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NORTHEAST NEWS

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Buckner Family Hope Center reopened their Gift Shop with Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia at the ceremony.

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NEWS NOTES

Halls Bayou flood meeting

Community Engagement Meeting for Halls Bayou Tributary P118-26
 A Community Engagement Meeting for the Halls Bayou Tributary P118-26 and Related Stormwater Detention Project is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31st from 6 PM- 8 PM at Hardy Senior Center (11901 W. Hardy Road Houston, Texas 77076) More info on flyer and here: www.hcfd.org/C01

Back to School Immunizations Sat. July 27

UT Physicians and State Rep. Armando Walle are holding a Back to School Immunization clinic on Saturday, July 27 from 9am to Noon at the UT Clinic at Jensen and Crosstimbers. Parents should bring immunization records. The shots are free, and the first 100 will also receive a backpack with school supplies, courtesy of the Rotary Club.

Aldine ISD Back-to-School Expo set for July 27

Aldine ISD, in partnership with U.S. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia and BakerRipley, invites the community to the annual Back-to-School Family Engagement Expo. The event will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 27, at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Road. The free event is open to families in Aldine ISD with children in prekindergarten to high school.

The event will provide resources for school and helpful tips and strategies to help students succeed. Free immunizations and free health screenings will be available, while sup-



Students and parents at last year's Family event.

plies last. Additionally, vouchers for free uniforms and free school supplies will be available while supplies last. Throughout the event there will be an opportunity to win door prizes and refreshments will be available.

The expo will feature several family workshops. The following workshops are scheduled for the Expo:

- Getting Connected with Aldine's Digital Resources
- Parent Empowerment: Strong Parents, Strong Kids
- Nutrition Wellness: Fueling Our Students
- Protecting Your Child from Human Trafficking

- Raising Readers for Academic Success
- Pathway to College for Grades K-12
- Your New Community Center: BakerRipley
- Protecting Your Child from Opioid Addiction
- Dyslexia: What Parents Need to Know
- Aldine ISD School Choice Options

Free childcare for children in grades Pre-K-5 will be provided. Parents must pre-register students for childcare at AldineISD.org/expo. For more information, contact the Aldine ISD Title I Department at 281-985-7956.

Castlewood CC meets with County representatives

Precinct 2 Engineering Department held a meeting with Castlewood residents to provide an update on the Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin drainage and mitigation in the Castlewood neighborhood.

Engineers from Harris County and Flood Control were in attendance. Castlewood Civic Club President Connie Esparza welcomed all who attend.

See CASTLEWOOD, p.8



Castlewood Civic Club members at the meeting.

CONGRESSWOMAN GARCIA AT BUCKNER



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia attended a school session at the Buckner Family Hope Center last Friday afternoon, seen above with students and Center founder Sylvia Bolling.

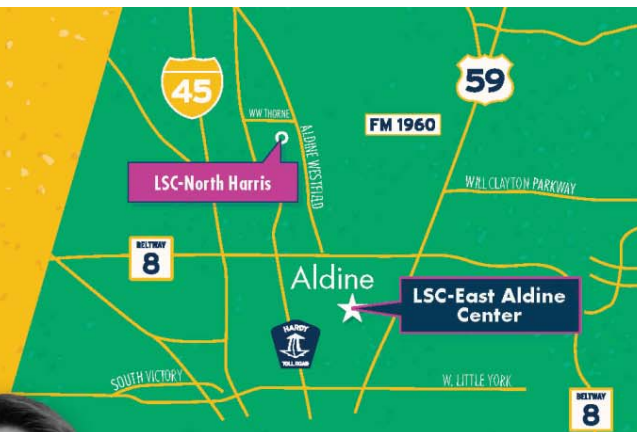
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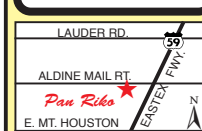
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

EVENTS CALENDAR

Grandparents Family Strengthening Conference

This September Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group of Aldine-Harris County, is hosting its 16th Annual Family Strengthening Conference.

This event will be held on Saturday, September 7th at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center in Houston, Texas from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Conference is a FREE community event provided to help spread the awareness of health, mental health, family issues and other situations that Grandparents and kinship face when raising children. Participants will be offered free health screenings, school supplies, educational materials designed to promote personal health and wellness, and a variety of resources from keynote speakers as well as agencies.


This will be an exceptional opportunity for your organization to showcase its services/products and show support of family wellness. We are asking that each vendor donate for the participants. There are options listed on the vendors form. If you are not able to we do understand. It is our desire that each family will receive a backpack filled with school supplies per student in their family unit.

If your organization would like to donate for the event please call 832-265-8380 or email at grandparentsmarketing@gmail.com. You can also contact Mrs. Portier-Reed, the President and Founder at 832-771-4504.

RESCHEDULED! Sen. Miles Town Hall Meeting

State Senator Borris Miles will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, July 31 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to discuss the 86th Legislative Session. Important legislation that passed and bills that will directly impact you neighborhood. Location: East Houston Civic Club, 7418 E. Houston, Houston, TX 77028. For more information, call 713-223-0387.

