James Driver Park, 6pm - 8 pm. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION VERY IMPORTANT. PLEASE COME.

Castlewood 4th of July Parade

Come out and enjoy the Parade Decorate your Bikes, Golf Cart, 4Wheeler and Floats. Castlewood Parade is on Saturday June 30 Line up time is @ 9:00 am Start time is 10:00 am. If you would like to participate, please call or text 713-876-0098.

First allocation of funds available for voluntary home buyouts due to Hurricane Harvey flooding

HARRIS COUNTY, TX – Since Hurricane Harvey made landfall in August 2017, the Harris County Flood Control District has been working with its many local, state, and federal partners to address the flood risk reduction needs of the county. This includes responding to and addressing volunteers for the Flood Control District Home Buyout Program by maintaining a Home Buyout Hotline, collecting information from thousands of home buyout volunteers, reviewing and identifying properties that meet the Flood Control District Home Buyout eligibility criteria, and submitting



The map below indicates where these approximately 169 homes are located within Harris County.

grant applications for funding to support home buyouts in response to Hurricane Harvey.

Home buyouts are used by the Flood Control District to reduce flood damages in areas hopelessly deep in the floodplain where structural projects to reduce flooding are not cost effective and/or beneficial. Since the Flood Control District's voluntary buyout program began in 1985, more than 2,075 structures have been purchased with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants

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Dr. LaTonya Goffney delivers keynote address at Acres Home Chamber event



New Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, middle, at the Acres Home Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

In-coming Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney delivered the keynote address at the June 7 Acres Home Chamber of Commerce Business Networking Luncheon. Dr. Goffney shared her story of how she went from abject poverty as a child to the leader of one of the largest school districts in the state of Texas. Dr. Goffney credited education with playing a key role in her life, and the many teachers and

counselors who assisted and encouraged her along the way. "I'm excited and honored about this opportunity to build on the foundation of success already established by the Board, superintendent (Dr. Wanda Bamberg) and the administration of Aldine ISD," Dr. Goffney said. "I look forward to looking, listening and learning to discover how best I can serve the students, staff and community of Aldine. As a

child of poverty, I know firsthand the power of public education and how it changed the trajectory of my life. My family and I covet your prayers during our transition." Pictured with Dr. Goffney are Aldine ISD Trustees Paul Shanklin, Dr. Viola M. Garcia and Connie Esparza. Also pictured is Roy Malonson, chairman of the Acres Home Chamber of Commerce.

Aldine ISD Alumnus Dr. James Lewis visits students

Alumni from Carver High School's Class of 1968 are preparing for their 50th reunion. As organizers planned, they decided to give back the community. They were especially interested in inspiring the soon-to-be grads of 2018. The alumni remembered their class president and valedictorian: Dr. James W. Lewis.

"Dr. Lewis grew up in the community," said Lela Anderson, an alumna from the Class of 1968. "He was a model student in high school and is a successful Carver graduate."

Lewis earned a bachelor's degree with honors in mathematics. He has a master of business administration degree in finance from Texas A&M University. He pursued studies toward a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary.



Dr. James W. Lewis (center) poses with a couple of grads from the Class of 2018.

Lewis also earned a doctor of philosophy in religion at Duke University.

He spent time working as a certified public accountant before pursuing theology. His work in ministry has taken him across

the country, including having served as the dean of the School of Theology at Anderson University in Indiana.

Welcome back and thank you for inspiring students!

Aldine ISD's Financial Services Department receives Top Financial Reporting Awards

The District's Financial Services Department, received the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International Certificate of Excellence Award in Financial Reporting. The award represents a significant achievement by the entity, according to information provided by ASBO International. In order to receive the Certificate of Excellence award, Aldine ISD had to meet or exceed the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. In addition to the ASBO

International Certificate of Excellence Award, the District received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The award represents a significant achievement. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 18,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.

