

## Memorial Day 2018



Sagemont Church in Southeast Houston laid 38,000 American flags in their lawn, in honor of those soldiers from Texas that died in war.

## Top 10 Aldine ISD Students set for graduation this week



CAMERON LEE  
Aldine Valedictorian



ALEJANDRA ROSALES  
Aldine Salutatorian



BINH NGUYEN  
Davis Valedictorian



TRONG LE  
Davis Salutatorian



IVAN HUERTA  
Nimitz Valedictorian



BEATRIZ LARA  
Nimitz Salutatorian



BOBBIE ALISSA  
VILLALOBOS  
Carver HS Valedictorian



AHREAILLE ASHLEY  
HOLLY  
Carver HS Salutatorian



DENISSE CORDOVA  
CARRIZALES  
MacArthur Valedictorian



STEPHANIE NINO DE  
RIVERA  
MacArthur Salutatorian



LINDA DUONG  
Eisenhower Valedictorian



VALENTIN URRUTIA  
Eisenhower Salutatorian

### GRADUATIONS

- Thursday, May 31 – Lane School Graduation, Hall Center for Education, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 31 – MacArthur High School Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 1 – Hall Center for Education Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 6 p.m.
- Friday, June 1 – Davis High School Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 2 – Aldine High School Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 8 a.m.
- Saturday, June 2 – Carver High School Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 2 – Nimitz High School Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, June 2 – Eisenhower High School Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 2 – Victory Early College High School Graduation, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 7 p.m.

### NEWS NOTES

#### Affected by Hurricane?

Join Harris County for an open house event to discuss recovery needs in your area affected by Hurricane Harvey. Thursday, May 31, 2018, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Northeast Community Center (James Driver Park), 10918 Bentley St. 77093.

#### Retirement Celebration

Retirement celebration in honor of Dr. Wanda Bamberg and Dr. Archie Blanson, Thursday, June 7, 2018, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. M.O. Campbell Education Center, 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032. Program starts at 4:15 p.m.

#### Small Scale Development Workshop

Get the big picture view of small scale real state development. Learn how to pick a good development project. Take the first steps to make it a reality. Discover where you need help. Meet people who can help. \$180 Early Bird, \$210 regular, \$240 last minute. June 13, 2018. The Acres Homes Chamber of Commerce, 6112 Wheatley Street. 7:30 a.m. registration opens, 8:00 a.m. welcome. 12:00 lunch, 5:00 ends.

## Memorial Day Observed



Memorial Day was observed at the Houston National Cemetery, with speakers including Mayor Sylvester Turner. 80,000 flags were laid at the graves of the fallen servicemen and women.

#### IN FLANDERS FIELDS

John McCrae, 1872 - 1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky,  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

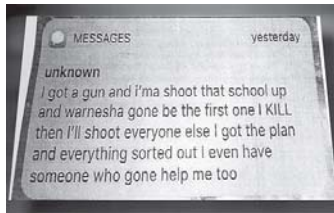
## School districts deal with threats, including Aldine

HARRIS COUNTY – Following the school shooting in Santa Fe last week, authorities report that there has been an increase in threats recorded across many schools in the county.

At least seven school districts in the area have had to deal with threats, by searching for senders, sending additional police, and hardening security features. Districts with problems included Clear Creek and Huffman, where students had guns, Cleveland where a student had a gun replica, and YES Prep West, Crosby, La Marque, and Aldine where threats were recorded.

The Harris County District Attorney's office has reported that they filed charges against 24 students since last week's shooting at Santa Fe. Most of these were against kids whose ages were from 12 to 16, but some were as young as 10.

John Jordan of the DA's office said that



Alleged Threat to Aldine HS student Warnesha Crawford. Image courtesy KRIV

it was imperative that these cases be filed, to protect other teachers and students. If a potential problem is seen, it must be reported and investigated, he said, "because you never know who the

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## Run-off election sets slate for November, Cantu wins position

The May 22nd Run-off election only turned out about 1.5% of the eligible voters, but the results were significant for several races of local interest.

For Harris County School Trustee at Large, Richard Cantu won his race against Josh Wallenstein. Although it was a nail-biter, with the lead changing all night, nevertheless when all the votes were counted, Cantu had 50.25% or 26,014 votes, and Wallenstein had 49.75% or 25,780 votes. Cantu will go on to challenge the Republican candidate in the general election in November.



Richard Cantu won his bid for Democrat candidate for County School Trustee

Cantu issued a statement thanking his supporters, as follows:

"We did it!! Thanks to the voters of Harris County"

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# SCHOOL / COMMUNITY NEWS

## MacArthur dance instructor and students explore the Immigrant Experience in 'Tortillas y lágrimas'

Why do people leave their homeland? What hardships do immigrants endure or experience? How do families handle the separation? How do you navigate a new language and culture without forgetting your roots and heritage?

These are some of the questions that choreographer Elisa de la Rosa asked herself and her collaborators when they began to work on Tortillas y lágrimas (Tortillas and Tears). The multimedia project ran April 6 and 7 at Teatro Bilingüe de Houston.

De la Rosa's family has its own immigrant story. In the 1950s, her grandparents left Mexico for Texas. They were not fleeing persecution or seeking asylum; they came to have a better life for herself and her children. Their journey involved hardships as they made their way to their new home.

