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FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

County issues “Stay Home Work Safe” order

Effective thru April 3rd;
 Virus cases reach 464

HARRIS COUNTY – Faced with the reality of mounting cases of the infectious and potentially lethal Coronavirus known as COVID-19, local leaders have issued an order to “Stay Home Work Safe” which amounts to a shelter in place directive.

At a joint news conference last Tuesday morning, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner called for all but essential members of the public to stay at home, not to travel and not to congregate in groups. Businesses were advised to have their employees work

at home. The order is set to last ten days, until Friday April 3rd.

As of last Friday, there were 464 virus cases in the greater Houston area that had tested positive. These include Houston 69 with 1 death, Harris County 135 including 1 death, Brazoria County 39, Brazos County 31, Fort Bend County 86, Galveston County 40, Matagorda County 9 including 1 death, Montgomery County 41, Chambers County 2, Liberty County 2, Grimes County 2, Wharton County 3, and Walker County 2. Statewide in Texas



Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner make a joint announcement about the “STAY HOME WORK SAFE” order last Tuesday morning.

there are 1,731 cases with 23 deaths. Nationally in the U.S. there are 100,390 cases and 1,543 deaths. Worldwide the cases number 587,958 with 26,909 deaths.

The Order allowed the public to travel for necessities such as food and fuel, and allowed workers in 16 essential categories to continue to work. These include: Healthcare, Law Enforcement and Public Safety, Food and Agriculture, Electricity or Utility workers, Petroleum, Natural and Propane gas workers, Water and Wastewater workers, Transportation and logistics, including auto repair and postal service, Public Works, Communications and Media including newspapers, Government and Education, Critical manufacturing, Hazardous materials, Financial services including banks, Chemical workers, and Defense industries.

Across Texas a number of cities and counties have issued stay-at-home orders. These include Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, and Houston. Many states have

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Free food distributed at several schools and centers



Precinct 2 Northeast Community Center, seen above, and Aldine’s MO Campbell Center were just two of many sites throughout the area that were distributing free food to families in a drive-thru last week. Pct. 2 food came from the Hilton Americas Hotel, and consisted of carrots, potatoes, apples and brussel sprouts. It was distributed by Second Serving, and deputy constables from local precincts. It only lasted two hours, and then the food was all gone. Anyone with extra food is encouraged to call Pct. 2 for future distribution. The city of Houston is also distributing food at their community centers. Earlier in the week Aldine ISD distributed food parcels at 22 schools throughout the district.

3 Covid-19 Virus test sites now open



INFORMATION ON CORONAVIRUS TEST SITES:

- United Memorial Med Ctr. private site at 510 w. Tidwell, as seen above is free, and does not require pre-screening.
- People tested at the community based testing site are provided instructions on how to obtain their test results. Positive cases will continue to be reported by local health departments.
- Harris County and the City of Houston have announced that they have opened three drive-thru testing sites for Coronavirus tests, and plan to open several more in the next week. For all the public sites, pre-screening is required, and then those that qualify due to Coronavirus symptoms, or because they are in a high risk category, will be given an ID number and an appointment at one of the locations, that remain unidentified to the general public.
- City of Houston, at Butler Stadium, call 832-393-4220 for pre-screening. Also free. At both sites, only those with symptoms will be tested.
- Harris County has one site open in East Harris County, in the Baytown area. Prescreening is done at readyharris.com or by calling 832-927-7575.
- Harris County plans to open a second site in the Katy area this week.

Congress passes \$2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package

- \$1,200 for individuals earning \$75,000 annually or less
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- \$500 per child
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SCHOOL / COMMUNITY NEWS

CMA names MacArthur HS José Antonio Díaz a 2020 Music Teacher of Excellence Recipient

The Fifth Annual Music Teachers of Excellence Awards gives recognition to educators for their dedication and impact on the lives of students and the communities they serve.

The CMA Foundation, a national music education nonprofit and the philanthropic arm of the Country Music Association, is honoring 30 music teachers from across the country as Music Teachers of Excellence. Among the honorees is Aldine ISD's José Antonio Díaz.

Díaz is the jazz band director at MacArthur High School. He has been molding musicians at MacArthur HS since 1985. Díaz also works with students in Latin jazz at the Díaz Music Institute, a nonprofit he founded in 2000.

The MacArthur High School instructor has racked up plenty of recognition over the years. Texas Monthly featured Díaz in the October 2017 issue. He landed the No. 2 spot on the list that features the "30 Things You Need to Know About Texas Music Scene in 2017." Writer John Nova Lomax cited Díaz's passion for music education as well as his inspiring methods, which are "forming dynasties." His former students include Grammy-winning sidemen Joe Gonzalez, Robert Martinez and Felix DeLeon; Marcie Chapa, a percussionist who has backed Beyoncé, Jay-Z and Kanye West.

Díaz was named among the top 10 finalists for the 2017 Grammy Foundation's Music Educator Award.

Now in its fifth year, the annual program was created to recognize educators who are having the greatest impact on their students, using music as a vehicle for change.

The CMA Foundation was originally set to hold its annual Music Teachers of Excellence Awards on Tuesday, May 5, in Nashville. In light of the uncertainty everyone faces with the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the CMA Foundation has made the decision to postpone our Music Teachers of Excellence ceremony to a later date.



José Antonio Díaz

As the CMA Foundation continues to celebrate this year's honorees, the foundation is excited to inform the public that it and one of the Music Teachers of Excellence recipients will be on an episode of the "Kelly Clarkson Show," which airs on Wednesday, March 25.

Along with celebrating the honorees, the CMA Foundation will invest \$150,000 total to all of this year's recipients, with half of each teacher's investment going toward their classroom needs and music programs, and the other half to support professional development and personal expenses to continue driving commitment and motivation.

Award recipients are selected based on their dedication to bringing a high-quality music program to their students. The process also looks at the impact they've had on their school community through music. To date, the CMA Foundation has invested more than \$27 million nationally since 2006. This includes more than \$700,000 towards Music Teachers of Excellence to ensure music educators have the support and funding needed to create a thriving program within their school and community.

There are 20 Teachers of Excellence Tennessee Award recipients, but only 10 Music Teachers of Excellence National Award recipients.

The announcement comes during the annual celebration of Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM). It is the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation.