Dr. Tamika Alford-Stephens, assistant superintendent of finance is proud of her team. Alford-Stephens stated the certificates are the highest form of recognition. They represent a significant accomplishment by a governmental agency and its management.

"The certificates recognize our commitment to being trustworthy stewards of taxpayer dollars and to effectively allocating educational resources to support student success," said Alford-Stephens.

Home Buyouts,

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and more than 960 properties (with and without structures) have been purchased with local Flood Control District funds.

As announced by the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Harris County will receive its first allocation of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds in response to Hurricane Harvey. Twenty-five million six hundred thousand dollars are estimated to be received out of the total \$163.5 million that the Flood Control District requested for home buyouts through HMGP. The Flood Control District will be able to purchase approximately 169 homes with \$8.6 million required local matching funds and the \$25.6 million in HMGP funds. Additional funding allocations from the same grant application are expected later this year.

In April 2018, the Flood Control District submitted a grant application to Texas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA to request funding through the HMGP. This grant application included approximately 1,000 homes for potential home buyout (totaling approximately \$163.5 million in federal funding requests to the State). To utilize the new HGMP funding, the Harris County Commissioners Court must first authorize a local funding match of \$54.5 million, or 25 percent of the total amount needed (approximately \$218 million total) to support purchasing the proposed 1,000 homes.

The 1,000 homes were included in the grant application because they meet the Flood Control District's Home Buyout

Program eligibility requirements, including:

- The home is located in Harris County, Texas.

- The home's flooding is from a bayou, creek, or smaller tributary that feeds into the bayou system.

- The home is located in a mapped floodplain and/or subject to repetitive flooding caused by out-of-bank bayou flooding.

- A home buyout must be the most beneficial solution to a home's flooding problem (as opposed to a structural solution, such as a channel conveyance improvement or stormwater detention basin).

- The home is strategically located for potential or future flood damage reduction projects and/or floodplain preservation.

- The home is located in a community that has expressed general support for buyouts.

The first funding allocation of \$25.6 million will support the purchase of approximately 169 homes dispersed throughout the county. These homes were initially selected because they meet the Flood Control District Home Buyout Program eligibility criteria, and these homes were prioritized because they have been designated as "substantially damaged" by building code officials at the Harris County Engineering Department or the City of Houston's Public Works & Engineering Department. Once a property has received a "substantially damaged" designation, homeowners have limited options to bring homes back into compliance with current floodplain regulations, as a "substantially damaged" designation means the cost

to repair the home is assumed to be equal to or more than 50 percent of the market value of the home itself.

The remaining funds requested by the Flood Control District in the April 2018 grant application are still under review by the Texas Division of Emergency Management for future authorization, and subsequent funding authorized by the Texas Division of Emergency Management will be used to purchase additional homes that were included in the April 2018 HMGP application.

"I recognize the determination of the residents of this county, and we are continuously working on our residents' behalf to secure every avenue of federal, state, and even local funding available to move people out of harm's way before the next storm or flooding event. This is just the first allotment of FEMA funding for home buyouts, and we are looking forward to the ability to do more work for our residents," said County Judge Emmett.

The Flood Control District's Home Buyout Program is ongoing, and home owners may volunteer to be considered for the program at any time. The Flood Control District is continually reevaluating and reassessing the needs for home buyouts across the county as additional funding becomes available.

For more information about how to participate in a potential home buyout, please contact the Flood Control District at (713) 684-4020 or visit www.hcfd.org/homebuyout.



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Lake Houston level reduced temporarily due to storm

Houston, TX – June 14, 2018 - Houston City Council Member Dave Martin and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the daily pooling level of Lake Houston will be temporarily reduced from 42.5 feet to 41 feet, effective immediately.

Houston Public Works Director, Carol Haddock, directed the Coastal Water Authority to start lowering the level of Lake Houston in advance of the predicted storms. Council Member Martin has confirmed that all gates at Lake Houston are open and the level of Lake Houston would reach the desired 41 foot mark by last Friday evening. Authorities advised Lake Houston resi-

dents take necessary measures to secure boats and other watercraft during this temporary reduction.

