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Texas-side curbside recycling expected to resume by July 1

By KARI RICHTER
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TEXARKANA, Texas — After an nine-month pause, Waste Management expects curbside, single-stream recycling to resume locally by July 1, a representative told the City Council during its meeting Monday.

Needed local facilities improvements, as well as staff certification and an OK from state environmental regulators are almost completed. WM's Doug Sims told the Council.

"We received last week our approval from TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) for our modifications and permit for the transport station on West Seventh Street," Sims said.

Last year, the processing facility in Shreveport, Louisiana, that WM was using stopped accepting recyclables, forcing the company to bury them in a landfill as it worked with the Council and city staff on a new plan.

In February, the Council passed a

resolution updating the city's contract with Waste Management to account for an increase in the residential garbage collection rate. The increase is needed to pay for WM's collection of mixed recyclables and their transport to a processing facility in Arlington, Texas.

The rate will go up in two equal phases, increasing by \$1.71 per month when recycling service resumes this year and by that amount again in October 2022.

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Little Rock woman wanted in capital murder of local man

TEXARKANA, Ark. — Tuesday at the Fox Creek Apartments. He was found after his landlord reported he had not been seen in a week. Police also have a warrant for theft of property



PALMER

Jackson's body was found

over \$25,000. Palmer is considered armed and dangerous. If anyone has any information related to this crime, please contact TARD's criminal investigation division at (903)-798-3154 or Crime Stoppers at 903-793-STOP (903-793-7867).

Palmer is a suspect in the death of Earnest Jackson, 40.

Father testifies in trial involving slain 16-year-old

State rests case

By LYNN LAROWE
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NEW BOSTON, Texas — The father of a slain 16-year-old could not hide his grief as he described holding his son as he died of a gunshot wound on a residential Texarkana, Texas, street last year.

Donald Crabtree's pain was palpable as he testified for the state in the murder trial of Demarius Dejuan Taylor under questioning by Assistant District Attorney Lauren Richards.

Demarius Taylor, 21, is accused of shooting 16-year-old Notorious Crabtree once in the chest on the night of March 31, 2020.

Donald Crabtree said he and a large group of extended family had gathered that day at the home of his brother, Ralph Crabtree, on Meadowbrook Lane.

They became aware that two SUVs had pulled up at the end of Meadowbrook and were blocking the intersection with Westlawn Drive.

Witnesses testified that earlier in the day, Ralph Crabtree's 15-year-old daughter and a group of girls and women had been involved in a physical confrontation on Ash Street in Texarkana, Arkansas.

Bosnia Deleasa Taylor, 22, sister of Demarius Taylor, testified under questioning by First Assistant District Attorney Kelley Crisp that she believed she had been hit by a man sometime during the Ash Street scuffle and had called her brother for help.

Bosnia Taylor is charged with murder in the case as well.

Demarius Taylor allegedly left work at a Nashville,

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Staff photo by Kelsi Brinkmeyer
A vehicle sits Wednesday morning in the intersection of Robison Road and Seventh Street after the area received several inches of rain overnight.

Flash flood leaves many local roads under water

By LORI DUNN
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TEXARKANA — Numerous streets and roads were under water Wednesday after a flash flood dumped between five and seven more inches of rain on Bowie and Miller counties.

There was significant flooding in Texarkana, Texas, Wake Village, Texas, Redwater, Texas and New Boston, Texas, according to local law enforcement. A flash flood warning for Texarkana was issued about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. Some areas of Bowie County received as much as seven inches, according to the National Weather Service.

Firefighters with Texarkana Texas Fire Department rescued a driver whose vehicle was swept from New Boston Road by high water. The vehicle was submerged in several feet of water.

The intersection of West Seventh Street and Robison Road was barricaded and shut down due to flooding.

Conditions at the intersection had worsened through the morning and motorists continued to try and drive through the intersection, resulting in stalled vehicles, according to Texarkana Texas police.

A portion of U.S. Highway 59 south of Texarkana was under water after



Staff photo by Kelsi Brinkmeyer
First responders rescued a woman from a white van Wednesday morning after it was swept off of New Boston Road.

significant flooding from Akin Creek, according to police.

A bridge on Martha Drive off of Leopard Drive in Liberty-Eylau was washed away.

A number of bridges and culverts in Miller County were also washed out, according to the County Judge's Office.

The rain also caused significant

flooding at the KCS Railroad underpass on Seventh Street, 40th and Potomac streets and Summerhill at Galleria Oaks.

The National Weather Service in Shreveport also issued an urban and small stream flood advisory for the eastern part of Bowie County, the north part of Miller County and southeast Little River County.

