

NEWS  
NOTES

BUSINESS  
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AIRPORT  
SPRING FEST

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

NEWEST  
COLLEGE

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

FILM & PHOTO  
FESTIVAL

The Aldine ISD Film & Photo Committee invite you to the third annual Film & Photo Festival. Aldine Education Foundation is again a sponsor of this amazing event showcasing student creativity. Friday, May 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender.

New Aldine ISD Superintendent finalist

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees named Lufkin ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney as the lone finalist as Superintendent of Schools for Aldine ISD. The announcement was made during the April 17 Board meeting.

Dr. Goffney has been Superintendent of Lufkin ISD since 2013.

She has 19 years of experience in the field of education.

She will succeed AISD Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg, who is retiring after 11 years as the district's superintendent.

Dr. Goffney will become the first African-American to serve as Superintendent of Schools in Aldine ISD.

She said she is looking forward to the opportunity to serve as superintendent of a large school district with a proven track record.



Dr. LaTonya Goffney

"I'm excited and honored about this opportunity to build on the foundation of success already established by the Board, superintendent and the administration of Aldine ISD," Dr. Goffney said. "I look forward to looking, listening and learning to discover how best I can serve the students, staff and community of Aldine. As a child of poverty, I know firsthand the power

of public education and how it changed the trajectory of my life. My family and I covet your prayers during our transition."

Aldine ISD Board of Trustees President Steve Mead said he and the Board look forward to working with Dr. Goffney.

"We, as a Board, would like to welcome Dr.

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Lone Star College awarded top honors at U.N. conference

HOUSTON (April 27, 2018) – Lone Star College students received top awards at the recent National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in New York. The LSC-Joint Delegation consisting of students from LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Montgomery and LSC-Tomball received the Outstanding Delegation Award for the fourth year in a row. The LSC-CyFair, LSC-North Harris and LSC-University Park delegation was also recognized with a Distinguished Delegation award.

"Only 21 schools of the hundreds competing from

around the world receive this honor," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "These Lone Star College students are a shining example of what student success looks like."

LSC students were also recognized for Outstanding Position Papers and Outstanding Delegates in Committee.

The National Model United Nations advances understanding of the U.N. and contemporary international issues and has positively impacted the lives of thousands of student dele-

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Aldine ISD Trustee Rose Avalos honored by TDW of Harris County

Aldine ISD Trustee Rose Avalos was one of four Harris County women selected as a recipient of the "Women Making History" Award from the Texas Democratic Women (TDW) Harris County Metro Area organization.

Ms. Avalos was honored on April 21 at the eighth annual "Women Making History" Awards Luncheon, held at the IBEW Hall.

The award honors four hardworking women who



AISD Trustee Rose Avalos, third from left, poses with fellow honorees at the "Women Making History" luncheon on April 21.

Mother of injured student sues Aldine company in bus crash

CHANNELVIEW, TX – The mother of a Channelview ISD student who was injured in the bus crash near Mobile, Alabama last month filed a \$1 million lawsuit against the driver and the bus company.

The mother claims the bus company, First Class Tours and the driver were negligent when the bus crashed into a ravine injuring most of the passengers and killing the bus driver.

Two buses, chartered from First Class Tours in

Aldine, were bringing the Falcon band students back from a vacation and performance at Disney World park in Florida.

It was the second bus that had the accident. Authorities said that the scene did not show any indication that the bus tried to stop or swerve. The path led through the grassy median and over an embankment and a drop of over 50

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- HAMBRICK MIDDLE SCHOOL, SATURDAY MAY 19, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM  
4600 ALDINE MAIL ROUTE RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039
- LONE STAR COLLEGE GREENSPRING CENTER, THURSDAY MAY 31ST., 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00 PM  
250 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, HOUSTON, TX 77060
- 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  
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Dr. Wanda Bamberg, Scott Corrick named to Texas A&M’s Dean’s Roundtable

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg and Scott Corrick, Director of Human Resources, will be two of 21 individuals who will be honored by The College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University on May 4 when they will be named to the Dean’s Roundtable. Dr. Bamberg and Mr. Corrick will join the other 19 individuals who will be honored as transformational leaders. The May 4 ceremony will be held at the Hildebrand Equine Complex in College Station.

Former Texas A&M head football coach and current special advisor to the TAMU president, R. C. Slocum will deliver the keynote address. Slocum is known not only for his team’s success on the field, but also for the way he cared about his players and instilled life lessons such as handling adversity, responding in a positive manner, and never quitting. For the past 26 years, members of the Dean’s Roundtable have sought to elevate the work of those unsung heroes who through dedicated leader-



Dr. Wanda Bamberg



Scott Corrick

ship and service to others, transform lives and enrich our world. Since 1991, benefactors have honored more than 550 individuals who have been role models to their students and/or peers, mentors for new professionals, and servant leaders in their communities. They have raised over \$450,000 in support of scholarships, programs, and college initiatives. “Dean’s Roundtable sponsors select representatives who model the ideals we hope all our graduates will emulate,” stated CEHD Dean Joyce M. Alexander. “This year, as always, our benefactors have chosen to honor a distinguished group of professionals who share our

vision of transforming lives.” The 2018 Dean’s Roundtable honorees include superintendents, administrators, classroom teachers, professors, and those professionals who have devoted their careers to helping others. The College of Education and Human Development is committed to enhancing education and health outcomes for all. By partnering with the college, members of the Dean’s Roundtable make an investment in the future of Texas and the nation. For more information, contact Erin Kleinecke at [ekleinecke@tamu.edu](mailto:ekleinecke@tamu.edu) or 979-845-5355.

