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See Photos of Progress on the new East Aldine Town Center, taken by a Drone. PHOTOS ON PAGE 8

NEWS NOTES

Immigration & DACA Forum

Join Rep. Walle for a discussion on immigration and DACA updates. Experts will be available to answer questions.

Forum schedule as follows:

•April 4, 6:30 pm
MacArthur High School
4400 Aldine Mail Rt.

•April 5, 6:30 pm
Aldine High School
11101 Airline Drive

For additional information, please call 713-694-8620.

Aldine Community Health Fair

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

Martial Arts Classes

At East Aldine District, 5333
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ment, \$40 uniform.
Registration and first class,
Thursday, April 5, 2018, 6-7
pm new students ages 6-
12. For class information,
call Bill Gray 281-381-6139.

Water level in Lake Houston lowered Flood Control Measure

With heavy storms predicted, and flooding throughout the San Jacinto River watershed, authorities this week ordered a permanent reduction in the level of water in Lake Houston.

Houston City Council

Member Dave Martin announced that after a meeting held Monday with Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, the daily pooling level of Lake Houston will be reduced from 42.5 feet to 40 feet, effective immediately. Last night, Hous-

ton Public Works Director, Carol Haddock, directed the Coastal Water Authority to start lowering the level of Lake Houston in advance of Wednesday's

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Pct. 1 Commissioner Ellis plans \$30M in “Complete Streets” improvements



Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis outlines his “Complete Streets” project at a news conference on March 13.

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East Aldine’s Richard Cantu Elected to LSC- Foundation Board



Lone Star College Foundation is proud to announce its newly elected board members. The members were voted in at our most recent board meeting and will serve three-year terms.

Steve Berry handles Corporate Sales Training, Corporate Office Public Affairs, and Social Media for Waste Connections headquartered in The Woodlands. Berry is involved in various community endeavors including The Woodlands Chamber of Commerce and Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Medical Center's Advisory Council. He is also a community college graduate from Miami, Florida.

Scott Brady is a Partner and Project Executive for Joiner Architects in Kingwood. The Humble native is involved in his local Chambers and Rotary Club. Brady is also a proud LSC alumnus and was named the 2016 Haden McKay M.D. Citizen of the Year for Humble, TX.

Richard Cantu is the Deputy Executive Direc-

tor-Operations for East Aldine District. Cantu serves on Lone Star College's Hispanic Advisory Council and is a board member for the Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce, North Harris County Education Alliance, and the Aldine Education Foundation.

Lee Robison is the Sr. Vice President of Human Resources and Administration at Noble Energy, Inc. located next door to LSC-University Park. She is a member of the D. Bradley McWilliams YMCA board of directors and was named their 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

Nancy Shortsleeve is active in the Humble/Kingwood area including co-chairing the 2017 In the Pink of Health luncheon for Northeast Hospital Foundation and sitting on the boards for Humble Area Assistance Ministries, Lake Houston Area Chamber of Commerce and Kingwood Medical Center. She is owner and President of Logostuff, a promotional product distributor.

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LSC-Victory Center
4141 Victory Drive
281.810.5602

April 24 • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
LSC-Greenspoint Center
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SCHOOL NEWS

Mendel Golf Champions



Congratulations to Zuri M. and Matthias M. who represented Mendel Elementary at the Championship Golf tournament the weekend of March 24th. The event was held at the David Shindelidecker Campus, home of the First Tee of Greater Houston. Our students competed against other students from Clear Creek, Deer Park, Galena Park, Huffman, Humble, Klein, New Caney, Texas City, Waller, The Woodlands, United Methodist and Trinity Downtown. Our Mendel students won a third place ribbon.

In Service to
Our Country

Davis HS alumni U.S. Airman completes military training

U.S. Air Force Airman Adriana Barrientos graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Barrientos is the daughter of Patricia Barrientos of Humble, Texas. She is also the sister of Carmela Barrientos.

The airman is a 2016 graduate of Benjamin O. Davis Sr. High School, Houston, Texas.

Davis High volleyball player signs with Cisco College



Davis High School senior volleyball player Avionna Washom, front row, center, recently signed a national letter of intent with Cisco College. Pictured with her were, front row, (l-r): Kamren Washom, Ka'lyn Washom and Latrice Washom. Back row, (l-r): Davis High head volleyball coach Starla Jones, Aldine ISD's Director of Athletic Services Sandra Mader, Davis High School Head Football Coach and Campus Athletic Coordinator James Showers, Cisco College volleyball coach Susan Moore and Davis High School Assistant Principal Timothy Price.

