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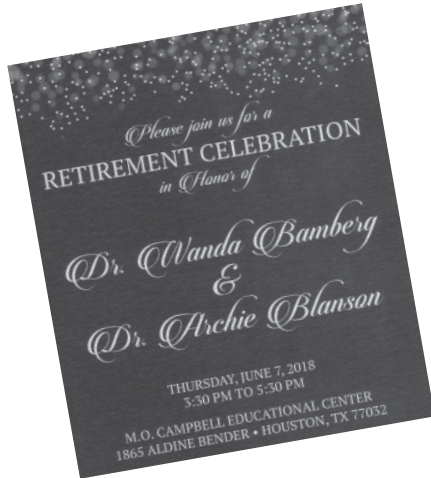
Green Forest Civic Club Meeting

Green Forest Civic Club meets every last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall located at 3415 Aldine-Mail Rte. (next to Shipley's Donuts). Neighborhoods covered by GFCC are Eastex Freeway Forest and Fairgreen 1, 2, 3 & 4. Meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. For more information, please contact President Shirley Reed at 281.449.4504 or Secretary Marina Flores Sugg at 281.442.3573.

Citizenship Workshops

•Prince of Peace Catholic Community, Saturday, June 16, 2018. Registration starts at 9:00 am. 19222 Tomball Parkway, Houston, Tx 77070
•Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Saturday, June 30, 2018. Registration starts at 9:00 am. 18511 Klein Church Rd. Spring, Tx 77379. Pre-registration required, please call 281- 799-9076.

Aldine says "goodbye" to Wanda & Archie



Two beloved superintendents set to retire

Campbell Center was the scene of a Gala Celebration last Thursday afternoon, as the Aldine ISD community and others paid tribute to the years of dedication and leadership provided to the district by two retiring superintendents, Dr. Wanda Bamberg, and Deputy Superintendent Archie Blanson.

Several hundred Aldine staff, guests, family, and the public were present and seated at beautifully decorated tables on the floor of the center. Before the celebration the audience was entertained by the Eisenhower Jazz Band, and near the end by the MacArthur Show Choir. These presentations were a hallmark of Dr. Bam-



Superintendents Archie Blanson and Wanda Bamberg were presented with framed histories of their early years in education, and subsequent years as they developed at Aldine ISD.

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Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Harris County Street Olympics Officials Kick-off Exciting Summer Games

Young Athletes Light Olympic Flame and Demonstrate "Street Games" that will Keep them Engaged in Positive Activities this Summer

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, joined by about 80 young athletes demonstrating "street games," on Tuesday kicked off the 32nd annual Street Olympics Summer Games.

Street Olympics officials and sponsors assisted Commissioner Ellis at Mickey Leland Memorial Park to highlight the exciting Olympic-style competition that begins June 9 at 90 Houston-area youth agencies, including three operated by Precinct One. Three youth also lit the Olympic flame.



Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis and State Rep. Ana Hernandez get Hula Hoop tips from youth who participated in the Harris County Street Olympics Summer Games kickoff on Tuesday.

About 5,000 Houston-area youth, ages 6-17, are expected to participate in the Summer Games, Discovery Camp, 3-on-3 Basketball, and Harris County Aquatics Program's Learn-to-Swim classes over an eight-week period. The Summer Games culminate in the Final Event, Bright Futures Fair and the closing ceremonies "Parade of Champions" on Aug. 3 at NRG Arena.

"I want to let you know that Street Olympics programs are about more than just games," Commissioner Ellis said. "We are using sporting games to teach our youth about life, which

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Congressman Green's statement on DOJ's announcement to Not Defend Affordable Care Act

WASHINGTON, DC – June 8, 2018 – Congressman Gene Green (D-TX), Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health and co-author of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Department of Justice's announcement that it will not defend the ACA

in court: "The latest news of sabotage to the Affordable Care Act comes at a time when states throughout the country are proposing double-digit rate hikes for ACA plans in 2019, as a result of the Trump administration repealing the individual mandate and halting cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments to in-



surers, which help families afford high deductibles and out-of-pocket health

care costs." "The administration's decision to not defend the ACA is devastating. What this means is millions of families and individuals with pre-existing conditions and mental health and substance abuse disorders could possibly lose their health insurance. The actions taken by the administration is bad policy

and will do more harm to Texas, which has already the highest population of uninsured people in the nation. As a co-author of the ACA, I will continue to fight against every act of sabotage and stand up for everyone's right to have access to quality health care."

