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**NEWS NOTES**

**Aldine Community Health Fair**

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Greater Pure Light Church, 12330 Vickery Dr., Houston 77039, 9 am - 1 pm.

**LSC-Greenspoint Open House**

Lone Star College-Greenspoint Center Open House on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., located at 250 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77060.

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Campus tours will also be available throughout the evening, as well as free popcorn, soft drinks and t-shirts on a first-come, first-served basis. Other prizes will also be given away during the event. If you would like to attend this event, please visit [www.lonestar.edu/OpenHouse](http://www.lonestar.edu/OpenHouse)

## Walle holds Immigration Forum

NORTHEAST - State Representative Armando Walle hosted a two night Forum last week, on the subject of Immigration and DACA status. The events were held at MacArthur and Aldine High Schools, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Parents, students, and the public attended, and each program had about 75 to 100 persons in the audience.

Speakers at MacArthur included Walle, Jill Campbell of BakerRipley, Cesar Espinosa of FIEL, and two representatives from the local Mexican Consulate.

The program was presented in both English, and Spanish, with translation for English only speakers.

Topics that were covered included SB4, DACA, Know Your Rights, Immigration information, and Consular Services.

Representative Walle opened the evening with



Armando Walle TX. State Rep.



Jill Campbell BakerRipley/ACLU



Cesar Espinosa FIEL



Mexican Consul's Office

remarks about his own situation as an American with Mexican parents, and problems that his family has had, and how his interest and advocacy was related to that background. He also noted that the majority of his constituents were of Hispanic heritage. He explained that the meeting would give information on two important topics, SB4 or the "Show Me Your Papers" Texas law, and DACA or the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. He said that because of SB4, in Texas it is okay for the

police to ask about your immigration status if you are stopped for a violation. But you have the right to remain silent, and not answer any questions except to identify yourself. Cards were available with all the answers to "Know Your Rights" which are fairly complicated.

Jill Campbell of BakerRipley made an extensive presentation on Immigration help, and ways to avoid deportation. She indicated that anyone that needed help could contact BakerRipley at 713-273-

3707 for free legal help on DACA renewal assistance. Offices are on Navigation Blvd., and Rookin Street. When the Town Center is finished in East Aldine, there will be an immigration office in the BakerRipley complex, too.

Campbell said that there are 800,000 in the U. S. with DACA status, and 68,000 in Harris County. Although President Trump has ordered that DACA cannot be renewed, nevertheless a court in California says this is not valid, and you can still renew

your status. Campbell urged everyone to renew soon. If you are subject to deportation, she said it was imperative to contact an immigration attorney, especially before you check-in with ICE. She said that if you have a Green Card, it cannot be taken away. Immigration attorney advice is also important if you have protected status, or need Visa renewal. BakerRipley can help with the paperwork involved. If you think you need advice, there is an Immigration hotline in Houston, 1-833-HOU-IMMI.

The next speaker was Cesar Espinosa of FIEL, which is an organization specializing in support of undocumented students seeking a higher education. FIEL has a legal clinic, and can help students enter college. Call 713-364-

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## Celebrate 11th annual Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park April 14

HOUSTON - Mayor Sylvester Turner will celebrate his 11th Annual Family Day on April 14 with baseball, music, games, food and more.

Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the park at 2800 West Little York. Admission is free, as are all the games and food.

"Each year we welcome up to 12,000 people to this fun family event," Mayor Turner said. "We have added even more this year and hope everyone across Acres Homes will join us."

The entertainment lineup continues to grow. Back by popular demand are J. Paul Jr. and the Zydeco Nubreds. Also returning are the talented students from Aldine Carver High School. There's something for everyone as the Mayor welcomes Baby Sonic Boom, the Luna Llena mariachi band from Rice University, Tiger Rock Martial Arts and the Teo Chew Temple lion dancers. Radio One, KTSU and KSBJ will also



Get up close and personal with animals from the Houston Zoo at the 11th Annual Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park. This year's event is from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the park at 2800 West Little York.

be on hand.

Come hungry because the food lineup includes turkey legs, sausage on a stick, hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, snow cones and corn on the cob. And Nathan's returns with everyone's favorite hot dogs.

Kids from the Houston Astros/MLB Urban Youth Academy will play games on three of the park's four baseball diamonds beginning at 11 a.m. and running

throughout the day. Texas Southern University and Southern University will play on the park's show field at 1 p.m.

The Houston Zoomobile will bring some of the Zoo's ambassador animals for attendees to meet. The Houston Public Library will have its mobile van; the Houston Fire Department

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## Aldine ISD reviews year-end plans

The board of the Aldine Education Foundation met last week, for their regular bimonthly meeting and heard reports on the district's plans for the rest of the school year.

They also heard a report on the successful Educators of the Year Breakfast that took place March 9th at the Hyatt Regency North hotel. Director McGovern said that 78 teachers received a total of \$56,000 and two principals received \$10,000 total.

**BUDGET:** Dr. Bamberg reported that the District was working on the budget for next year, with an indicated deficit, due to the expected reduction in student population of about 3000 students, and therefore less money from the state.

