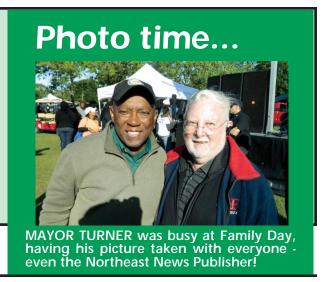
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MARTIAL ARTS CLASS

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FREE CPR CLASS

Saturday, April 21, from 10 am - 2 pm, HCEC Office, 2800 Aldine Bender Road, Houston TX 77032. Call 281-449-3131 to register.

EARTH DAY

East Aldine Districts 'Earth Day Festival' at Bill Crowley Park, 5100 Lauder, April 21, 2018, from 8 am -2 pm.

There will be food trucks, vendors, games and much more. See AD, page 8 for more details.

PROM DRESS DRIVE

You can donate new or gently used: Formal dresses, shoes, purses, accesories. Gift cards and hair & nail services accepted. Donations will be accepted until Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Kingdom Kidz

5137 FM 1960 Rd. E Humble, Texas. For more information,

For more information, please call 832-366-3009 or 832-581-1265.

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Dispose your expired, unused and unwanted medications. Saturday, April 28, 2018, 10 am - 2 pm at Harris County Sheriffs Store Front, 5202 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston. TX 77039.

LSC-GREENSPOINT OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., 250 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77060.

Please visit www.lonestar.edu/Open-House for more information.

Westfield Fire Department celebrates 76 years of service to the Community



Westfield Fire Department celebrated its 76 years of service to our community with music, petting zoo, bounce houses, blood drive, dunkin booth and lots of fun for the entire family during a Spring Fling event on April 17 at the new station on Lauder Rd. close to JFK Boulevard. Families gathered to greet firefighters, see the new fire truck and other equipment used to help the community during a fire, emergency or disaster.

Thousands enjoy 11th annual Turner Family Day



Mayor Turner in front of the Family Day stage, where the band J. Paul Jr. and the Zydeco Nubreeds kept the music coming all day.

In spite of gray skies, last Saturday over 10,000 Houstonians gathered at Turner Park in Acres Homes, to enjoy the 11th annual Family Day, hosted by Mayor Sylvester Turner. The all day event featured baseball games, plenty of free food, games, and more.

Food tents were serving turkey legs, sausage on a stick, hot dogs, anchos, popcorn, snow cones and corn on the cob. Nathan's famous hot dogs were there with food and a bounce house shaped like a hot dog.

Performers included students from Aldine's Carver High School, Baby Sonic Boom, the mariachi band Luna Llena from Rice University, Tiger Rock Martial Arts,, and the teo

More FAMILY DAY, p. 8

Domecoming: Public parties in the Astrodome

HOUSTON – Fans of the Astrodome brought their memories to a large party Monday night, inside the famed Dome.

The Astrodome Conservancy held the party, and at least 25,000 fans showed up, to hear music, eat some food truck grub, and mostly just stare at the cavernous space and relive their memories of the last time they saw a game or event there.

It was the 53rd Anniversary of this so-called Eighth Wonder of the World, which is about to gain a new life as an indoor park and event space for the County.

Commissioner's Court in February approved a \$105 million plan to renovate the Dome, and work will start in the fall, so this is the last time the Dowould be available to see it the way it was when



25,000 Fans gathered for the Dome tour.

it opened in 1965.
Phoebe Tudor, chair of the Astrodome Conservancy, said that this event was so popular that the 25,000 tickets sold out in less than

tickets sold out in less than two hours. Tickets were free, too.

Fans remembered when the Dome was the home of the Astros, from 1965 to 1999, and the Oilers from 1968 to 1996. In 2009 building inspectors ruled the building unsafe, and it has been closed since then.

The revitalization plan calls for an underground parking garage, with 9 acres of park space above

at street level.