Two people arrested in vandalism that included racial slurs and more

By LORI DUNN
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TEXARKANA, Texas — Two suspects have been arrested after allegedly spray painting sexual drawings and racial slurs on vehicles and at least one house, an official said.



CARRELL DILLARD

Taylor Carrell, 22, of Bloomburg, Texas, and Charlie Dillard Jr., 17, of Longview, Texas, were arrested Monday after turning themselves in to the Texarkana Texas Police Department.

Both suspects were arrested on felony charges of criminal mischief over \$2,500 and were released after each posting a \$30,000 bond, according to TTPD.

TTPD officers received a call at 1:30 a.m. Sunday about vandalism to a car in the Highland Park neighborhood. Someone had spray painted drawings of male anatomy and racial comments on the car, according to police.

Officers then learned that at least 10 other vehicles and a house had similar messages spray painted on them. The investigation also

revealed several vehicles in Texarkana, Arkansas, had the same thing done to them. Detectives were able to identify Carrell and Dillard as the suspects and issue warrants.

Bess Gamble Williams, community advocate, veteran and Texarkana resident, said the crude and racist messages will not be tolerated.

"This is ugly and we can't let it happen," Gamble Williams said.

"I have never seen anything like this before in all of the time I have lived here," she said.

Much of the vandalism was in the Spring Lake Park area.

Gamble-Williams said she was planning to talk to police about the upsetting incident along with the local

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Truck driver dies in crash on I-30

The driver of a Peterbilt truck died early Wednesday on Interstate 30. Texas Department of Public Safety troopers were notified of the crash at 4:30 a.m., according to a preliminary fatality report from DPS. The accident happened about half a mile west of State Line Avenue in Texarkana, Texas. The

preliminary investigation indicates that a 2020 Peterbilt truck tractor towing double trailers was traveling westbound on I-30. For an as yet undetermined reason, the Peterbilt drove off the roadway and struck the overpass of the entrance ramp onto I-30.

The driver of the Peterbilt died

at the scene. The driver's name has not been released yet.

I-30 was shut down on the west-bound side and traffic was diverted onto the frontage road.

The crash remains under investigation.

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TRAVEL TIP

Has it been a while?

Here are some simple reminders or smooth traveling

By MARY-ANN ANDERSON
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After all this time of staying home, the mask-wearing and the vaccine-taking, that magic carpet ride that is travel is taking flight once again. We're planning vacations to those long-awaited bucket list destinations or simple weekend getaways.

Before you make the reservation, here's a refresher course of a few basic travel tips that you may have forgotten or maybe didn't know in the first place, most of which I learned from my years on the road, in the air and on the rails.

Up in the air

If you're flying a once-daily international nonstop, it's a good idea to get to the airport as early as possible to avoid traffic delays. In Atlanta, for example, the once-daily flights include Turkish Airlines to Istanbul, Korean Air to Seoul, and Qatar Airways to Doha. Atlanta's traffic is notorious, with dead standstills being not uncommon. Allow an extra hour or so for traffic, or your once-daily may be

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Fine dining can often be cost-prohibitive. You can still enjoy the experience by checking to see if the restaurant has a separate lunch menu that can be much less expensive.
Mary-Ann Anderson

LODGING

Airbnb looks at fees after backlash

By HANNAH SAMMONS | THE WASHINGTON POST
Maybe it was sudden sticker shock. Maybe it was the escalating return to travel after more than a year at home. Or maybe it was just a long time brewing. Whatever the cause, a firestorm over fees on Airbnb erupted recently on social media, prompting the company to pledge a review.

Many users pointed out that the vacation rental platform, which was seen as a cheap alternative to hotels when it launched in 2008, had become so laden with extra charges that hotels sometimes seem like a better option.

"We gotta stop Airbnb," wrote one Twitter user who included a screenshot of a \$99 listing that would total \$413.95 for two nights with fees and taxes included. That tweet was liked nearly 212,000 times and generated thousands of comments.

The resulting outcry was enough to merit a response from Airbnb, which offered a defense of its pricing transparency, an explanation about how fees are set and a promise to review the issue.

Nate Blecharczyk, one of the company's co-founders, said in an interview this week that the cleaning fees had always been part of the experience. The social media reaction, he said, was new.

"In response to that, we're definitely going to take a second look at this issue in partnership with our hosts," he said.

Cleaning fees are set by hosts so they can adjust to their needs, though the company pointed out that Airbnb offers tips to "keeping the amount reasonable, and suggest they consider not charging cleaning fees at all." In the early days of the pandemic, the company announced an enhanced cleaning process for hosts to follow.