HCC ranked top ten in the nation for digital engagement

HOUSTON [April 26 2018] – Houston Community College tied for sixth among community colleges with 10,000 or more students in the Center for Digital Education’s annual 2017-18 Digital Community Colleges Survey. Now in its 13th year, the Digital Community Colleges Survey analyzes how community colleges use a range of technologies to improve services to students, faculty, staff and the community at large. The survey revealed in-

sights about community colleges’ technology priorities. Colleges surveyed indicated that mobility devices/app support is their top priority in the coming year, followed by cybersecurity tools and testing, website redesign/updates, upgrading classroom technologies, digital content and curriculum, and disaster recovery/business continuity. The survey revealed that 34 percent of colleges have a strategy in place for the use of mobile devices;

35 percent have a full-time chief information security officer or similar full-time staff in charge of cybersecurity; 71 percent of the colleges’ websites have responsive web design; and 88 percent of colleges have off-site data storage redundancies in place. All accredited U.S. community colleges are eligible to participate in the Digital Community Colleges Survey within three classifications based on enrollment size.

Trustee Honored,

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have made outstanding contributions to Democratic causes in Harris County. The three other women honored at the luncheon were Gabrielle Hadnot, Ginny Stogner McDavid and Linda Morales. Ms. Avalos was elected to the Position 3 seat on the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees in May of 2006. She has been a resident of

Aldine since the age of two months. Ms. Avalos attended Aldine schools and was a member of the second class to graduate from MacArthur High School in 1968. After graduating from Sam Houston State University, she began her educational career in 1972 as a teacher in Aldine ISD and remained with the district for 33 years. During

her Aldine tenure, she served as a counselor, program director, and assistant principal and principal of Escamilla Intermediate School. In 1994, she returned to her alma mater and served as MacArthur High School’s principal for 11 years before retiring in 2005. Ms. Avalos was named the district’s Principal of the Year in 2002 and 2003.

Hambrick Middle School Recognizes Community Member



Dr. Rebecca Sanford (l) presents Valencia Dotson (r) with a gift of appreciation for her work with the students at Hambrick Middle School. Dotson sponsors an essay contest during the holiday season in addition to various other endeavors in service to the students and faculty at Hambrick.

Dedicating your life to service for others is a sacrifice that we see many times over in today’s world. There are educators, medical professionals, and of course the men and women who service in the armed forces just to name a few. When discussions about service related fields arise, these professions tend to come up frequently. However there are many individuals who oftentimes go unnoticed and who very rarely are mentioned in these conversations. Principal, Dr. Rebecca Sanford decided that she wanted to acknowledge the sacrifice and service of one such individual who has worked diligently for the students, and even the staff, at Hambrick Middle School. Valencia Dotson, a two-time published author, is an entrepreneur and philanthropist who has adopted Hambrick as a part of her extended family.

Ms. Dotson is the founder and CEO of Ve Ce Dottie, LLC specializing in the creation of bio-based, toxin free lotions and gifts, appreciation/recognition awards. In addition, she created the Tis the Season with a Special Kind of Reason, Inc. non-profit organization which seeks to embrace the power of positive thinking, living, and support systems, with a strong emphasis on education, self-love, self-advancement, and self-respect. Although this non-profit organization focuses its efforts in economically disadvantaged areas, Dotson is always willing to lend her assistance to any cause or need that may arise to help members of any community. Working with and through her non-profit over the past few years Dotson has concentrated many efforts at Hambrick Middle School which is located in the East Aldine District in northeast Houston. She stated, “My focus is to concentrate on areas that have a true need. I have found that in Hambrick and its surrounding community. I am a firm believer of never forgetting where you came from, so what a better area to focus on than the area that I grew up near. If I can reach only one [student], to me that is progress...but if I can reach several with a lasting vision of hope, healing and the great ability to

overcome obstacles and prosper from them, then I have succeeded at accomplishing the task of teaching ‘self-healing’ through perseverance.” Each holiday season (Thanksgiving and Christmas) Dotson sponsors an essay contest for the students in which they write an essay based on a given topic related to family, sacrifice and/or perseverance. She reads each of the essays, some of which have brought tears to her eyes, and celebrates their written expressions with a ceremony at Hambrick. During the ceremony the students who participated in the contest are awarded with gifts including a turkey, and other trimmings to make their family’s holiday one to remember. Special prizes are awarded to those who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd with their essays. Parents are invited to the ceremony to celebrate with their children. “Education alone isn’t enough for our communities that are underprivileged and disadvantaged; its critical to recognize and address the healing powers and benefits of overcoming obstacles (past & present) so we can prepare our youth for the world that is waiting on them...My father taught me that communication simply means that we can speak; to communicate affectively means that you will not only be heard the same as an empty wagon, but people will actually listen to what you are trying to communicate to them!” Dotson said about her reason for starting the essay contests.