The new Dome will be available for festivals, conferences, and commercial space, according to County Judge Ed Emmett. It will also be a passive and recreational park, under an air-conditioned dome,

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another first for the city and the country. Emmett also envisions that the space can be used as an adjunct to NRG center, for boat shows, auto shows, and the Rodeo. Construction will start in October, and last for 17 months.

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Keeble EC/PK Center activities

By JENNIFER BAPTISTE

Book Fair, March 5-9

Keeble library was happy to host Scholastic Book Fairs during early March. Students and parents were invited to explore and purchase the latest trends in children's literature. Pictured above are Mrs. Baptiste and Mrs. Galindo helping parents with their purchases so they could begin reading at home.

Open House, March 7 Keeble opened its doors to the community on March 9th for Open House. Parents were welcomed into classrooms for a tour of activities and brief conversations with staff. Pictured above, staff shared pertinent information with parents as they came to visit the classroom and provided opportunities for students to display examples of work that is completed in the classroom.

Perfect Attendance Bounce House, March

Students with perfect attendance were gifted with a Bounce House as a sign of appreciation for making presence a top priority every day of the school year at Keeble EC/ PK Center. Children really enjoyed the activity and were very excited to receive their reward.





Go Western Rodeo Days | Petting Zoo, March 20-23

Students were happy to show Texas and western pride during campus Rodeo Days at Keeble. Students and staff wore the western attire and learned the ways of the farm by participating in a petting zoo, lassoing, rodeo dancing, and more. Pictured above is Mrs. Perez's and her class sharing in rodeo relays while sporting western

Keeble Easter Egg Hunts, March 29

Students and staff alike took time to share in Easter egg hunts. Students were encouraged to search for items and share in math activities in connection with this experience. At the end of the work day, staff took joy in this lighthearted event as well.



Behavior Incentive Ice pops, April 2

The Discipline Committee, headed by campus assistant principal Dr. Wilson, worked together to provide an ice pop incentive for all well-behaved students to let children know the importance of behaving their best and the appreciation that their teachers have for their efforts. Staff recorded student behavior over time and happily shared well-deserved frosty treats.

Keeble Health Fair, April 3

Families were invited to an informative Keeble event that boosted health literacy and well-being. Various booths filled the cafeteria representing health care, law enforcement and many other topics. Keeble's annual Health Fair offered medical screenings for free and lots of vendors shared valuable information with parents and community members.

Perfect Attendance Parent Luncheon, April 6

Students with perfect attendance were able to share a lunch with parents and family members on Perfect Attendance Luncheon Day! Many happy faces entered Keeble and were greeted by helpful staff and thanked for sharing their children with our staff and campus daily.

HISD updates standardized school start times for the 2018-19 school year

April 13, 2018 - The Houston Independent School District announces revisions to standardized start/dismissal times for the 2018-19 school year in order to improve our delivery of reliable and affordable transportation to our students.

The updated times include two notable changes:

• PK-8 and K-8 schools will now be grouped with middle schools, rather than elementary schools to have a later start/dismissal time of 8:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m.

• Ten minutes will be added to each day for high schools and 6-12 campuses to account for eight optional early release days for final exams. Their start/dismissal time will be 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Beginning next fall, the district will operate with the following standardized start/dismissal times:

• 7:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m. for elementary schools and early childhood cen-

• 8:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. for PK-8, K-8, and middle schools

• 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for high schools and 6-12 campuses

• Because of partnerships with HCC and other unique needs, select schools may have alternate start/dismissal times, and parents can contact the campus for details. They are: Challenge HS, DeBakey HS, East Early College, Energy HS, HAIS, HCC Transition/Food Bank, HSPVA, Jones Futures Academy, Barbara Jordan HS, Liberty HS (a.m. and p.m.), Middle College HS HCC Fraga, Middle College HS HCC Gulfton, North Early College, South Early College, and TH Rogers.

The district will communicate the new start times to parents with emails, phone calls, text messages, and stories on our district website, school websites, social media channels, and weekly e-newsletter.