Contemplating this story is what planted the seed for de la Rosa's ambitious performance piece. Tortillas y lágrimas is a dance concert that is inspired by her research about Mexicans and Mexican Americans in the United States.

Joining her on the journey to bring the dance concert to fruition were students from MacArthur Ninth Grade School and MacArthur High School. The young dancers form part of the De La Rosa Dance Company. De la Rosa is the company's artistic director and choreographer. She is also the dance educator at the ninth grade campus.

She also collaborated with filmmaker Kassandra Sánchez-Alvarado to merge dance improvisation with digital media. The duo previously worked together. De la Rosa's Immigrant includes a dance film documenting the process of migrating across the Rio Grande made with Sánchez-Alvarado. The film was shown at the Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston or the MATCH on October 3, 2017. Immigrant centers on the sacrifices made by Mexican immigrants. The film was incorporated into Tortillas y lágrimas.

Tortillas y lágrimas was de la Rosa's thesis presentation. De la Rosa will soon graduate with a master of fine arts in dance from Montclair State University in New Jersey. Professor and dance director Lorraine Katterhenry reviewed Tortillas y lágrimas. The hour-long performance included 12 dance scenes. It proved to



Students perform a scene from "Tortillas y lágrimas." (Photo courtesy of Lynn Lane)

be a culmination of de la Rosa's experimentations with improvisation, Aztec dance aesthetics and digital imagery.

Highlights included the solo "Paloma Negra" (Black Dove) by guest artist Vanessa Martínez. The dance is about unrequited love that turns into the realization that she — the black dove — can stand alone on her own strength and will. Martínez's dance is beautifully choreographed using feistiness and anger to transform pain into



Representation of the dinner table where

strength. Martínez is a dance teacher at Aldine Ninth Grade School.

The eighth performance in the set of dances is a huapango titled "Redoblado." Huapango is one of the most representative Mexican genres and more difficult to execute due to the mastery that must be had in the handling of the instruments. The dancers invited everyone on stage to dance creating a united community.

Food is a major component of the immigrant experience and of Tortillas y lágrimas. People miss the food from their hometowns. They hold on to memories of family meals, parties and elaborate farewell dinners.

Maíz (corn) has been the base of the Mexican diet since its cultivation in the pre-Hispanic era. For the ancient Mexicans, corn is

the very material with which the human race was created.

The tradition of the tortilla of pre-Hispanic origin dates back from between 1500 BC and 1200 BC with the process called nixtamalization. The labor-intensive process involves the selection, cooking and soaking of corn to obtain an alkaline solution to separate the outer husk of the grain and impregnate it with vitamins and minerals to create a highly nutritious product that is ground and transformed

into batter for the tortillas. For the Mexican food aficionado, the result smells of harvest, history and alchemy.

It is not unusual to hear immigrants say that it is impossible to find a decent corn tortilla in the U.S. Perhaps they miss the handmade, fresh tortillas. Even within families there is always a debate as to who makes the best tortillas.

In the "Tortillas y lágrimas" dance, a table holds center stage as the heart and center of family and life. The dinner table is a place of solace and community. It is what binds the family together. It is where the matriarch communicates and holds ultimate power. It is over dinner and tortillas where stories are exchanged, secrets revealed, tears spilled and dreams begin.

## Aldine ISD will serve up good nutrition for local children this summer

Bringing healthy summer meals to children ensures kids have a healthy vacation and return to school ready to learn.

Aldine Child Nutrition Services will connect children 18-years-old and younger with healthy Summer Food Service Program (SFS) meals at no cost to the child beginning June 5, at 18 sites.

SFS is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

"Aldine children need good nutrition year-round so they can learn, grow and succeed in life," said Dani Sheffield, Executive Director for Child Nutrition Services. "With nearly 2 million food insecure chil-

dren living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing young Texans during the summer vacation."

Specific schools sites can be found on the Child Nutrition website, www.aldinecafe.com. Meal Services times are scheduled by each school site.

Families are encouraged to use these three tools to find a meal site anywhere in the state:

- Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator
- Visit www.SummerFood.org for an interactive site locator map
- Text FOODTX to 877-877

Summer food program meal sites help children succeed by providing the nourishment they need to return to school in the fall ready to thrive.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS

- 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 77493
- PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, SATURDAY JUNE 16, 2018 REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 19222 TOMBALL PARKWAY, HOUSTON, TX 77070
- CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH, SATURDAY JUNE 30, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 18511 KLEIN CHURCH RD. SPRING, TX 77379 (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED CALL (281) 799-9076)

## Click It or Ticket Mobilization...

What's free, takes just seconds, and prevents one of the leading causes of death?

Taking those few seconds to buckle your seat belt is the most crucial step you can take to protect yourself in a crash. Those few seconds can save your life and save your friends and family from having to go through a needless tragedy. Fortunately, most Texans now buckle up, but some groups of motorists continue not taking the message to heart by not consistently using their seat belts. The demographic of motorist most likely to be unrestrained are men and young adults, especially pickup truck drivers and their passengers. In 2016, the use of seat belts in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 14,668 lives of occupants ages 5 and older. Sadly, in 2016, there were 10,428 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States.