Hambrick Middle School is not the only benefactor of Ms. Dotson’s efforts through her non-profit organization as well as her own personal desire to make a difference. She supports many organizations, causes, and missions including At-Risk Teen Advisor, Forever Families Adoption Agency, Help for Haiti Missionary, World of Children, Plan International, Youth Civil Rights, and East Aldine District Sheriff’s Department Summer Lunch Program. Service is a way of life for Valencia Dotson, and the students, staff, and administrators at Hambrick Middle School are grateful that she has dedicated so much of her work for them at their campus.

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COMMUNITY PAGE

Lone Star College awarded top honors at National Model United Nations conference

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gates. The Outstanding Delegation award is based on the delegation's ability to represent the positions of their assigned country, participate actively in committees, and follow the proper rules of procedure for diplomatic exchange.

The theme for this year's conference was "Transforming Our World" and focused on how we can each positively contribute to change our world through our commitment to the objectives found with the Sustainable Development Goals.

"We must do more to enable young people to shape the decisions affecting their lives," said António Guterres, United Nations secretary-general. "Your potential is the world's potential. As you stand up for our shared values, the United Nations stands with you."

"For both Lone Star College delegations to be awarded is truly reflective of the caliber of our students and the guidance by dedicated faculty advisors," said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., LSC associate vice chancellor Honors and International Education.

More than 5,000 delegates from 130 countries participated in this year's



Lone Star College students represented the nations of Côte d'Ivoire and Peru at the National Model United Nations held in New York.

NMUN. Colleges represented at the event included the likes of St. Frances Xavier, Canada; Jilin University, China; Regents University London, Great Britain; The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands; and Texas Christian University and Baylor University.

TxDOT urges drivers to look twice for motorcycles to decrease fatalities

501 motorcyclists died in 2017 in crashes on Texas roads

HOUSTON – As part of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign is urging drivers to watch carefully for motorcycles. Crashes killed 501 and seriously injured another 2,101 motorcyclists in Texas last year.

"Nobody wants to take a life in a crash or lose a loved one," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Motorcycles are small, they're hard to see, and it can be difficult to judge their speed and distance. That's why it's critical that drivers take extra precautions to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections."

Intersections are particularly

risky areas for serious crashes involving motorcycles. From 2010 to 2015, 25 percent of crashes involving motorcycles occurred when one vehicle turned left in front of an oncoming motorcycle, likely due to the driver not seeing the oncoming motorcycle.

Motorcycle crashes also are more severe than other types of crashes because motorcycles lack the protective and safety features of other vehicles.

To help everyone arrive safely at their destination, TxDOT's "Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign urges drivers to:

- Look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections.
- Always assume motor-

cycles are closer than they appear.

- Avoid turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle.
- Use turn signals and check blind spots before changing lanes.
- Avoid following a motorcycle too closely.
- Give motorcyclists a full lane.
- Obey posted speed limits.

This year's "Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign will conduct events around the state to coincide with National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and the start of the spring/summer driving season. The stops will feature a virtual reality game designed to educate motorists to look twice for motorcycles.

Storytime in the Gardens at Mercer Botanic Gardens

Preschoolers aren't just discovering new plants at Mercer. Now, they're discovering new books, too. Staff with Harris County Public Library (HCPL) and Mercer Botanic Gardens share some of their favorite nature books, from Jack and the Beanstalk to Don't Eat the Bluebonnets, with children every Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. during Storytime in the Gardens at Mercer.

"This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to the story-book setting of Mercer Botanic Gardens," said Mercer Interim Director Jim Nutter. "It's the perfect place to let your child's imagination run wild."

Mercer recently expanded the popular program,

which was previously held monthly, after HCPL partnered with Mercer staff to provide weekly readings in the gardens.

"Harris County Public Library is excited about the potential of this partnership to combine literacy and nature into a new knowledge environment for children," said HCPL Director Edward Melton.

The additional reading times will help replace programs previously offered at Baldwin Boettcher Library, which closed due to flood damage.

"Although the future of the library building is uncertain, we want everyone to know library services will continue," said Commissioner R. Jack Cagle.

In addition to Storytime in the Gardens on Mondays, HCPL brings the Summer Reading Program to Mercer starting Tuesday, June 5. Tuesdays and Wednesdays feature programming for elementary school children, and Thursdays offer fun and learning for teens. Young readers will have the opportunity to win prizes by earning points for books they read. For more information, call 713-274-4160.