Two burned bodies found in truck on Alber Road near Barrick Elementary

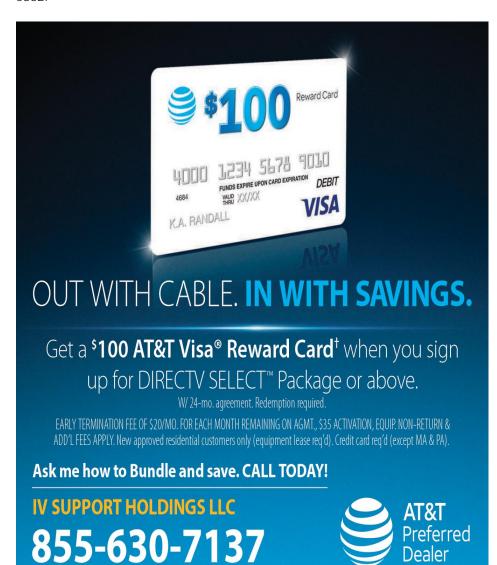
Houston Police have reported that two bodies, burned beyond recognition, have been discovered in the back seat of a pickup truck near 800 John Alber Road. This area is close to the Barrick Elementary School, officials

The Houston Fire Department was called Sunday morning at about 2:45 a.m., April 15 to the area of Winfrey Lane and John Alber Road, for what was reported as a grass fire. On arrival, they discovered the truck on fire, which they extinguished, and after seeing bodies inside they called police.

At about 3:30 the HPD

discovered two deceased persons in the back seat of the pickup truck. The two bodies were not identifiable by gender they were so badly burned, police said. They were described as adults, judging from their size.

HPD homocide detectives and arson investigators are working to determine the circumstance of the fire and deaths. Anyone who has information or saw anything that night is urged to call Crime-Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS or the homocide division at 713-308-3600. You may remain anonymous, and there may be a reward.



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COMMUNITY PAGE

2018 San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment

Celebration marks 182nd Anniversary of San Jacinto Battle and Texas's Independence from Mexico

Houston, TX — The largest battle reenactment in the state is the centerpiece of the admission-free San Jacinto Day Festival, to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the San Jacinto Monument. The reenactment recreates the events leading up to Texas winning its independence from Mexico 182 years ago at the decisive Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836

On Saturday, reenactors from across the state become figures in Texas history, for the day. Visitors can wander freely among the Mexican and Texian camps to learn what the soldiers and their families were doing prior to the battle in 1836. At 3 p.m., the official (and historically accurate!) reenactment of the Battle of San Jacinto begins. With hundreds of history reenactors, this reenactmentcomplete with cannons, horses and pyrotechnicsis the largest in the southwest United States.

Sponsored by the San Jacinto Museum of History Association, the festival is a full day of entertainment, vendors, food, family activities, cultural exhibits, games and fun set



Reenactment

amidst living history: music and dancing on three stages featuring countrywestern bands, flamenco dancers, Native American presentations, square dancers and much more; 15+ food vendors; makeand-take activities and crafts for children; children's train; petting zoo; medicine wagon show; birds of prey; weavers, spinners, blacksmiths and other demonstrators; and dozens of unique handcrafted items for sale.

All festival activities are updated regularly on the San Jacinto Museum of History website:

www.sanjacintomuseum.org and facebook.com/sjbattlereenactment.

The Official State of Texas Ceremony Commemorating the 182nd Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto will take place at 10a.m. on Saturday, April 21. This annual event will take place inside the monument at the Jesse H. Jones Theatre.

Organizers recommend guests come early and follow directions from TPWD and other parking staff. There will be no drones or hoverboards allowed on park/festival grounds.

For more information, visit www.sanjacintomuseum.org, facebook.com/sjbattlereenactment or call 281-479-

Emergency preparation supplies sales Tax Holiday

(AUSTIN) — With the potential for severe weather approaching this spring, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, from April 28 to April 30.

"The severe weather we had last year - particularly Hurricane Harvey — was a stark reminder that Texans should be prepared for emergencies at all times,' Hegar said. "This tax holiday allows people to save money while ensuring they have the supplies they need before an emergency situation occurs."