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RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

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berg's public presentations, and fitting accompaniment to the program. Dr. Bamberg is also known for keynoting her talks with readings from a book she has chosen for the occasion, and so this time there was a reading from "Collectors Collect Things" in this case words leading to their use and education.

The program was actually a combination of a Toast, and a Roast, as many of the superintendents' colleagues took the opportunity to describe with humor some of the foibles the pair had faced over the years.

There were many speakers who added to the legacy of the pair, some with insight, some with humor, or both. These included school board president Steve Mead, board member Rose Avalos, associates Bill Plummer and Raymond Stubblefield. In addition, there were a number of certificates of

appreciation presented by officials, including representatives from Congresspersons Gene Green and Sheila Jackson Lee, and a thank you talk in person by State Senator Sylvia Garcia, saying Wanda is known through the state of Texas at the top of her profession.

The superintendents also had a chance to speak about each other. Archie said about Wanda, "she always shows up everywhere, she has a sense of humor, she supports staff and teachers, and provides leadership."

Wanda said about Archie, that it was "an incredible opportunity to get to work with him." She noted that they shared the principle of "it's all about the children."

One of the most enjoyable talks was by Rose Avalos, telling first of Wanda's accomplishments in here 11 years as superintendent, and then some of her humorous traits. First she mentioned that during



Dr. Bamberg received a gag gift, a ukelele, from Rose Avalos.



The MacArthur Show Choir entertained with song.

her term, a \$790 million bond issue has been passed to meet the growth needs of the district, that Aldine had won the national Broad Prize, and that she led with a hands-on approach, often visiting the 63 campuses. In honor of her efforts, the new Resource Center was named for her. But then Rose mentioned a few quirks, such as an obsession with shoes, and her fascination with the ukelele. Rose presented her with a ukelele as a memento.

The two superintendents had informed the Board of Trustees last October that they were planning their retirement. This gave the board enough time to search for and hire the new superintendent, Dr. LaTonya Goffney.

Dr. Bamberg is in her 11th year as superintendent and has devoted 36 of her 41 years in education to Aldine ISD. In her letter to the Board, she thanked them for their support during her tenure

as AISD's superintendent.

Dr. Blanson devoted all of his 39 years in education to Aldine ISD. In his letter to the board, he also thanked them for their support. "I have been honored to have served four superintendents over the course of my career," he said. "But I would like to extend a very special thanks to Dr. Wanda Bamberg for allowing me to serve as her Deputy Superintendent for the last 10 years. The district's new career and technical educational high school will be named the Dr. Archie L. Blanson Career and Technical Educational High School."

In her closing remarks, Dr. Bamberg especially thanked her predecessor, Dr. Nadine Kujawa. Then she said "I'm proud to be part of this Aldine community. I'm excited about the future for Aldine."

Carver student to attend Art League's Studio Art intensive summer program

Established local and national artists will lead projects. The program will culminate in an exhibition.

HOUSTON Art League Houston's Summer High School Studio Art Intensive only admits 16 students. Among them this year is an Aldine ISD student. Sophomore Barbara Villarreal from Carver High School Engineering, Applied Technology and the Arts is the lucky young artist.

The Reed Foundation awarded Art League Houston a grant to support the 2018 program. As a result, ALH provided full tuition scholarships to all participating students.

The four-week summer program is a rigorous, in-depth studio art experience. Participants receive six hours of coursework each day. They work in a variety of mediums, beginning with drawing and painting and expanding to less traditional forms.

Established local and national artists and educators lead projects. These will go beyond techniques taught in high school art classes. Instructors will teach students practical skills necessary to develop as artists.

Besides studio classes, guest speakers — practicing artists, curators and arts administrators — will meet with participants throughout the program. They will share stories and provide insight into the art world.



Barbara Villarreal

Students will also spend two days visiting various art spaces and cultural institutions around Houston. They will gain insight into the local arts climate in Houston.

Each student will receive an individual portfolio session. This will help them prepare for portfolio reviews when applying to colleges and art schools.

The program will conclude with a final exhibition. It will be a celebration of the work produced to show friends, family and instructors.

Barbara's art teacher at Carver HS is Laura Luna.