Hambrick Middle School student among winners at Ballet Folklorico Competition

Congratulations and great job goes to Monica Flores! Monica is a 7th grade student at Hambrick Middle School who participated in the Ballet Folklorico Competition in Corpus Christi this weekend with the Mixteco Ballet Folklorico group. The Competencia Folklórica de Tejas (CFT) is held annually and serves to educate and broaden the perspective of Mexican dance for all those in attendance whether competing or observing. Flores dances with Mixteco Ballet Folklorico, a group that has won several awards at competitions. They also travel locally and internationally with the goal to provide Houston area youth with cultural activities and increase artistic awareness through dance and music. This year the group won 1st Place and were named Grand Champions at the CFT competition.



Monica Flores takes a moment to reflect on her performance at the Competencia Folklórica de Tejas which was held in Corpus Christi March 23-24. She and her teammates were named Grand Champions and won 1st Place at the competition.

Hambrick congratulates Flores and all of her teammates for such a great accomplishment. "We are so proud of our Hambrick students using their talents both in and out of school!" Assistant Principal Dora Garza said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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•ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
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•ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
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REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM
901 ROSELANE ST,
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- 3 p.m. at Remington College Greenspoint Campus

While the focus of 3 Lives is to increase the number of minority blood donors, everyone is encouraged to give blood at the event. Donors must be 17 years of age or older and weigh a minimum of

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FRIDAY-WEDNESDAY 3/30-4/4

Opens THURSDAY, April 5

A QUIET PLACE (PG-13) 7:00 9:30

BLOCKERS (R) 7:30 10:00

* GOD'S NOT DEAD: A Light in Darkness (PG) - 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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* Tyler Perry's ACRIMONY (R) - 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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* READY PLAYER ONE (PG-13) - 12:00pm, 6:30pm

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* READY PLAYER ONE (PG-13) - 12:45pm, 6:45pm

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* READY PLAYER ONE in 3D (PG-13) - 3:00pm, 9:30pm

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* READY PLAYER ONE in 3D (PG-13) - 3:45pm, 9:45pm

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* MIDNIGHT SUN (PG-13) - 12:20pm, 2:35pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:35pm

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* PACIFIC RIM: Uprising (PG-13) - 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 10:00pm

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* PACIFIC RIM: Uprising 3D (PG-13) - 2:30pm, 7:30pm

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* SHERLOCK GNOMES (PG) - 12:00pm, 4:30pm, 9:15pm

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* SHERLOCK GNOMES in 3D (PG) - 2:15pm, 6:45pm

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* UNSANE (R) - 2:30pm, 7:30pm

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LOVE, SIMON (PG-13) - 12:35pm, 3:35pm, 6:35pm, 9:35pm

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TOMB RAIDER (PG-13) - 12:45pm, 3:25pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

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THE STRANGERS: Prey at Night (R) - 12:10pm, 2:30pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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A WRINKLE IN TIME (PG) - 12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

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DEATH WISH (R) - 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 10:00pm

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BLACK PANTHER (PG-13) - 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm, 9:30pm

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PETER RABBIT (PG) - 12:30pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

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COMMUNITY PAGE

Foundation teams up with City of Houston to distribute Harvey relief

On the heels of a \$1 million donation from an anonymous donor for Hurricane Harvey Relief, the Foundation distributed an additional \$100,000 grant for relief assistance from Strada Education Network, Mayor Sylvester Turner, and the City's Office of Education, administered through the Greater Houston Community Foundation.

To be eligible, students had to be officially enrolled for Spring 2018 and reside within Houston city limits. A total of 350 full and part time students received aid, ranging from \$100 to \$500 each. Many students are still living in temporary housing and

struggling with transportation as their vehicles flooded and they cannot afford the repairs.

"In reading through the thousands of applications, although students have suffered a great trauma, so many reiterated the importance of completing their education so they can better provide for their families and their future." Foundation Executive Director Nicole Robinson Gauthier said.

The Mayor thanked Lone Star College for our contributions thus far to the recovery efforts, helping students, faculty and staff after such a devastating disaster.