You can purchase certain emergency preparation supplies tax free during the 2018 Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday. There is no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase, and you do not need to issue an exemption certificate to claim the exemption.

This year's holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 30.

These emergency preparation supplies qualify for tax exemption if purchased for a sales price:

• Less than \$3000 • Portable generators

- Less than \$300
- Emergency ladders
- Hurricane shutters • Less than \$75
- Axes
- · Batteries, single or multipack (AAA cell, AA cell, C cell, D cell, 6 volt or 9
- Can openers nonelec-
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Coolers and ice chests for food storage - nonelec-
- Fire extinguishers
- First aid kits
- Fuel containers Ground anchor systems
- and tie-down kits Hatchets
- Ice products reusable and artificial
- Light sources portable self-powered (including battery operated)
- + Examples of items include: candles, flashlights and lanterns
- Mobile telephone batteries and mobile telephone
- Radios portable selfpowered (including battery operated) - includes twoway and weather band ra-
- Smoke detectors • Tarps and other plastic

sheeting These supplies do not

qualify for tax exemption:

- Batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles
 - Camping stoves

- Camping supplies
- Chainsaws
- Plywood
- Extension ladders
- Stepladders Tents
- Repair or replacement parts for emergency preparation supplies
- Services performed on, or related to, emergency preparation supplies Additional Charges Af-

fect Purchase Price Delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergen-

cy preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax free during the holiday. For example, you pur-

chase a rescue ladder for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, for a total sales price of \$309. Because the total sales price of the ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save more than \$1.5 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by lawmakers during the 2015 Texas Legislature.

For more information, contact us at Tax Help, or call 1-800-252-5555.

Owner found shot to death in his shop on Berry Road



Mechanic shop where Adolfo Sanchez was shot to dead.

HOUSTON - A man died after being shot in north Houston on Thursday, April 12, according to police.

Adolfo Sanchez was shot in the head at his mechanic shop in the 2300 block of Berry Road, near Jensen Drive, around 6:05 p.m. police said.

Sanchez, 70, was taken to the hospital in critical condition, but was later pronounced dead, according to police.

A witness about a block away reported hearing a gunshot.

It is not known what caused the shooting.

Police said there are no suspects or leads at this

Anyone with information in this case is asked to call the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Family sues deputy, sheriff's office in shooting of Danny Ray Thomas

The family of Danny Ray Thomas, who was shot and killed by a Sheriff's deputy last March 22nd has filed a lawsuit against the deputy who fired, and the sheriff's

The shooting occured on Imperial Valley Road in Greenspoint, at about 1:00

Thomas is seen on video walking on the street, with his pants at his ankles. When told to stop by the deputy, who was passing by and noticed the man, Thomas walked "aggressively" toward the deputy and did not stop when ordered. The officer fired once, hitting Thomas in the chest. He died later at the hospital.



This Video posted on social media shows the confrontation just before the shooting.

The attorney representing the family, Ben Crump, said that they had reported Thomas was mentally ill,

and having a crisis. He said this was not enough reason to warrant being shot and killed. Taylor's two children

were recently drawned, allegedly by their mother, and this may have caused Taylor's mental crisis.

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OPINION PAGE

WHAT DR. KING WOULD **HAVE US TO DO NOW**

America can put Martin Luther King's Philosophy of love into practice today

By Richard Shadyac, Jr.

(NAPSI)—We don't have to ask what Martin Luther King Jr. would say to us, if he'd lived to see this moment in our history.

We don't have to ask because we know.

Love, he'd say.

It defeated the dogs and bombs and water hoses. It beat the bullies with their badges and unjust laws. It overcame, even, that other great threat to the civil rights movement of the 1960s—the "silence of the good people," as Dr. King put it.