In Texas, among teens ages 13-to-15 years old, 62 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were killed in traffic crashes were not using restraints in 2016. Nationally, among young adults 18-to-34 years old killed in crashes in 2016, more than half (57 percent) were completely unrestrained — one of the highest percentages for all age groups. And, men make up the majority of those killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. In 2016, 65 percent of the 23,714 passenger vehicle occupants who were killed were men. It comes as no surprise

that men wear their seat belts at a lower rate than women do — 52 percent of men in fatal crashes were unrestrained, compared to 40 percent of women.

Buckling up is not just important during the daytime. Between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. is when more crashes and fatalities happen. Crash stats from the Texas Department of Transportation show that the majority (57 percent) of fatal crashes in Texas happen at night. In 2017, of all Texas crashes in which people died and weren't wearing a seat belt, 57 percent of those happened at night as well. It is important to wear your seat belt, day and night, to be protected in the event of a crash.

Unbuckled passengers are also dangerous to others in the vehicle. In the event of a crash, the unbuckled passenger become a large projectile flying around the vehicle who can injure or kill other occupants in the vehicle — including those who are buckled up!

Here are some of the myths about seat belts:

- Vehicle type: There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that their large vehicles will protect them better than other vehicles would in a crash. The numbers say otherwise. Nationally, 61 percent of pickup truck occupants who were killed in 2016 were not buckled up. That's compared to 42 percent of passenger car occupants who were not wearing seat

belts when they were killed. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single most effective way to stay alive in a crash.

- Seating position: Too many people wrongly believe they are safe in the back seat unrestrained. Forty-seven percent of all front-seat passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2016 were unrestrained, but 57 percent of those killed in back seats were unrestrained.

- Rural versus urban locations: People who live in rural areas might believe that their crash exposure is lower, but in 2016, there were 13,732 passenger vehicle fatalities in rural locations, compared to 9,366 fatalities in urban locations. Out of those fatalities, 49 percent of those killed in the rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared to 46 percent in urban locations.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Family and Community Health Agent, Alexis Cordova, from Liberty County, reminds drivers that this year's "Click It or Ticket" Campaign is scheduled for May 21 - June 3, which includes Memorial Day weekend. During this time, extra law enforcement will be on the road day and night enforcing the seat belt and child restraint laws in an effort to save lives. Those officers are not out to write tickets, but instead want to help prevent the needless tragedy of motor vehicle accidents.

Remember: Buckle up day and night and save your life — not just during "Click It or Ticket," but every day of the year!

## Run-off,

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ty, I will move on to the November General Election as the Democratic nominee for Harris County School Trustee. Position 3 (At-Large)!

This campaign was about our 3 and 4 year-olds that need someone to fight for them, for the teens that need more options to engage them afterschool, for the hardworking families that need more opportunities to earn more and can only get there by learning more, and for the indispensable teachers that deserve to have the absolute best training and resources available to be able to produce the Nation's best!

I'm so thankful to our friends and family for their encouragement, and financial support; our campaign was successful because you believed in our vision! I'm also extremely grateful to my wife, Thelma, for her unwavering love and sup-

port throughout this adventure!

#ThankYouHarrisCounty #Cantu4HCDE#3.

In the run-off on the Republican ticket, for Gene Green's seat in TX-29, Phillip Aronoff won with 51.87% or 1,151 votes, and Carmen Montiel lost with 48.13% or 1,068 votes. Aronoff will face Democrat Sylvia Garcia in the general election in November.

## Threats,

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next shooter is going to be."

In Aldine, channel 26 Fox new's Randy Wallace reported that a student, Warnesa Crawford, had received a threatening text from a fellow student that she claimed had been bullying her. She identified the student to school authorities, but her mother claimed they did not take the appropriate action, and the sender was still in school.

Aldine ISD officials issued a statement saying they were aware of the situation and were handling it according to the "student code of conduct." Fox26 said they were attempting to determine where the texts originated. The AISD statement said "Aldine ISD Police are conducting an on-going investigation related to this incident." Reportedly the Police have confiscated the cell phone of the sender.

Aldine ISD also said they had installed metal detectors in all intermediate, junior and senior high schools entrances. Schools also have secure vestibules, he said.

Other security measures that have been implemented at other campuses include the banning of backpacks, and a ban on trench coats and other heavy clothing that could potentially conceal weapons.

Recommendations from Governor Abbott include the use of metal detectors at school entrances.

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COMMUNITY PAGE

## Bonding Against Adversity focused to improve family life



Bonding Against Adversity recognizes parents who attend "Parenting Program" with a certification, with them is Mariana Sanchez (second from right) Executive Director of Bonding Against Adversity.

Bonding Against Adversity has been presenting parenting programs in Aldine since 2010. These programs are focused in improving the family life and the wellness of the children and all the other family members. Last Tuesday we have finished with great success a series of six sessions of parenting programs at Hambrick Middle School. These included: Discipline Without Punishment, Stress Management for Parents and Children, Cultural Diversity and Children, Building Positive Self-Esteem, and Building Positive Families Based on the Needs and Behavior of Their Children. We finished the programs with a general review of the most important factors that parents need to consider to support the positive development of their children. These programs were presented in English and Spanish and the materials were prepared exclusively for Bonding Against Adversity by Mrs. Martha R. Mallory to support our mission to educate and help the families of the community. Mrs. Mallory has more than 21 years of experience educating and helping families in the area of Klein I.S.D. Now, as a retired educator, she is sharing her experience with the families of Aldine I.S.D.