Once the lake is lowered to 41 feet it is the City of Houston's plan to adjust the spillway gates to maintain a level of 41 feet temporarily due to the inclement weather. Currently, forecasts predict that local heavy rainfall is possible Sunday, June 17 to Tuesday, June 19. Rainfall amounts are estimated to be between 2 to 5 inches with isolated higher amounts possible over a 2 to 3 day period. Grounds throughout our area are dry and will be able to absorb the first few inches of rainfall without much runoff. Even with dry grounds

this is a large amount of rainfall in a short period of time, which is why the temporary reduction of the level of Lake Houston is necessary.

This will address the immediate concerns of the Lake Houston Community, including Kingwood, Humble, Atascocita, and Huffman. This lower lake level will continue to be observed while the City works with area partners to address siltation and other coordination efforts with Lake Conroe. The City of Houston has been monitoring the weather, and will continue to monitor and evaluate water demand, weather patterns and other mitigation activities.

Governor's program for School Safety

Gov. Greg Abbott has proposed 40 recommendations to improve school safety in the wake of the recent Santa Fe shooting. While his plan stopped short of the kinds of gun control policies implemented by Florida Gov. Rick Scott after the Parkland shooting, it prioritized recommendations from Abbott's recent three-day summit.

Although several recommendations focused on making schools safer by strengthening security and increasing law enforcement presence, what is critical is that the proposal included a resounding call for improving mental health assessments and services.

Steps in this direction would include providing mental health evaluations that identify students at risk of harming others or themselves, increasing mental health training, improving mental health crisis response, and most notably the expansion of Texas Tech University's Telemedicine Wellness, Intervention, Triage and Referral Project, which seeks to identify junior and high school students who show a risk of committing violence.

The priority on mental health is vital. But let's be clear about what we mean by mental health so as to not stigmatize the person given the label. After all, many readers have experienced depression, anger, rage, mood swings and the like, but most people experiencing these issues or episodes do not commit school violence or violence of any nature.

Efforts aimed at identifying individuals who exhibit severe antisocial tendencies and providing them the services they need should be a high priority, and this should not be limited solely to teenagers. In fact, it goes much further back. As my own research in the Journal of Criminal Justice has shown, conduct disorder, mental illness and antisocial behavior in early childhood left unaddressed can have long-term adverse impacts on children, their families and society at large.

Effective, evidence-based strategies here include cognitive behavioral therapy and social-emotional programs that focus on learning to manage one's emotions and changing a child's decision-making patterns and priorities. These programs not only generate positive returns on investment in the individual's life, but my research in the journal Criminology & Public Policy shows that the public has a greater interest in spending money on early interventions than punishing people as adults.

At the same time, it is also important to bear in mind that simply because someone exhibits some of these characteristics does not mean that person will always react negatively. Conversely, the fact that someone does not exhibit any issues does not guarantee the person will never engage in an atrocious

CAPITAL UPDATE

By Gov. Greg Abbott

In some school shootings, we read later that the "signs were always there," but in other cases they were not. Great care must be taken to ensure that we do the best we can at predicting what humans might do. It is not always a simple answer with 100 percent accuracy.

The Governor and all of the constituents he brought to Austin should be commended for starting conversations about an issue that many of us wish were not even a topic of conversation. But it is.

Yes, we will have more conversations in the future. Yes, we will have more recommendations in the future. And yes, we will have some tangible actions in the future. Above all else, we need to remember what South African revolutionary and president Nelson Mandela once observed, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The students in Florida, Texas and many other states are leading the way. In that sense, when it is their turn to lead, we are in good stead.

Alex R. Piquero is a criminology professor and associate dean for graduate programs in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas. He wrote this column for The Dallas Morning News.