Please visit www.MusicTeachersOfExcellence.org for the latest news regarding the ceremony.

The CMA Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2021 Music Teachers of Excellence Awards. Public school music teachers can apply by visiting MusicTeachersOfExcellence.org.

2020 MUSIC TEACHERS OF EXCELLENCE NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Chris Maunu, Arvada West High School, Jefferson County Public Schools - Arvada, CO

- Efrain Casillas, Desert Oasis Elementary School & Portirio H. Gonzalez Elementary - Tolleson, AZ

- Joanie Padgett, Fitzgerald

High School College & Career Academy, Ben Hill County Schools - Fitzgerald, GA

- José Antonio Díaz, MacArthur High School, Aldine Independent School District - Houston, TX

- Kayla B. Werlin, Longmeadow High Schools, Longmeadow Public Schools - Longmeadow, MA

- Keith Hancock, Tesoro High Schools, Capistrano Unified School District - Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

- Kelsey, D. Burkett, Hillard Memorial Middle School, Hillard City Schools - Hillard, OH

- McKenna Stenson, Charles J. Colgan High School, Prince William County Public Schools - Manassas, VA

- Theresa McKnight, Oakdale Elementary School, Oak Hills School District - Cincinnati, OH

- Thomas Pierre, Thomas G. Pullen K-8 Creative and Performing Arts Academy, Prince George's County Public Schools - Landover, MD

In addition to the annual Music Teachers of Excellence awards, the CMA Foundation supports music education through strategic partnerships, professional development, and grant distribution. In January 2020, the CMA Foundation announced that \$2.5 million in grants were awarded to 56 national and regional organizations for the year. Since 2006, the Foundation has invested over \$27 million across the public school system, after school programs, summer camps, and community outreach. View the 2020 grantees here.

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Dr. Martha Escalante named Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement

What do a parent volunteer, principal, bilingual educator, and mentor have in common? Dr. Martha Escalante has held all of these roles at Aldine ISD over the past 24 years.

Dr. Escalante has devoted her career to ensuring strong student, family, and community connections. This month she was named Aldine ISD's new Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement.

Throughout her journey at Aldine ISD, Dr. Escalante's dedication to building relationships with students and families has remained a constant. What began as a volunteer opportunity grew into a career as a paraprofessional, teacher, specialist, and school leader. What started as a passion for serving students grew into a lifelong commitment.

"Throughout my 10 years as a school administrator — four years as a principal and six years as an assistant principal at Ermel Elementary — I

have collaborated to create a school vision and mission that helped us achieve academic recognition. My 24 years in Aldine ISD have equipped me with the tools needed to establish positive relationships with the staff, students, and community. My goal is to communicate the district's vision with our stakeholders and make them feel part of the family," said Dr. Escalante.

In addition to her work in Aldine ISD, Dr. Escalante also serves the broader education community through her leadership on the following committees:

TEA Educator Advisory Committee for Teacher Incentive Allotment

- Aldine ISD District Advisory Committee

- Literacy Task Force

- EL Task Force

Dr. Escalante takes the helm of the newly created office officially in July; however, her work starts now as she learns more about the community's needs and wants.



Dr. Martha Escalante

"Our strategic plan outlines our need to create more choices and opportunities for students. Of course, that means improving student outcomes and offering new programs and pathways. It also means ensuring parents are advocates for their children. We want the community to understand and connect to what the district is doing," said Sheleah D. Reed, Chief Communications Officer.

Lone Star College waiving fees for classes moving online

HOUSTON (March 25, 2020) - Lone Star College announced it will waive fees for courses which are moving online due to the coronavirus and delay a planned tuition increase. The waived fee also applies to the 8-week term, any remaining Next Start classes, May Mini-Mester, Summer I and Summer II distance learning classes.

LSC will also delay the tuition increase that was scheduled for fall 2020.

"During these times of income uncertainty, it is important that Lone Star College remove obstacles students may face to finish their education," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "Lone Star College is in excellent financial shape and we look forward to welcoming back students."

The adjusted distance

learning fee schedule is:

• A distance learning fee will not be charged for campus courses being converted to online.

• A distance learning fee will not be charged for classes that have not yet started (future classes are tentatively scheduled to begin April 13).

• May Mini-Mester, Summer I and Summer II sessions will not charge a distance learning fee.

• Starting in fall 2020 there will be no distance learning fee assessed to any student.

At the recommendation of the administration, the Board of Trustees approved to delay the tuition fee increase scheduled for fall 2020 which it approved during the March 7, 2020 board meeting.

"Given the current circumstances facing our stu-

dents and our country, Lone Star College recognizes that now is not the time to increase rates on students and has delayed this increase until spring 2021" said Head.

Distance learning fees for online classes that already started and a student was already charged will not be refunded.

Classes which need be moved online and which will remain face to face are still being determined. That information will be shared with students by April 10. All remaining classes are scheduled to resume April 13.

"All decisions will be made with each student's health and academic success in mind," said Head.

Visit LoneStar.edu/Coronavirus to learn more about how LSC is dealing with COVID-19.

ALDINE ISD College Board to offer free-response exams

The College Board has announced that it will provide free-response exams students can take at home in response to the Coronavirus.

The 45-minute exam will be open book/open note. The College Board said these tests will not test simple factual recall, but instead will focus on

skills and thematic understanding.

Students can find course specific exam information via this link: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>

The due date for portfolios in art and design: 2D Portfolio, Art and Design:

3D Portfolio and Art and Design and Drawing has been extended for all students until May 26, 2020 at 10:59 p.m. Central Standard Time. The College Board has not released a testing schedule yet, but it is expected to have a full exam schedule and specific free-response question types by April 3, 2020.

Aldine ISD recommends families to update their contact information

Parents and Legal Guardians:

To keep you up-to-date with the latest district news about COVID-19, we need your current contact information. Here are three ways to update

your contact information:

- If you have a Home Access Center Account (HAC), please go to HAC and ensure your contact information, phone, and email, are up-to-date.

HAC account, please register today by going to AldineISD.org/HAC

- If you need assistance, please contact HomeAccessCenter@aldineisd.org

Learn more at AldineISD.org/HAC

Aldine ISD extends deadline for Magnet School Acceptance Letter Submission

The Aldine Independent School District will accept signed Magnet School Acceptance Letters into one of its magnet school campuses until April 17. The extension is due to the disruption in district operations for COVID-19 prevention.

