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From Tarrant County Law Enforcement Executives Association & The Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office

Cite and Release Program

A person detained by the police for cer-

B misdemeanor offenses is eligible for a Enforcement Executives Association. citation, rather than an immediate arrest. County Law Executives, Tarrant County magistrates ance the best way to handle criminal worked together in recent months to deter- another tool at their discretion to address mine how it will be implemented.

process. Police, prosecutors and courts always seek to improve the fairness, accufits all stakeholders, including the accused," Azle Police Chief Rick Pippins said.

citation to appear before Tarrant County offender appears, the magistrate notifies citation. The law enforcement agency then files the case with the DA's Office for prosecution.

tain low-level, misdemeanor crimes in still have their cases filed with the DA's another way to prosecute these cases effi-Tarrant County may now be issued a cita- office. Tarrant County has 41 municipal tion, instead of being immediately arrested. law enforcement agencies. Not every The change is part of a law called Cite agency may choose to use Cite and immediate arrest, the offender must be an and Release that was passed by the Texas Release," said Chief Cody Phillips, City of Legislature in 2007. Under the law, a Haltom City Police Department and presidefendant charged with some Class A and dent of the Tarrant County Law

> Enforcement best course of action when trying to balsituations where a crime has been commit-Gardens Police Chief Greg Petty.

Eligible charges include: Possession of racy and speed of the system which bene-marijuana less than two ounces; possession of marijuana between two and four ounces; possession of controlled substance in penalty group 2A less than two ounces; Here's how it works: Officers issue a possession of controlled substance in penalty group 2A between two and four magistrates on a certain date, instead of ounces; criminal mischief if the amount of ty to lessen the burdens on both the citizen making an immediate arrest. When the loss is between \$100 and \$750; graffiti if the amount of loss is between \$100 and the law enforcement agency that wrote the \$2,500; and theft if the value stolen is between \$100 and \$750.

> "We are not dismissing theft or drug cases," Tarrant County Criminal District

"Offenders who receive a citation will Attorney Sharen Wilson said. "This is just ciently."

To be eligible for a citation instead of an adult who lives in Tarrant County and committed the offense in Tarrant County as well. The offender must have ID sufficient to prove his or her identity. The offender "A custodial arrest is not always the must not have an outstanding warrant for a Class B or higher offense.

Other Texas counties such as Harris, and the Criminal District Attorney's Office behavior. Cite and Release gives the officer Dallas, Bexar and Travis already have begun to use Cite and Release.

"Cite and Release may provide an "The search for improvement in the ted but making an arrest is not in the best avenue for officers to focus on more criticriminal justice system is a continual interest of justice," said Dalworthington cal calls for service," Sansom Park Police Chief Carolyn Gilmore said.

> "The benefits of Cite and Release are that it can save officers time, jail costs and taxpayer dollars, while using the existing magistrate and prosecution systems. It is a win-win for all involved," Everman Police Chief Craig Spencer said.

"We believe it will be a great opportuniand officer," said Fort Worth Assistant Police Chief Joseph Sparrow.

Have a Happy and Safe Independence Day!

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For more information, visit lmarfw.com Sadler contact Scott jscottsadler@aol.com.

From the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Tarrant Area Food Bank to hold Mega **Mobile Market Friday**

The Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB) assistance from this location, one of 13, Aug. 20 and Aug. 27. TAFB's most consistent distribution locations of the past year.

serve all residents of the Tarrant area who are in need of food assistance, as well as been affected by hardships, such as the are still recovering from the effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

TAFB will hold the Mega Mobile has extended their agreement with Fort Markets on the following Fridays, from 9 Worth ISD to hold Mega Mobile Markets a.m. to noon at Herman Clark Stadiumat Herman Clark Stadium through the 5201 CA Roberson Blvd, Fort Worth, TX month of August. This will allow Tarrant 76119 on the following dates: July 2, July area families to continually receive food 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, Aug. 6, Aug.

Food insecurity is still an issue that many families in the Tarrant area are fac-Mega Mobile Markets are designed to ing. During the pandemic, TAFB saw a 60 percent increase in the number of families who relied on food bank services for the anyone whose access to nutritious food has first time. Because of this, many families COVID-19.



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From the North Central Texas Council of Governments

NCTCOG Online Comment Opportunity Closes July 6

through July 6 by visiting www.nctcog.org/input.

as the metropolitan planning organization for the 12-county be highlighted as part of the public input opportunity. Dallas-Fort Worth area. Draft recommendations for the Fiscal To request printed copies of the information discussed, call 817-Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 UPWP will be presented.

Each year, the Regional Transportation Council approves an update to the Regional 10-Year Plan, which identifies major proj- About the North Central Texas Council of Governments: ects to be implemented in Dallas-Fort Worth. An updated draft list review and comment.