U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers allocates \$500 Million for Texas projects

AUSTIN – June 12, 2018 – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has announced more than \$509 million in funding for multiple projects in Texas, including flood mitigation and critical work for the Brays and Buffalo Bayous, as well as the Matagorda and Corpus Christi Ship Channels. The funding will also provide resources for extensive studies of the Texas coastline to help make the state more resilient to future storms. This funding allocation is in addition to the disaster relief funding for Texas previously announced by the USACE.

"With Hurricane Harvey's devastation still fresh in our minds, and the next hurricane season upon us, the State of Texas is urgently focused on making our infrastructure more

resilient to future storms," said Governor Abbott. "This funding is essential to those efforts and to help minimize the loss of human lives and damage to infrastructure and property. I thank the USACE, Texas congressional delegation and the Office of Management and Budget for recognizing the critical importance of these projects, and I look forward to their completion."

Other projects that the USACE announced they will allocate funding to include:

Feasibility Studies Funded:

- Brazos Island Harbor
- Corpus Christi Ship Channel
- Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Lock
- Galveston Harbor Channel Extension

- Houston Ship Channel
- Matagorda Ship Channel
- Sabine Neches Waterway

Construction Projects Funded:

- Corpus Christi Ship Channel

Operations & Maintenance Construction Projects Funded:

- Brazos Island Harbor
- Channel to Harlingen
- Channel to Port Bolivar
- Corpus Christi Ship Channel
- Freeport Harbor
- Galveston Harbor And Channel
- Channel To Victoria
- Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

Investigation into fatal crash at Wheatley St.

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 6400 Wheatley about 3:45 p.m. on last Wednesday, June 13.

According to HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Arnold the victim was a passenger in a white Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck struck by a

black Chevrolet Camaro at the intersection of Wheatley and Wilburforce. A preliminary investigation determined the female driver of the Silverado failed to yield the right of way to the male driver of the Camaro.

Paramedics transported the victim to Ben Taub

General Hospital where he was later died. The two drivers were transported to area hospitals with what are believed to be non-life-threatening injuries.

The identity of the deceased male victim, 52, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Judge Emmett,

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were many deaths in the flood waters.

Emmett looked at the history of floods in the Houston area. In 1936 downtown was inundated by water, and as a result 2 reservoirs were built in the 40s as protection. But Hurricane Harvey exceeded the 100 year flood, and perhaps the 500 year flood.

Emmett talked about, and distributed a brochure, outlining 16 steps that need to be taken to make the county "resilient" and able to withstand future floods.

These steps include revised flood maps and regulations not allowing building in flood plains, a new third reservoir, com-

pletion of planned flood control projects, Lakes Houston and Conroe should be blood control facilities, underpasses that flood need to be signed, and blocked, buyout of homes at risk in the flood plain should be implemented, and existing reservoirs should be repaired and improved.

Emmett noted that the bond issue is necessary because the property tax is not enough to pay for this type of work. He thinks the county should receive part of the sales tax that the state collects.

Emmett also spoke about the plans for renovating the Astrodome into a usable park-like county facility, with recreation areas built over a 1400 car parking structure.

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News

OPINION PAGE

Tell Congress newsprint tariffs threaten your paper... and you

Do you rely on your local newspaper to keep up with how your tax dollars are being spent? If so, tell your congressman you don't want a tariff to put the paper out of business.

A new study shows communities that lose their newspapers suffer an alarming increase in the cost of local government because there's no watchdog reporting on how your hard-earned money is spent.

A new "temporary" tariff on Canadian newsprint — the paper used to print 75 percent of American newspaper pages — poses a dire threat if it becomes permanent. Simply put, your hometown paper can't exist if it costs more to print than it earns in revenue. The accompanying article by David Chavern, president of the News Media Alliance, details this dangerous situation.

Under the arcane and almost unfathomable rules of U.S. trade policy, the newspaper industry isn't allowed to formally make its case to the administration, which will decide soon whether to make the tariff permanent. Members of Congress, on the other hand, may submit official comments to be considered.