During the last session of the programs the families had the opportunity to give their testimony and share their experiences about how these programs have helped or improved the relationships between family members and children and parents. Following are some of their comments:

- Some parents said: "We thought that attending a two-hour program was too long. However, after the first presentation, we realized that the time went by too fast and the information was so helpful that we wanted to stay for a longer period of time."
- Other parents said: "After Hurricane Harvey, life changed for us and for all the families and we had no support or guidance. These programs have helped us to handle better the problems that we are facing."
- Mrs. Rodriguez said: "We believe that the family is very important but we do not have anybody to help us solve our problems. When we came to the first program, our family had a big problem with one of our children. During the program the educator talked about the importance of unconditional love and that we should love our children for who they are and not for what they do or according to their behavior. My husband and I

attended all the sessions to learn more."

- Some mothers said: "We liked the educational games that we learned, especially the "Bingo". Now we use it in our home with great results."
- Mrs. Sugg said: "Now all the members of our family eat dinner together every day and we talk and everyone shares about what happened during that day. Also, now I know how to praise and discipline my children."
- Several parents said: "We are very grateful to Bonding Against Adversity because they have helped us to become more confident in ourselves and our children have now more opportunities to be involved in school and at church."

We are sure that, after attending these programs, the families have developed stronger family ties and they are better prepared to face most of the daily life issues united with love, knowledge and strength.

At Bonding Against Adversity we are very pleased with the outcome of these parenting programs and we want to invite more parents to become part of our efforts to help the families of our community. All our programs are in compliance with our Mission Statement "Helping Others Help Themselves".

## Harris County releases Hurricane Harvey "After Action Report"

(Houston, TX) - The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) has released its Hurricane Harvey After Action Report (AAR) which reviews the county's overall response efforts. Some of the items listed are quick fixes, while others will require a major long-term investment of time and money.

"Planning and practice pay off, but real events show how ready we truly are," said Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "Hurricane Harvey's test of our emergency response highlighted remarkable successes and areas for improvement. Applying those lessons will certainly make us better prepared for the next disaster."

The AAR was created with the input and collaboration of numerous local, state, federal, private and non-profits organizations. According to the report, the overall response and recovery efforts by HCOHSEM and its partners demon-

strated professional and well-practiced levels of planning, coordination and collaboration.

Some of the major strengths that were listed as sustains include:

- Pre-positioning county, state, and federal assets enabled quick deployment
- Pairing civilians and resources with skilled professionals to assist with rescue operations
- Utilization of First Contact Program to provide immediate essentials
- Support from regional public safety information officers in the Regional Joint Information Center

The report also identified some primary areas for improvement including:

- Developing a county-wide Continuity Of Operations Plan
- Training non-traditional support personnel who may be involved in disaster response operations

- Transitioning from response to recovery operations in the Emergency Operations Center
- Working with the City of Houston to address the current Donations Management strategy

"The Harvey report represents a substantial effort by both the county and its partners, but it is only one of many tools we will use to better serve our residents," added Judge Emmett. "Many of the lessons outlined in the report are already in place, and the process for identifying the next steps continues."

Furthermore, Harris County also conducted an AAR on Regional Joint Information Center operations, and other county departments have conducted internal reviews as well.

While Harris County works to improve its response to future disasters, it continues to focus on the long road to recovery facing our most devastated communities.

## Man charged in string of aggravated robberies

Harris County Sheriff's Office investigators with the Violent Crimes unit have filed 2 counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon on a 20-year-old male, after robbing several victims with a shotgun.

Investigators say that John Michael Medina, 19, is responsible for at least four aggravated robberies in north east Harris county. The robberies all occurred on Sunday May 20, 2018.

Medina robbed a male as he was getting out of his vehicle in the 10800 block of Airline drive.

He pointed a shotgun at the male and demanded his wallet and jewelry. The complainant was able to give a good description of Medina's clothing and his gray colored four door sedan he was driving.

A short time later, a second complainant was robbed by Medina in the 10700 block of the North Freeway.

That male was walking to his vehicle from a local electronics store and was approached by Medina. He pointed a shotgun at him and demanded his wallet and cell phone.

The second complainant's description of Medina's clothing matched that of the first robbery victim. He was able to get the license plate of the gray colored sedan that Medina fled in.

Investigators and HCSO District 2 patrol deputies went to his home in the 700 block of Corvette Ct where they found the vehicle that he used during the robberies.

Medina was found sitting in another vehicle in the driveway of the residence.

During a search of the suspects' vehicle, several items belonging to various victims were located.

They included a wallet and a distinctive gold necklace that one of the complainants was wearing. The shotgun used was also recovered.

Investigators are interviewing other victims that Medina robbed, and will be presenting their cases to the District Attorney's Office for additional charges.

He is currently being held in the Harris County Sheriff's Office Detention facility on a \$100,000 bond.



John Michael Medina responsible for aggravated robberies.