Surely it would work against what ails us now in this polarized, divisive world, regardless of our political viewpoints. Love, respect, dignity, justice, equality—these are uniters, not divid-

Love, he'd say. Fierce and relentless. Organized and mobilized. Impatient, if patience means waiting for change already too late in coming. Unyielding, if to yield means abandoning the moral high ground in the name of playing it safe. For love never

Love is the most powerful force in human history, and Dr. King's revolution of nonviolence its purest distillation.

Think, though, of how he wrote and talked about his philosophy—not like a pacifist on the sidelines, but a warrior on the side of right. He wrote of "an army that marches under the banner of nonviolence," and of "nonviolent soldiers" engaged in a courageous and heroic fight.

Those words are from Dr. King's 1964 book, "Why We Can't Wait." In the same work, in some of his most eloquent prose, he wrote:

"Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. It is a weapon unique in history, which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals."

A sword that heals.

Study that: a weapon, wielded with love, aimed not at hate's

head but its heart. Because hate seeks to demean, to demoralize, ultimately to destroy. But love aims to change. Remember Dr. King's great admonition: "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Love wants safe and healthy children, equal justice for all, freedom, equal opportunity regardless of our circumstances, and civil discourse to bridge our vast divides. What American wouldn't?

Yet where are we, as a country, in 2018? Too often unable to talk, unwilling to act, comforted in our echo chambers.

We don't sit and talk through our differences. We can't, or we won't. We've walled ourselves off from each other, lacking empathy for those who may see the world differently from us, or look or act differently.

Where, Dr. King might ask, is the love? Where is the belief that a cause with right on its side can slay any foe? Where is the urgency to act now?

As he wrote from the Birmingham city jail in 1963, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," and, "There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair."

As he preached from a Memphis pulpit, on the eve of his assassination on April 4, 1968, "For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory.'

On this, the 50th anniversary of his death, we don't have to ask what Dr. King would say to us now. We know.

He'd say to stop shouting and really listen.

He'd say to stand on the side of right, and then start marching, knowing this: "You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

He'd say to keep marching, with that love that won't take hate for an answer, until we reach the Promised Land.

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Decision to send troops to border draws mixed reactions

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 4 welcomed the announcement by Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen that the federal government would deploy some 4,000 National Guard personnel to the U.S.-Mexico border to assist in stemming the flow of illegal immigration.

"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," the governor said. "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 immigra-

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said using the National Guard in a supportive role "is a commonsense way to temporarily assist law enforcement along the border. It's critical that the Administration continue to work in close consultation with state and community leaders to ensure the border region can remain safe and prosperous."

Cornyn noted that the decision to deploy troops is consistent with actions taken by President Obama in 2010 and President George W. Bush in 2006.

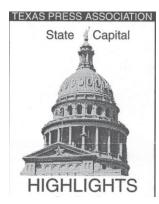
But state Rep. Cesar Blanco, D-El Paso, reacted differently. "Trump's deployment of the National Guard to our border communities is unjustified, irresponsible and dangerous," Blanco said. "In 2017, apprehensions for illegal border crossing hit a 46-year low - a 23.4 percent drop from 2016. Some of our border communities, such as El Paso, are consistently ranked as some of the safest communities in the country."

State Sen. Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, also questioned the deployment.

"The President and other Republicans have manipulated the fears of Americans, many of whom know very little about life in on the border, into a potent political weapon," Rodriguez said. "In his latest antiimmigrant action, Mr.

STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS**

By Ed Sterling



Trump proposes to use the U.S. military as actors and the border as a stage to create electoral theatre in hopes of appeasing his political

Miller asks for workers

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller on April 4 asked the federal government to allow an increase in temporary workers to help meet the Lone Star State's need for labor in various agricultural sectors and in the Gulf shrimp industry.

Miller wrote a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Nielsen and Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta requesting action. "Currently, many agricultural and related entities are making final decisions on this season's production efforts. Your action on this matter will determine the economic success of many of these businesses and the jobs they create," Miller wrote.