Walle attends school-parent meeting at Patrick Henry MS

State Representative Armando L. Walle was at Patrick Henry Middle School, with Rhonda Skillern-Jones on March 20. He said there was a great turnout. Attendees heard an update by HISD Board President Skillern Jones and @TeamHISD about recent legislative initiatives that impact neighborhood schools.

Walle said he loved seeing so much parent and student engagement. "Parents are well informed and want assurances. Students are working hard to meet state assessments, while at the same time some are recovering from Hurricane Harvey and state standards changes. Principal K. Brantley & staff are making great strides.



We must support our schools." Walle met an 8th grader named Atticus M. (after Atticus Finch from the famous book, To Kill a Mockingbird.) Atticus says he has made nothing lower than an 80 grade in his classes.

Apartment fire in Greater Greenspoint area

A fire occurred on March 27, 2018 at about 9:30 p.m. on 17030 Imperial Valley Drive, 77060 due to an unattended cooking-appliance.

Houston Fire Department Engine 74 arrived on scene to find smoke coming from the first floor of an apartment unit. They extinguished the hot spots and checked for extensions. The fire was controlled in less than 10 minutes and contained to the area of origin.

No reported injuries and 50 thousand dollars in estimated damages.

Lake Houston Levels,

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predicted storms. Council Member Martin has confirmed that all gates at Lake Houston are open and the level of Lake Houston is anticipated to reach the desired 40 foot mark by Wednesday evening.

Once the lake is lowered to 40 feet it is the City of Houston's plan to adjust the spillway gates to maintain a level of 40 feet moving forward on a long-term basis. This will address the immediate concerns of the Lake Houston Community, including Kingwood, Humble, Atascocita, and Huffman. This lower lake level will continue to be observed while the City works with area partners to address siltation and other coordination efforts with Lake Conroe. The City of Houston will continue to monitor and evaluate water demand, weather patterns and other mitigation activities.

Tuesday Harris County Commissioner's Court will vote to authorize requests for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering and other services to identify watershed-wide flood risks, evaluate food mitigation strategies that address those risks and develop recommendations to enhance the flood warning system and action plans used by the emergency managers in the San Jacinto River Basin from its headwaters in Lake Houston across Harris County Precincts 1, 2, and 4. Harris County will be working with the San Jacinto River Authority as well as other municipalities to accomplish this task which was a part of Governor Greg Abbott's charges for the region.

Additionally, Harris County will also be requesting authorization for RFQs for engineering, environmental permitting, and other services in support of dredging the West Fork of the San Jacinto River from IH-59 to Lake Houston Parkway. This was another of Governor Abbott's charges during his visit to the Kingwood Area. All parties are committed to working together to swiftly move the dredging project forward in preparation for this year's hurricane season.

Council Member Martin has been working diligently over the last few weeks to make sure the efforts of dredging are not short lived. The visit of Texas Land Commissioner, George P. Bush, and continued communication with the Governor's office have allowed the city to partner with the Aggregate Production Operators (APO) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The continued interest and participation of

statewide leaders helps local efforts by assisting in identifying red tape and providing solutions to these obstacles. Next Tuesday, April 3, a visit from Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick is planned, who has expressed an interest in touring the San Jacinto Watershed by air and water.

These state partnerships allow us the opportunity to closely evaluate existing regulations for sand mining as well as the ability to increase the strength of these existing policies. The regional APOs have stepped up to the ta-

ble and want to be a part of the solution. Texas Senator Brandon Creighton and Texas State Representative Dan Huberty continue to be champions for stricter sand mining regulations to protect our watershed.

The problem of flooding within the San Jacinto Watershed is a difficult one to tackle due to the size of the watershed and many jurisdictions involved but Council Member Martin is creating relationships where none have existed before and knows that working together will get us further along the path to a long term solution.

Community Yard Sale at Hambrick MS

The annual Community Yard Sale will take place at Hambrick Middle School on Saturday, April 21. Hambrick's Athletic Department is inviting the entire community to come out and join them from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on April 21. This event is held each year and offers a large variety of great finds, including furniture, clothes, toys, and electronics for everyone. Along with the many items for sale, food will

also be available to purchase. Community members, civic clubs, high school organizations and others are invited to be participate at this event. Spaces can be rented for \$15.00. Tables will be available to rent for \$5.00 each. Hambrick Middle School invites everyone to come out and join us to do some shopping for yourself and your family.