If your child has been assigned to be enrolled in one of the campuses of the district's magnet school program, families should have received a Magnet School Acceptance Letter from the Magnet Schools Office.

The original deadline

for families to complete and submit the Acceptance Letter was March 27, 2020. Again, that deadline has been moved to April 17. If you mail the Acceptance Letter to the Aldine ISD Magnet School Office, the envelope must be post-marked by midnight, April 17, to claim the seat available at the designated magnet campus.

The letters can also be scanned and emailed by April 17 to magnetschoolchoice@aldineisd.org.

Families can also choose to complete the letter online.

Students who were not selected in this lottery will remain in the lottery pool for subsequent lotteries. Parents do not need to re-apply.

If you have questions, please email Olivia Boatner, director of magnet schools, at magnetschoolchoice@aldineisd.org.

Aldine ISD has closed all schools and administration until after the Easter/Spring Holiday (a tentative date set for reopening) to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

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Governor Abbott allows event permit refunds for businesses affected by COVID-19 cancellations

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott announced that he is temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to help businesses whose events were cancelled due to COVID-19. Suspending these provisions will allow for

refunds of application fees paid to obtain a temporary event permit for an event that was later cancelled.

"With events and festivals across Texas cancelled, it is essential that we find ways to reduce the financial burden on event

organizers and the hospitality industry as a whole," said Governor Abbott. "By suspending these provisions, Texas is helping these businesses and organizations recoup some of the costs associated with their cancelled events."

COMMUNITY NEWS

New information on 'Curbside Meal Distribution Program'

In the wake of the Houston Independent School District's decision to shut down its food distribution program, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPRD) is clarifying how our Curbside Meal Program for Youth operates. HPRD's Curbside Meal Program for Youth is for ages 1 to 18. It consists of a snack and lunch. Food distribution takes place Monday-Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 50 HPRD Community Centers. As of today, up to 50 meals will be available at some sites, and may increase to up to 200 meals per site based on daily participation.

To ensure social distancing is maintained throughout the curbside meal distribution, meals will be placed in the trunk

of the recipient's car.

- Guidelines for meal distribution.
- Community Center Staff will distribute each participant the lunch and snack at one time.
- Each child will receive one lunch and one snack.
- Only children who come to the site for pick-up can receive the lunch and snack.
- A parent can't take food for a child that is not present at the time of pick-up.
- The Curbside Meal Program is an adaption of the federally funded and state managed After-School Meal Program which operates through HPRD's Community Centers.
- Funding for the program comes from a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture (T.D.A.) Child and Adult Care Food Program (C.A.C.F.P.).

The 50 HPRD Community Center Curbside Meal Program sites in Aldine area are:

- Melrose Park Community Center, 1001 Canino, Houston TX 77076
- Shady Lane Community Center, 10220 Shady Lane, Houston, TX 77093
- Tidwell Community Center, 9720 Spaulding Bldg. #1, Houston, TX 77016

Please visit HoustonTX.gov to see City of Houston's complete list of curbside meal program at 47 community centers. Families can also visit HoustonFoodBank.org to see the 250 open partner sites located across greater Houston.

Governor Abbott postpones Runoff Primary Election until Tuesday July 14th

AUSTIN, TX March 20, 2020 - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation postponing the runoff primary election until July 14, 2020 — the same date as the special election for Texas State Senate District 14. The runoff election was originally scheduled for May 26th, but has been postponed in conjunction with the state's ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The postponement of this election serves to help

fulfill the Governor's recent executive orders mandating certain obligation for Texans that are aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19, including the encouragement of social distancing. Holding the runoff in May would cause the congregation of large gatherings of people in confined spaces and cause numerous election workers to come into close proximity with others. This would threaten the health and safety of many Texans.



Early voting for the postponed runoff primary election will begin Monday, July 6, 2020.

Major Disaster Declaration issued for Texas

AUSTIN - March 25, 2020 - Governor Greg Abbott released a statement thanking President Trump for issuing a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Texas. This announcement comes after the Governor requested the declaration—citing the need for additional federal assistance to save lives, to

protect property, public health, and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of COVID-19.

"Texas is aggressively pursuing and implementing all necessary strategies to limit the impact of COVID-19, and I thank President Trump for his swift action to issue a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Texas," said Governor Abbott. "The President's declaration opens up new sources of funding for individual and public assistance that will help Texas respond to this public health emergency and protect public health and safety."

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Governor Abbott announces Federal Grant for Senior Citizen meals

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbot announced that Texas has received a \$16.2 million grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Community Living (ACL) to help communities provide meals for older adults.

The grant was part of a \$250 million dollar outlay authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, signed into law by President Trump on March 18, 2020. Originally created by the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, these programs provide

meals to more than 2.4 million older adults nationwide each year, both through home delivery and in places like community centers.

"This grant is especially timely given the disproportionately high toll that COVID-19 has been taking on seniors around the world," said Governor Abbott. "As social distancing measures increasingly and appropriately limit people's social mobility, it is imperative that alternate means for feeding our state's elderly like Meals on Wheels receive additional

resources to handle the growing need."

Texas will receive its proportional grant, \$16,205,796, second only to California (\$25 million) and Florida (\$18 million) this week for further distribution to local meal providers.

Older adults who need assistance can contact the Eldercare Locator to find services available in their community. The Eldercare Locator can be reached at 1-800-677-1116 or <https://eldercare.acl.gov/>.

Houston Health Department providing core services with temporary modifications due to COVID-19

HOUSTON - To help contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Houston Health Department modified some services to protect the health and well-being of the community.

The health department is open and providing core services, with the following temporary modifications:

- Multi Service Centers are open with access limited to clients of existing tenants. Group events of more than 10 people are being rescheduled.
- WIC clinics are open by appointment only.
- Health center clinical services are open by appointment only at Sunnyside, Northside and Sharpstown. La Nueva Casa de Amigos will temporarily close so staff can be consolidated to the three other health centers. Appointments scheduled at La Nueva Casa de Amigos

are being rescheduled to the other health centers.