Mercer Botanic Gardens is located one mile north of FM 1960 at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble, 77338. If you need additional information, please call 713-274-4160 or online at [www.hcp4.net/community/parks/mercer](http://www.hcp4.net/community/parks/mercer).

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Suspect charged in fatal crash where a 2 year-old was killed

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal crash that occurred at 1200 Crosstimbers at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 21.

The suspect, Lakendra Nicholson, 35, is charged with intoxication manslaughter and two counts of intoxication assault.

According to HPD officials, Nicholson was driving erratically in her white Cadillac CTS eastbound on Crosstimbers, changed lanes in an unsafe manner and struck a grey Nissan Altima. The Cadillac then

struck a black Pontiac, pushing it into a utility pole and a gold Toyota Camry. The Toyota then struck a white commercial pickup truck. The driver of the pickup truck pulled into a nearby parking lot and then left the scene.

The male victim, 2, was transported to Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital where he was pronounced dead. All other occupants of the Nissan, the Pontiac and the Toyota were transported to area hospitals for treatment of their injuries.



Nicholson

Nicholson was detained at the scene, determined to be intoxicated and subsequently charged.

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\* **AVENGERS: Infinity War in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13)** 3:15pm, 3:30pm, 10:00pm, 10:15pm  
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\* **AVENGERS: Infinity War in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13)** 2:45pm, 9:30pm  
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**Blumhouse's TRUTH OR DARE (PG-13)**  
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\* **RAMPAGE 3D (PG-13)**  
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**BLOCKERS (R)** - 11:50am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm  
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**A QUIET PLACE (PG-13)** - 12:15pm, 2:35pm, 4:45pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm  
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**Tyler Perry's ACRIMONY (R)**  
12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm  
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**READY PLAYER ONE (PG-13)**  
6:15pm  
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\* **READY PLAYER ONE in 3D (PG-13)**  
9:15pm  
Stadium Seating; CC-Closed Caption

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



OPINION PAGE

Mayor Turner backs one-year state waiver for Houston ISD

HOUSTON – April 25, 2018 - Mayor Sylvester Turner stands by the Houston Independent School District and encourages the board of trustees, community, and the Texas Education Agency to keep the students' best interests in mind as decisions are made about the future of 10 low-performing schools.

Also, the mayor today encouraged HISD to hit the pause button on submitting a partnership plan to the state by the April 30 deadline and instead request a one-year waiver from the Texas Education Agency. A one-year extension would allow the district additional time to focus on improving the schools, stakeholders, and devise and execute strategies to move schools out of Improvement Required (IR) status.

"Considering Hurricane Harvey's impact on our students and campuses eight-months ago, this is not the time to add to the stress of students, parents, teachers and those served by HISD. I am committing myself to playing a leadership role to find and execute the best path forward. By working together, we can develop a viable model with the singular goal of moving any schools from IR to performing."

Mayor Turner plans to contact the Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath and ask him to grant HISD the one-year waiver.

Governor Abbott encourages Mayors and County Judges to take advantage of available Harvey relief funds

AUSTIN – April 26, 2018 - Governor Greg Abbott today sent a letter to Mayors, County Judges and Emergency Management officials in communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey, urging them to take immediate advantage of the \$500 million in funds from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that are available now.

"The hazard mitigation funds available today can provide immediate relief and resiliency to your community," writes Governor Abbott. "As of today, the Texas Department of Emergency Management has received only seven complete applications from the entire region impacted by Hurricane Harvey. That means hundreds of millions of dollars that are available to Texas communities today are not being put to use."

Included in the letter, the Governor reminds officials that local governments will not be obligated to pay the typical 25 percent local cost share for hazard mitigation grants. Instead, Congress provided that the cost

share will be paid through CDBG, and that is now part of the State CDBG Plan.

In February, Governor Abbott announced the availability of \$500 million of funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). In four months, approximately \$600 million of additional hazard mitigation funds will become available.

These FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds are in addition to the more than \$10 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds approved by Congress and awarded to Texas.

Hazard mitigation funds can be used in a number of ways, including: buyouts and elevations of flood prone properties; drainage and reservoir projects that eliminate future flooding; projects to lessen the frequency or severity of flooding; flood risk reduction projects (dams, retention basins, levees, floodwalls); large-scale channeling of waterways; and other projects.



Governor announces extension of hurricane-related sheltering assistance

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 17 announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency had granted Texas' request to extend the deadline for Hurricane Harvey survivors to apply for transitional sheltering assistance.

The deadline has been extended from April 23 to May 31. The transitional sheltering assistance program helps displaced individuals who are unable to return to their homes find short-term shelter in hotels or other temporary housing locations.

"With many Texas families still unable to return home after Harvey, we are committed to ensuring they have a place to stay as the recovery continues," Abbott said. "We will continue to do everything in our power to help Texans get back in their homes and get our communities rebuilt as quickly as possible. I thank our federal partners and FEMA for helping provide this important assistance for those in need."