Grantham Academy for Engineering students qualify for national competition



Grantham Academy group shows off the state TSA TEAM trophy. Alicia Garza, Mónica Aguirre, Hailey Robinson, Aaliyah Callaway and América Flores qualified for nationals.

Grantham Academy students Alicia Garza, Mónica Aguirre, Hailey Robinson, Aaliyah Callaway and América Flores qualified for nationals in their events of the Technology Student Association (TSA) TEAMS competition.

The acronym TEAMS stands for Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science. The goal is to help students discover their potential in the engineering field.

The students advanced after their results at the

TSA TEAMS competition held at Texas A&M University in the spring semester.

This year's competition will take place June 22-24 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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COMMUNITY PAGE

Congratulations Dr. Ruiz !!!!



Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ruiz are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Dr. Veronica Diane Ruiz, from the University of Texas at Austin. Veronica earned her Ph.D. and participated in the hooding ceremony with fellow colleagues on May 19, 2018.

Veronica is a longtime resident of Austin, where she earned her Bachelor's and began her career as an educator in 2001. Veronica has been with the Austin Independent School District for over twenty years and started as a teacher's aide in 1997.

Dr. Ruiz began teaching students at Crockett High School, then after earning her Master's in 2003, she accepted an administrative position as department chair at Bedichek Middle School. In 2015, she returned to her lifelong passion for teaching as a faculty member at Texas State University and then in 2016 she accepted the position of ARD Facilitator at University of Texas Charter School. Dr. Ruiz is an instructional coach with an extensive history of experience in special education.

Veronica is a product of the Aldine Independent School District and has had the support of loving family and friends, including educators and administrators throughout her journey. She is grateful for Mr. Harris, Assistant Principal at Grantham Middle School and is especially fond of her teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Jarrett, who had a strong and lasting positive impact on her life.

The Ruiz and Winner Family congratulate Dr. Ruiz on her accomplishment and wish her much continued success throughout her career.

DPS launches iWatchTexas Mobile App

AUSTIN – June 8, 2018 - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced the launch of the new iWatchTexas mobile application (app), which the public can use to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate ongoing or future criminal or terrorist activity. The iWatchTexas program was created as a partnership between communities and law enforcement, and utilizes citizen-sourced tips related to criminal activity. DPS developed the new iWatchTexas mobile app at the direction of Governor Greg Abbott to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity in Texas, including criminal, terroristic or school safety-related threats.

"The new iWatchTexas mobile app is one of several solutions that Texas is implementing immediately to identify and report those who may pose a threat to our schools and to our communities," said Governor Abbott. "Our law enforcement officers often rely on vigilant Texans to help keep communities safe, and this new tool will give everyone the ability to quickly and easily communicate with authorities and help prevent future tragedies."

The app is now avail-

able for iPhone users on the Apple App Store (iWatchTexas) and for Android users on Google Play (iWatchTexas).

"Amid the growing threats to public safety by malicious actors, we want to remind the public that they can be law enforcement's greatest resource to combat those intent on harming others, including innocent schoolchildren and administrators," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "By launching this new mobile app at the direction of Gov. Abbott, we are providing an additional and easy way for the public to report any illegal or suspicious behavior, which may ultimately help save lives."

The public can report suspicious behaviors through the iWatch Texas program via the new mobile app, online at www.iwatchtx.org by calling 1-844-643-2251. A report usually takes fewer than five minutes to complete, and once submitted, each report is reviewed by law enforcement analysts. All reports are confidential (providing contact information, which is optional, will allow for follow-up questions).

Preparations for crime, terrorist attacks and

threats to school safety may often be seen but not reported. When in doubt, speak up. Here are some examples of behaviors and activities to report:

- Comments made regarding killing or harming someone.
- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package is left behind.
- Cars or trucks are left in no-parking zones at important buildings.
- Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location.
- People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.
- Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.
- Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

Note: The iWatch Texas program is not designed to report emergencies. If a situation requires an emergency response, call 911. As a reminder, false reporting to a law enforcement agency is a violation of state law.

State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.76 billion in May

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.76 billion in May, 10.2 percent more than in May 2017.

"Strong growth in sales tax revenue was apparent across all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "While the most rapid growth was in remittances from the construction and oil- and gas-related sectors, significant gains also came from information services, restaurants and retail trade."

