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PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY APRIL 28

Dispose your expired, unused and unwanted medications. Saturday, April 28, 2018, 10 am - 2 pm at Harris County Sheriff's Store Front, 5202 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston, TX 77039. See ad, page 8 for more details.

BUSINESS FUNDING

Does you business need help after Hurricane Harvey? Attend a free financial assistance event, May 1, 2018, 6-8 pm, East Aldine Management District Office, 5333 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039. Register at bit.ly/TakeActionMay1 Presented by BakerRipley, LiftFund, East Aldine and

AIRPORT SPRING FEST

George Bush International Airport Spring Fest, Saturday, May 5, 10 am - 2 pm, North Trail Head Entry at F.M. 1960 & Farrell Rd.

NEWEST COLLEGE

The community is invited to a conversation on Lone Star College's 7th and newest college, Monday, May 7, 2018, 6-7 pm, East Aldine District Community Room, 5333 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039.

FILM & PHOTO **FESTVAL**

The Aldine ISD Film & Photo Committee invite you to the third annual Film & Photo Festival. You may remember that AEF is again a sponsor of this amazing event showcasing student (and this year staff) creativity. Friday, May 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender

HC Flood Control District begins \$84 million Hurricane repair program

Surveyors for the Harris County Flood Control District are fanning out across Harris County's 22 watersheds this week, part of a major push to repair more than \$84 million in bayou and drainage channel damage caused by Hurricane Harvey.

On March 27, Harris County Commissioners

\$12.5 million in initial contracts with 15 engineering firms that will design those repairs. That design process kicked off this

Court approved a total of month with topographic surveys and geotechnical field work at hundreds of damage sites around the county. Local dollars will be leveraged to secure fed-

eral grant funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service

See Hurricane Repair Program, Page 6

Earth Day in Aldine



These are a few of the Volunteers, families, and environmentalists who gathered in Crowley Park in Aldine, last Saturday to "plant and pluck" in observance of Earth Day, which was on Sunday. Organized events included tree planting, weeding and feeding, and trash pick-up along Greens Bayou that runs beside the park. Other events included food trucks, vendors, and games for the kids. The Earth Day Event was organized by the Greens Bayou Organization, and the East Aldine District, and sponsored by local businesses. MORE ON PAGE 8.

(Photos by East Aldine/vSanches)

Pct. 1, city will spend \$15.5 million for bike and pedestrian safety

HOUSTON, TX - Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner announced on April 16 that Precinct One will commit to spend up to \$10 million for one year on pedestrian- and bike-safety improvements on Houston streets in Precinct One.

The Precinct's funds will complement the City's commitment of \$1.1 million a year for five years on similar improvements. The Precinct's commitment is a cooperative effort that will help jump-start many of the projects on the City's existing Bike Plan and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – both geared to im prove mobility and safety.

"This is a cooperative effort," said Commissioner Ellis, who rode his bike from the County's Administration Building to the news conference next to dedicated bike lanes on Lamar between Bagby and Brazos. "Working together, we can better leverage scarce resources from governmental entities and the private sector and share our collective expertise to benefit the people who we serve in this region."

Mayor Turner said there is no better way to celebrate the first anniversary of Houston's updated

> See Pedestrian and Bike Improvements, page 8

Dedication ceremony held for new center named in honor of Superintendent Bamberg

On Sunday, April 15, a dedication ceremony was held to honor Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg. The ceremony took place at the facility named in her honor, the Dr. Wanda Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center, located at 9999 Veterans Memori-

Dr. Bamberg is retiring after devoting 36 years to the students and staff of Aldine ISD. She began her career in Aldine ISD in 1982 as a seventh- and eighth-grade reading teacher at Hoffman Middle



Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, along with State Rep. Armando Walle joined Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg and her husband Dave at a dedication ceremony on Sunday, April 15, to formally dedicated the Dr. Wanda Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center. Also pictured are members of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees in front of the portrait of Dr. Bamberg that will hang in the facility.