Toss it into the can. It's a neat idea.



State of Qatar Donates \$3.3 Million to Build Eight Soccer Fields in Harris County

Fields will also Serve as Water Retention Basins for Flood Mitigation



Qatar's Ambassador, Sheikh Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani, makes the announcement to an audience that includes County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle, and Licia Ellis representing Pct. 1 and Chase Untermeyer, former U.S. ambassador to Qatar. Children in the background are from the Boys and Girls club.

Houston, July 1, 2019 – The State of Qatar, through its \$30 million Qatar Harvey Fund, today announced a \$3.3 million gift for the construction of eight soccer fields in Harris County, five in Precinct 1 and three in Precinct 4. The soccer fields will also be designed as water collection basins to mitigate future flooding.

The announcement was made today at BBVA Stadium by H.E. Sheikh Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani, Qatar's Ambassador to the U.S. He was joined by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Precinct 4 Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, and Licia Green Ellis, representing Precinct 1 and her husband, Commissioner Rodney Ellis.

The five soccer fields in Precinct 1 will be built in Blue Ridge Park, located in far southwest Harris County between the Sam Houston Tollway and FM 2234. The soccer fields are among the first developments in the largely undeveloped Blue Ridge Park area, fulfilling an unmet community need for accessible recreational greenspace while also helping to reduce the risk of future flooding events for residents living in the Sims Bayou watershed.

The three soccer fields in Precinct 4 will be constructed in Alabonson Park along Bingle Road between Alabonson Road and White Oak Bayou in northwest Houston.

Planned amenities at Alabonson Park, a 50-acre multi-use facility, also include softball and football fields, parking lots, maintenance facilities, picnic areas, and playgrounds, as well as paved multi-use trails and natural surface trails that could one day connect to additional trail systems along White Oak Bayou. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2019.

Ambassador Al-Thani, who chairs the Qatar Har-

vey Fund, said during the announcement: "Qatar has relationships in Houston and southeast Texas that go back decades and the Qatar Harvey Fund is a gesture of solidarity, designed to support long-term recovery and resilience. These fields serve that purpose by using land vulnerable to flooding to bring recreation access closer to these communities."

The Qatar Harvey Fund has already announced approximately \$16 million in Harvey recovery projects in southeast Texas, including a \$2.5 million donation announced last October to help restore Harris County's Riverside Hospital in Houston's Third Ward.

Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Ellis said: "I'm extremely grateful that Qatar has been here for our city after we faced one of the greatest challenges in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. On behalf of Precinct One, I sincerely thank Ambassador Al-Thani and the Qatar Harvey Fund for their generous gift that will provide soccer fields at Blue Ridge Park for our families to enjoy, while also helping to protect thousands of families from future flooding. Nearly two years after Harvey, this is a significant mark of progress for our recovery efforts."

"Thank you, Ambassador Al-Thani, for this generous donation," said Commissioner Jack Cagle. "This important step in our recovery from Hurricane Harvey provides recreational opportunities and flood relief for the area."

Ambassador Al-Thani visited Houston in October 2018 to announce the first round of grants to support education, housing and community development projects, including a \$622,000 gift to the Boys

& Girls Clubs of Texas via the Rebuild Texas Fund. During his current visit, the Ambassador will announce the remaining approximately \$14 million in donations from the Qatar Harvey Fund. These announcements will fulfill Qatar's pledge of \$30 million in funding long-term recovery projects in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

About the Qatar Harvey Fund and the State of Qatar

Following the devastation of Hurricane Harvey in August 2017, the State of Qatar announced a gift of \$30 million for the long-term recovery of the storm's victims in Texas. The Qatar Harvey Fund was created to administer the gift. For more information, visit www.QatarHarveyFund.com.

Qatar is an independent state in the southern Arabian Gulf. It has a population of approximately 2.7 million people, the majority of whom live in and around Doha, the capital. Diplomatic relations with the United States were established in 1972; in the same year, Qatar's first diplomatic mission in Washington, D.C. opened. The relationship between the two countries has always been friendly, highly productive and reciprocal. Qatar is home to many Americans, and the United States is both Qatar's largest foreign investor and its largest source of imports. Qatar-U.S. relations are growing continuously in multiple areas: economic, political, military, educational and cultural. Qatar is a close ally of the United States and a strong advocate of building a peaceful, prosperous and stable Middle East. Qatar has provided significant humanitarian and development assistance to countries around the world, including the United States.