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for

May was \$3.23 billion, 1.4 percent more than in May 2017. Year-to-date franchise tax revenue is up 11.3 percent. As anticipated in the Certification Revenue Estimate, lower refund activity early in the fiscal year contributed to higher than average net franchise tax collections.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2018 was up 10.4 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state bud-

get, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Revenue from other major taxes on motor vehicle sales and rentals, motor fuel and oil and natural gas production also rose in May 2018:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$424 million, up 11.7 percent from May 2017;
- motor fuel taxes — \$309.9 million, up 1.8 percent from May 2017; and
- oil and natural gas production taxes — \$416.5 million, up 56 percent from May 2017.

Summer Games,

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involves teamwork, competition, self-esteem, discipline and confidence."

Before and after the announcement, youth from Precinct One's Finnigan Youth Education Town (YET) and Lincoln Park Community Center displayed their skills in basketball dribble, Hula Hoop, jump rope, kickball and football passing accuracy — just some of the 12 sports that aspiring young athletes will compete in over the summer.

"It felt good when I was walking (with the torch)," said Jackeline Hernandez, 11, of Lincoln Park, one of the torchbearers. "I had fun playing jump rope, Hula Hoop and kickball."

The event also featured live animals displayed by trained handlers from Precinct One's Environmental Education Program, which teaches children about animals and nature as part of the Street Olympics' Discovery Camps hosted each summer at Deussen Park and Challenger Seven Learning Center in Precinct One.

"I learned about kickball, football and I touched the animals," said Taneyah Capers, 9, also a torchbearer who attends YET.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, whose department is a Street Olympics' sponsor, thanked the nonprofit agency's Board of Directors, youth agencies, sponsors and the youth.

"We believe in you," Sheriff Gonzalez said to the children. "We support you. And we want to help make things better. We know that things aren't always in a good place, especially now."

The nonprofit Street Olympics mission is to implement and sustain programs that provide training, support and resources that lead to healthy and productive lives for youth.

"During the summer months," Commissioner Ellis said, "we use sports as the carrot to bring our youth to positive, structured activities. And we also engage their minds and build character in these young people."

Investigation into fatal crash at Tidwell

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 1100 Tidwell about 6:25 a.m. last Wednesday, June 6.

According to HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant G. Hall and Officer M. Tamez, the driver of a black Chrysler Pacifica was westbound on Tidwell and stopped at a traffic light in the left turn lane.

Just as the vehicle began to turn with the green light, the victim ran in front of the Chrysler and was struck. The victim was transported by Houston Fire Department paramedics to Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The driver of the Chrysler, who remained at

the scene, was questioned and released.

A preliminary investigation determined the victim was at fault for failing to yield the right-of-way to the vehicle.

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

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OPINION PAGE

Hurricane season officially underway, Texans urged to prepare now

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) wants to remind all Texans that Hurricane Season officially started June 1st. and runs through Nov. 30. Right now is the time to put emergency plans in place, so that residents are prepared in the event of a disaster.

“With Hurricane season officially upon us and the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey still very fresh in our minds, now is the time to take important steps to protect your family and your property,” said Texas Governor Greg Abbott. “Texas is doing everything possible to get ready for this hurricane season and we are urging families to do the same. As we saw during Hurricane Harvey, lives can be saved when we all work together and have a plan.”

All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes and tropical storms. It is possible for a storm to severely impact our state, even prior to or without making direct landfall in Texas. Hurricanes can cause widespread damage, and winds can vary from 74 to 157 miles per hour (or higher). In addition, hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes, create dangerous coastal water conditions, including storm surges, and cause extensive flooding damage. Additionally, the rainfall associated with a tropical system can have an extremely wide reach, so monitoring changing weather conditions during hurricane season is critically important for all Texans.

“Because tropical systems can be extremely powerful and unpredictable, early preparation can mean the difference between life and death,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “As the 2018 hurricane season starts, we encourage

Texans to prepare now to help keep their families safe should a tropical storm or hurricane hit our state this year.”