## Laundromat fire in Northline area

A fire of a laundry was reported on May 19, 2018 at 9:01 a.m. at 54 E. Crosstimbers St, 77022.

Firefighters arrived and found clothes had caught fire inside a dryer. The crew of Engine 31 quickly extinguished the fire and shut the power off to the dryers. \$5,100 in estimated damage. No reported injuries and the cause of the fire was due to unintentional - clothes dryer.]

## Warehouse fire in Northeast Houston

A Warehouse Fire was reported on May 21, 2018 at 8:32 a.m. at 9222 Homestead Rd, 77016.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find smoke coming from a medium size one-story warehouse behind an auto repair shop. The incident was declared under control in less than 20 minutes with firefighters from stations 30, 32, 34, 43, 45, and 56 responding to the incident. \$15 thousand in estimated damage. No reported injuries and the cause was ruled as accidental by HFD Arson investigators.

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\*A QUIET PLACE (PG-13) 12:15pm  
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# OPINION PAGE

## Gift ideas for dads and grads

(StatePoint) Whether you're shopping for Father's Day or celebrating the accomplishments of a graduating senior, make a point of selecting thoughtful, unforgettable gifts this "dads and grads" season. Here are five ideas to get you started.

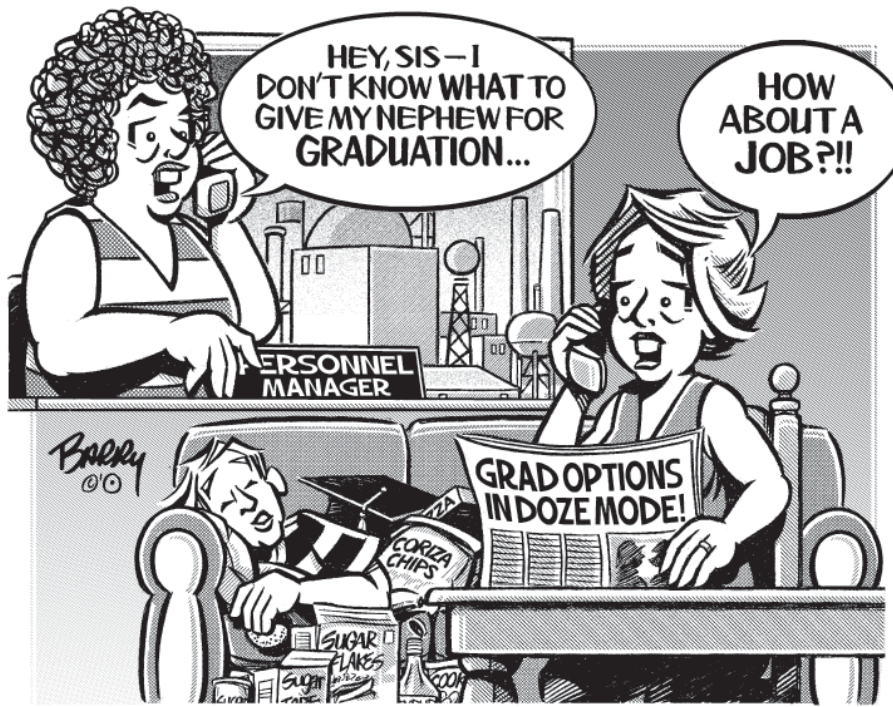
**1. The gift that keeps on giving.** These days, there are monthly subscription boxes for just about everything. From stylish socks to slick grooming tools to jazz records to fine wine, take stock of your gift recipient's interests and needs and give a gift that keeps on giving.

**2. The gift of form and function.** A timepiece upgrade makes for a sophisticated yet functional gift that will keep your recipient on time for all appointments. Check out connected timepieces such as the EDIFICE EQB800, which features Casio's Smartphone Link capability. Pairing with the wearer's smartphone, the watch can access the correct time for over 300 cities worldwide. Users also have the capability to swap their specified home time and world time, as well as update alarms and other time settings. By automatically syncing with a time server four times daily, the watch ensures ultimate accuracy.

**3. The gift of your company.** A pair of event tickets is a great way to show your dad or grad that you want to spend time together. Whether it's a day at the ballpark or your favorite band is coming to town, scope out the perfect event to attend together.

**4. The gift of entertainment.** Is your dad or grad's entertainment center in need of an upgrade? Consider gifting a projector for better gaming and movie nights. For a mercury-free option, check out Casio Lamp-Free projectors, which combine a laser and LED light source for high-brightness and energy efficiency, using half the amount of power per unit than its traditional lamp-based counterparts. Those from the Advanced Series, like the XJ-F210WN, reach full brightness in as fast as five seconds and feature Intelligent Light Control to automatically adjust the projection brightness according to ambient light. This innovative feature will ensure that movie fans have spectacular visuals any time of day and in any lighting conditions.

**5. The gift of music.** Has your gift recipient always wanted to play piano? Gift the tools needed for success. For beginner keyboard players, one good option for learning at home is Casio's CT-X700, a portable keyboard featuring a Step-Up Lesson System that displays proper music notation and correct hand positioning, allowing beginners to learn songs at their own pace. The keyboard's new AiX Sound Source faithfully reproduces the sound of acoustic instruments such as guitar, drums, bass, brass, wind instruments, string ensembles and more. Additionally, it includes an extensive library of 600 tones and 195 rhythms.