"As commissioner of agriculture for the state of Texas, I am encouraging the Trump administration to take immediate action and open the petition process under the H-Nonimmigrant Temporary Worker Program. This is critical for our agricultural economy, as well as the small and seasonal businesses that rely on the temporary workers provided through the H-2B program in Texas," Miller added.

Currently, the H-2B program allows U.S. employers, after meeting certain criteria, to bring foreign workers to the United States to fill temporary nonagricultural jobs.

Pensions face shortfalls

The two funds that provide retirement benefits and healthcare to public school teachers and other state employees may need reforms to maintain solvency in the future, according to members attending an April 4 hearing of the Senate State Affairs Committee.

"It's just a cold, hard fact that we can't keep doing things the way we're doing it," Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said of funding strategies for the Teachers Retirement System and Emplovees Retirement System. "We can't keep going down this path."

Over the last 20 years, Nelson said, investments have only returned about 7 percent and the gap between anticipated and actual returns is where potential unfunded liabilities arise. The board of the Teachers Retirement System will meet on April 20, expecting to decide whether to make adjustments based on the how much the fund is earning.

Tax revenue increases

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 3 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 restaurants, were up, while receipts from the information sector were slightly down from a year ago, he add-

REP. GENE GREEN. GOP'Balanced Budget Amendment'

WASHINGTON, DC-April 12, 2018 – Today, Congressman Gene Green (TX-29) released the following statement before the House of Representatives vote on a 'balanced budget amendment' that would cut federal programs like Social Security and

"This Monday, we heard that federal deficits are going to be almost \$2 trillion more over the next decade than previously projected. While there is more than one reason for our exploding deficit, the GOP's tax reform bill increased our deficit by almost 20%.

Last fall, I and many of my colleagues voiced our fears that the socalled party of fiscal conservatism was going to try to pay for their tax bill by gutting Medicare and Social Security.

I agree with the amendment's authors that Congress urgently needs to address our debt. If Congress advanced a carefully structured balanced budget amendment, with waivers to allow fast action to stabilize the markets in the event of a financial crisis like the one we faced just a few short years ago, and with waivers to allow us to fulfill the promises that we have already made to our country's senior citizens, I would support

But this amendment does not do that. It endangers our long-term prosperity in order to pay short-term lip service to fiscal responsibility.

I do not support potentially pulling the rug out from under Americans counting on their Medicare and Social Security benefits, who have been relying on the promises our government made to them for their whole lives I do not support action that increases the likelihood that our country will be plunged once again into recession, endangering markets and economies worldwide. And I do not agree that the cost of larger tax breaks for multinational companies or of other fiscal decisions made by Congress should be borne by our country's elderly and sick."

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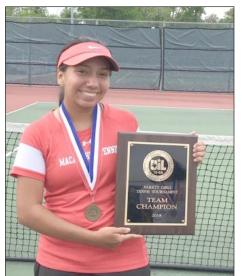
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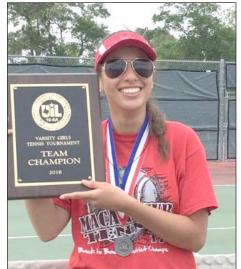
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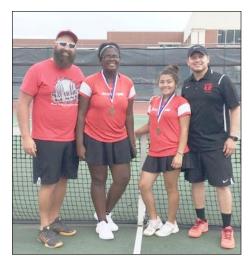
MacArthur High School tennis athletes to compete at Regionals



Alyssa Davila



Juana Espinoza



Coach Blake, Makayla Preston, Tatiana Hernandez, Coach Quintanilla

Jennifer Salazar & Ebony Lopez

Thirteen MacArthur High School tennis athletes will be competing at the UIL Region II-6A tennis tournament in Waco on April 20-21st. Advancing to regionals after qualifying by finishing 1st or 2nd in their category at District 16-6A playoffs were:

Girls' Singles: 1st place - Alyssa Davila (Jr) & 2nd place - Juana Espinoza (Sr) Girls' Doubles: 1st place - Tatiana Hernandez (Sr)/Makayla Preston (Sr) & 2nd place - Ebony Lopez (Sr) /Jennifer Salaz-

Mixed Doubles: 1st place - Christian

Cortez (Jr)/Daisy Lara (So) & 2nd place -Diana Castro (Jr) /Mark Cervantes (Jr) Boys' Singles: 2nd place - Jose Rosette

Boys' Doubles: 2nd place - Fabian Martinez (Jr) /Horacio Vences (Jr)

The MacArthur High Tennis athletes are coached by Head Coach Brandon Blake & Assistant Coach David Quintanilla. Good luck, Generals!