If you are interested in reserving a space or to get more information

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OPINION PAGE

PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT

Should you stay in your home or move during retirement?

(NAPSI)—The choice about where to live in retirement is one of the most crucial decisions that a senior makes. It's not just a major financial consideration, it's also a highly emotional issue as a retiree's home is often the anchor to their golden years.

"One needs to think about where to live, how long to stay there, and whether to move later in retirement," writes Wade Pfau, Ph.D., professor of retirement income at The American College, and contributor to Forbes.com. "There are plenty of justifications for either staying put or moving early in retirement."

There are a few important questions that a senior should ask before deciding whether to stay in their home or to relocate during retirement:

1. Are you making accurate comparisons?
- If you stay in your home, you may need to make improvements or renovations in the future to accommodate changing needs. If you move to a new home, you may incur expenses associated with fix-up costs and moving expenses. Make sure you are considering total costs in either scenario.
2. Are you open to renting?
- "It can be hard for retirees who have spent their lives building equity in their homes—and being taught about the virtues of homeownership—to become renters," reported The Wall Street Journal. "But renting a home in a city before buying can give retirees a chance to really know if it's the place they want to spend retirement." Moreover, the cost of ownership in many locations actually exceeds the cost of renting, so it may be prudent to consider this option for both short- and long-term possibilities.
3. Where will you have access to important services?
- Every consumer looks into the quality of

restaurants, supermarkets and other day-to-day retail offerings when scouting out a possible new residential location. Seniors must be especially concerned about practical considerations such as the number of nearby physicians who accept Medicare, convenient transportation for those who are unable to drive, and community centers with special programs for seniors.

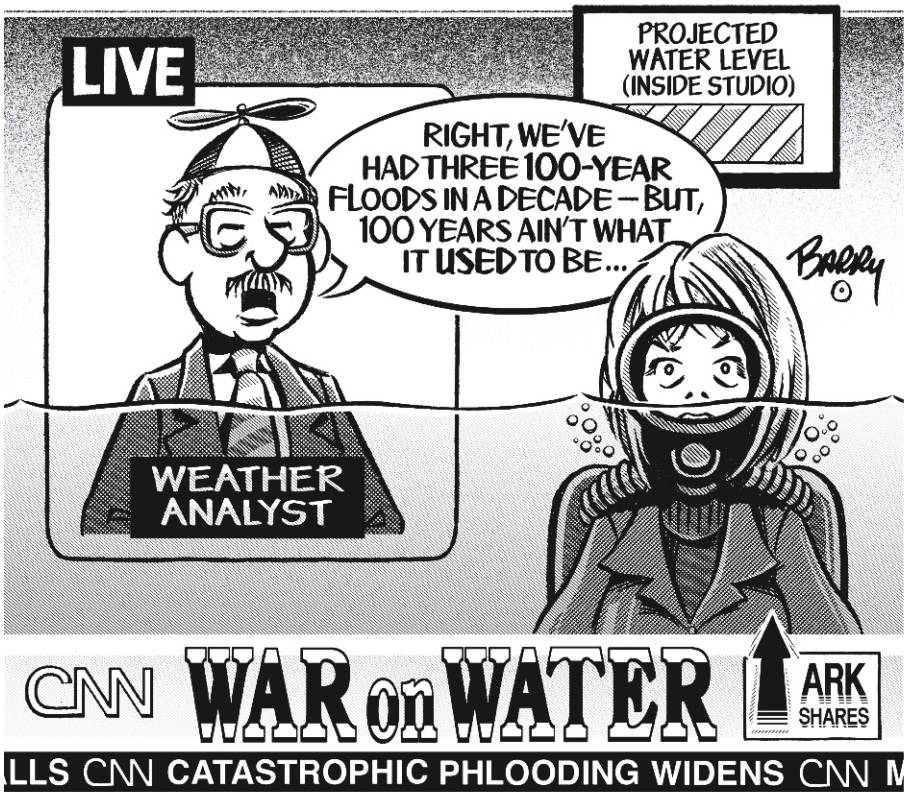
4. Would you prefer to age in place or have a change of scenery?