The Texas newspa-

per industry has urged our 36 House members and both members of the Senate to help fight the tariff. So far, only a handful have agreed to so. Signing on as co-sponsors of HR 6031, a bill that would put the brakes on the tariff, are Reps. Bill Flores, R, Bryan; Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Tyler, and Rep. Randy Weber, R-Friendswood. Providing letters of support for newspapers are Reps. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, and Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo. Sen. John Cornyn has verbally stated that he opposes the tariff, and a spokesman for Rep. Roger Williams, R-Austin, said he plans a letter of support for newspapers.

That's only seven members of a total Texas delegation of 38 who are fighting for Texas' newspapers. Perhaps the others don't think taxpayers care. It's time for them to hear from you, the voter. Call. Write. Tell them you oppose the tariff because you depend on your local newspaper to serve as a watchdog.

Urge them take up this fight...not on newspapers' behalf, but on yours. And tell them you'll be watching to see what they do.

Texas Press

June 19, 1865: Juneteenth is the day that slaves living in Texas learned that they were free, Two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.



Know the warning signs of suicide

The losses of legendary fashion icon, Kate Spade, and the world's most famous foodie and travel companion, Anthony Bourdain, are fresh on the minds of so many people touched by their creativity and power. Many are wondering why a person in their station in life would end up in a space resulting in suicide. Their suicides occur at a time in our society that suicides rates have risen almost 30% since 1999.

Women attempt suicide twice as often as men, the suicide rate is highest during middle age, twenty-eight middle aged women end their lives each day and unfortunately, there is still so much stigma around getting help.

Allie Scott, LPC and Clinical Coordinator of Shield Bearer Counseling Centers states, "The issue is that we think it is our responsibility to handle it all on our own. We feel like we are the only ones going through whatever it is. We sometimes think if we seek help from a professional that means we are imperfect and failing."

Ms. Scott also shared that relief begins as soon as you reach out for help. "Studies have confirmed what our clients tell us, that as soon as you call for help, you begin to feel better." A call to Shield Bearer is free and it usually results in a plan specific for you which may include counseling services or other services.

Scott goes on to say, "If you know someone you might think needs help, don't wait to reach out. Simply ask them how they are doing and let them know that you want to be there for them if they need help."

Some Warning Signs to Watch For:

- Talking about wanting to die or ending one's life
- Mood swings
- Searching for a way to die
- Isolation, withdrawal and disconnection
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Feeling trapped in unbearable pain
- Change in behavior, living more recklessly
- Feeling like they are a burden on others
- Increased use of alcohol or other drugs
- Increased anxiety/agitation or rage

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 or the Harris Center 24-hour Hotline 713-970-7000.

For information about professional counseling services and other programs at local non-profit organization Shield Bearer, contact (281) 894-7222 or visit shieldbearer.org.

Top officials join in briefing about hurricane preparedness

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 6 joined President Donald Trump, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, FEMA Administrator Brock Long, White House cabinet members and governors from across the country for a video teleconference briefing on hurricane preparedness.

Along with Abbott in Austin were officials from various state agencies that oversee emergency response. The briefing was held to review lessons learned after the 2017 hurricane season. FEMA provided an overview of evacuation zones, clearance times, decision timelines, forecast uncertainty, responsible decision makers and public messaging.

Following the briefing, Abbott said Texas is getting resources ready and communication and response strategies together to protect families and property in the event of another hurricane. Abbott is encouraging Texans to prepare emergency supply kits, create communication plans, prepare homes for storms and heed warnings from local officials.

The 2018 Atlantic hurricane season began on June 1 and will end on Nov. 30.

Unit reaches milestone

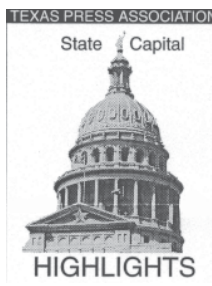
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 6 announced his office's Fugitive Apprehension Unit achieved its 10,000th arrest.