## Governor speaks about issues related to shooting at high school

AUSTIN — Local, state and federal law enforcement on May 18 responded to a shooting that left 10 people dead and 10 others injured at Santa Fe High School near Galveston.

One of the school's 1,400 students was taken into custody, authorities said.

Gov. Greg Abbott ordered flags to half-staff until May 22 in memory of those who lost their lives in what he called "probably the worst disaster to strike this community."

During a news conference at the high school, Abbott said he plans to work with members of the Texas Legislature and with educators, parents and students across Texas "on swift solutions to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again." He mentioned background checks and "strategies to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose an immediate danger to others." He also suggested more safety personnel and mental health intervention capabilities on school campuses.

"In the fog of the aftermath of a catastrophe like this, the answers are not always immediate, but the answers will come by us working together," Abbott said.

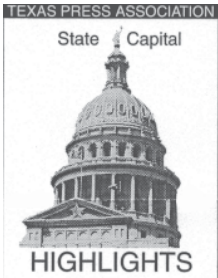
### Goal: To end harassment

Texas House Speaker Joe Straus on May 16 established a workgroup of House members to recommend additional steps to prevent and eradicate sexual harassment in the Legislature.

Straus tasked the workgroup with reviewing existing sexual harassment policies,

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



researching best policies and practices from other states and providing recommendations for any rule changes that would support a professional work environment.

"This is the next step in our effort to make sure that sexual harassment is not tolerated at the Texas Capitol. Now that a stronger and more transparent sexual harassment policy is in place, this workgroup will recommend additional ways to make the legislative work environment safer," Straus said.

The House Committee on Administration adopted a sexual harassment policy in December, clarifying ways Texas House employees can identify and report sexual harassment and get assistance. The policy also requires House staff to undergo new anti-harassment and anti-discrimination training. All current members of the Texas House have completed that training, Straus said.

Emergency Management Agency.

The program provides basic repairs that allow homeowners to live in their homes and their communities as they make more permanent repairs to their homes. Up to \$20,000 in repairs, including restoring electricity, air conditioning/heating and hot water, debris removal, limited drywall and insulation and restoring functional bathroom and kitchen facilities, have been provided to return the homes to safe, sanitary and secure standards, the officials said.

### Paxton files opioid suit

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on May 15 announced that his office had filed a consumer protection lawsuit in a Travis County state district court alleging that Purdue Pharma violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act relating to the company's manufacturing and marketing of prescription opioids, including OxyContin.

The attorneys general of five other states took similar legal action on May 15 against the Stamford, Connecticut-based company.

"My office is holding Purdue Pharma accountable for fueling the nation's opioid epidemic by deceptively marketing prescription painkillers including OxyContin when it knew their drugs were potentially dangerous and that its use had a high likelihood of leading to addiction," Paxton said.

### Program funds repairs

Gov. Abbott and Land Commissioner George P. Bush on May 15 announced more than 15,000 Hurricane Harvey-stricken homes have received repairs through the Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering program in coordination with the Federal



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## AG Paxton reminds Texans of May 31 deadline to claim Western Union refunds

Austin, TX, May 21, 2018 – Attorney General Ken Paxton today reminded Texans of the May 31 deadline to submit claims in a \$586 million settlement with Western Union affecting consumers who were deceived into sending payments to scam artists using the company's wire transfer service. As many as 39,000 Texans are eligible for refunds.

"Texans who were tricked into sending funds via Western Union and qualify for refunds deserve justice, but many may not know about this opportunity," Attorney General Paxton said. "My office is reminding affected consumers that May 31 is the deadline to submit a claim so they can get back funds lost to wire transfer scams."

Texans who were a victim of a fraud-induced wire transfer using Western Union between January 1, 2004, and January 19, 2017, may file a claim online at <http://www.westernunionisism.com>

Last year, Attorney General Paxton announced a multistate settlement with Western Union over complaints by people who were tricked into using the company's wire transfer service to send money to third parties involved in various schemes to defraud consumers. Western Union agreed to establish an anti-fraud program to deter such criminal activity in the future.

The settlement is being administered by the U.S. Department of Justice's Victim Asset Recovery Program, which will be reviewing all claims submitted by consumers. The global settlement requiring Western Union to forfeit \$586 million dollars was entered with the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice. The multistate settlement included Texas, 49 other states and the District of Columbia.

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THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

Feel the Fall. Listen to the Pain

By Dr. Mark Trice

If you have ridden many horses, run the roads on a bicycle, or raced through the dirt on a screaming motorcycle, chances are you have felt the ground rise up and meet you in an abrupt fashion. They say if you fall off a skyscraper it's not the fall that kills you, but the sudden stop.

We were all taught by our parents to get right back up and go on. As we get older, our falls seem to hurt just a little bit more, our recovery time seems to take just a little bit longer. Our desire to get back up and ride is just a little bit more delayed than it used to be. Are we not as tough, not as flexible... or

have we just aged and increased in wisdom?