Free Pet License offered by Harris County

Shelter waives pet-license fee with purchase of a microchip in an effort to get more lost pets home

HOUSTON (July 1, 2019)—More than half the animals that enter Harris County Animal Shelter are stray and on average less than 8% arrive with any identification making it impossible to reunite the lost animals with an owners. In an effort to help keep more pets with their people, Harris County Animal Shelter will license pets for free (up to \$60 value) with the purchase of a \$15 microchip July 1st through July 31st. Microchips and a free one-year Harris County pet license will be administered during shelter operating hours weekdays from 1pm-5:30pm and weekends from 11am-4pm. An appointment can also be made at the shelter's Pet Wellness Clinic weekdays 8am-5pm and Saturday 9am-4pm by calling (281) 999-3191. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

"July is National Pet Loss Prevention Month and we are urging the community to ensure their pets wear a collar with identification tags and are microchipped (in case the collar is removed), so we have a way to swiftly return pets to their owners in the event they become lost and end up at our shelter," said Dr. Michael White, Director Harris County Animal Shelter. "Microchipping and placing proper identification on your pets is also one way to help reduce shelter overcrowding, because it enables us to quickly return animals to owners instead of their pets waiting at the shelter for their owners to reclaim—which frees up space for the pets that truly need to be here."

Every stray animal that is brought to Harris County Animal Shelter is scanned twice upon intake for a microchip; their photos are uploaded immediately to Petharbor.com and CountyPets.com as well as registered to FindingRover.com, a program that utilizes facial recognition technology to reunite lost pets with owners.

All cats and dogs in unincorporated Harris County over the age of three-months are required to be vaccinated for rabies and maintain a pet license through the county. Violations can result in a citation and fine up to \$500.

About Harris County Animal Shelter/Veterinary Public Health:

The Harris County Animal Shelter, a division of Harris County Public Health, provides animal adoption and veterinary care for homeless pets, a pet wellness clinic for the public, zoonotic disease surveillance, responsible pet ownership education, as well as animal control services in neighborhoods throughout unincorporated Harris County and with certain municipalities within Harris County. For more information, visit CountyPets.com.

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*** THE LION KING** (PG) - 10:00a, 3:30p, 9:00p
Spanish Dubbed

*** CRAWL** (R) - 12:00pm, 2:15pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:15pm

*** STUBER** (R) - 10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:00pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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SPIDER-MAN: Far from Home (PG-13) 11:00am, 5:00pm *Spanish Dubbed*

*** SPIDER-MAN: Far from Home** 3D (PG-13) - 2:00pm, 8:00pm

*** SPIDER-MAN: Far from Home** 3D (PG-13) - 3:00pm, 9:00pm

ANNABELLE COMES HOME (R) 11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:15pm *Spanish Dubbed*

ANNABELLE COMES HOME (R) - 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

CHILD'S PLAY (R) - 12:30pm, 2:40pm, 4:50pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

TOY STORY 4 (G) - 11:30am, 4:30pm, 9:30pm

TOY STORY 4 (G) - 10:30am, 3:30pm, 8:30pm
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*** TOY STORY 4** in Disney Digital 3D (G) - 1:00pm, 6:00pm *Spanish Dubbed*

*** TOY STORY 4** in Disney Digital 3D (G) - 2:00pm, 7:00pm

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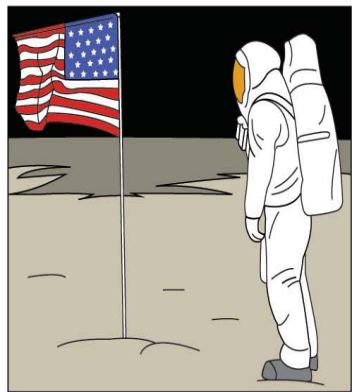
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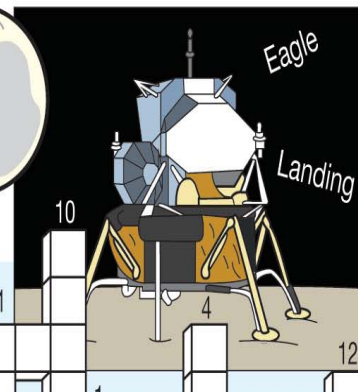
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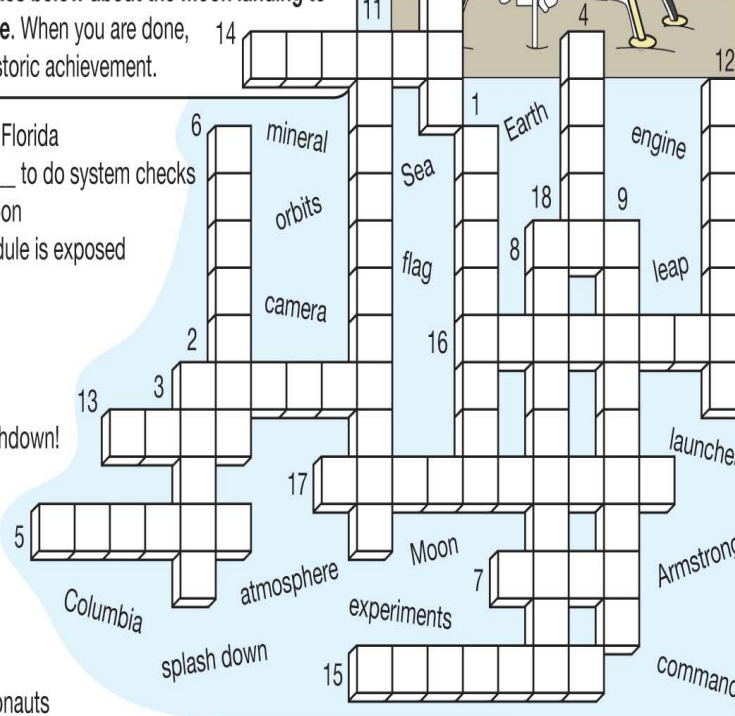