**HARVEY RELIEF FUNDS:**

Michele McGovern reported that the relief fund account has grown to \$366,810 with 284 gifts. A major source is the Houston Relief Fund, monies from the state that were passed to the city. The Relief Fund currently has helped 400 families that were homeless due to

flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH:**

Trustee Paul Shanklin indicated that the search for a new superintendent had been narrowed to three candidates, and the decision might be announced in the next few weeks. The new Superintendent is expected to start by July 1st.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The Scholarship Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm at M.O. Campbell Center. 629 applications were received, and the AEF will award 126 scholarships totalling \$412,000 and the ASF will award 125 scholarships of \$1000 each, or a total of \$125,000.

**RESOURCE CENTER:**

AISD will dedicate a new professional development and resource center building, named for Dr. Wanda Bamberg, on Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 pm.

**BASKETBALL FUND RAISER:**

The board is investigating an exhibition game with the Harlem Wizards for Spring 2019.

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- PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 19222 TOMBALL PARKWAY, HOUSTON, TX 77070
- CHAMPION FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH, SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 15555 STUEBNER AIRLINE RD. HOUSTON, TX 77069
- 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 GREENSPRING CENTER, THURSDAY MAY 31ST, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00 PM 250 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, HOUSTON, TX 77060 (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED - (281) 799-9076)

### CITIZENSHIP CLASSES 2018

- MONDAY APRIL 9 TO MAY 21ST, 2018. CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EVERY MONDAY - 8 WEEKS) 18511 KLEIN CHURCH RD. SPRING, TX 77379
- FRIDAY APRIL 20 TO JUNE 1ST. ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (EVERY FRIDAY - 7 WEEKS) 5356 11TH ST, KATY, TX 77493
- SATURDAY APR. 21 TO JUNE 9. ST. CHARLES BORROMEO 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (EVERY SATURDAY - 8 WEEKS) 501 TIDWELL RD. HOUSTON, TX 77022. REGISTRATION REQUIRED, PLEASE CALL 281-799-9076 & 713-471-5832.

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## Keep East Aldine Clean & Green!



## Harris County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program features Luis Pedraza

Sgt. Terry Garza made a presentation to the East Aldine District Board of Directors on March 20th sharing a wonderful success story on the Explorer's Program which is generously supported by the District through their community development fund.

"In October 2011, the Harris County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program was started. Post 42 was formed and one of our very first recruits was Explorer Luis Pedraza, who attended MacArthur High School and was in the Law Enforcement Class at school. Luis was one of our Best Explorers and was promoted to Explorer Lieutenant and because of his dedication to this program, he won numerous trophies in competitions, especially focusing on Standardized Sobriety Field Testing. Due to him we won First Place in every competition where he took the lead in DWI Investigations.

Luis was also in the National Honor Society graduating in the top 20% of his graduating class in 2013. Luis was awarded a Pell Grant, Texas Grant and an HCSO Explorer Program Scholarship. His parents told him once he graduated from high school, he could not attend college, instead he was needed in his father's roofing business and he would have to go work with his father.



Explorer Luis Pedraza, one of the first recruits of the program back in 2011.

Luis immediately let his Explorer Advisors, Deputy Terry Garza and Alex Palizo, know what was going on. The Advisors intervened and spoke with his parents and explained the importance of Luis furthering his education.

Thank goodness they agreed to allow Luis to attend Sam Houston State University!

Luis graduated from Sam Houston State University in December of 2017. He is currently working at the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Houston and considering

returning to Texas State University to get his Master's Degree.

Luis Pedraza was contacted last night and I asked him for a quote, "The Measure of life is it's service". This took me back to my time with the Explorers and how it made me feel part of the community but also part of a bigger family. The volunteering, public relations, and the discipline all helped me figure out what type of person I wanted to become. Which lead me to be a Resident Advisor on campus.

## Law enforcement relies on HCC to deliver trained police officers

HOUSTON [April 4, 2018] - The next time you need help, the police officer who shows up may very well have been trained at Houston Community College. More and more, area law enforcement agencies are turning to HCC to help fill the growing demand for trained police officers to replace an aging first responder workforce. The just completed HCC Police Academy Class 17D is one of five academies offered this year to meet law enforcement needs and is one of the program's largest graduating classes. Class 17D had 39 basic peace officer graduates, with ten female officers heading into an industry where women make up only 15 percent of the workforce.

Over the past year, the basic peace officer program has increased by more than 50 percent. As Class 17D heads into the workforce, a new academy class with more than 60 cadets is starting.

"We are excited about

the growth that we are experiencing in the program as we aim to train students, meet the demand for officers, and prepare them for rewarding careers as first responders," says HCC Public Safety Center of Excellence Dean Johnny Sessums.

Cadets completing the program are highly trained and can expect to find work in law enforcement agencies across Texas. On average, the placement rate for HCC police academy graduates is 92 percent.

The rigorous basic peace officer training program requires cadets to learn law procedures, acquire tactical skills, meet physical fitness standards and pass the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement licensing exam. In order to achieve these goals, HCC cadets have an opportunity to train in a state-of-the-art facility that includes hands-on training and instruction in classrooms, as well as an outdoor driving track, firing range and

physical fitness space.

Training and course theory are advantages that students participating in an HCC police academy can benefit from. They are also able to engage with experienced law enforcement officers who teach in the program. "Our instructors have years of experience and provide students with firsthand knowledge about expectations, responsibilities, challenges and rewards of working as an officer," says Sessums.