Many people dream about moving to some exotic location for their golden years, but the truth is that 85 percent of retirees stay in the area where they raised their families, according to Realtor.com. Think seriously about whether you're willing to trade your current community for a new one, weighing the pros and cons of aging in place versus charting a new course.

Whether you choose to stay in your home or move during retirement, it will be important to have ample cash on hand that can fund renovations of your existing home or the purchase of a new one. Many seniors are surprised to learn that one potential asset for generating immediate cash is a life insurance policy.

A life insurance policy is considered your personal property and—as such—you have the right to sell that policy any time you like. When a consumer sells a policy in a "life settlement" transaction, the policy owner receives a cash payment and the purchaser of the policy assumes all future premium payments—then receives the death benefit upon the death of the insured. Candidates for life settlements are typically aged 70 years or older, with a life insurance policy that has a death benefit of at least \$100,000.

To learn more about life settlements, visit www.LISA.org or call the LISA office today at (888) 672-3917.



Bombing suspect ends own life as officers approach him

AUSTIN — The primary suspect in a string of terrorist-style bombings died in his pickup truck on March 21.

Mark Anthony Conditt, 23, of Pflugerville, detonated explosive devices in his truck on an Interstate 35 access road in Round Rock as two law enforcement officers approached the vehicle on foot. One officer was injured in the explosion. The other officer reportedly fired a rifle at the suspect.

Intensive search and surveillance operations began on March 2, when a bomb later traced to Conditt exploded and killed an Austin man who picked up what appeared to be a normal package delivered to his residence. Similar packages exploded in the Austin area on March 12, one killing a teen and injuring his mother, and another injuring a 75-year-old woman. On March 18, two men were injured by a tripwire-triggered improvised explosive device in Austin.

On March 19, two days before Conditt was tracked down, Gov. Greg Abbott announced the release of \$265,500 in emergency funding for the Austin Police Department and the Texas Ranger Bomb Response Team to purchase seven portable x-ray systems for use in bomb detection and responding to suspicious package investigations.

Abbott said his office has provided nearly \$1 million over the last two years to enhance the capabilities of the Austin police department's bomb squad. He said the grants provided for purchases of bomb disposal robots, robotic arms and bomb suits that allow technicians to approach potentially explosive devices and render them harmless.

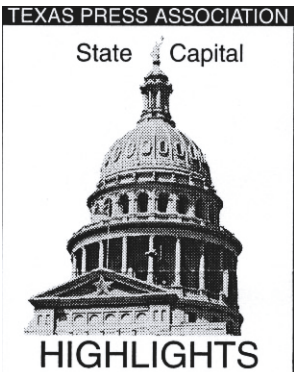
On March 20, the day before Conditt's death, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminded Texans to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or suspicious packages to authorities. The DPS stressed that Texans should not approach any unknown or suspicious packages or items, to keep a safe distance and then to notify the authorities by calling 911.

Big crowd joins march

An estimated 20,000 people participated in the Austin "March for Our Lives" event on March 24.

Similar marches were held some 900 cities around the globe. At the main march, in Washington, D.C., participants memorialized the mass shooting at high school in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14, and other mass shootings, such as the ones at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut in 2010, and Sutherland Springs, Texas, in 2017.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Marchers and speakers at these events mainly called for an end to mass shootings through federal, state and local gun law reforms.

Jobs added in February

The Texas Workforce Commission on March 23 announced that the Lone Star State's economy added 40,500 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs in February, marking 20 consecutive months of employment growth.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.0 percent in February and remains below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent.

Industries noted for adding jobs in February included professional and business services, 13,200 positions; followed by trade, transportation and utilities, 11,800 jobs; and mining and logging, 6,500 positions.

TxDOT: Buckle up, teens

The Texas Department of Transportation on March 19 posted a message urging teen-agers to "always buckle up."

The message is part of TxDOT's annual "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign, conducted in part-

nership with high school students, to urge young drivers and their passengers to wear their seat belts every time they're in a vehicle.

"In Texas, 42 percent of all teenagers killed in traffic crashes in 2016 weren't buckled up," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We know seat belts save lives, but only if motorists use them. We want to make sure this message gets through to teens, and no one knows how to reach teens better than other teens."

According to statistics compiled by TxDOT, in Texas in 2016, one in five vehicle crashes involved a teen driver. Of the 269 teen drivers and passengers killed in crashes that year, 114 were unbuckled.