- Vital records (birth and death certificates) are being processed by phone and online. Shipping fees are waived while the lobby is temporarily closed.
- Face-to-face services such as case management, home visitations, group education classes, benefits counseling, and enrollment activities are being temporarily transitioned to telephone-based models.
- The Client Access Program, which provides screening and certification for health care programs such as Medicaid and Harris Health, is consolidating to the West End Health Center.
- The home delivered meals program is expanded to include participants who normally receive meals at congregate meal sites, temporarily closed to

promote safety with this vulnerable population.

- Emergency dental care for older adults will continue but elective geriatric dental appointments are being rescheduled.
- Group activities, trainings and social gatherings are canceled and/or being rescheduled.
- Service locations such as health centers and WIC clinics are implementing phone or text notifications to allow patients to wait outside until time for service. Social distancing measures are being utilized in waiting rooms.

The Houston Health Department COVID-19 emergency operations center remains fully activated.

Houstonians should visit HoustonHealth.org/covid19 for the latest information and ways to protect their family and community.



Adjusting

Like many of you, I am missing the one on one interaction with other. I miss the hugs at work, at church and throughout the week. I miss passing through my office building and catching up on details of the lives of others in the community. I have also adjusted to listening to multiple press conferences daily as well as "hearing" the quietness of my home.

It has taken getting accustom to, but we have had to ask friends and family not to call during working hours. Most of them would never dare to call us between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., yet a friend shared that one person has sent over 45 texts a day until my friend asked her not to communicate during those hours. Imagine the frustration of our elders who never worked on work at home, now trying to understand their children and grandchildren "working from home" in their pajamas?

One friend who was sent home to work suddenly wants her employer to pay for her internet as well as furnish a laptop. The

employer basically told her to furnish her own or the job could be eliminated. I am just happy that I can trade out using my own equipment, for not having to use my gas and car to get to work. I know I am saving money on dry cleaning and while working from home, I can easily step into the kitchen and make something for lunch as well as eat the comfort of my own home much cheaper and easier than leaving my office for lunch.

There are some professions that are surely dealing with the "stay home" situation much worse than others. Educators do not serve in public schools for the money or the benefits. Ask any teacher and they will tell you they do it because they love seeing students learn. They see each day to make a difference in the lives of the younger generation. So many of them are now home and offering tutorials over the computer. Yet they are missing the daily interaction of the classroom. Those teachers who are parents

of school aged children are really having a hard time adjusting. Imagine working with younger children and now your high school son needs help with his math?

Those who are having to work as if nothing is going on, are certainly in need of our prayers. There are those in health care, law enforcement, first responders, truck drivers, grocery store employees and the food industry who are working either too many or too few hours. They are still trying to budget their money and other resources. They need their rest.

There are also some people who simply do not want to listen to what the authorities are asking of us. Not wanting to name any names, but each day I have reminded two senior citizens that even if they do not get in their car and put on 15-30 miles each day, the car will still operate when it is safe to get out.

Let's learn something as we adjust and start sharing what we have learned.

Houston Parks Department response to COVID-19

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department has enacted new restrictions concerning HPRD facilities in response to COVID-19.

Closed Park Facilities

- The Memorial Park Tennis Center, Lee LeClear Tennis Center, and MacGregor Park Homer Ford Tennis Center (Note: neighborhood tennis courts will remain open).
- All Municipal Golf Courses operated by HPRD and their driving ranges, including Gus Wortham, Hermann, Melrose, Memorial, Sharpstown, and the First Tee at FM Law Park.
- All COH playgrounds, water playgrounds, skateparks, basketball

courts, and outdoor exercise equipment.

- All Houston Parks and Recreation Department Community Centers remain closed, including fitness centers, the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, and the North Wayside Sports Center.
- All public, produced, permitted, and sponsored events are cancelled through April 30th. In addition, all private events, private leagues, and private gatherings of 10 or more people are cancelled through April 30th. Cancellation fees are waived and HPRD will provide credit/refunds for permitted events, private leagues, and reservations through April 30th.
- Department group-

structured programs are cancelled until further notice.

- Dog parks remain open until further notice.
- Lake Houston Wilderness Park remains open, however, the Nature Center, cabins, and dining hall are closed. Visitors are urged to pack extra soap and hand sanitizer as a precaution. If you have been sick in the last two weeks, please stay home.
- All City parks and trails remain open and available for use. Please observe the CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times. For City of Houston COVID-19 information updates visit: houstonemergency.org/covid19.

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Ask Rusty – Retiring from Work; When Should I Claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I turned 63 August 12th, 2019. I will be retiring June 30th, 2020 from my current job. I will have made approximately \$35,000 by then and am receiving severance pay of \$19,000 on June 30th. Will the pay I receive through June 30th affect what I can draw from Social Security? Also, how much of a difference would it be if I wait until August 12th, 2020 to officially start drawing Social Security? Is there any other information I should be aware of before I start drawing Social Security? Signed: Anxious to Retire

Dear Anxious: First, let me assure you that the money you earned this year before your benefits start aren't counted as part of Social Security's "earnings test" which could affect your payment after your benefits start. When you claim, your Social Security benefit amount will depend upon two things – your "primary insurance amount" (or "PIA") which is determined from your highest earning 35 years (adjusted for inflation) over your lifetime, and the age at which you claim your SS benefit. By claiming at age 64 in August, your benefit will be cut by about 15.6% from what it would be if you wait to claim at your full retirement age (66 plus 4 months). Your earnings for 2020 won't be applied to your SS record until after you file your 2020 taxes in 2021, so won't affect your benefits (if appropriate) until after that. If your 2020 earnings are more than any of those in the 35 years used to initially compute your benefit, your benefit will increase at that time. The day of the month you were born isn't significant, only the month. So, if you apply to start benefits in August of 2020, your benefit cut will be as stated above because you're claiming exactly 2 years and 4 months early. But if you wait longer you'll gain another 5/9ths of 1% (.556%) for each

additional month you delay up until your full retirement age (FRA).

Although you plan to retire from work, be aware that if you decide to return you'll be subject to Social Security's earnings limit once you are collecting benefits before your FRA, and that will be the case until you reach your full retirement age. If you go back to work after you start your SS and earn more than \$1,520 in any remaining month of 2020, you'll not be entitled to benefits for that month. Starting in 2021, you'll be subject to an annual earnings limit of at least \$18,240 (that's the 2020 limit – limits for future years aren't yet known but will be higher). Exceeding the annual limit will cause SS to withhold half of anything you earn over the limit. The limit is more, and the penalty is less in the year you reach your FRA and goes away once you have reached your full retirement age.