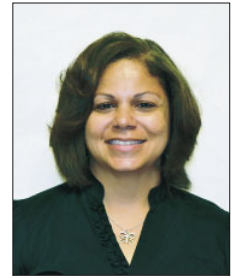
The program also offers flexible scheduling that enables more students to participate in an academy. Full-time and part-time classes are offered during the day and evenings.

The police training center is located at the Public Safety Center of Excellence on the HCC Northeast Campus, 555 Community College Drive, Houston, TX 77013. The facility offers a state-of-the-art firing range and driving track for interactive training.

## Hambrick Middle School Principal honored by Alma Mater

Recently Hambrick Middle School Principal, Dr. Rebecca Sanford was honored with a 2018 College of Education Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Houston College of Education. Dr. Sanford is a 3-time graduate of the University of Houston, earning a Bachelor's degree in 1994, Master's degree in 1996 and Doctorate in 2000. She has served 22 years in education with the Aldine Independent School District as both a teacher and a principal. In 2016 she was named the 2015-2016 Secondary Principal of the Year by Aldine ISD. "I am deeply touched and honored that [they] think so highly of me. I love what I do and work hard daily to make a difference in the lives of children. Being recognized for my work is truly humbling," Sanford remarked.

Robert McPherson, Dean of the College of Education at the University of Houston and professor, stated in a letter to Dr. Sanford, "Your leadership as a school principal and advocacy for all students represent the best of the Cougar spirit...you are a tireless champion for public education dedicating more than two decades to the Aldine Independent School District and serving as a board member of the UH Charter School. Your selection as Aldine ISD



Dr. Rebecca Sanford has spent many years working in education and will be honored at the University of Houston as a Distinguished Alumni on April 25.

secondary principal of the year for 2015-16 highlights your well-deserved respect from your peers. You have consistently led the way, breaking barriers as the first African-American woman to graduate from the College of Education's doctorate program in special populations. Your students and staff at Hambrick Middle School are lucky to have you at the helm." An award ceremony will be held on April 25 at the University of Houston Hilton to honor the U of H alumni and community members receiving awards. Scholarship recipients will also be recognized at the ceremony along with donors to the scholarship program.

## Family Day at Turner Park,

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ment will set up its Smoke House for kids; and Metro will have its Discover Bus with a prize wheel.

There will be facepainting, inflatable games, a rock wall and a train ride for the young ones. For seniors, we will have a tent with bingo and other games.

"We have something for everyone, no matter your age!" said Mayor Turner. "And remember, everything is free!"

Metro will be providing free shuttle buses from four off-site parking locations: Carver High School, 2100 S. Victory; Lone Star College, Victory Campus, 4141 Victory; Living Word Fellowship Church, 7350 T.C. Jester; and Shady Acres Church, 7330 Vogel.

Family Day at Sylvest-

er Turner Park is produced by the Mayor's non-profit, the Greater North Houston Youth Alliance, and the Mayor's Office of Special Events. Our thanks to our sponsors: AT&T, Aldine ISD Police Department, CenterPoint, Coca-Cola, Comcast, Constable Alan Rosen, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, HEB, the Houston Astros, Major League Baseball, Minute Maid, New Destiny Church, Pepsico, Nolan Ryan's Beef, Reddy Ice, Scantec, the Astros/MLB Urban Youth Academy and the following Houston city departments: Fire, Police, Neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Solid Waste.

## Immigration Forum,

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3435 for help, or contact them at their website: www.fielhouston.org.

Espinosa discussed In State Tuition for Undocumented Students, with HB1403/SB1528. These bills allow undocumented students to apply to any public college, and receive Texas state financial aid. He also discussed TAFSA, which allows financial aid grants to students. FIEL is an organization which helps apply for either type of aid. Their office is at 6610 Harwin #214.

A representative from the Mexican Consul's office presented a talk in Spanish, explaining services the consulate provides, and what Immigration and DACA services the could help with.

After the formal presentations in the auditorium, information tables and individual counseling sessions were held in the lobby. Several organizations had informational literature, including BakerRipley and FIEL, and the Mexican Consul.

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COMMUNITY PAGE

# Foro de inmigración de Walle

NORDESTE - El Representante Estatal Armando Walle organizó un Foro de dos noches la semana pasada, sobre el tema Inmigración y estado de DACA. Los eventos se llevaron a cabo en las escuelas secundarias MacArthur y Aldine, el miércoles y Jueves por la tarde. Los padres, los estudiantes y el público asistieron, y cada programa tenía entre 75 y 100 personas en la audiencia.

Los oradores en MacArthur incluyeron a Walle, Jill Campbell de BakerRipley, Cesar Espinosa de FIEL y dos representantes del consulado mexicano local. El programa fue presentado tanto en inglés como en español, con traducción para hablantes solo en inglés. Los temas que fueron cubiertos incluyeron SB4, DACA, Conozca sus derechos, información de inmigración y Consular Services. El representante Walle abrió la noche con comentarios sobre su propia situación



Armando Walle  
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como estadounidense con mexicano padres, y problemas que su familia ha tenido, y cómo su interés y defensa se relaciona con ese trasfondo. También notó que la mayoría de sus constituyentes eran de ascendencia hispana. Explicó que la reunión daría información sobre dos temas importantes, SB4 o la ley de Texas, y DACA o el diferido Acción para la Llegada de la Infancia. Dijo que debido a SB4, en Texas está bien que la policía pregunte acerca

de su estado migratorio si lo detuvieron por una violación. Pero usted tiene derecho a permanecer en silencio y no responder preguntas, excepto para identificarle. Las tarjetas estaban disponibles con todas las respuestas a "Conoce tus derechos", que son bastante complicadas.