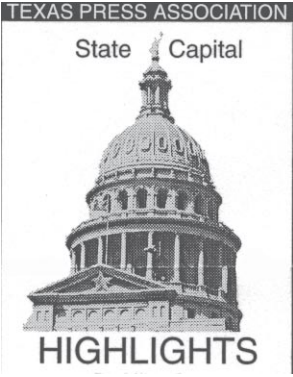
Officials discuss funding

Gov. Abbott on April 20 joined U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, U.S. Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston, and local officials in Houston to discuss the \$5 billion recently allocated by Congress to Texas for Hurricane Harvey and disaster recovery.

Provided through the HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program, the intended use of the grant funding is for the rebuilding of housing, businesses and infrastructure following Hurricane Harvey and

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



previous flood events.

"Though Hurricane Harvey was the worst of storms, it brought out the best in the people of Texas," Abbott said. "In each community, so many lives were saved because of the courage and leadership of local officials and the efforts of our incredible first responders. These funds will help give communities the resources they need to continue recovering, and I thank HUD Secretary Ben Carson, as well as all of our federal partners, for their ongoing support throughout this process."

The funding includes:

- \$652 million to help rebuild damaged homes, businesses and infrastructure.
- \$4.3 billion for elevating homes, property buyouts, and hardening structures from wind and water to help protect Texas families from future storms; and
- \$62 million to Houston and \$24 million to San Marcos for mitigation of 2015 floods.

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Former first lady dies

Former first lady Barbara Pierce Bush died in a Houston hospital on April 17. She was 92.

A funeral for Mrs. Bush, the wife of George H.W. Bush, 41st president of the United States, was conducted on April 21 at St. Martin's Episcopal Cathedral in Houston. Burial was in the family plot at the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University in College Station on April 22.

Mrs. Bush was the mother of George W. Bush, 43rd president and former governor of Texas, and Jeb Bush, former governor of Florida. She was the grandmother of current Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush.

Gov. Abbott on April 17 said of the former first lady: "Barbara Bush dedicated her life to helping others. As only the second woman in history to be both the wife and mother of U.S. presidents, Barbara had a unique and profound impact on our country."

"Spearheading the fight against illiteracy, she created the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, working to improve the lives of those less fortunate through education. Her selfless devotion to service defines the inspiring legacy Barbara has left behind. Her impact on Texas and our nation will forever be treasured."

"Cecilia and I extend our deepest condolences to President George H.W. Bush and the entire Bush family during this difficult time. We ask that all Texans join us in keeping them in their thoughts and prayers as they mourn the passing of a devoted wife, mother and public servant."

Solar industry is studied

In the April issue of the Office of the Comptroller's online digital publication, Fiscal Notes, the solar industry in Texas is examined.

According to the Comptroller's Office, 532 solar companies and nearly 100 solar product manufacturers are located in Texas.

"There are still unknowns that may affect the industry, including the fate of federal tax credits and a recent tariff on foreign-made solar panels, but the long-term prospects for this industry seem bright as companies work to meet our state's ever-expanding energy needs," state Comptroller Glenn Hegar said on April 16.

To Raise Creative Kids—Let Them Play

(NAPSI)—Fostering a child's courage to express creativity is perhaps one of the most important goals that parents can set for themselves.

Understanding Creativity

Often, when people think of creativity, they think of the arts, but it starts with play early in life and leads to other things as children grow. It's through play that children begin to develop their creative muscles, whether with blocks, dolls or action figures. Beyond play, kids may find creativity in the way they play sports, clean their room, prepare their food or do their schoolwork.

According to experts at The Genius of Play™, a national movement to raise awareness about play's critical role in child development and encourage more play in children's lives, creativity can help build confidence, flexibility, individuality and mental agility, and even contribute to better physical health.

Expert Advice

Dr. Erik Fisher, Ph.D. and The Genius of Play expert, believes the best way to foster children's creativity is to encourage them to try things and not feel afraid to fail. Failure itself is an amazing learning experience as it helps children develop tenacity and perseverance, which are some of the most important skills they'll need later in life. At the same time, parents should be aware of their own emotions, attitudes and beliefs and be willing to create with their child. Many times, parents want their kids to "fit in" and don't realize they're stifling creativity.

To help ensure that creativity is part of your child's play routine, Dr. Fisher suggests:

- Don't focus on just the arts. Play has a key role in helping develop children's creative muscles. As children develop creativity in one area, it often extends to other areas.
- Help your kids stretch their creativity muscles and yours by experimenting with many different kinds of toys and playful activities. Trying new things lets kids discover what they like and explore their own talents.
- Observe and appreciate your children's uniqueness and celebrate how they do things differently.
- There's no better way to dry up creativity than with criticism. Try to find constructive ways to give feedback and seek ways to be positive.
- Help your child see failure through play as a learning experience, not a time to quit.

Learn More

You can get ideas on how to enhance creativity and other developmental benefits, expert advice and play resources at [www.TheGeniusOfPlay.org](http://www.TheGeniusOfPlay.org), @GeniusOf Play on Facebook and on Instagram.