AG asks program review

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 22 sent a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar asking him to reverse the Obama administration's exclusion of Texas from programs that provide family planning and related preventive health services to low-income women across the state.

Paxton wrote that in 2013 the Obama administration removed Texas from the eligible list of Title X program recipients because it refused to provide taxpayer funds to abortion providers.

"A precursor to participation in federal programs should not be an uncompromising commitment to abortion providers. The freedom of conscience should never be demoted to second-class status among our civil liberties," Paxton added.

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MESSAGE FROM
REP. BRIAN BABIN



Babin votes NO on Omnibus Spending Bill

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX-36) released the following statement today after voting NO on the FY18 Omnibus spending bill:

"Without question, the two greatest accomplishments of the United States Senate since President Trump took office have been confirming Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court and passing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. What did these two accomplishments have in common? They both were achieved by sidestepping the Senate "filibuster" and allowing the majority to rule. However, because the Senate refuses to change its rules for equally important legislation, like bills that fund the federal government or deal with national security, monstrosities like this Omnibus spending bill are what we end up getting.

"The American people did not elect Donald J. Trump as President just to see his agenda thwarted by Chuck Schumer and at least eight of his Democrat colleagues, but that's what will continue happening until Senate Republicans have the courage to change their broken, arcane rules - which they can do right now with just 51 votes. While there were some good things in this bill that I supported, including excellent levels of funding for our military and NASA, on balance it included too many misguided policies and too much misdirected spending for me to vote for it."

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Buying tires for your car? What to consider

(StatePoint) Purchasing new tires for your car can be frustrating: an average of two hours is spent re-searching tires and 89 percent of all consumers experience some sort of buyer's remorse, according to a consumer study by Cooper Tires.

To help, the experts at Cooper Tires are offering easy ways to identify when you need new tires, as well as tips on what to consider in the tire buying process.

The Penny Test

Tire tread should be more than 2/32 of an inch deep. Check by inserting a U.S. penny into the tread with Lincoln's head facing down. If the top of Lincoln's head is covered by tread, there's at least a minimum acceptable amount of tread. If the top of his head is visible at any point, it's time to replace your tires.

Even before tread is worn, regularly inspect tires for cuts, cracks, splits, punctures, bulges and uneven wear patterns. Also, replace all tires, (including full-size spares) that are 10 or more years older than their date of manufacture, or follow the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations.

Know the Right Size

Like with shoes, buying the proper tire size is critical. Consult the information placard found on the driver's side doorjamb, glove box, fuel door or vehicle manufacturer's manual, which also contains technical specifications relating to your tire, including load carrying capacity, speed rating and recommended inflation pressures. For maximum safety and performance, follow these recommendations carefully.

If you don't have this information handy, consult a tire professional to have all your questions answered, and check out the three-step tire guide from Cooper Tires, which can help you narrow down the choices by car/minivan, SUV/CUV or truck. You can find this guide at us.coopertire.com.

Other Considerations

There are many factors to consider when selecting tires to fit your needs, including the following:

- Do you need dedicated winter tires, dedicated summer tires or all-season tires? Think about where you travel over the course of the year.
- Do you have a long commute or take long road



trips? Consider expected mileage, ride comfort, fuel efficiency and if the tires are quiet.

- Do you have a sports car or do a lot of spirited driving? You may need tires that focus on handling and are developed for high-performance cars.
- Do you drive in rain? Consider the tires' wet braking distance.
- Do you drive off-road? If you spend a significant amount of time on mud tackling adventures, dedicated off-road tires may be your best bet.

At the Store

Be sure to ask what services are included in the quoted price. And remember, if your selected tires are not immediately

available, you can often have them ordered. It may be helpful to call ahead if you know what you need. To find a retailer near you, visit us.coopertire.com/find-a-store.

Final Thoughts

Not all tire damage that can lead to tire failure is outwardly visible. Used tires, should be considered dangerous. Buy and install only new tires. Whenever possible, replace all tires at the same time. However, if you can only purchase two, the new pair should always be installed on the rear axle.

Your tires are the only parts of your car that connect to the road. Select tires carefully, then properly maintain and inspect them over time.

What to know about seasonal allergies and your eyes

(StatePoint) Suffering from itchy, watery eyes? You may have ocular allergies or you could have another issue entirely, such as chronic dry eyes. Experts say that getting the correct diagnosis is the only way to treat symptoms properly.