The unit works jointly with the U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force.

"This major milestone is a testament to our Fugitive Apprehension Unit's hard work and dedication. These courageous law enforcement officers have successfully arrested 10,000 fugitives and provided invaluable protection for Texans," Paxton said.

The unit includes 22 investigators, three criminal analysts, two administrative assistants and a five-person command staff who operate in regional offices in Austin, Houston and Arlington. The unit's mission is to locate and arrest violent fugitives and convicted child sex offenders who violate conditions of their

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



state-administered, precious-metals depository in the United States.

The Texas Legislature in 2017 passed a law opening the door for the creation of the depository, which will accept deposits of gold, silver, platinum, palladium and rhodium.

"I can't think of any place else in the world that could create a bullion depository this way and I've heard from legislators across the country who want to do what we are doing, from Tennessee to Utah," said state Rep. Giovanni Caprigliano, R-Southlake, author of the legislation that created the depository as a state agency under the Comptroller's purview. "We will see a lot of financial interest in this depository, with gold, silver and other commodities coming here."

Plans call for the depository to be relocated to a site in Leander, a city just north of Austin, in 2019. Austin-based Lone Star Tangible Assets operates the facility.

TEA: Special evaluations

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on June 6 announced school districts, campuses and open-enrollment charter schools directly affected by Hurricane Harvey would be eligible for special evaluation in this year's state accountability system if they meet a specific criterion.

Under the agency's Hurricane Harvey Provision, 2018 accountability ratings would be generated for eligible districts, charter schools and campuses using available data.

If a campus meeting at least one of the Hurricane Harvey criteria receives an "Improvement Required" rating, the campus would be labeled "Not Rated."

parole, as well as sex offenders who fail to comply with the state's mandated sex offender registration requirements. It also assists in locating missing and endangered runaway children reported by local law enforcement agencies to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Tax revenue reported

Texas Comptroller Hegar on June 4 said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.76 billion in May, an amount 10.2 percent higher than the amount reported in May 2017.

Strong growth in sales tax revenue was apparent across all major economic sectors, Hegar said. "While the most rapid growth was in remittances from the construction and oil and gas-related sectors, significant gains also came from information services, restaurants and retail trade," he added.

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for May was \$3.23 billion, 1.4 percent more than in May 2017. Year-to-date franchise tax revenue is up 11.3 percent, he noted.

Tax revenue distributed

Comptroller Hegar on June 6 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$710.4 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of June.

The amount is 11 percent more than the Office of the Comptroller distributed a year earlier, in June 2017.

The allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Depository is operating

Comptroller Hegar on June 6 announced the opening of the Texas Bullion Depository in Austin. It is the first

OPINION
By Congressman Gene Green

Rep. Gene Green Bill to Combat the Opioid Crisis Passes the House

WASHINGTON, DC – June 12, 2018 – Today, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the bipartisan Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act (H.R. 5327), a bill introduced by Reps. Gene Green (D-TX), Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), and Larry Buschon, M.D. (R-IN).

"The bipartisan legislation that passed today is a step forward for millions of Americans who suffer from opioid abuse and need comprehensive treatment at a one-stop shop," said Green. "Our legislation will require designated centers to provide wraparound services for Americans suffering from opioid addiction, including counseling, recovery housing, and job

training. It is our intention to use this new program to identify standards and best practices that can be deployed nationwide."

The Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act of 2018 would allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award grants to treatment facilities in order to establish or operate comprehensive centers that provide a full range of treatment services. The bill requires evidence-based practices and data reporting to ensure accountability, allowing for treatments such as detoxification, the use of FDA-approved medications for substance abuse disorders, and a number of other services.