Finally, to be sure you're aware, you can actually defer claiming SS until age 70 if you wish. After you reach your full retirement age you'll earn delayed retirement credits (DRCs) of 8% per year of delay, which are added to your benefit when you finally claim it. That would give you a benefit which is 29% more at age 70 than it would be at your full retirement age.

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Governor takes actions to slow down deadly virus

AUSTIN — Texas is more invested every day in promoting increased and thorough hand washing, disinfecting surfaces and social distancing to reduce cases of the rapidly spreading novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

As of March 22, the cumulative count of patients testing positive in Texas increased to 334. The death count stood at five with 8,756 people having been tested, according to figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

As the work week began, Gov. Greg Abbott was still not ready to order all Texans to stay at home, as local authorities ordered in Dallas County. However, he issued four statewide executive orders in accordance with federal guidelines issued by President Trump and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

—Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people;

—People shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts or visiting gyms or massage parlors — provided, however, that drive-thru, pickup or delivery options are allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of the executive order;

—People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance; and

—Schools shall temporarily close.

Abbott's orders, effective through 11:59 p.m. on April 3, are subject to extension.

Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt also declared a public health disaster last week.

Hellerstedt's declaration allows state and local health authorities to more

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

easily require property owners to disinfect, decontaminate, and seal off property that might be contaminated by COVID-19.

The declaration also: —Authorizes health authorities to take control measures to eradicate the threat to public health;

—Streamlines the process for health authorities to invoke the courts to enforce quarantines of individuals; and

—Activates enhanced tools for DSHS to collect disease and health information and to share that information with law enforcement personnel and first responders, as appropriate.

Governor activates Guard

Gov. Abbott on March 17 activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts for COVID-19, ensuring that the military force can assist in various forms throughout the state when needed.

Healthcare workers and first responders who are members of the Texas National Guard are excluded from this activation so that they can continue serving the people of Texas in their respective fields, Abbott said.

SBA assistance requested

Gov. Abbott on March 17 requested designation from the Small Business Administration to access the federal agency's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for the entire state.

If granted, Abbott said, the Small Business Administration would provide long-term, low-interest loans to qualifying businesses across the state.

Small business owners are invited to visit the Texas Division of Emergency Management website: <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/> where they will be directed to an online application on the SBA website.

Telemedicine to increase

Gov. Abbott on March 17 waived certain regulations and directed the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency rule relating to telemedicine care in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Abbott said his actions build upon previous waivers of portions in the Occupations Code to expand provider flexibility in providing medical services over the phone.

Medical providers seeking guidance on the impact of the new rule can expect guidance from the Texas Medical Board to be issued in the coming days. Insurers seeking guidance on the emergency rule should contact the Texas Department of Insurance or visit their webpage for more information.

Goal: Stop transmission

The Texas Department of Transportation on March 17 announced actions to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

TxDOT postponed or canceled its in-person public hearings and gatherings through April 3, subject to change. However, work on projects to improve our transportation system continues, as does TxDOT's ongoing work to maintain and operate our state's transportation system.

Meanwhile, TxDOT has closed the lobbies of its 12 Travel Information Centers until further notice, but outside restrooms will remain available at all times and will be regularly cleaned between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Also, safety rest areas on highways throughout the state will remain open.

AG: Price-gougers beware

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 21 warned retail suppliers, including those who supply grocery stores and pharmacies, that state law strictly prohibits price gouging in the wake of a disaster.

Price gouging laws apply to any person or entity selling necessities at an exorbitant or excessive price after a disaster has been declared by the governor or president. This prohibition includes those who supply retailers.

Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Paxton said, any price-gougers may be required to reimburse consumers and may be held liable for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation with an additional penalty of up to \$250,000 if the affected consumers are elderly.

THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"Waiting for the Sun"

An enormous box arrives at our house. It is filled with food and cleaning supplies and, yes, toilet paper. I feel guilty. But the truth is, these supplies were ordered months ago. My husband, Peter, was a hoarder long before hoarding was in fashion.

"Here you go!" Peter says, as he unpacks the latest shipment. "Eight more pounds of oatmeal!" My oatmeal consumption over the past few weeks while writing would certainly set some sort of record had I been keeping track. Peter pulls out a one-gallon bottle of hand sanitizer—also ordered before everyone in the world wanted it. "You see?" he says, brandishing the bottle with more than a touch of pride, "I was a germaphobe before germaphobes were cool!"

And it's true. Peter has always had a slightly higher-than-average concern about germs. We live in a small town, with no regular job to go to and no children to care for. Add to that Peter's insistence that we have a four-month supply of all the essentials, and our lives have been less affected than anyone I know.

My parents are in Florida and it looks like they will be staying there for the indefinite future. Normally, they'd be heading back north, but they don't know where they'd stay on the way home and, with everything so uncertain, they're staying put. They are in their 80s so, naturally, I worry. But my mother seems pretty calm.

"We don't play bingo!" she explains, as if bingo was the primary source of the contagion. She tells me they've shut down the pool and the Internet room and the woodshop where my dad likes to go. "But not pickleball!" she tells me. Pickleball games continue, with or without a pandemic.

Before the restaurants were shut down, we had dinner with our scientist friends, Mary and Wolfgang. It's nice to have the news digested and parsed by scientists. But they were not terribly reassuring. "I've been washing my hands until they're chapped!" Mary complained. Their son has just started work as an EMT and Mary feels certain he will contract the virus. She is afraid—but he is young and strong and helping people. She is proud of him.

The hardest hit are, of course, the very old and the very sick. My brother-in-law is both. Peter's oldest sister's husband is dying of Alzheimer's and now she cannot visit him. Everyone in the nursing home is so fragile that they have shut the door to visitors.

"He won't understand why no one is visiting!" she tells us, and I'm sure this is true. I don't know how much he understands about anything at this point but he certainly will not comprehend that a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic is preventing his wife from seeing him.

"I've been thinking, maybe I could look at him through the window," she says, and my heart breaks a little, imagining her standing outside the window of the nursing home in the early spring cold. The nursing staff promised they would let her come when her husband is dying. No one knows when that will be.