Jill Campbell de BakerRipley realizó una extensa presentación sobre la ayuda de Inmigración y formas de evitarlo deportación. Ella indicó que cualquiera que necesitara ayuda podría

comunicarse con BakerRipley al 713-273-3707 para obtener asistencia legal gratuita. Ayuda con la asistencia de renovación de DACA. Las oficinas están en Navigation Blvd. y Rookin Street. Cuando el Town Center es terminado en East Aldine, también habrá una oficina de inmigración en el complejo BakerRipley. Campbell dijo que hay 800,000 en los Estados Unidos con estado de DACA y 68,000 en el Condado de Harris. Aunque el presidente Trump ordenó que DACA no se

puede renovar, sin embargo, un tribunal en California dice que esto no es válido, y a n puede renovar su estado. Campbell instó a todos a renovar pronto. Si está sujeto a la deportación, ella dijo que era imperativo contactar a un abogado de inmigración, especialmente antes de facturar con ICE. Ella dijo que si tienes una Tarjeta Verde, no puede ser quitado. El asesoramiento del abogado de inmigración también es importante si tiene un estado de protección o si necesita la renovación de su visa. BakerRipley puede ayudar con la documentación involucrada. Si cree que necesita asesoramiento, hay una línea directa de Inmigración-IMMI en Houston, 1-833-HOU-IMMI.

El siguiente orador fue Cesar Espinosa de FIEL, que es una organización especializada en apoyo de indocumentados que buscan una educación superior. FIEL tiene una clínica legal y puede ayudar a los estudiantes a ingresar a la universidad. Llamar al 713-364-3435 para obtener ayuda, o contáctelos en su sitio web:

www.fielhouston.org. Espinosa discutió en State Tuition para Estudiantes indocumentados, con HB1403 / SB1528. Estos proyectos de ley permiten a los estudiantes indocumentados postularse a cualquier universidad pública, y recibir ayuda financiera estatal de Texas. También discutió TAFSA, que permite subvenciones de ayuda financiera a los estudiantes. FIEL es una organización que ayuda a solicitar cualquier tipo de ayuda. Su oficina está en 6610 Harwin # 214.

Un representante de la oficina del consulado mexicano presentó una charla en español, explicando los servicios del consulado proporcionalmente, y con qué servicios de Inmigración y DACA podría ayudar. Después de las presentaciones formales en el auditorio, mesas de información y sesiones individuales de consejería se llevaron a cabo en el lobby. Varias organizaciones tenían literatura informativa, incluyendo BakerRipley y FIEL, y el consulado mexicano.

## Harris County Emergency Corps to offer Community CPR & First Aid event

Harris County Emergency Corps (HCEC) is excited to offer a Community CPR & First Aid event on April 21, 2018!

The course will take place at HCEC office at 2800 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032 from 10 am to 2 pm.

The course is FREE to all community members, and all attendees will receive a course completion certificate. This is a general knowledge and instruction course designed to

provide basic understanding of CPR, first aid, and abdominal thrusts for choking victims. This is a great opportunity for youth league coaches, baby sitters, or anyone who wants to be prepared to help family and friends. Minimum age of participants is 12 years old, and all minors must have a parent/guardian present.

For more information and to register, please call Desiree Pierce at 281-449-3131. There is a 60 seat



limit, so register now to secure your spot! Facility tour to follow class, don't miss out!

## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.4 Billion in March

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.4 billion in March, 7.2 percent more than in March 2017.

"Sales tax revenue rose for almost all major economic sectors, indicating growth in both business and consumer spending," Hegar said. "Receipts from the oil and gas mining, construction and manufacturing sectors, as well as retail trade and restaur-

ants, were up, while receipts from the information sector were slightly down from a year ago."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in March 2018 was up 8.3 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor fuels and oil and natural gas

production also rose in March 2018, while tax receipts from motor vehicle sales and rentals were down:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$384.4 million, down 4.8 percent from March 2017;
- motor fuel taxes — \$276.6 million, up 3.9 percent from March 2017; and
- oil and natural gas production taxes — \$410 million, up 38.1 percent from March 2017.

## New changes in the Tax Law

HOUSTON, Texas — Local Tax Consultant Theresa Badgett explains changes in the tax laws after Congress passed a tax reform bill this year.

Badgett indicated that filling tax forms this year might be easier, especially if you are taking advantage of the standard deduction, which has been raised to \$25,000, instead of itemizing deductions.

And the good news is that you may pay less in taxes after you get through with all that paperwork. She said that if your company uses the standard withholding tables, you will already have noticed an increase in the size of your check. This is because tax brackets, the rate you pay depending upon your income, has been reduced to 10-12-22 per cent. In previous years they were higher.