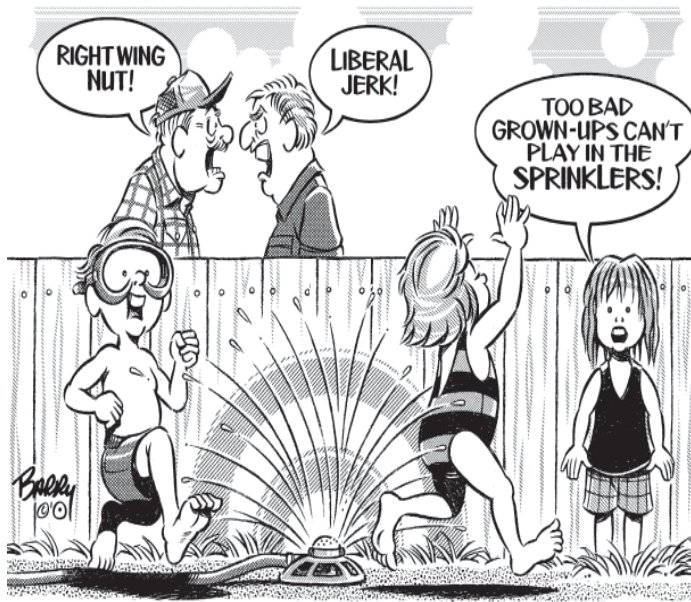
Here are several measures residents can take now to prepare for potential storms:

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions.
- Review hurricane evacuation maps, and select a route for you and your family.
- Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely.
- Consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or the elderly.
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions in and around your area.
- Follow the instructions of local officials if a storm develops.

Residents are also encouraged to review their property’s flood risk and current insurance coverage, and consider whether a separate flood policy should be part of their home protection plan. (Remember most flood policies have a 30-day waiting period before taking effect.) For more information, visit the www.tdi.texas.gov/takefive/flood-insurance.html.

If you or someone you know might need assistance during a disaster, register now with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) — a free registry that provides local emergency planners and responders with additional information about the needs in their communities. To register, contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state’s free 24-hour helpline. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 for community resources.

For more information about hurricanes and how to prepare for the 2018 hurricane season, visit the DPS website and www.texasprepares.org.



OPINION
By Senator Sylvia Garcia

Preparing for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season has begun— it is critical to learn about hurricanes and hurricane preparedness. To be safe this hurricane season, I encourage you to develop a family/household emergency plan in case of an evacuation. This can include a kit of important supplies such as medication, non-perishable food items and water. If state or local officials order a



Governor offers safety plan designed to prevent shootings at schools

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on May 30 joined state and local leaders in Dallas and San Marcos to unveil his School and Firearm Safety Action Plan.

The governor’s plan came 12 days after the Santa Fe High School shooting in which 10 people were killed and 10 people were injured. It contains 40 recommendations, including proposals that call for:

- Increasing law enforcement presence at schools;
- Strengthening existing campus security programs;
- Enhancing firearm safety;
- Requiring that gun owners report to law enforcement within 10 days if their firearms are lost or stolen;
- Providing mental health evaluations that identify students at risk of harming others, and much more.

Abbott’s announcement follows three roundtable discussions seeking input from victims, parents, educators, lawmakers, law enforcement entities and policy experts.

“This plan is a starting point, not an ending place,” Abbott said. “It provides strategies that can be used before the next school year begins to keep our students safe when they return to school. This plan will make our schools safer and our communities safer.”

Abbott said he wants state Senate and House leaders to issue an interim charge to consider the merits of adopting a “red flag” law that would allow law enforcement, a family member, school employee or a district attorney to file a petition seeking the removal of firearms from a potentially dangerous person, but only after legal due process is followed.

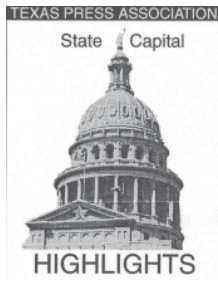
Abbott’s recommendations, if adopted, would require an estimated \$110 million in funding, according to the Governor’s Office.

Assistance is extended

Gov. Greg Abbott on May 25 announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted his request to extend the deadline to June 30 for transitional sheltering assistance for Hurricane Harvey survivors.

The assistance helps displaced individuals who are unable to return to their homes find short-term shelter in hotels or other temporary housing.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



“Since the devastation brought by Hurricane Harvey, Texas has made great progress in helping families return to their homes,” Abbott said.

Don’t leave child in car

Temperatures across Texas have breached the 100-degree mark, and warmer weather puts a child at greater risk of injury or death if they are left unattended in a vehicle.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on May 24 posted a warning to alert Texans that children can die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed, and such negligence could lead to criminal charges.

“Children are needlessly dying every year because they are left unattended in vehicles. The public can do their part by notifying emergency personnel if they witness a child alone or in distress inside a vehicle, regardless of the weather conditions,” said DPS Director Steve McCraw.