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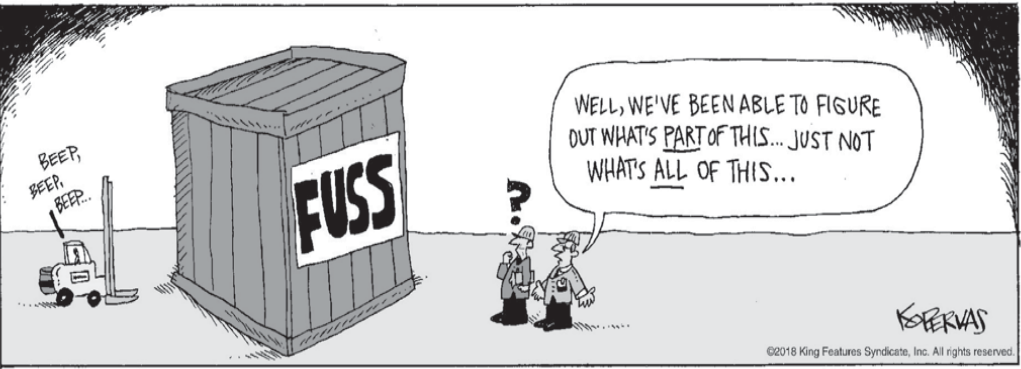
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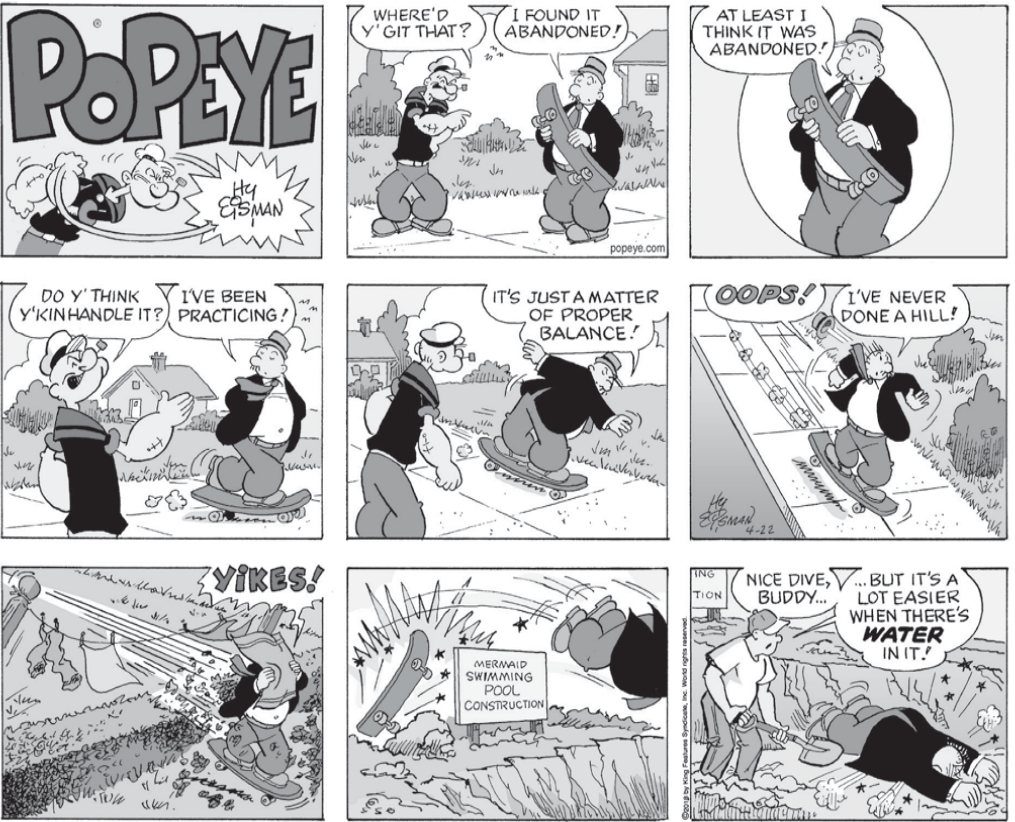
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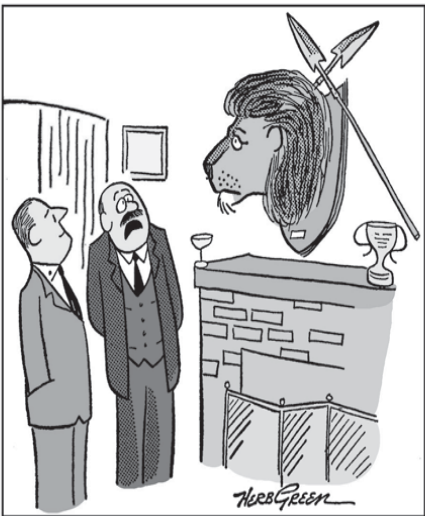