Badgett offered a number of ways to save on your taxes. Three major changes she noted for this tax year are:

Energy Efficient Credit has been eliminated, but in its place is a Solar tax credit. The reason this is good, is because you can deduct 100% of your tax obligation, i.e. Dollar for Dollar;

Sale of your permanent home has been increased, and capital gains are now tax free up to \$250,000. You must have lived in your home for at least two years, but Badgett said that some people move just for the savings, especially if they have a second home that they can designate as their new homestead;

Buy an electric car, or a hybrid for some models. When you buy an electric car, you immediately get a \$7300 "coupon" or savings of that amount on the purchase price. Again, this is a Dollar for Dollar savings.

Badgett said that most of these new tax rules would be good until the year 2025, although a new administration and Congress could always change them.

Another favorable new rule is that small businesses can take 20 per cent off their reported income, before their tax is figured. This is a new benefit, avail-



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able to any small business.

One change that may affect many people is how Alimony payments are handled. This time, these payments are not deductible as an expense.

Another change is the elimination of a Personal Exemption for each member of your household. This had been \$4050 per person, and very beneficial for larger families. Now the new Standard Deduction of \$25,000 is to take care of this instead.

Anyone with a large Estate would be interested in the increased limits to avoid federal Estate taxes. The threshold up until this year had been \$5 million dollars. If your estate was less than that, you were not obligated for any federal estate tax. Now the limit has been raised to \$11 million, not a factor for most persons.

Other highlights that Badgett mentioned, included the deduction available for student tuition, and donations to a so-called college fund, known as a 529 Plan, have been expanded as to how this money must be used. It can now cover some expenses prior to college costs, she said.

Gifts to children or grandchildren have been raised to \$14,000 as a non-taxable transfer.

Hurricane losses that are unreimbursed by insurance are deductible this year, but next year there will not be any deductions

allowed for casualty losses, she said. For some, this might be a major change. Loss of income in these situations is not deductible, since it was not declared as income anyway.

She advised everyone to take pictures: of donations, odometers, and so on to help your memory, and document your information for the IRS.

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## TxDOT launches 'heads up', Texas' campaign to curb distracted-driving crashes

AUSTIN — April is National Distracted Driving Month and with nearly 1 in 5 crashes in Texas involving distracted driving — a ratio that has not changed in the past three years — the Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers that their undivided attention to the road could save a life.

"It's extremely concerning that drivers still choose to give their attention to things other than the road when they're behind the wheel," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "As a society, we're more connected than ever to our devices and easily tempted to multitask, but drivers need to understand all of these various distractions can lead to a tragic outcome."

In 2017, 19 percent of vehicle crashes on Texas roads involved distracted driving. Those 100,687 crashes resulted in 444 deaths and 2,889 serious injuries. In an effort to

curb distracted-driving crashes, TxDOT is launching its new "Heads up, Texas" campaign in partnership with AT&T It Can Wait. The centerpiece of the campaign is a 19-city, distracted-driving virtual reality experience launching in Waco on April 4.

According to AT&T It Can Wait, the majority of Texans ages 15-54 admit to driving distracted because of their smartphone. Additionally, nearly all Texans surveyed consider smartphone distractions to be dangerous while driving, but nearly 9 out of 10, or 89 percent, admit they do it.

"The It Can Wait campaign shares a simple message: Distracted driving is never OK," said Ryan Luckey, assistant vice president of Corporate Brand Marketing for AT&T. "We're proud to join TxDOT in sharing that message with Texans through revealing survey data and events that highlight the dangers and the

new law." Effective Sept. 1, 2017, a texting-while-driving ban was written into law making it illegal to read, write or send a text while driving in Texas. Violators can face a fine up to \$200. Though texting while driving is now punishable by law, it's not the only smartphone activity putting Texas drivers and passengers at risk. Among those Texans surveyed by AT&T It Can Wait, the top 5 smartphone distractions while driving are:

- Texting
- Snapping/viewing photos
- Playing music
- Emailing
- Accessing social media

To learn more about TxDOT's "Heads up, Texas" campaign, visit [txdot.gov/driver/share-road/distracted.html](http://txdot.gov/driver/share-road/distracted.html).

For media inquiries related to "Heads up, Texas", contact TxDOT Media Relations at [MediaRelations@txdot.gov](mailto:MediaRelations@txdot.gov) or (512) 463-8700.

### PREMIERE CINEMAS

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OPINION PAGE

**AG Paxton urges HHS to implement rules restoring Religious Freedom and Conscience Rights for Americans**

Attorney General Ken Paxton sent a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar supporting proposed rules that would assure the principles of federalism, religious freedom and freedom of conscience are restored to their proper place in our constitutional system of government. Texas and Arizona co-lead the comment letter, which was signed by 17 state attorneys general.

In January, HHS said it intended to rescind Obama-era guidance that sought to protect government funding for abortion providers by excluding states and health care providers from federally funded programs based on their respect for the sanctity of human life. HHS also announced a new proposed rule that would designate its Office for Civil Rights to enforce 25 existing statutory conscience protections for Americans involved in HHS-funded programs. Those laws protect people from being coerced into participating in activities — such as abortion — that violate their religious and moral beliefs.

"It is encouraging to see HHS taking concrete steps to restore the rule of law and respect for our Constitution," Attorney General Paxton said. "All of us must be able to

abide by our religious, moral and ethical beliefs without fear that our government will intimidate and discriminate against us for doing so."