For those of us who have it easy, life is not much different and not so very difficult. For those who already have too much on their plate, these times are almost too much to bear.

Peter read somewhere that the sun was good at killing the virus. I hope this is true. I know the sun provides cheer and we could certainly use some more of that. So, right now, I'm watching the sky and waiting for the sun.

Till next time,
Carrie

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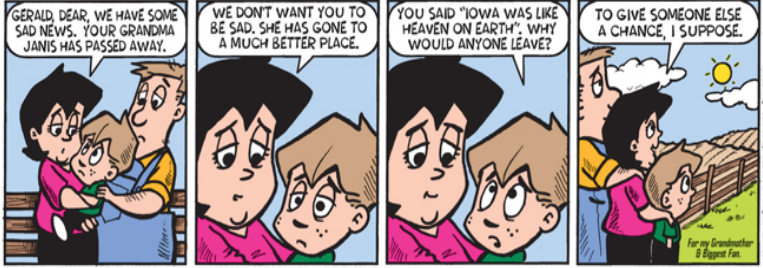
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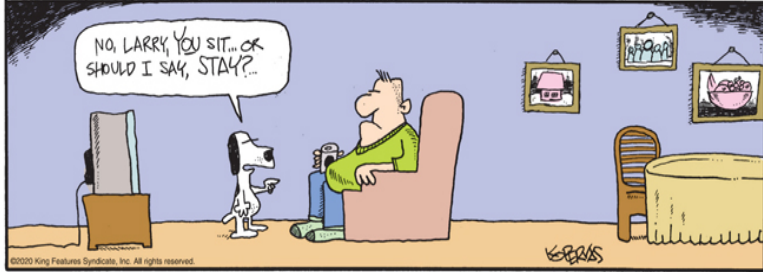
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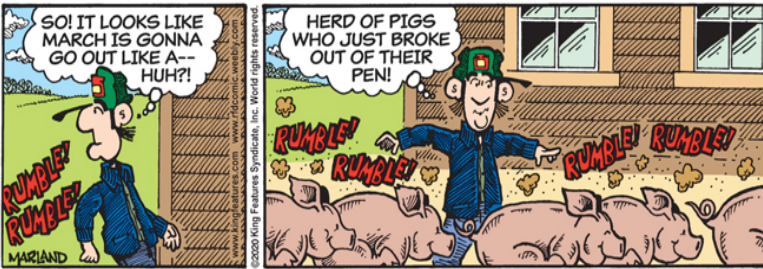
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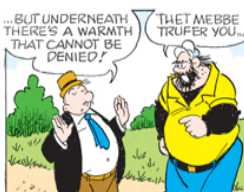
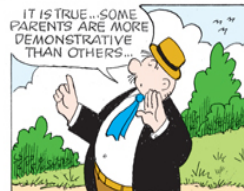
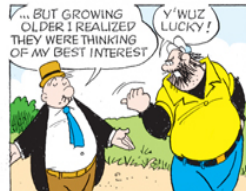
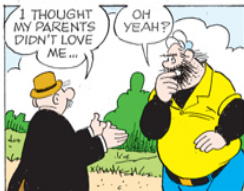
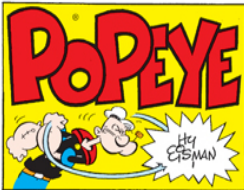
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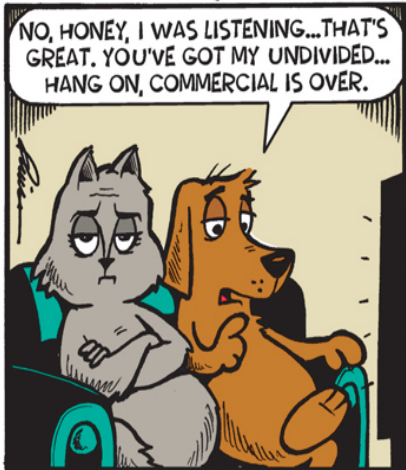
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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LAFF-A-DAY



"I get a guilt complex stealing bases!"



"sometimes wonder if my husband ever gets this tired _____ the money."

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!

- Attest WARES
Correct UNSHIP
Keen TRADEN
Deduce ANGEL

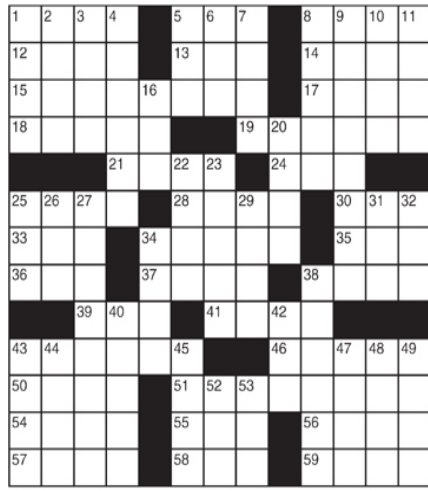
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- 1 Uncategorized (Abbr.)
5 Web address
8 Portent
12 Maleficence
13 Menagerie
14 Scruff
15 Reading material
17 Matures
18 World-weariness
19 Salty solutions
21 Fix, in a way
24 Raw rock
25 Knighted woman
28 Nuisance
30 Kennedy or Koppel
33 Carte lead-in abbr.
34 Newton or Stern
35 Anger
36 Gasoline stat
37 Dilbert's workplace
38 Check bar codes
39 Born
41 Fourth dimension
43 Marketplaces of old
46 Got up
50 Story
51 Belgian surrealist Rene
54 Ear-related
55 Individual



DOWN

- 1 Viral Internet phenom
2 Terrible guy?
3 Autograph
4 Contract section
5 Submachine gun
6 Reagan or Howard
7 Leopold's
8 Broadcasting
9 Attractive
10 Duel tool
11 Loch - Monster
16 Speed along
20 Campus mil. org.
22 Church section
23 Leavening agent
25 Water barrier
26 Jungfrau, for one
27 Mississippi bloom
29 Munro pseudonym
31 Historic period
32 Hideaway
34 Concept
38 Episodic TV show
40 Put up
42 Scratch
43 On
44 Fence opening
45 Urban pall
47 Maestro
48 Go no farther
49 Congers, e.g.
52 Whatever number
53 Jewel

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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.