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Wayne Mckown/Dreamstime/TNS

The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway made its first climb up what was then known as America's Mountain in 1891. It is set to start rolling again after an extended closure followed a suspension of operations in October 2017.

OUTDOORS

Pikes Peak wasn't always Pikes Peak

By SETH BOSTER | COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The name is and will be the Pikes Peak Summit Complex.

But from the many interpretive displays that will be inside and outside the under-construction, state-of-the-art building — opening is anticipated in June — visitors will learn of other summit names that fell through the cracks of time. "It's a way to let people know," said Stuart Coppedge, representing local firm RTA Architects on the design team. "Pikes Peak has not just been Pikes Peak. Long before (Zebulon Montgomery) Pike was born, the Indigenous people had names for it. The Spanish had names for it."

History Colorado recently reposted an article covering namesakes predating Pike, the Army officer sent to survey the territory post-Louisiana Purchase.

History Colorado's chronicle starts with the Ute title of Tava, or "Sun Mountain," for the morning light reflection on the high, granite face. Local Utes came to call themselves Tabeguache, meaning "People of the Sun Mountain."

Historians maintain another Indigenous moniker from the Arapaho people: "Heey-otoyoo," meaning "Long Mountain." In last year's book "Colorado's Highest: The History of Naming the 14,000-Foot Peaks," author Jeri Norgren includes also Ta-Wa-Ah-Gath, or "Grandfather Mountain."

Later, Spaniards referred to the peak as Montaña del Sol. "In time, they gave it their own name," reads the History Colorado article. "El Capitán, meaning 'the Captain' or 'the Leader,' emphasizing its nature as the most prominent peak of all the Front Range."

But the region's early Europeans would prevail with their christening.

For a while, some went with "Grand Peak," as it was described in journals from Pike's expedition that started in 1806. In "Colorado's Highest," Norgren points to a 1836 map as the landmark's earliest, circulated reference to Pike.

"Pike's Peak or bust," went the phrase for the 1859 gold rush. The federal government adopted the name in 1890, dropping the apostrophe, as is custom of the Board of Geographic Names.

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GEOQUIZ

The Scandinavian Peninsula consists of which countries?

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about 1,150 miles long. Though not included, the peninsula is Answer: Primarily Norway and Sweden.

FAMILY TRAVEL 5

Planning a getaway with the grandkids

By LYNN O'ROURKE HAYES
FamilyTravel.com

After a long stretch of not being able to visit with grandkids, many grandparents are eager to share an adventure with the younger generation. Here are five ideas to consider when planning a trip with your favorite young people.

1. Where now?

Planning a trip together can be a great way to reconnect with the grandkids. Begin by discussing the big picture options. Near or far? Beach or mountain? Neighboring states or beyond our borders? Would the kids like to see the Golden Gate Bridge or be a part of Broadway's reopening season? Is an active trip of group appeal or are game nights in a cabin a better option? Depending on the number and the ages of the grandkids, be sure the adventure is one you can handle without additional adult support. Check the weather forecast shortly before departure and be sure everyone is properly prepared for what's on the horizon.

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Amazing Denali, also known as Mount McKinley, its former official name, is the highest mountain peak in North America, with a summit elevation of 20,310 feet above sea level. Alaska Railroad's Denali Star route goes to Denali National Park, 6 million acres of unspoiled wilderness. The line may even make a whistle stop if the engineer sees someone standing by the tracks waiting to board. It's a reminder that Alaska's railroad is part of the state's public transportation.

Steve Haggerty/ColorWorld/TNS

DESTINATION

Rollin' on the rails

Your ticket to exploring the grandeur of Alaska

By ANNE Z. COOKE
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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — When book club member Mary Nelson, responsible for planning the club's annual fundraiser, told the group she planned to donate a pair of Alaska Railroad tickets to the silent auction, she got a surprise.

"Cruises are more popular, especially Alaska cruises," said a voice from the back. "Not this time," said Nelson, who'd been to Alaska twice. "It's time to explore the rest of Alaska."

So climb aboard, look out the window and step into nature's paint box. Ahead lie thick forests and wind-blown lakes, snow-capped peaks, rushing rivers and neon-green marsh-

es. Look to the west and the Alaska Railroad appears, swathed in ice, 20,320-foot Denali Peak standing above the rest.

You could rent a car and drive. Some highways do follow the railroad tracks. But the train is a joy, where you sink into comfortable seats to gaze out the windows, watch the clouds float by and let someone else drive.

Adventure Class tickets — popular with families and residents — offer standard comforts: spacious seats, the freedom to walk through the cars, use of the Vista Dome car and a café that sells meals. Gold Star tickets cost more but offer more dinner and a drink

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