School. She spent five vears in the classroom before joining the administrative team as a program director of middle school language arts, director of curriculum and instruction, executive director of curriculum and instruction, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction and in 2007 she was named Superintendent of Schools, a post she has held for the last 11

Current and former Board members, adminis-

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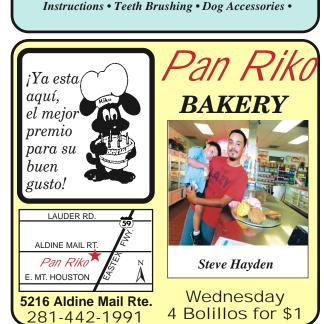


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- •HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SATURDAY MAY 12, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 5601 WEST LOOP S. HOUSTON, TX 77081
- •HAMBRICK MIDDLE SCHOOL, SATURDAY MAY 19, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 4600 ALDINE MAIL ROUTE RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039
- •LONE STAR COLLEGE GREENSPOINT CENTER, THURSDAY MAY 31ST., 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00 PM 250 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, HOUSTON, TX 77060
- •ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 5356 11TH ST, KATY, TX
- •PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018 REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM
- 19222 TOMBALL PARK-WAY, HOUSTON, TX 77070 • CHRIST THE GOOD
- CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH, SATURDAY JUNE 30, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 18511 KLEIN CHURCH RD. SPRING, TX 77379

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Mendel Elementary Sports Day





Mendel Sports Day took place on Wednesday April 18 At Greenspoint Elementary. Some of the items the student participated in were egg on a spoon, tug of war, soccer, baseball, quarterback challenge, free throw shooting, basketball dribble challenge, parachute, moonwalks, golf and lots of great concessions. Thank to Mendel PTO for cooking and volunteering! Thank you to Mitienda and HEB for the yummy popsicles. Sports day was a success and this marks the last one since Mendel will close this



Mrs. Nigro is honored to host the last sports day along with great staff from Mendel!!

Aldine ISD's VISA volunteers honored



Aldine ISD held a reception on Thursday, April 5, to honor its many VISA (Volunteers In the Schools of Aldine) volunteers. Pictured are three VISA volunteers who have accumulated more than 15,000 volunteers hours of serve over the years at various Aldine ISD schools. Pictured with Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg are (I-r); Cheryl Knighton, Juanita Honeycutt and Tommye Newman



Pictured with Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg are VISA volunteers who accumulated the most hours during the 2017-18 school year by grade level. Pictured are, (I-r): Maria Ramirez, Rosa Zuniga and Tamara Davis. Not pictured, Kurtis Ferell, Elaina Rollins and Jessika Rodriguez.

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Lone Star College recognized as a Top 25 Community College for Hispanics



Lone Star College was named a Top 25 Community College for Hispanics. LSC ranked #1 in the nation in the number of undergraduate Hispanic students for 2016.

HOUSTON (April 17, 2018) – Hispanic Outlook on Education, a national monthly magazine that provides education news while maintaining a unique Hispanic perspective, has named Lone Star College as a Top 25 Community College for Hispanics.

"Lone Star College is committed to providing high quality academic transfer and workforce programs to all students," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "We appreciate this recognition and remain committed to student success."

Hispanic Outlook on Education noted that LSC ranked #1 in the nation in the number of undergraduate Hispanic students for 2016. LSC also ranked #2 in the nation in granting the most associate degrees to Hispanics. The rankings were determined by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, a method of surveys conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics.

In addition to being recognized as a leader in Hispanic education by Hispanic Outlook, the U.S. Department of Education has designated LSC as an Hispanic Serving Institution, a recognition that is given to nonprofit institutes with a full-time undergraduate student enrollment that is at least 25 percent Hispanic.

"I am very proud of the role Lone Star College plays in helping our community," said Head. "I'm also excited about our newest college, Lone Star College-Houston North, which will focus on educational and student support."

Dedication,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

trators, principals and staff attended the dedication ceremony. Joining current Board members were former Trustees A.W. Jones, Rick Ogden, Marine Jones, Alton Smith, Sarah Hill, the wife of former Trustee Emmett Hill and Cathy Griggs, the wife of former Trustee Merlin Griggs. Former superintendents M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson and Nadine Kujawa also attended. Dr. Bamberg's husband Dave and son Josh were part of the proceedings as were family members from Alabama.

Prior to the dedication ceremony, a reception was held in the foyer of the facility. U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackon Lee presented Dr . Bamberg with a Congressional proclamation for her 41 years (she taught in Alabma for five years before moving to Houston) in education and her 36 years of dedicated service to Aldine ISD. Congresswoman Lee also presented Dr. Bamberg with a United States flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol.