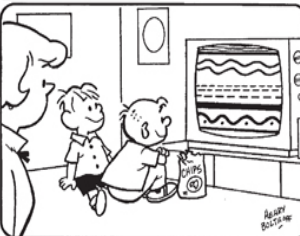
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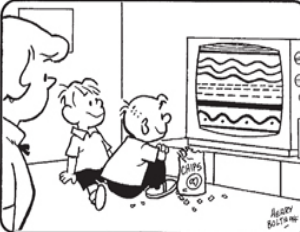
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Picture is missing. 2. Wave is added on screen. 3. Pants are different. 4. Craps is on the floor. 5. Blouse is different. 6. Buttons are missing.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: Which 1980s hit movie was originally titled "When I Grow Up"?
2. BIBLE: Which book of the Bible has the most chapters?
3. MYTHOLOGY: What were the original names of our moon, according to the Romans and Greeks?
4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the president in the TV drama "The West Wing"?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president and first lady hosted the first Easter egg roll on the White House lawn?
6. GEOLOGY: What is the most common volcanic rock?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Which range of mountains provides a boundary between the continents of Europe and Asia?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?
9. LITERATURE: In which 20th-century novel does the character of Nick Carraway appear?
10. HISTORY: Which treaty ended World War I?

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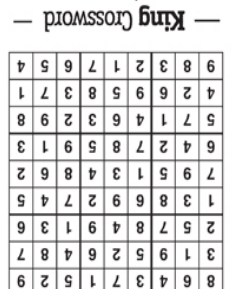
- 1. "Big"
2. Psalms, 150
3. Luna to Romans, and Science to Greeks
4. Josiah Bartlet and Lucy Hayes
5. Rutherford and Lucy Hayes
6. Basalt
7. Ural Mountains
8. A cygnet
9. "The Great Gatsby"
10. The Treaty of Versailles

Trivia Test Answers



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers



Answers

CryptoQuip
If you're told to go find and interview a seven-foot guy, I'd say it's a tall order!

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.

Clue: H equals R

KV DSJ'HF MSBN MS ES VKTN ZTN
KTMFHQKFR Z YFQFT-VSSM EJD,
K'N YZD KM'Y Z MZBB SHNFH!

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SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
EARNING
1. Swear; 2. Punish; 3. Ardent; 4. Clean solution

CHURCH PAGE


A MESSAGE
From Bonding Against Adversity

Dear Volunteers,
I hope that this message finds you all well and in good health. As you all may know, in response to recommendations from federal, state and local governments, in respect for the health of those we serve, volunteers, staff and host sites, Bonding Against Adversity is suspending its Citizenship Application Workshops and Citizenship Preparation Classes for now. If our host locations extend or otherwise limit activities at their locations, Bonding may be required to extend this cancellation notice.
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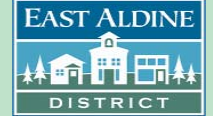
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Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O1824

Application and Draft Permit. Royal Baths Manufacturing Company, 14635 Chrisman Rd, Houston, TX 77039-1116, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O1824, Application No. 29969, to authorize operation of the Chrisman Road Facility, an All Other Plastics Product Manufacturing facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 14635 Chrisman Rd in Houston, Harris County, Texas 77039-1116. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.928888&lng=-95.363611&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on January 21, 2020.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the High Meadows Branch Library, 4500 Aldine Mail Route, Houston, Texas 77039-5915, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website: www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

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

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

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

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record.

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

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

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

Further information may also be obtained for Royal Baths Manufacturing Company by calling Mr. Caesar Hage at (281) 442-3400.

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LIFESTYLE



Humble Sailor conducts pre-flight inspection on U.S. Navy helicopter

SOUTH CHINA SEA (March 16, 2020) Lt. Perry Starling, from Humble, Texas, assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25, conducts a pre-flight inspection on an MH-60S helicopter in the hangar bay of amphibious assault ship USS America (LHA 6). America, flagship of the America Expeditionary Unit team, is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations to enhance interoperability with allows and partners to defend peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.



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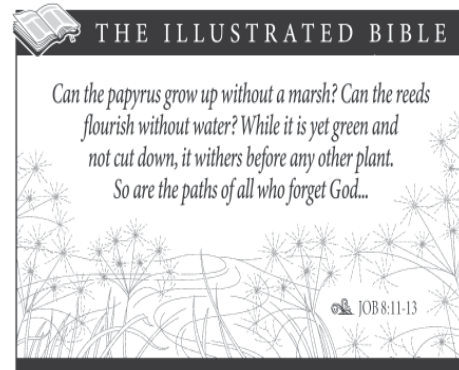
by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Iscariot in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Where did Jesus share "The Last Supper" with his apostles before His crucifixion? Nineveh, Kartan, Bethlehem, Jerusalem
3. Jesus was arrested in what garden that sat at the base of the Mount of Olives? Shulamite, Eden, Gethsemane, Solomon
4. When Jesus died, for how long was there darkness over the land? 7 minutes, 3 hours, 2 days, 1 week
5. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Jerusalem; 3) Gethsemane; 4) 3 hours; 5) Thomas (called Didymus); 6) 40 days

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COMMUNITY NEWS

METRO bus riders to board & exit through rear doors during COVID-19 response, fare collection temporarily suspended

METRO is making several significant service modifications to allow for continued safe operations of critical public transportation services amid the coronavirus COVID-19 response.

Local Bus
- Starting Monday, March 23, to support social distancing, passengers must use the rear door when boarding and exiting a local bus.

- Only passengers with mobility issues will be able to request the use of the front door of the bus to access the ramp.

- Beginning, Monday, March 23, local bus routes will be operating on a schedule similar to Saturday service Monday through Friday.

Park & Ride Bus
- Park & Ride routes to the Texas Medical Center will continue to operate normally.

292 West Bellfort/ Westwood/ TMC

297 South Point/ Monroe/ TMC

298 Kingsland/ Addicks/ NWTC/ TMC

- Service will be reduced on all other Park & Ride routes following a sharp ridership decline.

- A shuttle has been added to serve stops in the TMC and reduce passenger loads on METRORail.



METRORail passengers practice social distancing as seats are marked unavailable.

METRORail
- METRORail will operate on normal schedules.