"Chronic dry eye often mimics the symptoms of seasonal allergies and must be approached entirely differently," says Arian Fartash, VSP network optometrist. "Many over-the-counter allergy treatments can actually make dry eyes worse, so make an appointment with your eye doctor to determine the exact cause of your discomfort."

If your itchy and watery eyes are diagnosed as ocular allergies, Dr. Fartash recommends taking the following steps.

- Limit your exposure to pollen on high pollen count days.
- Wash your face after being outside to reduce the amount of pollen on the skin.
- Use cold compresses for some added relief.
- Don't rub your eyes, as this will increase your body's overreaction to the irritants.



- Remove contact lenses, which can attract allergens that accumulate throughout the day. Consider wearing your glasses or switching to daily disposable contacts during allergy season.
- Try over-the counter eye drops. There are a number of allergy drops that are formulated to relieve itchiness, redness, and watery eyes. But consult your optometrist to find out which are the best recommended.
- Consider prescription medications. If the symptoms won't go away, you might need something stronger. Go see your eye doctor to discuss if a prescription medication is right for you. You can find a doctor local to you by consulting the VSP-network at vsp.com/find-eye-doctors.

Don't suffer this season. See your best and feel your best by getting your eye symptoms properly diagnosed and treated.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Winter or summer	S _ _ _ _ _	Motive	R _ _ _ _ _
2. Groucho's brother	_ _ _ _ _ O	Angelic instruments	_ _ _ _ _ S
3. Heckle or Jeckle	_ _ _ _ _ P _ _	Sister of Bart Simpson	_ _ _ _ _ G _ _
4. Traveler's inn	_ O _ _ _ _	Shelf	_ E _ _ _ _
5. Pitted fruit	_ _ _ _ _ H	Armistice	_ _ _ _ _ E
6. Bread ingredient	_ _ _ _ _ U _	Stump or stun	_ _ _ _ _ O _
7. Pool table target	_ O _ _ _ _	Fence post	_ I _ _ _ _
8. Homer's TV wife	_ A _ _ _ _	Join together	_ E _ _ _ _
9. Uplift	E _ _ _ _ _	Chalkboard material	S _ _ _ _ _
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T THROW AN AIR BALL SOLVING THIS ONE

Sink the following eight words and win the game. In the grid there is room to enter eight words or terms pertaining to basketball. The following hints should help you dribble to victory.

1. A credit for scoring.
2. For some, a sure point maker.
3. You can't play without them.
4. Shooting while in the air.
5. To pass the ball.
6. What teams need to win.
7. To score off the backboard.
8. To shoot over your head.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a spectacular shot.

Answers: 1. Assist. 2. Fouled shot. 3. Sneakers. 4. Jump shot. 5. Feed. 6. Hustle. 7. Bank shot. 8. Hook shot. The dark framed column spells "Slam dunk."

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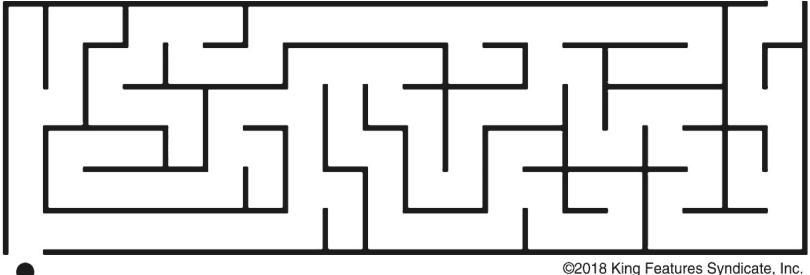
1. Season, Reason
2. Harpo, Harps
3. Magpie, Maggle
4. Lodge, Ledge
5. Peach, Peace
6. Flour, Floor
7. Pocket, Picket
8. Merge, Merge
9. Elate, Slate
10. Tables, Tablet

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Answer

What kind of job is it easy to stick to?

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Samaria in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. When he had a vision, who said, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean"? Adam, Reuben, Samson, Peter
3. From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? Apollos, John the

- Baptist, Jehu, Stephen
4. What is the fourth book of the Old Testament (KJV)? Deuteronomy, Numbers, Leviticus, Joshua
 5. Besides Jonah, what other prophet ministered in Nineveh? Nathan, Paul, Nahum, Philip
 6. From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives of King Solomon? 3, 50, 100, 700

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Peter; 3) Stephen; 4) Numbers; 5) Nahum; 5) 700



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The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness. The Lord roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel.