The dedication ceremony began with introductions of the AISD Board of Trustees, Dr. Bamberg's cabinet, and current and former administrators. The Aldine High School JROTC presented the colors and Carver High School student La'Jasha Champion led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, the Pledge to the Texas flag and delivered the invocation.

A video highlighting Dr. Bamberg's career was then shown, which was followed by a performance by the Nimitz High School mixed choir, under the direction of Melissa Dightman.

of Melissa Dightman.
Following the performance, a number of elected officials presented Dr.

Bamberg with proclama-

Houston Mayor presented her a proclamation and announced that April 15, 2018 was "Dr. Wanda Bamberg Day" in the City of Houston. Aldine ISD Trustee Dr. Viola M. Garcia presented Dr. Bamberg a proclmation on behalf of State Senator Sylvia Garcia and the Texas Senate. State Rep. Armando Walle presented Dr. Bamberg a proclamation on behalf of the Houston of Representatives. Landon Reed, representing Harris Count Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle's office, presented Dr. Bamberg a proclamation as well. All of the elected officials lauded Dr. Bamberg for her leadership and service to Aldine ISD and as a strong proponent and informed leader in education locally and across the state.

AISD Board President Steve Mead accepted the building on behalf of the Board of Trustess, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Carlos Barron accepted the building on behalf of the staff that will occupy it and Davis High School student Daniel Lopez accepted the building on behalf of the AISD student body and the Aldine community.

Dr. Bamberg then delivered her remarks. She thanked the Board for their support over the last 11 years and her family for their support. Dr. Bamberg also thanked her administrative team, district principals and staff for their service over the last 11 years, as well as the elected officials she worked closely during her tenure as superintendent.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Archie Blanson delivered closing remarks.

COMMUNITY PAGE



Protect & Serve

Back in 2016, there was a much publicized race to fill some mighty big shoes when Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Ken Jones announced his retirement. On the Democratic Primary Ballot, there were seven candidates and countless hours along with massive amounts of money spent to narrow it down to one candidate to face the Republican opponent in the November Election.

By the time the new Constable was sworn into office, our communities had seen well over 1,000 campaign signs and rumors circulated around the Precinct. Suddenly everyone had an opinion as to who should have won and at times it seemed like optimism was a word of the past.

By late summer of 2017, there appeared to be some type of sting operation with traffic stops and tickets. The next thing you knew, Hurricane Harvey had hit and lives were in disarray. Some parts of the community grumbled that they had not seen a presence of the Constable or his deputies. Yet other areas seemed to suddenly have patrol cars making their rounds. Constable Sherman Eagleton has been busy working with Commissioners Court to receive funding and making arrests not only along the toll road but in the neighborhoods. Last week, along the toll road, during a traffic stop, there were 359 grams of Xanax, 99 grams of hydrocodone, 38 grams of oxycodone, almost 7 grams of vyvanse and a little over a pound of marijuana recovered during the arrest of the driver. Just a few days later, Constable Eagleton's Crime Interdiction Union seized over five pounds of neroin on a traffic stop. The Patrol Division and Crime Interdiction Unit joined



Constable Sherman Eagleton

worked together to execute a search warrant and they were able to take approximately nine pounds of synthetic marijuana (Kush) off the street. And at the same time that his team is out there protecting our residents from these substances, the team has been busy having a presence in the community.

To the Constable as well as other who work for Precinct 3, thank you for all that you are doing for our community. To the skeptics who are still wanting to find faults, why not use that energy to get involved? There are some who want to complain about the homeless or the crime in neighborhoods. Have you looked into a way to resolve the issues? Perhaps your Home Owners Association or Civic Club needs to get a speaker to come out from Crime Stoppers or from one of the law enforcement agencies and explain what they are doing and how you can help. There is no need to wait for National Police Week. tell an officer or deputy thank you today. Stop and pray for them today. Get information about the Citizens Police Academy or share with a teenager about the programs available for them to gain exposure enforcement.

Rep. Gene Green Honored as a 2018 Innovator in Biotechnology

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Rep. Green was honored by the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) for his leadership as an Innovator in Biotechnology. The biotechnology industry supports 89,746 jobs across 5,578 establishments in Texas.

"I am happy to accept the Innovator in Biotechnology award on behalf of BIO. As the Ranking Member on the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, I was happy to work with my Republican and Democratic colleagues on the committee to pass into law the FDA Reauthorization Act, which reauthorized critical user fee programs that contribute to the success of many biotechnology products and advances patience are."