In the letter, the attorneys general expressed concern that HHS in the past excluded the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from a grant program to help victims of human trafficking because the charity did not refer individuals for abortion services. They also reminded the department that Texas was excluded from the Title X grant program in 2012 "because of actions taken by the Legislature to protect the widely-held religious and moral convictions of Texas taxpayers concerning abortion."

"These types of actions undermine the constitutional and statutory protections for religious freedom and conscience rights, and the department's proposal would put in place a check to ensure such actions do not occur in the future," the attorneys general wrote.

Texas and Arizona are joined in the letter by Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

**Governor Abbott statement on Trump Administration's plan to deploy National Guard to border**

AUSTIN — April 4, 2018 — Governor Greg Abbott today issued the following statement after the announcement from U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen that the federal government will deploy the National Guard to the U.S.-Mexico border.

"My top priority as Governor is ensuring the safety and security of Texans, and securing our southern border has always been essential to that mission," said Governor Abbott. "In my time as Governor, Texas has maintained a continuous presence of National Guard members along the border, and we've added hundreds of permanent Depart-

ment of Public Safety troopers to the region. Today's action by the Trump Administration reinforces Texas' longstanding commitment to secure our southern border and uphold the Rule of Law, and I welcome the support. Going forward, Texas will continue to implement robust border security efforts, and this partnership will help ensure we are doing everything we can to stem the flow of illegal immigration."

Today's decision by the Trump Administration is consistent with previous actions taken to secure our southern border by President Barack Obama in 2010, and President George W. Bush in 2006.



**Question to appear on upcoming census stirs opposing viewpoints**

AUSTIN — Ted Cruz of Texas was one of three United States senators who requested that respondents to the 2020 decennial census be asked if they are citizens of the United States.

When Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross responded in the affirmative last week, Cruz said, "I applaud Secretary Ross for honoring this request by my colleagues and me. It is imperative that the data gathered in the census is reliable, given the wide-ranging impacts it will have on U.S. policy. A question on citizenship is a reasonable, common-sense addition to the census."

On March 28, state Sen. Sylvia R. Garcia, D-Houston, who chairs the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus, took issue with the question. "Adding a question on citizenship at this time would only seek to fan the flames of fear and distrust in the Census, further risking depressed response rates," Garcia said.

She added that the Census Bureau would "have to expend more resources in the field for those fearful of an initial response."

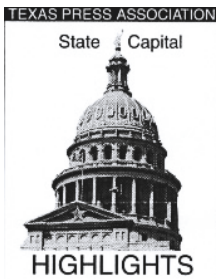
"Even with additional resources, an undercount could result in less representation for Texas in Congress, inaccurate data for redistricting, unreliable numbers for business seeking to move to Texas, and a loss of federal funding for communities across the state. In a word, this could be disastrous. I implore our state leaders to support the litigation to remove this question and fight for an accurate Census count nationwide," Garcia added.

State Rep. Cesar Blanco, D-El Paso, on March 26 held a Capitol news conference detailing concerns similar to those expressed by Garcia.

Citizenship questions have been included on prior censuses: "Between 1820 and 1950, almost every decennial census asked a question on citizenship in some form," according to a Commerce Department news release.

**AGs file court brief**  
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 26 announced the filing of a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the Trump administration's lawsuit against California over state laws that signatories of the brief say inten-

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling



tionally obstruct the federal government's ability to enforce the nation's immigration law.

Paxton, the state's chief litigator, was joined in the brief by a coalition of 17 state officials, including the attorneys general of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and West Virginia; and Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant and Maine Gov. Paul LePage.

In the brief, Attorney General Paxton and his fellow attorneys general highlight a 2012 case where the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states couldn't stand in the way of federal agents following federal immigration law.

"Dangerous sanctuary policies like California's undermine the rule of law and endanger good law enforcement officers and the communities that need their protection the most. It is incomprehensible that California finds criminal illegal aliens dangerous enough to detain, but then insists on releasing them back into the community to offend again instead of turning them over to federal immigration authorities for removal. If California prefers different immigration policies, it is free to take them up with the appropriate authority: Congress," Paxton said.

**DeVos approves plan**  
Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos on March 26 announced her approval of Texas' consolidated state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act. The Every Student Succeeds Act became law in 2015, replacing the No

Child Left Behind Act, which was signed into law by then-President George W. Bush in 2002. The new act retains annual standardized testing requirements and tasks each state with developing a revised plan subject to federal approval. "Texas' plan met the requirements of the law, therefore I have approved it," said DeVos. "I look forward to seeing how Texas embraces the flexibility afforded by ESSA to innovate on behalf of the Lone Star State's students."

DeVos pointed out three elements of Texas' approved plan:

- Rigorous, yet achievable goals for all student groups in Texas, while creating stronger alignment between all state and federal program areas;
- Strong support and interventions to assist low-performing schools; and
- Alignment of federal funding with priorities within the Texas Education Agency's strategic plan.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath welcomed the announcement by DeVos, saying, "In Texas, we are committed to ensuring every child is prepared for success in college, a career or the military. Our state plan reflects a commitment to reinforcing public education outcomes for more than five million schoolchildren while continuing to strengthen the economic future of Texas."

**Guv returns from India**

Gov. Greg Abbott on March 30 returned from a nine-day business development trip to India, where he visited with government officials and business leaders in several cities to promote economic and trade relationships between India and Texas.