Walking on the Moon

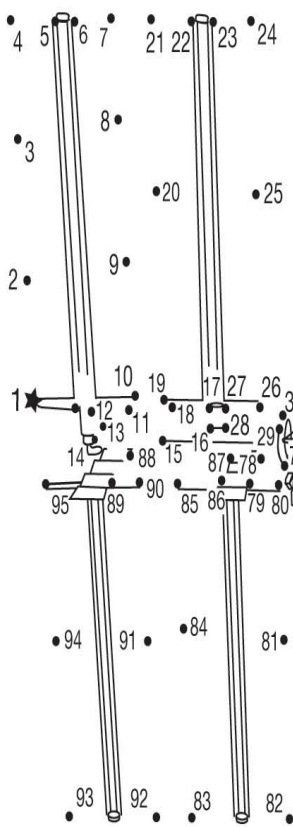
What do you know about the famous Apollo Moon landing? It was the first time a human stepped onto the surface of the Moon! As the event unfolded in 1969, the world watched breathlessly on their T.V. sets. **Read the clues below about the Moon landing to fill in the crossword puzzle.** When you are done, you will know about this historic achievement.



1. Apollo 11 Saturn V rocket _____ from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida
2. crew (Neil Armstrong, "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins) orbits _____ to do system checks
3. stage 3 _____ ignites and the craft begins its journey toward the Moon
4. spacecraft shoots off its side panels – the _____ Lunar Landing Module is exposed
5. spacecraft _____ around the Moon and slows down
6. Eagle Lunar _____ Module deploys its docking gear
7. with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on board, the Lunar Lander begins a 'powered descent' toward the surface of the _____
8. Eagle lands on the Moon's surface at the _____ of Tranquility – touchdown!
9. Commander Neil _____ steps off the ladder, becoming the first human to set foot on the Moon
10. Armstrong says the famous words, "That's one small step for a man, one giant _____ for mankind."
11. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the Moon for three hours, taking rock samples and doing _____
12. they discover a new _____ later called *Armalcolite* after the 3 astronauts
13. before leaving, the astronauts plant an American _____ on the Moon
14. the astronauts set up a television _____ and share the event with 550 million people back on Earth
15. back on board the Eagle, the astronauts lift off and return to the



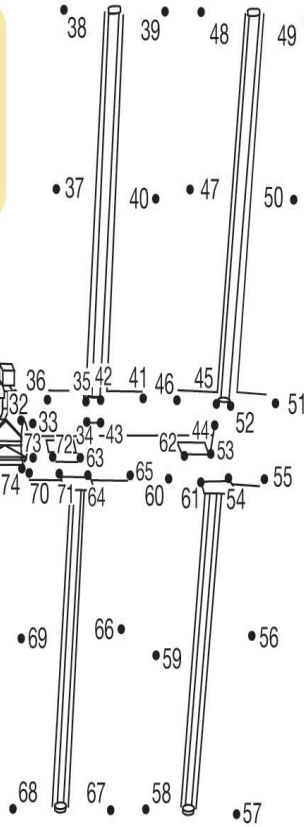
16. the _____ Command Module begins its return trip to Earth
17. the spacecraft detaches its final thrusters and enters Earth's _____
18. parachutes are deployed; the astronauts _____ in the Pacific Ocean



International Space Station

(Today's ongoing achievement)

Follow the dots to see this space wonder. Hint: You can use a small ruler or straightedge to keep lines perfect.

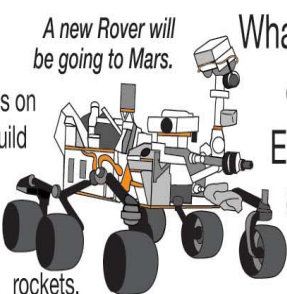


Have you heard about the **International Space Station (ISS)**? It is an amazing science laboratory orbiting 254 miles above the Earth. It was built with the cooperation of Japanese, Russian, Canadian, European and U.S. space agencies. Pieces of the ISS were rocketed into space over 40 different missions, and put together while in orbit.

The ISS is about as long as a football field and is usually home to six astronauts at a time. The astronauts live in the ISS for about six months!