The biotech and life science industry is an inte-



Rep. Gene Green receiving the award.

gral part of the U.S economy – creating high-skill, high-wage jobs that are innovating in the health, energy, agriculture and environmental industries.

"Rep. Green's leadership in supporting the biotech-

nology industry has supported 89,746 jobs in Texas. As we continue to grow and innovate, these goodpaying jobs will not only strengthen the economy, but they will help to heal, fuel, and feed the world,"

said BIO President and CEO Jim Greenwood. "We look forward to continuing to work with Rep. Green to support these workers and the critical, life-saving work that they do in Texas."

Aldine Optimist Essay Contest

The Aldine Noon Optimist Club hosted the winners of their annual Optimist Essay Contest last Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The event was held at the East Aldine District office on Aldine Mail Route. The First, Second and Third place students attended along with their parents and counselors. Students presented their winning essays to the luncheon guests.

The topic to be addressed this year was "Can Society Function Without Respect?"

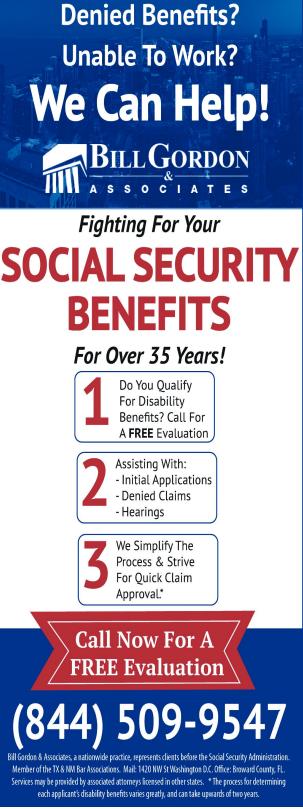
First Place winner was Patricia Turcios from Mac-Arthur High School. Patricia received a medal and a check for \$500. Second Place winner was Crystal Williams from Davis High School. Crystal received a medal and a check for \$400. Third Place winner was Melissa Angulo from MacArthur High School.

There were 76 applications with entries from every high school in Aldine ISD.



The three winners are from left to right are: Crystal Williams-Davis High School-Second Place Melissa Angulo-MacArthur High School-Third Place Patricia Turcios-Aldine High School-First Place.







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OPINION PAGE

Your brakes may be trying to tell you something

(NAPSI)—If your brakes are trying to tell you something, you should pay attention. A properly operating brake system helps ensure safe vehicle control and operation and it should be checked immediately if you suspect any problems.

'While an annual brake inspection is a good way to ensure brake safety, motorists should not ignore signs that their brakes need attention," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Knowing the key warning signs that your brakes may need maintenance will go a long way toward keeping you and others safe on the road."

What To Watch Out For

Motorists should look for the following warning signs that their brakes need to be inspected:

- Noise: screeching, grinding or clicking noises when applying the brakes.
- Pulling: vehicle pulls to one side while braking.
- Low Pedal: brake pedal nearly touches the floor before engag-
- Hard Pedal: you must apply extreme pressure to the pedal before brakes engage.
- Grabbing: brakes grab at the slightest touch to the pedal.

• Vibration: brake pedal vibrates or pulses, even under normal braking conditions

• Light: brake light is illuminated on your vehicle's dashboard.

Because brakes are a normal wear item on any vehicle, they will eventually need to be replaced. Factors that can affect brake wear include driving habits, operating conditions, vehicle type and the quality of the brake lining material. Be sure to avoid letting brakes get to the metal-to-metal point as that can mean expensive rotor or drum replacement.

The Car Care Council offers a free custom service schedule and email reminder service to help car owners remember to have their brakes inspected and take good care of their vehicles. It's an easy-to-use resource designed to help motorists drive smart, save money and make informed decisions.

The Car Care Council is also the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers.

Learn More

For a copy of the council's "Car Care Guide" or for further information, visit www.carcare.org.



Officials see room for improvement in criminal history reporting

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton on April 11 sent a joint letter to eight state criminal justice agencies and associations, urging them to review their processes for reporting criminal history to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or "NICS."

The NICS checks available records on persons who may be disqualified from receiving firearms. Abbott and Paxton said a recent study found that only 68 percent of arrests in state criminal history files nationwide were reported to the NICS. But Texas' overall rate is 84 percent, with a 95 percent reporting rate for arrests within the past five years.