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In addition to maintaining transportation planning documents, Plan Act of 2021 and Fiscal Year 2021 Program of Projects.

NCTCOG is also requesting funding for several automated Transportation Department, visit www.nctcog.org/trans. vehicle projects through the Automated Vehicle 2.0 Program and will present details on each project being recommended for About the Regional Transportation Council: approval.

From Suburban Newspapers Staff Writers

Western Hills Class of 1971 50th Reunion

The Western Hills High School classmates of 1971 are having their 50th class reunion this fall.

There will be an icebreaker event on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a fajita buffet.

There will be a dinner and dance on Friday, Oct. 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Ridglea Country Club located at 3700 Bernie Anderson Ave in Fort Worth.

The cost is \$150 per person if paid by July 31, and \$170 if paid by Sept. 7 (last purchase date).

Make check or money order payable to: Western Hills Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion; and mail to: PO Box 1621, Fort Worth, TX 76097.

North Texans can provide input beginning June 7 on several years. Details of this year's Federal Highway Administration and transportation initiatives managed by the North Central Texas Federal Transit Administration joint certification review process Council of Governments, including the Unified Planning Work will be provided. The presentation and a survey from the federal Program, Regional 10-Year Plan and Congestion Management agencies will be available online at www.nctcog.org/input, and all Process. Residents can comment on these and other topics public comments should be submitted directly to FHWA and FTA.

Proposed modifications to the list of funded projects, Mobility The UPWP provides a summary of the transportation and 2045 administrative revisions, the Access North Texas plan, Map related air quality planning efforts to be conducted by NCTCOG Your Experience tool and vehicle funding opportunities will also

608-2365 or email cbaylor@nctcog.org.

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments covering projects through Fiscal Year 2031, will be presented for established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating Urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 must imple- for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to ment and maintain a CMP to measure congestion levels and pri-strengthen both the individual and collective power of local govoritize management strategies. Details will also be presented for ernments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, NCTCOG staff assists in managing funding for different modes of which is centered in the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort transportation and will present information related to Federal Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 238 member governments Transit Administration funding through the American Rescue including 16 counties, 169 cities, 22 school districts and 31 special districts. For more information on the NCTCOG

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Finally, federal regulations require large metropolitan areas to Central Texas Council of Governments has served as the conduct a review of the metropolitan planning process every four Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropolitan area. The Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties.

> The RTC's 44 members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers.

More information can be found at www.nctcog.org.



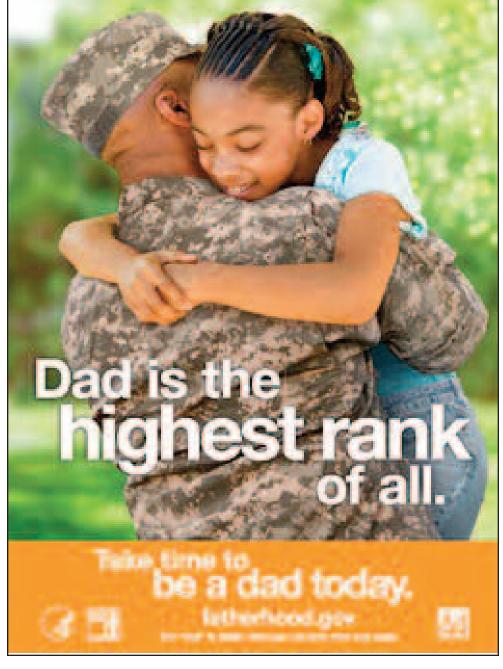
From the City of White Settlement

Drive-Thru COVID-19 Vaccine Site

A drive-thru COVID-19 vaccine site is now available in White Settlement in the Splash Dayz parking lot area located at 405 N. Las Vegas Trail. Hours of operation are Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Pfizer vaccine, dose 1 or dose 2 will be available by appointment.

Make your appointment by going to **this site**, scrolling down to the "White Settlement" location.





"My Name is Old Glory"

by Howard Schnauber, courtesy Fort Collins Public Library Local History Archive

I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning.

I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.

I stand for freedom.

I am confident.

I am arrogant.

I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher,

My colors a little truer.

I bow to no one!

I am recognized all over the world.

I am worshiped - I am saluted.

I am loved - I am revered.

I am respected - I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.

I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy. Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me. I was there.

I led my troops.

I was dirty, battleworn and tired,

But my solders cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled in the streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.

And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.

But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.

I have borne silent witness to all America's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield, when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier, or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.
I am the flag of the United States of America.

Texas Weather - Hurricanes by Dr. Ken Bridges

Summer in Texas brings memories of warm nights, the start of school, and the return of football. But it also means something else for Texans on the Gulf Coast: hurricane season. As the summertime seas cause the storms to build and swirl, a careful eye must turn to the weather to avoid the peril and destruction of the most powerful types of storms known to man. Through the years, Texas has been hit with incredibly powerful hurricanes.