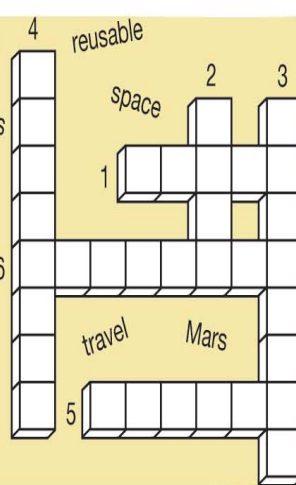
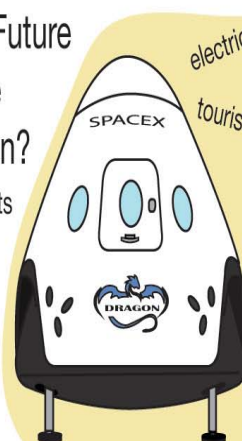
While aboard the ISS, astronauts study everything from deep space mysteries to the human body. It is a special laboratory, because experiments can be done in microgravity (very weak gravity).

1. NASA's goal is to explore _____ and make new scientific discoveries.
2. NASA's *Artemis Program* will put astronauts on the Moon again – including women – and build a *Gateway* station to prepare for missions to _____ and even deeper into space.
3. *SpaceX* is a company making deliveries to the International Space Station using _____ rockets.
4. *SpaceX* borrows a launch pad from NASA (same one used to launch Apollo 11). On a test flight, SpaceX launched an _____ car into space!
5. *Virgin Galactic* is a company that wants to make a Spaceline – an airline, but in space! They want to be able to _____ around the whole world super fast.
6. *Blue Origin* is a company that wants to open space up to _____. Their ship launches people into low Earth orbit.



What is the Future of Space Exploration?

(Achievements now and in the future)



OPINION AND FEATURE PAGE

OPINION

By Congresswoman
Sheila Jackson Lee



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee on the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing

Jackson Lee—"For those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion for particular and unique pride. The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration. I thank them for all that they do. I urge all who will reads these words to maintain that same sense of discovery and exploration, and wonder what lies next for us. And, I evoke President Kennedy's admonition to us from 58 years ago, that we should not be motivated simply by what is easy, but that we should meet the difficult challenge and savor what can be accomplished by our collective efforts. I congratulate all from NASA who have made the endeavor of space flight their life's work."

Washington, D.C. - Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a Senior Member of the House Committees on Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Budget, issued this statement on the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing:

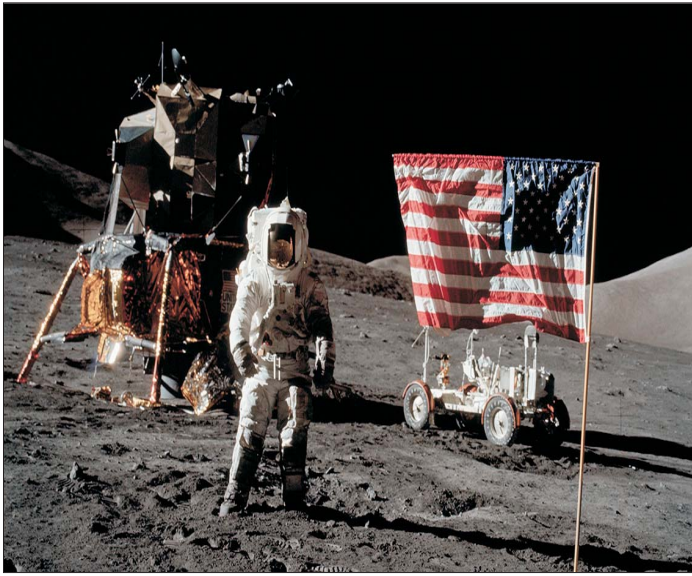
"Since the beginning of mankind, we have been driven by curiosity and a wonder of what is next for humanity. We have wondered about our place in the cosmos for as long as we have been able to look out into the night sky and see the stars. And of course, we have been dared by our own sense of imagination and possibility to try to breach our gravity and the heavens. It is with an awe of that sense of exploration that I commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. In September 1961, in my hometown of Houston, President John F. Kennedy stood and declared that the United States would send a man to the moon and return him safely to the Earth. He implored us to do so, not because it was easy, but because it was hard. In one-fell swoop, he harnessed our competitive drive and merged it with mankind's relentless pursuit of discovery and information and knowledge.

"It was a bold proposition, not because of this challenge, but also because of our standing in the Space Race. Just four years earlier, the Soviets had released Sputnik into orbit, as the first unmanned satellite, and in the process taken the lead in the global space race. Our confidence shaken, we set out to work on the mission before us. The 1960s were a tumultuous time in our pursuit of the moon's surface. Our path was not linear and not without setbacks. Before we could celebrate the triumph of the Apollo 11 crew and the valor of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins, we mourned the crew of Apollo 1, who died shortly after their capsule lifted off of Terra Firma.

"Before we could walk on the moon, it was necessary first to orbit the Earth. Indeed, the journey to Mare Tranquillitatis was long, and a collective, national endeavor. The challenge would be the pursuit of three presidents until, on July 20, 1969, the crew of Apollo 11 touched down on the Moon's surface. The words uttered by Neil Armstrong were instantly immortalized, because, indeed, it was one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. This moment was definitely a moment for joy and celebration for our entire nation. But for those of us from Houston, this moment is an occasion for particular and unique pride. The flight to the Moon, and indeed all manned flights, have been guided by the brilliant and hardworking men and women of Houston, who, for close to 60 years, have been the steady hand, guiding manned space exploration.