Recipients of the letter included the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, Office of Court Administration, Sheriff's Association of Texas, Texas Police Association, Texas Court Clerks Association, Texas Court Clerks Association and Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

"We congratulate you on this success, but there continues to be room for improvement," Abbott and Paxton wrote. "Our goal is 100 percent reporting of final dispositions statewide. We encourage you to review your processes to ensure that all relevant information is being reported."

Federal law, the officials said, disallows the transfer of firearms to any person who is:

- A fugitive from justice:
- Uses or is addicted to controlled substances;
- Has been adjudicated "mentally defective" or committed to mental institutions:
- Subject to a domestic violence restraining order;

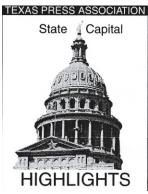
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violence charge crime or is under indictment for such a charge. HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

The study shows dozens

STATE CAPITAL



All criminal justice agencies in Texas, including court clerks, are reto report information that identifies people ineligible to possess firearms to the Department of Public Safety through the Criminal Justice Information System. The rules are outlined in state Code of Criminal Procedure. The information then is provided to the NICS database.

"NICS is vital to making sure guns stay out of the dangerous hands of individuals with a high risk of committing violence," Paxton said. "By doing everything we can to ensure that all relevant information is being reported timely and accurately to NICS, Texas can help prevent shootings before they happen and save lives."

Death count is

amended
The Texas Department of State Health Services on April 9 announced that a new study by its own researchers found the number of maternal deaths in Texas in 2012 was less than half the number previously reported.

Published in the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology, the study determined there were 56 maternal deaths among Texas residents, compared with 147 reported in national statistics.

of women were identified on their death certificates as being pregnant at the time of their deaths, when they were not, the DSHS said.

"This more accurate,

verified data is an important part of our ongoing work to improve maternal health in Texas," said Dr. Manda Hall, DSHS associate commissioner for Community Health Improvement. "Better data will improve our ability to implement and assess ways to reduce maternal deaths and other severe

pregnancy complications."
DSHS said it is implementing legislation aimed at improving the quality of death data by developing best practices for investigating and reporting maternal deaths.

Also, the department said it is creating new training for medical certifiers such as doctors, justices of the peace and medical examiners. Finally, the department is developing a new registration system to prompt certifiers to confirm the pregnancy status before allowing a death record to be submitted.

Funding is announced

Gov. Abbott on April 10 announced that Texas had been awarded some \$5 billion from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for disaster recovery from Hurricane Harvey and previous flood events.

"The additional Community Development Block Grant funds announced today will inject billions of dollars that are desperately needed to help restore our communities," said Abbott.

HUD's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program for the rebuilding of housing, businesses and infrastructure is the source of the funding. It comes from supplemental funding recently passed by Congress.

Allocations are sent
State Comptroller

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 11 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$651 million in local sales tax allocations for April.

The amount is 5 percent more than was distributed in April 2017.

in April 2017.

Local sales tax allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Babin urges participation in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 28

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX) today issued a statement encouraging residents of the 36th District to participate in the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 28:

"April 28 is the day Americans across the nation will dispose of their old prescription drugs at hundreds of locations across the country. I encourage folks in the 36th District of Texas to take part in this National Drug Take Back Day,' says Babin. "The opioid crisis is a public health issue that we can all have a role in addressing. Too many prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands because they are sitting unused or expired in homes across the country. Look in your home medicine cabinets, then drop off your old prescriptions next Saturday. It can save lives."

This day provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. Addressing the opioid crisis has become a national priority for the Administration, so this is a timely and practical way for local communities to be involved in these efforts. Residents can participate on April 28 from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at drop-off locations located all around the 36th District. To find a collection location near you visit the DEA's collection site search.

For more information on National Drug Take Back Day, visit https:// takebackday.dea.gov/.

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Hurricane Repair

(NRCS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to design and construct the repairs.

More than 1,200 individual damage sites were verified and prioritized after Hurricane Harvey. This included sinkholes, bank erosion, failed concrete, collapsed outfall pipes and other damage. These damaged sites were then grouped for project design by the selected engineering firms.

During this phase, Harris County residents may see workers out along the bayous and channels with survey and geotechnical boring equipment. Field data collected during this phase will help the Flood Control District fully evaluate the type of damages and repairs needed. Later, after project construction contracts are awarded in a competitive bidding process, residents will see heavy construction equipment such as trucks and backhoes. Construction is expected to begin on some project sites later this year, and to be completed in 2019.