Others placing at District playoffs were: Boys' Singles: 3rd place-Eduardo Duarte (Sr) and Boys' Doubles: 3rd place - Carlos Bonilla (So) /Jacob Hands (So).

MacArthur Generals Golf Teams District Champions



MacArthur GENERALS GOLF TEAMS REPEAT AS DISTRICT 16-6A CHAMPION. This year 9 golfers from the boys and girls teams qualify for the regional tournament in Waco the week of April 23-26. After defending their title and winning the district golf tournament for the 2nd year in a row MacArthur will represent Aldine ISD at Cottonwood Golf Club.

Golfers qualifying for regionals for the boys are:

Senior Curtis Hainsworth, Junior Sergio Marroquin, Sophomores Efren Delgado and Jorge Yanez and freshman Jeriel Hernandez

For the girls we have: Sophomore Dallas Quezada, Juniors Monica Gonzales, Miranda Arzapala and Xaviera Urrabazo. Xaviera also repeated as overall individual district champion for the girls. Great job Generals!!!

FLASHBACK

By Mick Harper

- 1. Which group had a hit with "Georgy Girl"?
- 2. How many members were in the group that released "Hot Fun in the Summertime"?
- 3. Who had a hit with "The Love I Lost"?
- 4. What is "Sister Golden Hair" about?
- 5. Name the song that

one can make mistakes, And we both have made our share, But a life without your love, Is a life too hard to bear."

contains this lyric: "Any-

Answers

- 1. The Seekers, from Australia, in 1966. It was used as the title song in the film of the same name.
- 2. Seven, in Sly and the Family Stone, in 1969. The song came out after their exposure at Woodstock and went to No. 2.

King Crossword

- 3. Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes, in 1973. The two-part song was released as sides A and B. It spent two full weeks at the top of the Hot Soul chart.
- 4. In America's 1975 chart-topper, a man is telling his lover why he's not ready to get married.
- 5. "Should've Never Let You Go," by Neil and Dara Sedaka, Neil's 17-year-old daughter. The song made it to the 1980 Top 20 list.

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by Mike Marland





The Spats





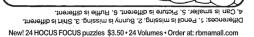


Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle 4 3 6 1 7 9 7 6 3 4 9 5 6 2 4 6 1 8 2 7 5 8 2 3 Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine. **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆ ♦ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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2. U.S. STATES: What is Ohio's official gem-3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Griffith Obser-

vatory located? 4. ORGANIZATIONS: What volunteer organization celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011?

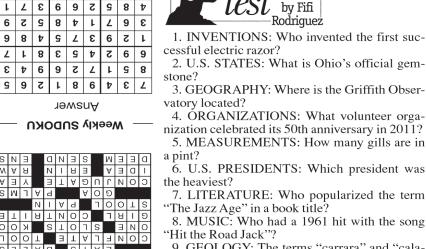
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was

the heaviest? 7. LITERATURE: Who popularized the term

"The Jazz Age" in a book title? 8. MUSIC: Who had a 1961 hit with the song

9. GEOLOGY: The terms "carrara" and "calacatta" refer to what type of stone? 10. PROVERBS: What is the end of the proverb

that begins, "What's good for the goose ... "? © 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.