Hurricanes that strike Texas form in the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico. A tropical depression forms when several storms come together into one rotating system. Once this system has sustained winds beyond 39 miles per hour, it becomes a tropical storm. It hits hurricane strength with sustained winds of 74 miles per hour. Hurricanes can form between March and December but usually are encountered between June and November. Hurricanes produce all types of weather-related disasters: deadly lightning, hail, powerful winds, torrential rains, and tornadoes.

During World War II, United States Army Air Force forecasters began naming storms, usually after their wives or girlfriends, in order to avoid confusion over multiple storms that may be traveling the seas at the same time. By the 1950s, civilian forecasters began using these names. A more formalized system of naming storms after women in alphabetical order began in 1952, with the names of men being added into the rotation by 1978. The introduction of weather satellites by the early 1960s greatly improved forecasting and tracking of hurricanes. In 1961, the Tiros-III satellite tracked the first hurricane from space. Reconnaissance flights by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration into the heart of hurricanes and Doppler radar systems introduced in the 1980s also help pinpoint potential landfall sites, wind intensity, and flooding dangers.

The earliest recorded hurricanes in Texas date to the years of Spanish exploration of Texas and the Gulf of Mexico. In the sixteenth century, no forecasting or tracking technology existed, posing extreme dangers for sailors who unknowingly ventured into the hearts of these storms. In fact, the word "hurricane" is derived from a Spanish word taken from the names of gods of storms and winds used by various natives of the Caribbean Sea and Gulf coast. The first recorded hurricane to strike Texas hit a Spanish merchant fleet just off Galveston Island in 1527. The rare November hurricane killed nearly 200 people.

Sparse populations left many storms unrecorded, but a 1766 hurricane in the Galveston area destroyed a Spanish mission on the Trinity River. Galveston was struck again in September 1818 with a hurricane that flooded the island under four feet of water and damaged almost every building on the isle.

In 1875, a hurricane hit the thriving port city of Indianola, not far from Port Lavaca. Nearly 300 people died. The community rallied and rebuilt, but an 1886 hurricane wrecked the city once again. Dozens more perished in the storm, but residents abandoned the city instead of rebuilding. The county courthouse was relocated to Port Lavaca the next year and the post office closed. Nothing remains of the city today, with the remnants pulled into the sea by erosion or covered by the sands.

The Galveston Hurricane of 1900 was the worst natural disaster in American History. The storm devastated the island, flooding it to a

depth of nine feet. The entire city was wrecked, with more than 8,000 dead. The storm caused the city's government to collapse, ultimately leading to an entirely new form of government to run the city and a new seawall to protect the island. A 1915 hurricane was the great test for the seawall. Though the storm was intense and 400 people died, the city was largely intact.

Hurricane Alice in 1954 caused intense flooding along the Rio Grande Valley, with two feet of rain being dumped on Del Rio. Advances in forecasting helped prevent an even worse disaster from occurring from Hurricane Carla in 1961. More than a half million people were evacuated from the Texas coast in one of the most intense storms recorded up to that time. More than \$325 million in damage was caused (more than \$2.8 billion in 2021 dollars), and 31 people perished. Tropical Storm Claudette poured 54 inches of rain on Alvin in July 1979, the most rainfall in any 24 hour period in the nation's history. In 1980, Hurricane Allen left 269 dead and more than \$1 billion in damage (or more than \$3 billion in 2021 dollars). Allen spawned deadly tornadoes as far inland as Austin.

Though landfall causes hurricanes to lose strength, the force of the storms often do not dissipate rapidly. Sometimes the remnants of these storms still have wind speeds near hurricane strength as far away as the Waco area, such as happened with Hurricane Carla in 1961 and Hurricane Alicia in 1983. Alicia left 13 dead and caused \$2.6 billion in damage, the most expensive storm in state history to that point. Hurricane Ike would top that with 84 dead and nearly \$20 billion in damage in 2008. Hurricane Harvey in 2017 flooded Houston with four feet of rain, a disaster of nearly biblical proportions.

Forecasting and tracking technology have improved immensely. With the proper planning and heeding the warnings of meteorologists, hurricanes do not need to cost lives.



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Three Day Weekend Forecast



Friday, July 2:

AM - Thunderstorms likely after 1pm. Mostly cloudy; high near 89. S/SW 5mph wind becoming N/NE in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 60%.
 PM - A 50% chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; low around 73.



Saturday, July 3:

<u>AM</u> - A 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny; high near 86. <u>PM</u> - A 30% chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 71.



Sunday, July 4:

<u>AM</u> - A 40% chance of thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. <u>PM</u> - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy; low around 71.

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