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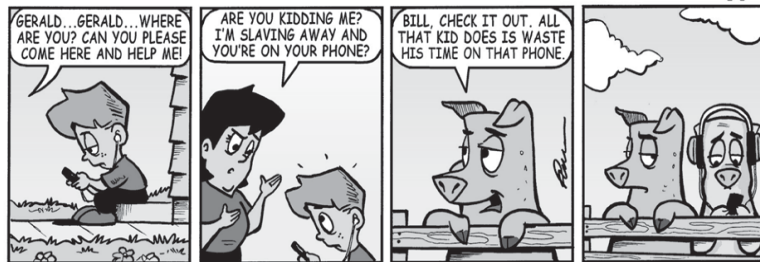
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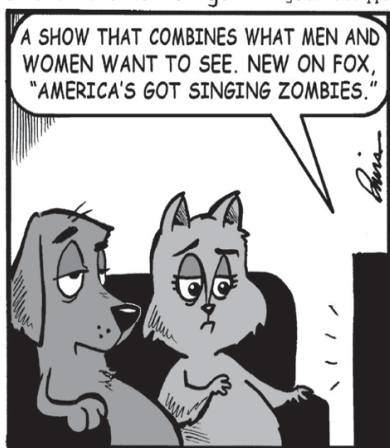
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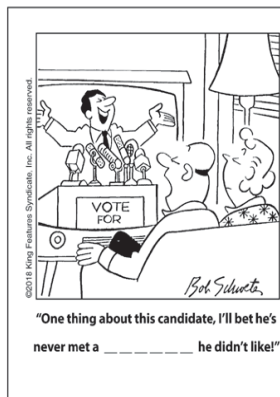


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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SCRAMBLERS

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

- Impress: ZEAMA
Area: GREEN
Blunt: TRICED
Guard: PORTAL

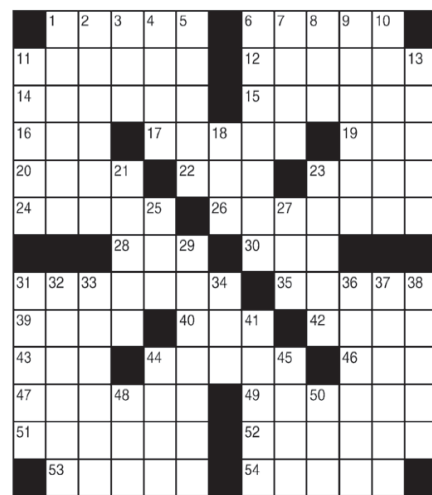
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King Crossword

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- 1 Talent
6 Clinton-era housepet
11 Origin
12 Consecrate with oil
14 Green club
15 Say under one's breath
16 "Eewwww!"
17 Down in the
19 Spell-down
20 Actress Perlman
22 Zilch
23 Stunned sensation
24 Bra part
26 Floods
28 Yon bloke
30 Operated
31 Poison in a 1939 play
35 "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy
39 Titleholder's proof
40 Apprehend
42 Facility
43 Sternward
44 Went outwith
46 Bus bldg.
47 Bowling alley border
49 Bread spread
51 Intertwine



- 52 Earth tones
53 Redcaps'
54 Jurors, in-theory
8 Barracks bed
9 Knapsack of a sort
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32 Money back
33 Resolve
34 Garfield, for one
36 Festive spring day
37 Michaelmas daisies
38 Approaches
41 Jazz style
44 Art -
45 Mussolini title
48 Spigot
50 Commonest English word

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only bird that can fly backward with precision?
2. EXPLORERS: What was the name of the ship that explorer Henry Hudson sailed up a river that bears his name today?
3. LITERATURE: What was the name of Hermione's pet cat in the "Harry Potter" book series?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What type of bread also is commonly known as "pocket bread"?
5. BIBLE: In which book does the phrase "the love of money is the root of all evil" appear?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the famed Trevi Fountain located?
7. MUSIC: Which band was named after an 18th century agriculturalist who invented the seed drill?
8. GEOLOGY: What kind of black, glass-like rock forms when magma cools suddenly?
9. HISTORY: When did the great fire of London occur?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "anno domini"?