Fares and other Service Notes

- Beginning Monday, March 23, METRO is temporarily suspending collection of fares on local bus, light rail, Park & Ride and METROLift.

- The Authority is implementing this change to assist those facing sudden economic hardship and provide ease of use for medical workers.

- Starting, Monday, March 23, all RideStore locations will be closed.

Passengers are reminded to only take essential trips to support essential services and follow the advice of public health officials. Customers should check service alerts for updated schedule information.

Additional adjustments have reduced customer seating by 50 percent and allow passengers to spread out while on board.

The following changes

have been implemented to encourage social distancing:

- Seats on buses and METRORail have been tagged as unavailable.

- Additional buses have been added to popular routes at peak commute times to reduce crowding on vehicles.

- Signs and notifications have been posted at transit centers, Park & Ride lots and rail stations to encourage passengers to practice responsible social distancing.



METRO's employee sanitizing booth ticket in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

- When buses reach 50 percent seating, digital signs will advise customers to wait for the next bus.

METRORail customers should spread out across each rail car and avoid crowding on trains.

Those utilizing Park & Ride buses and METROLift should also expect reduced seating to limit close contact among riders.

METRO is continuing with the practice of putting an even greater emphasis on disinfecting surfaces frequently touched by the public during our daily bus and rail cleaning.

As well as, displaying posters, digital signage and service alerts that re-

mind riders of public health officials' recommendations to stop the spread of germs.

The additional safety measures may result in delays on certain routes and riders should plan accordingly, including adjusting travel schedules. Also, METRO's TRIP app and Next Bus Arrival Texting may not be accurate. Customers should stay informed by subscribing to real-time, route information through METRO's service alert system and monitoring the agency's social media accounts, Twitter, Facebook. Customer service can be reached at 713-635-4000.

MESSAGE TO EAST ALDINE RESIDENTS

From Gerald Overturff



Dear Aldine Residents,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the East Aldine Management District we join with the county and other governmental agencies in asking residents and businesses to take all appropriate precautions to help contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 through the Houston area.

We are living in uncertain times and we know this can cause some anxiety and

worry as we grapple with how the coming days and weeks will play out. As your partner, we want to ensure your safety and wellbeing are our top priority.

Currently we have cancelled all District meetings and events in March and will be evaluating April meetings and events and will reach out to you as decisions are made. As always, you can refer to our website, www.AldineDistrict.org,

for updates and information as well. We are also considering the possibility of hosting virtual meetings, and more information will be forthcoming as we research our options.

This COVID-19 e-news was created to help you find needed resources and information to help everyone through these trying times.

**Gerald Overturff,
Chairman
East Aldine
Management District**

Judge approves waiver to enable HCC students to make face shields

HOUSTON, TX - March 26, 2020 - Houston Community College will Use Its Own 3D Printers, Laser Cutters and Machining Equipment to Assist Area Hospitals.

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo on Thursday approved a waiver that will allow Houston Community College to use high-capacity 3D printing labs to produce mass quantities of protective face shields while operating as "Essential Critical Infrastructure." The shields will assist M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann Health System, and Baylor College of Medicine.

"Medical workers are on the front lines and we need to protect them," Judge Hidalgo said. "These are extraordinary times that

require all of us to think creatively and offer up our resources, and I commend HCC for seeing this as an opportunity to help our hospital system fill a critical need."

The Memorial Hermann Health System currently has access to 600 face shields per day using TX/RX Labs, a local nonprofit makerspace that produces personal protective equipment. HCC has two facilities that can provide high-capacity production of protective face shields while requiring minimal staff supervision:

- The IDEASstudio at West Houston Institute, capacity: 32 printers, each can produce 600 face shields per day

- The Advanced Manufacturing Center at HCC's

Stafford Campus: 30 printers, each can produce 600 face shields per day

Once fully operational, the HCC sites in partnership with TX/RX Labs could produce more than 30,000 face shields per day while requiring no more than two qualified staff members at each location.

Judge Hidalgo issued a mandatory Stay Home-Work Safe order for Harris County on Tuesday, closing non-essential businesses through April 3 in an effort to preserve public health and safety. Manufacturers of ventilators, personal protective equipment, or other medical supplies and equipment necessary for the COVID-19 response may apply for an "Essential Business" exemption.

Stay Home,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

also issued such an order, such as California and Ohio, but Texas Governor Abbott has said he will not follow, because most of the counties in this large and often rural state have not reported any cases of the virus.

However, Governor Abbott did issue several executive orders on March 19, which included the following regulations:

- Every person in Texas is to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people.

- No dining in at restaurants, bars, or food courts. Take out, drive-thru and delivery options will be allowed.

- Gyms are to remain closed.

- Schools are to remain closed, but online or alternative learning options may be used.

- No visitations at nursing homes, retirement centers, or long-term care facilities unless it is to provide critical care assistance.

THIS IS NOT A SHEL-

TER IN PLACE ORDER. You can still go to grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, parks, and banks. Essential government services and critical infrastructure still operational, and domestic travel allowed.

These orders got into effect on March 20, 2020 and will end at midnight on April 3rd.

The pandemic has spread quickly through the United States, and the rest of the world. Worldwide figures indicate that more than 380,000 have been infected and tested positive, and more than 16,000 have died. Counties with the most cases include China, Italy, United States, Spain, Germany, Iran, France and South Korea. Italy has the most deaths, over 6000.

Texas has reported statewide over 355 cases, with 6 deaths.

PCT. 2 COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA ON STAY-AT-HOME ORDER:

In reaction to Judge Lina Hidalgo's decision to issue a county-wide stay at

home order in Harris County, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia released the following statement:

"Today, Judge Hidalgo is making a true leadership decision. It is a very tough, yet extremely prudent choice, but her compass is to find the best possible path that could wind up saving lives of many Harris County residents. The reason for Judge Hidalgo's decision is not solely of her choosing, however, and a stay-at-home order in Harris County comes after careful deliberation and counsel from many health care and business leaders. With what we've seen in other parts of the country, I agree we can't afford to delay, and for my Precinct 2 family, I welcome her decision. This is the best hope for Harris County to prevent a widespread disaster, harming all of us that live, work, and play in this county. I strongly support the order from the Judge. Too many of our neighbors' lives are at stake."

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