We all experience falls in life. Sometimes people, life, and circumstances have a way of taking us off the horse of success we seem to be riding so effortlessly across the pastures of our God-given assignments. (Jer 29:11) God has always had great plans for our lives, and He still has those plans even in these times: He will use our falls.

Sometimes the fall makes us look up and realize that God is waiting for us to call upon Him. Even if our hurts are deeper than being bucked off a horse, or a tragic accident... Yes, some things

are worse than physical pain, like when a friend or church member betrays you, speaks ill of you, goes behind your back... When you want to get even, but you know you can't; when you're just brokenhearted... (Ps 34:18) God is still there. He heals the broken-hearted and those who have a crushed spirit. I wonder how Jesus felt as He was betrayed by those closest to Him. It was truly love that held Him to the cross!

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2. PAIN - FORCES YOU TO LEAN ON THE ARM OF GOD INSTEAD OF MEN

3. PAIN - FORCES YOU TO LONG FOR HIS PRESENCE AND HEALING

4. PAIN - FORCES YOU TO LISTEN FOR CHANGES IN GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

5. PAIN - FORCES YOU TO LOVE WHATEVER REMAINS

(Ps 147:3) You may have fallen, you may have been hurt, but you have a great Father who is a doctor or anything else you might need. So, when you feel the fall, listen to the pain. Recover and learn; don't make the same mistakes over and over. God has great plans and success for you.

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Mercer Botanic Gardens plans children's garden opening

Children and families are invited to attend the grand opening of the Children's Garden at Mercer Botanic Gardens Saturday, June 9 at 9 a.m.

Coinciding with National Get Outdoors Day, grand-opening festivities include a ceremonial ribbon cutting, activity stations, and interactive exploration booths in the East Side Gardens. Attendees will have the chance to view a larger-than-life succulent lizard; a plant zoo highlighting animal-named plants, such as elephant's foot jade, red bird plant, and zebra aloe; and sensory plants, such as lamb's ear and rosemary.

This long-awaited addition will not only be a fun, colorful place for children to explore, but it will also play an essential role in Mercer's educational pro-

gramming. Mercer Botanic Gardens Program Coordinator Melodie Hill helped plan the garden to align with Mercer's educational mission.

"Children respond best to interactive environments that stimulate their sense of touch, taste, and smell," said Hill. "With that criteria in mind, we designed a garden to nurture a child's physical, emotional, social, and cognitive growth as well as foster a love of nature. We hope to use this garden as the cornerstone for Mercer's children's programming for generations to come."

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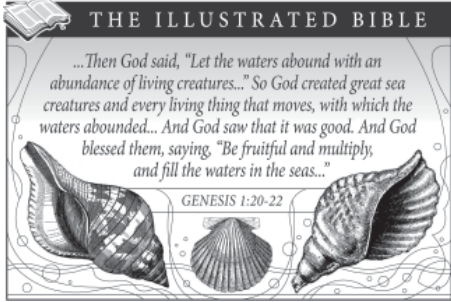
BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1) Is the book of Lot in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2) From Judges 3, who was the left-handed Benjamite who killed Eglon? Geshem, Agag, Ehud, Joram
- 3) How many beasts rising out of the sea did Daniel have a dream about? 4, 7, 13, 20

- 4) What king wanted to see miracles when the arrested Jesus was before him? Pilate, Shishak, Herod, Solomon
- 5) From Judges 1:6, what king had his thumbs and toes cut off? David, Adoni-Bezek, Josiah, Herod
- 6) Whose biblical name means "messenger"? Aaron, Moses, Samuel, Malachi

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Ehud; 3) 4; 4) Herod; 5) Adoni-Bezek; 6) Malachi



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## Family members, colleagues and friends gather to honor Rick Ogden



Rick and Charlotte Ogden, right, were joined by members of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees and administrators who posed for a picture with the portrait of Mr. Ogden that will hang in the school following the dedication ceremony held in Mr. Ogden's honor re-naming Rayford Road Intermediate School to Rick Ogden Elementary School on Sunday, May 20. Pictured are (l-r): Board President Steve Mead, Board Assistant Secretary Connie Esparza, Board Secretary Rose Avalos and Board Member Dr. Viola M. Garcia. Picture at right are (l-r): Rick and Charlotte Ogden, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg, Ogden Elementary Principal Maggie Doran and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Archie Blanson.

Hundreds of family members, friends, past and present school board members, school administrators, parents and community members gathered on Sunday, May 20 to honor former Aldine ISD Trustee Rick Ogden at the dedication ceremony re-naming Rayford Road Intermediate School Rick Ogden Elementary School.

Mr. Ogden served as a Trustee for 26 years. When he resigned in November of 2016, Mr. Ogden was one of the longest serving board members in the history of Aldine ISD.

He was appointed to the Board in August of 1990 to fill the unexpired term of Walter Stovall. He was elected to the Position 4 seat in January of 1991 and held the seat until he resigned from the Board in November of 2016.

Mr. Ogden was part of a team that was responsible for the district earning Unitary Status, which allowed Aldine students to be educated in schools closer to their homes. Other highlights included Aldine being named the winner of the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award for large school districts in 2008, winning the Broad Prize for Urban Education in 2009 and the H-E-B Excellence in Education Early Childhood Award in 2015.