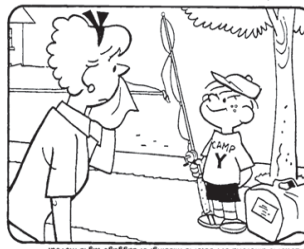
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different; 2. Arm is raised; 3. Paint is missing; 4. Letter is missing; 5. Pocket is missing; 6. Language tag is missing.



Solution time: 24 mins.

CryptoQuip

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

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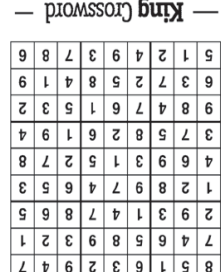
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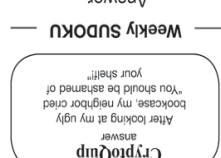
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King Crossword



Weekly SUDOKU



CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA


By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Mosaic law, what would happen to the person who cursed his father or mother? Imprisonment, Outcast, 10 lashings, Death
3. In Genesis 14:3, what lake is called the Salt Sea? Galilee, Lake Pison, Dead Sea.

Euphrates
 4. From Daniel 2, who had a dream about a statue composed of different materials? Jezebel, Daniel, Rezin, Nebuchadnezzar
 5. In Acts 7, who said, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"? Philip, Stephen, Luke, David
 6. Whose biblical name means "salvation"? Jude, Ahaz, Hosea, Ruth

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Death; 3) Dead Sea; 4) Nebuchadnezzar; 5) Stephen; 6) Hosea

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For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

ISAIAH 41:13

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LIFESTYLE

Juneteenth Celebration,

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special guests participated and there were giveaways to spectators.

The parade began at 10 a.m. at the Acres Homes Multi-Service Center, 6719 West Montgomery, and traveled north up West Montgomery to turn left on Dolly Wright and disband at Greater Zion Baptist Church and Drew Academy.

"Juneteenth is an important day in our community," Mayor Turner said. "I want everyone to come out and celebrate. We've gone all out on the 2018 parade. You won't want to miss it."

Among the special guests joining the Mayor for this year's event were:

-UniverSoul Circus -- The circus featuring performers from 24 countries will bring acrobats, clowns,



LEFT, Clyde Drexler with Mayor Turner, ABOVE, HISD Superintendent Grenita Lathan, RIGHT, M.C. Williams Wolverines (Sue Davis photos L and R)



stilt walkers and more to the parade. They will hand out tickets to their performances which run through June 24 at Butler Stadium.

-Z-Ro -- This Houston rapper has released several albums.

-Seun Adigun -- Seun is a Nigerian-American bobsledder who represented Nigeria at the 2018 Winter

Olympics. Seun ran track for the University of Houston and is the niece of former Houston Rockets and UH star Hakeem Olajuwon.

-Brian Courtney Wilson -- The Houston gospel singer.

-Clyde Drexler -- The former Houston Rocket great is commissioner of

the Half-Court Professional Basketball League. Four games of three-on-three competition will be held in Houston June 22 and Clyde is bringing game tickets to give away.

-Raphael Igboke -- Raphael is a super middle-weight boxer from the Houston area. His nickname is "Trouble."

-IMAJ -- IMAJ is a young African American country singer/songwriter and humanitarian. She gets her creative talent naturally from her father, Philip Michael Thomas, star of the 1980s hit TV series, "Miami Vice."

-Vince Young -- Former University of Texas quarterback and two-time Pro

Bowler in the NFL.

Mayor Turner's Juneteenth Parade also honored local pastors with a float called "Legends of the Pulpit."

"Local churches and non-profit organizations adopted blocks along the West Montgomery parade route and brought out folks to cheer on the participants," said Mayor Turner.

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