JOEL 3:15,16



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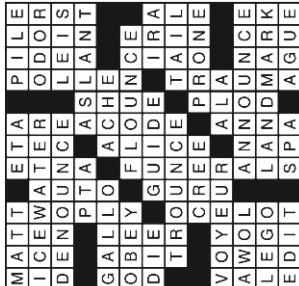
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Aerial view of East Aldine Town Center’s progress



Colored wall panels liven up the buildings for the new BakerRipley complex in the foreground. At the rear, the County 9-1-1 Call Center progresses. To the left will be the East Aldine offices, and a retail center with parking.



The Drone photo captures Aldine Mail Route in the foreground, the Baker Ripley Buildings center, the new street into the site, and the Call Center Building in the background. At the right is the site for the Lone Star College.

Comm. Ellis, Mayor Turner announce project to repair streets in Universities corridor

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on March 13 announced a joint agreement in which Precinct One will pay \$30 million to improve seven streets in the University of Houston-Texas Southern University corridor.

“This is a great example of how Harris County can innovatively and strategically partner with the City of Houston, our universities and other entities to improve mobility, safety and quality of life for all residents,” Precinct One Commissioner Ellis said. “Precinct One is looking forward to supporting TSU and UH, and the entire Third Ward community through this project.”

Earlier on March 13, Commissioners Court voted to negotiate with two engineering firms that will develop the scope of the work.

Dubbed “Complete Streets” project, the improvements dovetail with

Mayor Turner’s Complete Communities program, which involves improving Third Ward and four other neighborhoods that have been under resourced for many years.

“Now I’m excited to see that the Commissioner is bringing safer, more attractive streets to this community of twin universities,” Mayor Turner said. “... If the improvements in these areas were just relying on the city, they would be highly incomplete. I want to thank him for this spirit of collaboration and cooperation with the city utilizing resources at his disposal in order to address many of the needs within the city and within Harris County.”

Precinct One is committing \$15 million to improve infrastructure near TSU and another \$15 million to projects around UH.

The goal is to create streets that are attractive and a source of neighborhood pride, while improv-

ing safety and accessibility to all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders.

In addition to roadway work, the project also includes drainage improvements, which will help reduce street flooding during heavy rain.

“This is a win-win opportunity for everyone,” Commissioner Ellis said. “Pedestrian and bike-friendly streets bring neighbors together and encourage healthy activity. I also hope that these improvements will help attract new businesses and jobs for communities in Third Ward.”

Councilman Dwight Boykins, whose District D includes Third Ward, also praised the city-county partnership.

“Given Houston’s revenue cap, it’s crucial that we lean on different partners to find innovative ways to access desperately needed dollars to support our infrastructure,” Boykins said. “As history has

shown us, collaboration between the county and the city in these matters often falls short of what we need to get this job done. That’s why I’m appreciative of the efforts of Commissioner Rodney Ellis and my friend, Mayor Sylvester Turner, who have brought \$30 million into my district.”

The streets in the TSU area are Cleburne (Emancipation to Scott); Blodgett (Cullen to Ennis); and At-tucks (Cleburne to Wheeler).

The streets near UH are Cullen (Interstate 45 to North MacGregor); Wheeler (Cullen to Scott); Elgin (Scott to I-45); and Holman (Scott to Cullen).

“This project will significantly enhance the gateways into these great institutions by creating a beautiful streetscape for students and residents,” Commissioner Ellis said. “The improvements also will help hundreds of Houston residents who attend classes and work at the universities”.

Motorcycle driver dies in accident at J.F.K. Boulevard

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 14600 J.F.K. Boulevard about 10:45 a.m. last Thursday, March 29, 2018.

According to Houston Police Officials, the victim was operating a black Kawasaki motorcycle at a high rate of speed southbound on J.F.K. and racing another motorcyclist. As he approached the intersection of Aldine-Westfield, the Kawasaki struck the rear of a black Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck and then a black Ford F-150 pickup truck. The victim was then transported by HFD paramedics to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The identity of the male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

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