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Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat representing the 18th Congressional District of Texas, is a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary, Homeland Security and the Budget.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Texas receives infusion of funds for border region law enforcement

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on July 9 announced the receipt of \$15 million in federal funding meant to increase operational capabilities of federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies.

The Operation Stone-garden Grant Program allocation is part of \$30 million approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. The funds are meant to equip law enforcement "to confront the complex and dynamic challenges that exist along the Texas border," according to the governor's office news release.

Local jurisdictions to receive the grant funding include 50 law enforcement agencies operating in these 18 counties: Bee, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, El Paso, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kinney, Kleberg, Nueces, Presidio, Refugio, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy and Zapata.

Disaster funding is asked

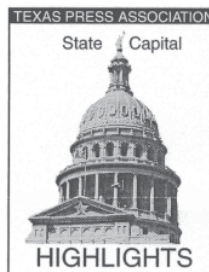
Gov. Abbott on July 10 sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential disaster declaration for the Rio Grande Valley counties of Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy.

"The recent severe weather in the Rio Grande Valley has caused widespread damage, leaving many without the resources they need to recover from these storms," Abbott said. "Combined with state and local resources, this federal aid will allow those impacted to rebuild as quickly as possible."

Also urging the president to declare the Rio Grande Valley a federal disaster area in response to severe flooding and rain in recent weeks were: U.S. Reps. Vicente Gonzalez, D-McAllen; Filemon Vela, D-Brownsville; and Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo; and Texas' U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz.

Texas offers aid to Louisiana

Gov. Abbott on July 12 offered assistance to Louisiana in response to Tropical Storm Barry before the weather system made landfall.



rations possible, so please don't delay." Details are available at www.texasready.org.

H. Ross Perot dies

Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot, a businessman and philanthropist who ran for president as a third-party candidate in 1992 and 1996, died at his home in Dallas on July 9. He was 89.

Perot was born and raised in Texarkana. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, served as a Naval officer until 1957, then worked in sales for IBM. Perot went on to found Electronic Data Systems in Dallas and Perot Systems in Plano. General Motors bought controlling interest in EDS in 1984.

As stated in his obituary at rossperot.com, Perot and his wife, Margot, established the Perot Foundation in 1969 with the goal of helping fund projects that would improve people's lives. Since then, the foundation has supported education programs, health care research, cultural and arts institutions, veterans' causes and programs to meet immediate human needs and reduce suffering.

Hegar distributes revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 10 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$764.3 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of July.

The amount is 0.7 percent more than the amount allocated for the month of July 2018. The allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Honor Flights Needs Our Help —The number of World War II veterans topped 16 million during the war. Now there are fewer than half a million still alive, all in their 80s and 90s. We're losing over 300 WWII veterans each day. Most of them have never seen the memorial in Washington, D.C., that was built in their honor.

Honor Flights Network, a nonprofit, works to change that. Since 2010, it has escorted 222,133 veterans to see the memorial, at no cost to the veteran. Last year HFN took 21,000 veterans to Washington.

The one-day trips leave from a "hub" in most states and fly to Washington, where they visit the memorial dedicated to them, as well as the Vietnam and Korean memorials. These trips are scheduled multiple times a year.

But it takes money and volunteers (guardian escorts) to pull it off, and there are over 38,000 veterans on a wait list. We're running out of time to get all the vets to Washington who want to go.

There are programs to help more veterans get there. The Solo program is for those who have friends and family who can fund the air trip and hotel for one to three days. The Lone Eagle program is for veterans who are not near an airport hub. Once in Washington, the veteran and his escort will join the main group for all their activities. In addition, Honor Flights has expanded to include Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

If you can send money, please do. The address is Honor Flight, Inc., 175 South Tuttle Road, Springfield, OH 45505, or donate at www.honorflight.org. (Don't miss the video on the website).

If you want information or can serve as an escort, call Honor Flight at 937-521-2400, or Jane Julian at 614-558-6220. If you have any medical experience, that's a bonus, but there are many roles you can fill.

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CRIME WATCH

Armored Car robbers get life sentences

HOUSTON – Four Houston men will serve the rest of their lives behind bars for the robbery and murder of an armored car guard and attempted robbery and murder of another, announced U.S. Attorney Ryan K. Patrick. A federal jury deliberated for eight hours before convicting Nelson Alexander Polk, 40, Marc Anthony Hill, 48, John Edward Scott, 43, and Bennie Charles Phillips Jr., 32, on March 29, 2019, following a nine-day trial. All were convicted of attempted interference with commerce by robbery and aiding and abetting discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence. The jury also convicted Hill and Polk of aiding and abetting interference with commerce by robbery and aiding and abetting discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence causing the death of another. Today, U.S. District Judge David Hittner sentenced each man to life in prison for their roles in the offenses. At the hearing, the court heard from the victim's family who described the impact of the murder on their lives. They described waiting for their son, brother and fiancé to come home from work and that he should have never had to die for "easy money."