He was also part of a team that saw the passage of a \$798 million bond referendum, the largest in the history of Aldine ISD, which provided for the construction of new schools, new facilities and the renovations of existing campuses.

Mr. Ogden was well-respected by the many Board members he served with during his 26 year tenure, but he was also well-respected across the state as a member of the Texas Association of School Boards. Mr. Ogden earned the title Master Trustee, served as a TASB director and served as president of TASB. He held all offices in TASB and served as the manager of the TASB Risk Management Fund Board as well as a trainer for The Center for the Reform of School Systems.

Today, Mr. Ogden continues to work with school boards in Texas and other states as a Governance Solutions Specialist.

A native Houstonian, Mr. Ogden and his wife Charlotte have 4 children, all of whom attended Aldine ISD schools. He and Charlotte owned and operated Ogden Manufacturing and he later served Houston Baptist University as assistant vice president for Church & Community Relations, Director of Foundations & Denominational Relations and retired as Director of Special Projects for the Office of the President.

"First, I thank God for this day and for the family

he gave me," Mr. Ogden said. "I thank my beautiful wife, Charlotte, for her part in our journey as public servants - mine as an elected member of the Aldine School Board and other opportunities of service, and hers as the one who sacrificed time and for being loving, patient and willing to set her preferences aside in order that I could engage in my passion for school governance and public service."

Mr. Ogden said he enjoyed his years as a public servant and welcomed the call to serve as an advocate for education.

"I will always look back with great fondness and gentle reflection of my time in public service," he said. "In one of my numerous training opportunities, I remember hearing how public service is more than doing a job efficiently and honestly, it is doing a job with complete dedication to the people whom we serve."

He closed his remarks thanking the current Board for honoring him by naming a school in his honor.

"Thank you, Board, for this high honor for which I am eternally grateful and humbled," Mr. Ogden said. "Your recognition of my years of volunteer and board service by naming this building in my honor will be reciprocated with continued service to Aldine - and in particular, this building that bears my name. I leave you with this passage from Philippians: 'I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.'"

The dedication ceremony opened with the presentation of colors by the Teague Middle School LOTC. Student Tatiana Smith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Dr. Mark Donaldson, son of former AISD Superintendent M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson, delivered the invocation, which was followed by a video highlighting Mr. Ogden's years as a Trustee. The Rayford Road Choir, under the direction of Dana Gibson, performed a song, which was followed by a performance by the Rayford Dance Company, under the direction of Tamara Harper.

Board President Steve Mead accepted the school on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Rayford Road teacher Cynthia Makau accepted on behalf of the staff and student Antoine Orr accepted the school on behalf of the student body. Axel Aaron Morales, administrative pastor of Templo Poder y Gozo Church, accepted the school on behalf of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden then unveiled Mr. Ogden's portrait, which will hang in the school.

Dr. Archie Blanson delivered remarks and Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg delivered closing remarks. Both thanked Mr. Ogden for his years of dedicated service to the students and staff of Aldine ISD.

U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee presented Mr. Ogden with a Congressional Certificate and a United States Flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol.

Prior to the dedication ceremony guests were entertained by the Carver High School String Quartet.

In addition to current Board members who attended the ceremony former Board members A.W. Jones and his wife Betty, Marine Jones, and Kathy Griggs, the wife of former Board member Merlin Griggs also attended. Former Superintendents M.B. "Sonny" Donaldson and his wife Suzanne, and Nadine Kujawa also attended the dedication ceremony.

## Aldine ISD Intermediate and Middle School students receive Platinum and Superior Ratings

Congratulations to the students who competed at the 2018 Junior Visual Arts Scholastic Event (JrVASE). Several earned Platinum medals and Superior ratings.

A total of 13 school districts comprise the Region 4 event. The students undergo evaluations and personal interviews. The event awarded AISD students with 126 Superior ratings. Out of the regional AISD entries, 14 received Platinum medals.

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) has sponsored the JrVASE program since 2000. The JrVASE program is the only art event of its kind in the nation.

Students bring works created in their art classes to compete at regional event. Jurors evaluate their work based on a standards-based rubric.

Students must also show their understanding of the art processes. They must be able to relate the processes involved in the development of their work.

Only academically eligible sixth, seventh and eighth grade students can take part. They must also be enrolled in Texas schools. The Regional JrVASE Event is the culminating event for this grade level. There is no State Event for JrVASE.

A panel judges the students' works in the following key areas:



Hambrick Middle School student Shonease Murphy is one of 14 AISD young artists to earn a Platinum Medal at the 2018 Regional Junior Visual Arts Scholastic Event (Jr. VASE).

- Technical expertise
- Originality of concept
- Understanding of the essential elements
- Interpretation of the student's stated intent

Professional TAEA members judge each student's artwork at the competition. They use a rating standard to award based on the quality of the work.

Students compete on three different experience levels depending on the student's grade level. All sixth grade students take part in Division I (White).

Seventh grade students compete in Division II (Red). All eighth grade students along with Pre-AP and IB students vie for honors in Division III (Blue). Students receiving a Superior rating in each division receive an award.

A panel reviews all artwork receiving a Superior rating. A set percentage of artworks with Superior ratings received the coveted Platinum medal. TAEA will post images of these artworks on its website.

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