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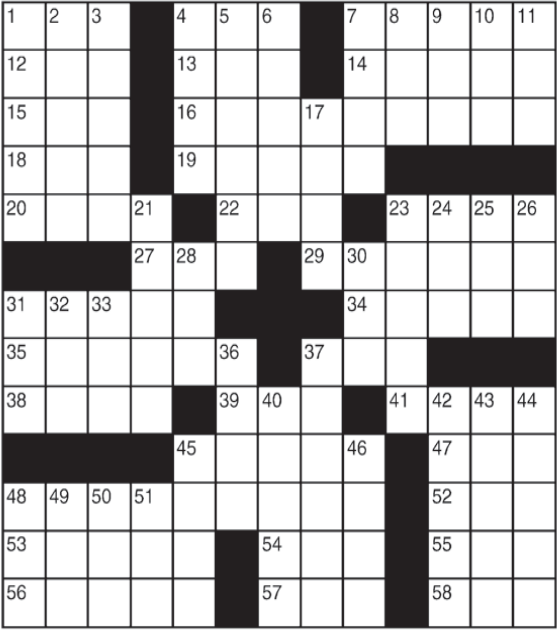
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4 TV watchdog org.  
7 Obliterate  
12 Shell game need  
13 Under the weather  
14 Started eating  
15 Take a whack at  
16 Scrabble or Parcheesi  
18 "Monty Python" opener  
19 Wander off  
20 Hack  
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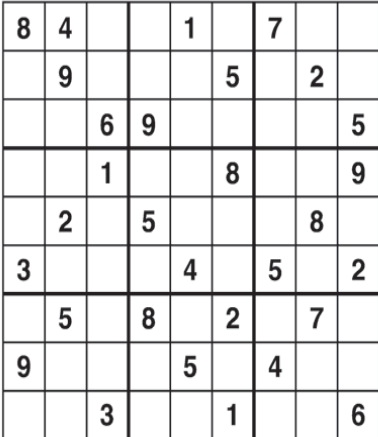


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54 "Golly!"  
55 Owns  
56 Villain in a Christmas tale  
57 Halves of 25-Down  
58 Scrap  
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11 Away from WSW  
17 Hindu royal  
21 On top of the world?  
23 Memorable mission  
24 More, to Manuel  
25 Type squares  
26 Ultramodernist  
28 Weir  
30 Swine or bird —  
31 Anatomical duct  
32 Frequently  
33 Glass of NPR  
36 Oklahoma city  
37 Pistil counterpart  
40 Grammarian's concern  
42 Coeur d'Alene's home  
43 Moon-related  
44 You'll get a rise out of it  
45 Fax  
46 Dregs  
48 To the — degree  
49 Raw rock  
50 Pitch  
51 "Flying Down to —"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What is a manzanilla?  
2. SCIENCE: At what temperature are the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales equal?  
3. U.S. CURRENCY: Which non-president's image is on the \$100 bill?  
4. LANGUAGE: What word represents the letter Q in the international phonetic alphabet?  
5. MUSIC: How many strings does a pedal harp have?  
6. LITERATURE: In which novel does the character Quasimodo appear?  
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many points does a snowflake have?  
8. HISTORY: Where was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at Waterloo?  
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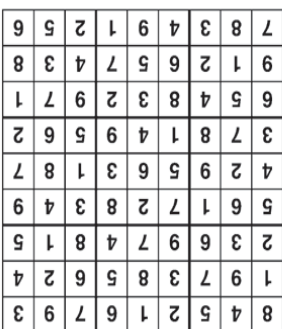
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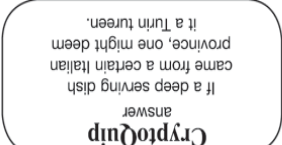
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by Wilson Casey

1. In the Bible's King James translation there are more than how many references to gems and precious stones? 100, 500, 1,700, 2,200  
2. Which book recounts the story of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years? Titus, Hebrews, James, Romans

3. From 2 Samuel 14, how many shekels did Absalom's hair weigh after he cut it off? 2, 10, 50, 200  
4. Where did Jesus attend a wedding where the wine was exhausted? Sardis, Antioch of Syria, Joppa, Cana of Galilee  
5. In Mark 6:9, Jesus tells his disciples not to put on two ...? Sandals, Coats, Headdresses, Girdles

ANSWERS: 1) 1700; 2) Hebrews; 3) 200; 4) Cana of Galilee; 5) Coats



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*She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her, saying: "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all."*

Detail of "The Three Ages of Woman" by Gustav Klimt (1905)

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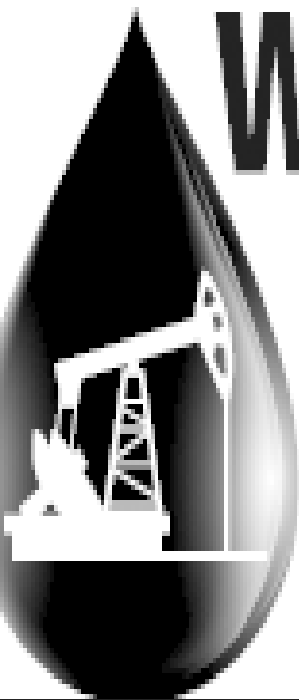
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# Art Car Parade