The Flood Control District has requested more than \$84 million in construction funding from the NRCS and FEMA for making these repairs. While the focus is on areas that qualify for federal disaster funding, other areas requiring maintenance repairs have been added to the projects in some cases, and will be constructed using available local funding alone.

This comprehensive effort to repair Harvey damage is NOT the first Harvey-related repairs conducted by the Flood Control District. Already approximately \$26 million in post-Harvey and Tax Day repairs are COM-

PLETE, UNDER CONSTRUCTION or IN FINAL DESIGN. Disaster Recovery Program efforts are in addition to the Flood Control District's year-round maintenance efforts.

Maintenance efforts.

• Since late August 2017, the Flood Control District has committed almost \$6 million in local dollars for initial Harvey-related emergency repairs and authorized nearly \$4.9 million in projects. All are eligible for federal reimbursements. More here: https://www.hcfcd.org/hurricane-harvey/drainage-

network-repairs/
• Another \$8.14 million project targeting channel repairs in east Harris County also is under construction. More here: https://www.hcfcd.org/projects-studies/multi-watershed/sediment-removal-in-precinct-2/

- A separate repair effort of approximately \$12 million is in final design and will be bid for construction this summer. In the works since the 2016 Tax Day flood and updated to include needed Harvey repairs, it targets 30 project sites in the Cypress Creek, Little Cypress Creek, Addicks Reservoir and Greens Bayou watersheds of mainly north and west Harris County. (It is included in the \$84 million funding request to the NRCS.)
- Earlier multi-million-dollar projects to repair damage from major 2015 floods are under construction at multiple sites in the Cypress Creek, Greens Bayou, White Oak Bayou, Carpenters Bayou, Sims Bayou and Vince Bayou watersheds. These projects total approximately \$3.8 million.

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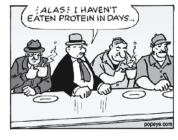


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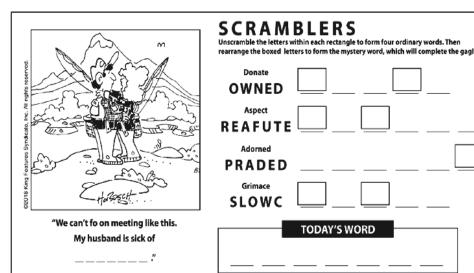
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by Linda Thistle

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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging **♦♦♦** HOO BOY! © 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

1. ART: Which artist from Iowa painted the iconic "American Gothic"?

2. BUSINESS: Where is the Target store's headquarters?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest mountain range in North America?

4. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin term "ad infinitum"? 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When does winter begin in the Southern Hemi-

6. NOBEL PRIZES: Who was the only prime minister to win the Nobel Prize for

Literature?

ingredients in a Moscow Mule? 8. ANATOMY: What is the most common blood type in human beings? 9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the

largest rodent in North America? 10. LITERATURE: How many lines

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Suspect arrested, charged in fatal shooting on Berry Rd.

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man that occurred at 2326 Berry at about 6:30 p.m. on Thursday (April 12).

The suspect, Eliud Echeverria (H/m, 40), is charged with murder in the 232nd State District Court. He is accused in the killing of Adolfo Sanchez, 70, who was pronounced dead at Lyndon Baines Johnson General Hospital.

HPD Homicide Division Officer J. Pickett and K. Clark reported:

Mr. Sanchez was found inside his mechanic shop at the above address. He had suffered a gun shot wound to the head. A witness reported hearing a gun-

shot from approximately one block away. Further investigation identified Echeverria as the suspect in this case and he was taken into custody last Friday (April 13) without incident.



Eliud Echeverria

WANTED FOR HIT & RUN - FAILURE TO STOP & RENDER AID

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Vehicular Crimes Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspect responsible for a Hit and Run - Failure to Stop and Render Aid.

On Thursday, January 25, 2018, at approximately 7:51 a.m., the victim working as a cross guard was involved in a Failure to Stop and Render Aid accident in the 9800 block of Mesa Drive, Houston, Texas. During this incident, the victim was on foot crossing the street at Mesa Drive and Sterlingshire Street. An unknown black male suspect, driving a white Dodge Charger with paper tags, struck the victim. After impact, the victim was thrown onto the hood of the vehicle and then to the ground. The suspect fled the scene of the accident without rendering aid. As a result of the accident, the victim sustained severe injuries to their hip, back, and left arm.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.