The sentences stemmed from the robbery and murder of a Brinks armored car guard Aug. 29, 2016, at Wells Fargo Bank located at 13120 Northwest Freeway as well as the attempted robbery of a Loomis armored car guard at Amegy Bank located at 400 N Sam Houston Pkwy E Dec. 7, 2016.

All members of the crew received at least life in prison because each member knew the scheme involved murdering the guard then stealing the money.

Hill and Polk were sentenced to two consecutive life terms followed by 240 months for their roles in both robberies and murder. Scott and Phillips received life in prison followed by a consecutive 240 months for their roles in the attempted robbery and murder of the Loomis guard at Amegy Bank.

Hill conducted extensive surveillance at both locations and was there during the time of the Wells Fargo murder and robbery. He was also near the Amegy Bank poised to pick up the robbery crew members in a getaway vehicle.

Polk, Hill's nephew, drove the car that would pull up on the dying guard for another crew member to get out and steal the money. Polk confessed to his roles in the crimes and admitted he knew the leader intended to "lay [the guard] down" so he could easily steal the money from the dying armored guard.

Phillips recruited Trayvees Duncan-Bush, 32, also of Houston, who would take the money off of the dying guard. He made sure that Duncan-Bush had a phone, instructions and a hotel room in preparation for the robbery/murder plot. Scott acted as an outside perimeter lookout. He alerted the crew via cell phone when the armored truck was headed towards the bank and watched for law enforcement.

At trial, the jury heard that a now-deceased individual

Suspects Arrested, Charged in Man's Death on Mesa Road

Houston police have arrested three suspects charged in the death of a man found at 9700 Mesa Road about 6:15 a.m. on Sunday (June 9).

Marquise Da Shawn Bass (b/m, 24), Cordarrell Jamond Pickens (b/m, 25), and Louis Woods (b/m, 20) are all charged with murder in the 230th State District Court. Booking photos of the three suspects are attached to this news release.

They are accused in the death of Gregory Brooks, 37, who suffered blunt force trauma and was pronounced dead at the scene.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives N. Sharp and K. Fregia reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a person down call on a sidewalk at the above address and found Mr. Brooks deceased. A preliminary investigation determined Brooks had been assaulted by at least three to four unknown suspects and died from his injuries.

Further investigation identified Bass, Pickens and Woods as suspects in this case and they were all arrested without incident.

had allegedly led the robbery crew, which would conduct extensive surveillance of banks' ATMs and armored car routes before executing the robberies. The plan involved the leader lying in wait for the guard to begin service of the ATM. He would then shoot the guard from a distance with a high caliber rifle so another member of the robbery crew could pull up and take the money.

When law enforcement moved in to arrest the subjects Dec. 7, 2016, the leader of the crew allegedly came out firing his weapon and police responded, killing him.

Those sentenced today will remain in custody pending transfer to a U.S. Bureau of Prisons facility to be determined in the near future.

Duncan-Bush had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit interference with commerce by robbery and aiding and abetting discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence prior to trial. He is set for sentencing Aug. 14, 2019, at which time he faces up to 20 years in prison.

The FBI, Houston Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Heather Winter and Richard Hanes are prosecuting the case.

The case is an example of coordination between law enforcement who are part of the Houston Law Enforcement Violent Crime Initiative <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/authorities-announce-initiative-targeting-houston-violent-offenders>. The goal is to proactively fight and reduce violent crime across the Greater Houston area by targeting the region's most violent offenders, augmenting investigative and prosecutorial efforts, and enhancing training, public awareness and education.

It was brought as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program that has been historically successful in bringing together all levels of law enforcement to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Fatal accident as truck crashes into I-45 motorcycle shop

NORTH HOUSTON – The driver of a pick-up truck died when his vehicle left the main lanes of I-45, exited the off ramp, hit the base of a light post, and careened across the frontage road and into the front of a motorcycle dealership. The pick-up truck burst into flames, and the driver was killed.

The accident happened last Monday morning, July 15 about 8:25am. The scene was located on I-45 near Memory Lane and West Road. The motorcycle shop was badly damaged, but did not catch fire. The name on the shop was Team Mancuso Powersports North, a Kawasaki/Suzuki dealer.

Police are investigating the accident, and are not sure if the truck driver had a medical problem, or just went out of control when he hit the light pole. The victim's identity has not been released.

Anyone with information is urged to call Houston Police homicide, or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.



Aerial view of the accident scene. I-45 North Freeway is the roadway at the right in the picture.



Firemen, seen at the bottom, extinguish the remain flames of the pick-up truck.

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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence has been added. 2. Boy's shirt is black. 3. Buses are lower. 4. Golf ball has moved. 5. Boy's club is missing. 6. Border around putting green is black. 7. Dr. James Herriot; 8. The face; 9. Louis XIV, the "Sun King" of France (72 years); 10. About 13 times.