Solution time: 25 mins **Answers** — King Crossword —

9. Marble; 10. "... is good for the gander." 6. William Taft weighed 332 pounds; 7. F. Scott Fitzgerald; 8. Ray Charles; 1. Jacob Schick; 2. Flint; 3. Los Angeles; 4. The Peace Corps; 5. Four; Trivia Test Answerst



LIFESTYLE

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel— * On April 18, 1775, as British troops march out of Boston on a mission to confiscate the American arse-Concord, at Massachusetts, patriots Paul Revere and William Dawes set out on horse-

back to sound the alarm. Early on the morning of April 19, a British patrol captured Revere and briefly questioned him.

* On April 16, 1789, newly elected President George Washington leaves his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home and heads for New York, to be sworn in as the first American president. Washington had admitted that he would have preferred to stay in retirement.

* On April 22, 1889, at precisely high noon, some 50,000 to 60,000 would-be settlers make a mad dash into the newly opened Oklahoma Territory to claim cheap land. Towns like Norman, Oklahoma City, Kingfisher and Guthrie sprang up almost overnight.

* On April 21, 1953, two of Sen. Joseph McCarthy's chief aides return to the U.S. after a controversial investigation of United States Information Service posts in Europe. As a result, thousands of books were ordered removed from USIS libraries. Authors targeted included Dashiell Hammett, W.E.B. Du Bois, Herman Melville, John Steinbeck and Henry Thoreau.

* On April 20, 1978, Soviet aircraft force a Korean Air Lines passenger jet to land on a frozen lake after the jet veers into Russian airspace. A civilian American aircraft later retrieved the survivors.

* On April 19, 1993, at Mount Carmel in Waco, Texas, the FBI launches a tear-gas assault on the Branch Davidian compound, ending a tense 51day standoff with the religious cult. The compound was burned to the ground, and some 80 Branch Davidians perished in the inferno.

* On April 17, 2002, ABC airs the 10,000th episode of the daytime drama "General Hospital," the network's longest-running soap opera. The show premiered on April 1, 1963.

* On April 25, 1859, at Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal,

an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the Isthmus of Suez. Labor disputes and a cholera epidemic slowed construction, and the Suez Canal was not completed until 1869 — four years behind schedule.

* On April 27, 1865, boiler explosions on the Mississippi River steamboat Sultana kill an estimated 1,547 people, mostly Union soldiers returning home after the Civil War. The passengers were killed by flying metal, scalding water and collapsing decks.

* On April 28, 1897, the Chickasaw and Choctaw, two of the Five Civilized Tribes, agree to abolish tribal government and communal ownership of land, following the goals of the Dawes Severalty Act. The other tribes soon followed, throwing open all of Indian Territory to white settlement.

* On April 29, 1945, the U.S. Seventh Army's 45th Infantry Division liberates Dachau, the first concentration camp established by Germany's Nazi regime. In the course of Dachau's history, at least 160,000 prisoners passed through the camp.

* On April 23, 1969, Sirhan Sirhan, a Palestinian immigrant, is sentenced to death after being convicted in the assassination of politician Robert F. Kennedy. In 1972, Sirhan's sentence was commuted to life in prison after California abolished the death penalty.

* On April 26, 1977, the world-famous Studio 54, in New York City, opens its doors for the first time. Actors, models, musicians and athletes, as well as political figures came out to be seen during the disco club's brief heyday, which lasted less than three years.

* On April 24, 1980, an ill-fated military operation to rescue the 52 American hostages held in Tehran, Iran, ends with eight U.S. servicemen dead and no hostages rescued. The hostages would not be released for another 270



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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hosea in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Which gospel does not contain the Olivet prophecy? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

3. The prophecy of Obadiah is basically about what nation? Shem,

Edom, Tabor, Nebo 4. Who said "Rabbi," and kissed Jesus? Alexander, Mark, Mordecai, Judas 5. David was what relation to Boaz? Brother, Son, Grandson, Great-grandson 6. Who was Nun's son? Jehoshaphat, Joshua, Zacchaeus, Meshach

ANSWER: 1) Old; 2) John; 3) Edom; 4) Judas; 5) Great-grandson; 6) Joshua

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Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the

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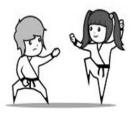
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