Abbott met with Reliance Industries, Infosys Limited, JSW Steel and Wipro Limited and with India Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the nation's ministers of petroleum and natural gas, commerce and industry and civil aviation.

**Fire Prevention Tips And Technology**

(NAPSI)—They look like small, plastic boxes, round or square, stuck up on the wall or the ceiling—but they could save your life. They're smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

**Facts And Figures**

On average, eight people die in a home fire each day in the U.S.—almost 3,000 people every year. While working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half, roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

As for carbon monoxide detectors, more than 200 people die from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the U.S. annually. Several thousand more are treated in hospital emergency rooms for CO poisoning. Yet an estimated 70 percent of U.S. homes are not protected by a working CO alarm. CO is created when common fuels such as natural gas, oil, wood or coal burn incompletely. This odorless, colorless, tasteless gas is often called the "silent killer" because it is virtually undetectable without the use of proper technology. You can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer time as well as by a large amount over a shorter time.

**What You Need To Know**

For the best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnected, so that they all sound if one sounds. Manufacturers are now producing battery-operated alarms that are interconnected by wireless technology.

Combination smoke alarms that include both ionization and photoelectric alarms offer the most comprehensive protection. An ionization alarm is more responsive to flames, while a photoelectric alarm is more responsive to a smoldering fire.

Hardwired smoke alarms with battery backups are considered to be more reliable than those operated solely by batteries.

**What You Need To Do**

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home including in hallways and the basement.
- Choose alarms that bear the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Install smoke alarms at least 10 feet from cooking appliances to reduce the possibility of false alarms.
- If possible, alarms should be mounted in the center of a ceiling. If mounted on a wall, they should be six to 12 inches below the ceiling.
- Avoid locating alarms near bathrooms, heating appliances, windows or ceiling fans.
- Test your alarms every month by pressing the TEST button.
- Replace the batteries at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps" or "beeps" to indicate low batteries, replace them immediately.
- Occasionally dust or lightly vacuum the exterior of the alarm.
- Replace the alarms in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, but at least every 10 years.
- Never paint over an alarm.
- If you have difficulty hearing, you can get alarms with low-pitched sounds or vibrations.

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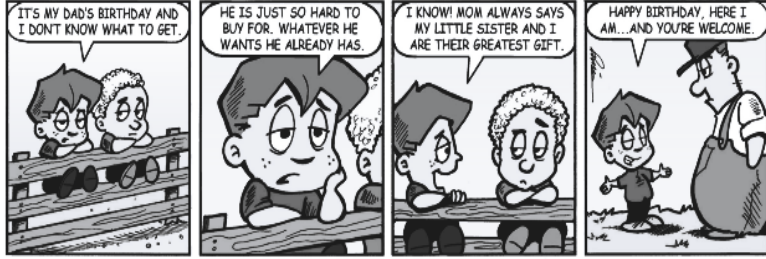
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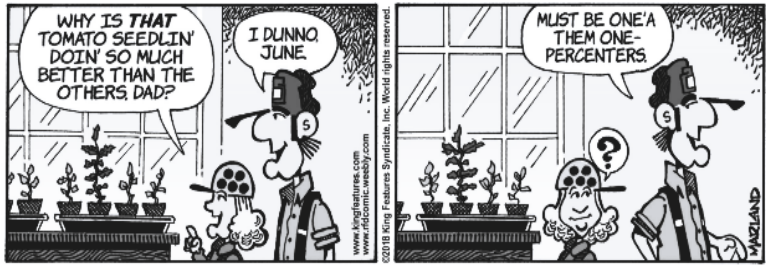
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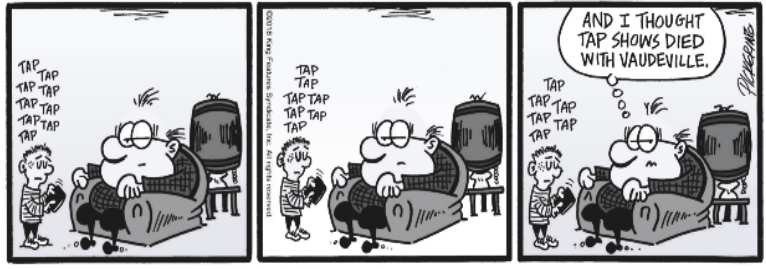
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5 Always
9 "See ya"
12 Took the bus
13 Anger
14 Legislation
15 Pyrite
17 Anger
18 Implement
19 Makes one's way
21 English composition
24 Behave
25 Cookware
26 Both ways
30 Equal (Pref.)
31 Bichon - (dog breed)
32 " - the fields we go"
33 Reins
35 Metal refuse
36 Actor McGregor
37 How one says "alas"
38 Georgia city
40 Leaves
42 Past
43 Absolute dominance
48 Web address
49 Teeny bit
50 Soon, in verse
51 Pop
52 Vacillate



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2 Sticky stuff
3 Tokyo's old name
4 River-mouth regions
5 Therefore
6 String instrument
7 Right angle
8 Claret, for one
9 "Pin the tail on the donkey" prop
10 Play area
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21 Grand tale
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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. SCIENCE: What vitamin did scientist Linus Pauling advocate as having health benefits when taken in high doses?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is Arlington National Cemetery located?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many children did President Franklin Roosevelt and first lady Eleanor Roosevelt have?
4. TIME & MEASUREMENTS: If the military hour is 1600, what is the time to civilians?
5. ASTRONOMY: What was the first planet to be discovered using the telescope?
6. THEATER: Who wrote the 20th-century play "Private Lives"?
7. GAMES: What color is the No. 1 ball in billiards?
8. MOVIES: What kind of creature is Thumper in the Disney movie "Bambi"?
9. TELEVISION: What was the name of the club where husband Ricky worked on the show "I Love Lucy"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's largest active volcano?