Houston held its 31st Annual Art Car Parade last Saturday, with cars travelling Allen Parkway. This is Houston's largest free public event! More than 250 rolling works of art turned concrete into a colorful canvas to celebrate the artist in everyone! Mobile masterpieces motored in and near downtown in the world's oldest and largest Art Car Parade. The Parade Marshall this year was Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Entries were judged Sunday evening. Community groups, public and private schools, and professional organizations have become regular participants. Inspired by what they see, spectators create art cars of their own and often become future participants. And as the parade grows, attracting more and more participants, the complexity and quality of the entries increases.



Art Car Parade Marshal Mayor Turner



Art Car Peacock Feathers



Art Car Skeleton won in 2017



Art Car showing some Gator Teeth



Art Cars or Cupcakes?



Art Car with a pretty pink bunny

# BUS ACCIDENT,

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THE CHARTERED BUS, with 46 persons onboard, left the I-10 Roadway in Alabama, went through the median, and plunged over 50 feet down a Ravine, and then overturned.

feet into a ravine. Alabama state trooper John Malone indicated that the driver, Harry Caligone may have been “un-responsive” prior to the crash, leading to speculation that he actually died of a medical problem such as a heart attack. However, family mem-

bers said that he had recently passed a physical exam and was healthy. The accident happened at about 5:30 a.m. on March 13, while it was still dark. Authorities said that after the initial 9-1-1 calls, about a dozen fire and EMS departments responded from nearby cit-

ies, and about 5 helicopters were used to transport injured people. The bus held about 40 students, age 15-18, and six adults. Those injured were taken to 10 area hospitals, according to later reports.

During her tenure as Lufkin ISD’s superintendent, the Lufkin Education Foundation was established, as was the Leadership Academy for aspiring leaders in the district. Dr. Goffney created partnerships with Stephen F. Austin State University to create a STEM academy for high school students and with Angelina College to create an Early College High School.

State law requires that AISD wait 21 days before offering Dr. Goffney a contract.

Dr. Goffney and her husband Joseph have two children, Joseph Jr., 18 and Joslyn, 14.

# New Superintendent,

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Goffney to Aldine ISD,” Mr. Mead said. “Dr. Goffney brings a wealth of educational experience having served as a superintendent in two different districts for a total of 10 years. We look forward to working with her, along with our administrative team. We believe Dr. Goffney will have a positive influence on our students and staff and will be a vocal advocate for the important role public education plays in the State of Texas.”

Dr. Bamberg said she looks forward to assisting her with the transition from Lufkin ISD to Aldine ISD.

“I am excited to welcome Dr. Goffney to Aldine and I look forward to working with her as she makes her transition from Lufkin to Aldine,” Dr. Bamberg said. “I know Dr. Goffney through state and regional professional organizations and she is well-respected across the

state.”

She is a native of Coldspring, TX and began her career as a language arts teacher in Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD. She served as an assistant principal and principal in Coldspring-Oakhurst before serving as that district’s superintendent for five years.

Dr. Goffney earned her bachelor’s degree in history and English, a Master of Education degree in administration and a Doctorate of Education degree in Educational Leadership all from Sam Houston State University.

In 2013, she was the recipient of the Distinguished Administrator of the Year Award by the faculty of Sam Houston State University’s College of Education. Dr. Goffney was named one of only 22 members of the 2012-13 Class of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International Emerging Leaders. The PDK Emerg-

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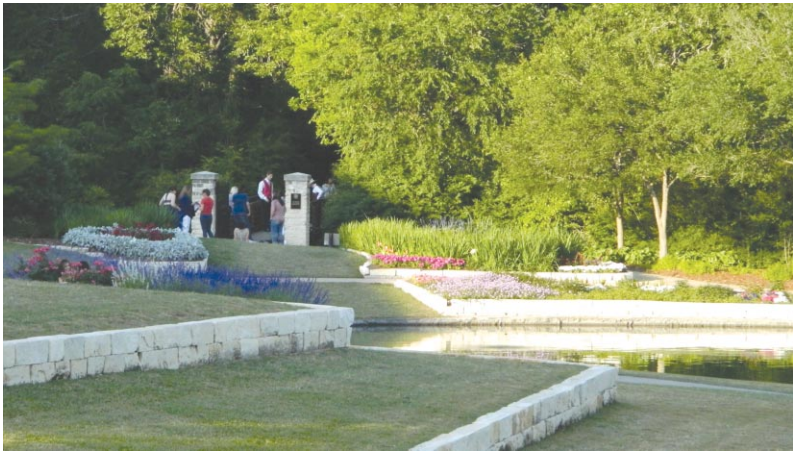
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