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- Taxi
- A-E connection
- Showroom sample
- Sag
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- Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
- Fairy tale footwear
- "— the ram-parts ..."
- Frogs' kin
- Also
- Flowerless plant
- Perches
- Worship
- Nothing
- Elbow counterpart
- Hardly brawny
- And so on (Abbr.)
- Liniment targets
- Second person (Abbr.)
- Lawn-trimming tools
- Blazing
- Cheer up

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- Fragrant wood
- Writer Kingsley
- Rocket stage
- Make pigtails
- Military group
- Dutch village
- "Psych" actor
- Hill "The Times They Are A-Changin'" singer
- Beautifully imaginative
- Way back when
- Very angry
- Peeved
- "Help!"
- Adversary
- Crafty
- Bone cavities
- Coffee shop
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- New Mexico tribe
- Scrutinize
- Small barrel
- Heaps of David
- Song of Pinnacles
- Leavening agent
- Table scraps
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the name of the robot maid on the animated series "The Jetsons"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Greenland?
- MUSIC: Who composed the 18th-century "Messiah"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the purpose of the Berne Convention of 1886?
- GAMES: What is the goal in the board game "Risk"?
- MOVIES: In which Martin Scorsese film did a group called The Dead Rabbits appear?
- HISTORY: Who was the longest-reigning king in European history?
- ANATOMY: What part of the human body is affected by a temporary paralysis called Bell's palsy?
- DISCOVERIES: Who is credited with discovering sickle cell anemia?
- ASTRONOMY: How many times does the moon orbit the Earth in a calendar year?

King Crossword
Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

CHURCH PAGE

RECENT DEATHS

Rogelio Guadalupe Garcia
Curtis V. Dixon
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You are not Alone

Have you ever faced an intimidating situation, taken a deep breath, looked your enemy square in the eye, and said, "It's just you and me, and I'm the one who's going to win this battle!?" This is the attitude of a conqueror, but in the Christian's case it's not exactly true. It's not just you and your opponent, because the one who walks with God never walks onto the battlefield alone.

That's what Goliath didn't realize when an unknown youth stepped out to meet him with no weapons in his hands beyond a sling and five stones. To the uninitiated, which was pretty much everyone present, this one who didn't even wear armor was greatly outclassed. But David knew the truth of things.

1 Samuel 17:45-46 (NKJV)
"Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the

Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

When David walked out onto that battlefield, he walked out a conqueror. You see the victory in his conversation with Saul in verses 34-37. He was convinced that God, who had already helped him repeatedly, would not fail him in this situation either - certainly not when it was the nation of Israel and the very reputation of God that were at stake! He understood that he had to step out and do his part, but he knew the battle was already won. In fact, you realize when you read verse 46 that he had no intention of stopping at one giant; he was ready to take on the whole enemy army.

This is how we should live! To the world, we may look no more capable than an underdressed youth with a sling and stones, but the world is as blind as Elisha's servant was in 2 Kings 6:17. "And Elisha prayed, and said, 'LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."

Let's get into the Word so that we can see, so that we can know beyond doubt that the Greater One lives on the inside of us (1 John 4:4) and we are never, ever, alone in the fight!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Castlewood CC meets with County,

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ed and provided a brief update on the status of the sheet flow that would provide appropriate drainage to Castlewood and also referenced the Undine Consumer Confidence Report pertaining to the quality of

drinking water. Ms. Selina Valdez, Constituent Services Liaison, addressed two important community concerns that included the procedure of reporting abandoned houses and pot holes.

All these concerns raised serious discussion from the residents. A plan was recommended and agreed upon on how to take bold action to address these issues. Special thanks to the

Westfield Fire Department, Assistant Chief Clint Loftin, for providing the facility."

Connie Esparza
President
Castlewood Civic Club

Commissioner Garcia hosts Job Fair July 24

COMMISSIONER GARCIA AND THE HOUSTON CONTRACTOR ASSOCIATION HOST CIVIL CONSTRUCTION JOB FAIR

Job Fair
July 24, 2019
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WHERE:
Both the information session and the job fair will be at:
Grayson Community Center
13828 Corpus Christi Street, Houston, TX 77015.

WHY:
Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the Houston Contractors Association are committed to engaging, educating, and empowering the community by offering access to as many opportunities for meaningful employment and economic development as possible. As eastern Harris County continues to grow in both industry and population, the infrastructure necessary to support such growth will require a qualified civil construction workforce. To that end, Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the HCA have partnered to connect the community to the civil construction sector, thereby helping to build a better Precinct 2 for years to come.

The Houston Contractors Association (HCA) and the office of Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2, are proud to co-host an information session and a job fair to engage and educate anyone interested learning about job opportunities in the civil construction sector. All applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have reliable personal transportation, able to work outdoors, able to pass a drug test, and must be willing to work a 50-60 hour work week.

WHO:
Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2
Houston Contractors Association

WHEN:
Information Session
July 17, 2019
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Castlewood Civic Club turned out a large crowd for the meeting, held at the Westfield Fire Dept. building.



Speakers from the Harris County engineering department discussed project details.



Harris County representative explains the projects planned for the immediate Aldine area.



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