If you have any information about this crime, or any other felony crime, please call Crime Stoppers of Houston. You never have to give your name or any other identification informa-

ROBBERY -**DEADLY WEAPON**

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Robbery Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspects responsible for an Aggravated Robbery - Deadly Weapon.

On Šunday, February 4, 2018, at 8:41 p.m., two unknown Hispanic males robbed an Auto Parts store located in the 2100 block of Little York Road, in Houston, Texas. The suspects approached the employees while pointing handguns at them and demanded the money from the cash register. Once the suspects had the money, they fled the location in a beige or light colored SUV in an unknown direction of travel.

Suspect descriptions: Suspect #1: Hispanic male, wearing a black mask, gray jacket and black long shorts or black pants. Suspect #2: Hispanic male, wearing a black mask, gray hoodie and red

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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hebrews in the Old or New Testament or neither? 2. To whom did God say, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations"? Daniel, Jeremiah, Noah, Thomas

3. From 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? 7, 33, 40, 57

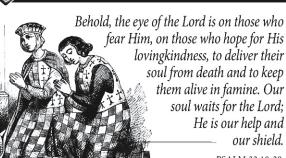
4. What do the seven lampstands represent in Revelation 1:20? Continents, Angels, Seas, Churches

5. What was Aquila's profession in Corinth? Tentmaker, Harp player, Mapmaker, Servant

6. Manasseh was the elder of whose two sons? Matthew, Joash, Joseph, Timothy

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Jeremiah; 3) 40; 4) Churches; 5) Tentmaker; 6) Joseph

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Pedestrian and Bike Improvements,

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Nothing but smiles as Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, with Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on the left, announces Precinct One's \$10 million, one-year commitment for pedestrian- and bike-safety improvements on Houston streets.

Bike Plan than to announce over \$15 million of new and improved bike lanes and safer streets.

lanes and safer streets.

"Together," the Mayor said, "this funding can result in over 50 miles of high-comfort bike lanes added to the city bike network as well as new sidewalks and/or a number of intersections improved to protect safety of both cyclist and pedestrians."

Mayor Turner said some of the projects include dedicated, on-street bike lanes on Austin and Caroline streets in Midtown. Also, similar high-comfort lanes are proposed for Hardy and Elysian streets on the near-northside.

Commissioner Ellis said he wants to challenge other cities, entities, nonprofits and organizations to fund more safety projects.

The Precinct will focus on projects that can be completed quickly, such as re-striping streets to add bike lanes or safety improvements at intersections. Such projects will help motorists, cyclists and pedestrians safely share the roadways and reduce accidents.

According to a Houston-

report, the number of bicycle- and pedestrian-involved crashes, injuries and fatalities have increased since 2012. The report says 54% of those accidents occur on city streets, like the ones that will be improved under this partnership.

Safety issues are one of the major impediments for people who already use or want to use cycling and walking as regular forms of transportation.

"And to a great extent, we in this region are defined by our highways. They are important, and so are toll roads. But there are many destinations that we can reach a heck of a lot easier (by alternative transportation)," Commissioner Ellis said.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, cycling is the fastest growing form of transportation for commuters. More people want safe, viable alternatives to cars for daily transportation and want to live in neighborhoods and cities that are bike and pedestrian friendly.

"More and more people will be riding (bikes) when they believe that it is safe to do so," said John Long, executive director of Bike-Houston. "The construction of these projects over the next 12 months will make visible progress and improve that network and bring more and more people out."

Not only will this effort bring needed safety improvements, it also has great potential to help position the region as a national leader in urban mobility, provide tremendous public health benefits, reduce pollution, and enhance overall quality of life. Such benefits will help attract professionals and businesses that want to relocate to a bike- and pedestrian-friendly city, making the region more economically competitive with other major cities across the country.

"This is about making the City of Houston and Harris County a national leader in urban mobility and a more economically competitive region," Commissioner Ellis said. "We have to compete with other cities like New York and Minneapolis and Chicago."

Earth Day event in Aldine,

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EARTH DAY CLOCKWISE, from upper left: Tree planting and weeding, along Greens Bayou; Refreshments provided for volunteers; Plucking trash along the bayou after the Hurricane; having fun with the Chick-fil-a mascot.



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