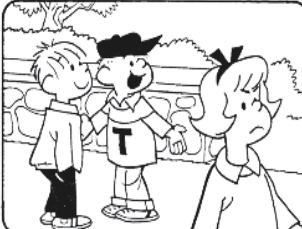
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Boy's missing; 2. Cup missing; 3. Skateboard missing; 4. Airplane missing; 5. Hat missing; 6. Fence missing.

Trivia Test Answers

- 1. Vitamin C
2. Arlington County, Virginia
3. Six, although one died in infancy
4. 4 p.m.
5. Uranus
6. Noel Coward
7. Yellow
8. A rabbit
9. Tropicana
10. Hawaii's Mauna Loa

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- 1. Furnish; 2. Couple; 3. Retain; 4. Spar

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After you had several adult beverages on a flight, you'll probably be feeling no pain!



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THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

If I'd Only Known

Dr. Mark Trice

How often, in life, do you realize that you would have done things differently if you'd known the outcome ahead of time? How many opportunities have you missed? In the Bible we see many people who missed their opportunities, and others who did not. One person who got it right was Ruth.

Ruth wasn't an Israelite, but she had married an Israelite and come to love his mother Naomi. When both women were left without their husbands, and Naomi learned that Israel was a prosperous place again, they traveled to

Naomi's home. Once there, Ruth decided she was going to care for her mother-in-law.

She had no way of knowing the plan God had for her life. She simply went out to the fields to find some grain for dinner. As it happened, as if anything only "happens" with God, she ended up in the field of the one man best positioned to change her life forever, the one man who could help her become more than she ever imagined.

If you've read the book of Ruth, you know the full story. The man was Boaz, the son of another non-Jew, Rahab, who had greatly

aided the Israelite army at Jericho. Another Jewish man might have respected Ruth for her actions but turned aside because of her bloodline. Boaz's attitude was different, and God gave Ruth great favor with him - so much favor that he eventually married her.

Again, if you've read the story of Ruth, you know that Ruth and Boaz aren't just any Bible couple. They are in the lineage of David and, consequently, of Jesus. Truly, this whole chain of events is nothing short of supernatural.

But Ruth could have chosen to stay home, and

if she had she might easily have missed out on God's plans. Instead, she went into the fields to do her part to help provide for the family. She was only expecting a supply of grain, but God's vision was much greater: He wanted to give her the whole field. She intended to provide for her mother-in-law and herself, but God positioned her to help bring salvation to the whole world through Jesus Christ.

We don't know what plans God has in the works for us, and we don't have to. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us not to rely on logic or reason - on our own understanding - but rather to entrust our lives to Him and live faithful to His call. For those of us who have an innate need to be in control, this can be a challenge. Even so, if we do follow God step by step, as He tells us, we'll never be left thinking, "If I'd only known."

Mercer Botanic Gardens opens Shakespeare Garden

Commissioner R. Jack Cagle invites the public to attend the opening and dedication of the Shakespeare Garden at Mercer Botanic Gardens Monday, April 23 at 10 a.m.

The new garden is the first of its kind in Houston and replaces an underutilized lawn area. Features include antique roses, boxwoods, and seasonal color surrounding an open sitting area. Strategically placed garden benches overlook a decorative water fountain and William Shakespeare bust to form a quiet enclosure reminiscent of gardens popular during the English Renaissance.

The Shakespeare Garden was inspired by the book Shakespeare's Flowers by Jessica Kerr, which

describes the flower imagery in Shakespeare's plays. Funding was provided in part by Al Friedl, a park ranger at Mercer.

"Al Friedl came to me with this idea after noticing the Houston-area lacked a Shakespeare Garden. He thought the garden would not only be visually stunning, but may also inspire a love of Shakespeare in a new generation," said Mercer Interim Director Jim Nutter. "The new garden will be perfect for reading, visiting with friends, and relaxing."

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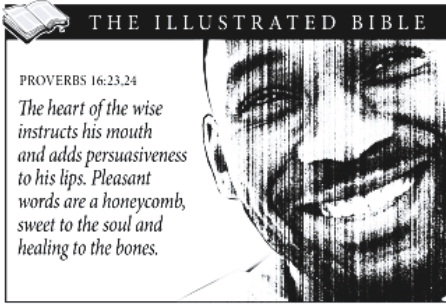
1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. By Roman reckoning, what time of day did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman at the well? Daybreak, Noon, Mid-afternoon, Dusk
3. On the island of Patmos, to whom was the book of Revelation given? John, Paul, Matthew, Luke

4. Who hid 100 prophets in two caves and supplied them food and water? Solomon, Philemon, Obadiah, Hosea

5. On what day did God create the evening and the morning? 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th

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