System failures addressed

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on May 24 addressed online testing issues that occurred in April and May when 5th and 8th grade students took the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness or “STAAR” examinations.

When the tests were administered, thousands of students encountered connectivity slowdowns and/or login and logout issues that affected their grades.

Student performance on “STAAR” is a component of school ratings. Morath, on May 23, notified school districts and charters that TEA would exclude the results of the STAAR

tests for students directly affected by the online testing issues, but, he added, any test results that positively benefit a district or campus rating, that district or campus will receive the higher rating.

Morath said the Texas Education Agency would fine the contractors responsible for the testing problems and move forward with plans to rebid the assessment contracts.

AG files motion for stay

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on May 25 filed an emergency motion with the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit to stay a lower court’s May 10 ruling that Texas must alter its voter registration procedures.

The San Antonio-based Federal District Court, Western District of Texas, sided with civil rights plaintiffs in a ruling by Chief Judge Orlando L. Garcia. Texas violated the motor voter provision of the National Voter Registration Act by failing to automatically register voters who use the Department of Public Safety’s driver’s license renewal and change of address website, Garcia wrote.

Garcia gave the state 45 days to cure the problem and 14 days to devise a statewide public education plan to inform citizens about changes in the voter registration process.

In his motion, Paxton argued that Garcia’s ruling forces Texas to engage in monitoring activities not required by federal law.

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Lite Up Texas

Summer is upon us and that means higher electricity bills as we try to stay cool. The System Benefit Fund Low Income Discount Program, known as LITE-UP Texas, provides an electricity rate discount of up to 82 percent for qualifying low-income customers during the months of May, June, July and August. You may already be automatically enrolled in LITE-UP Texas if you currently receive Medicaid or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). If not, you can still qualify for LITE-UP Texas if your annual household income is at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (or up to \$29,813 for a family of four). For more information or to apply, please call 1-866-454-8387 or visit www.liteuptexas.org.

Message from Sylvia

In June we celebrate the beginning of summer, Father’s Day and Juneteenth. As we plan our summer family trips, outdoor activities, etc., let’s all be mindful of some keys to enjoying this season fully. Remember to stay cool, hydrate properly, and wear sun block. There are great activities district wide for every member of the family to enjoy, so be safe and have fun. Oh, and don’t forget about dad on Sunday June 17th!

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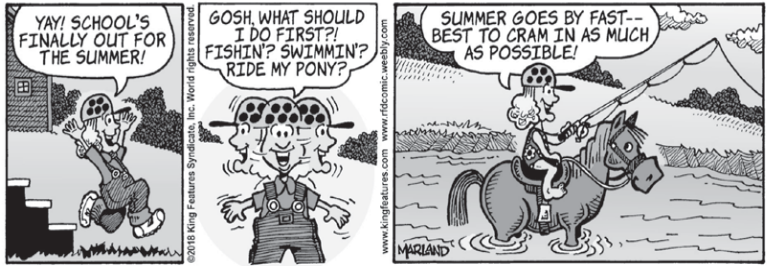
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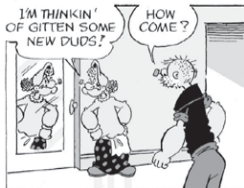
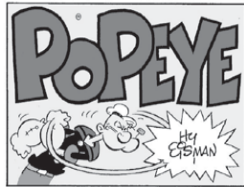
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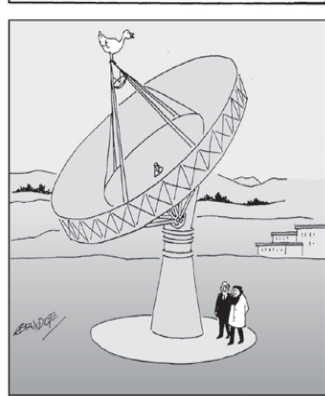


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Strength: WORPE
Damage: FEACH
Gather: ANGLE
Transparent: LACER

TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Hamstrings
- 6 Poorly lit
- 9 Moreover
- 12 Take as one's own
- 13 Elizabethan, e.g.
- 14 Luau side dish
- 15 Suitor
- 16 Sponge
- 18 Logic
- 20 Clue
- 21 Sapporo sash
- 23 Drench
- 24 Papa
- 25 File's partner
- 27 Women's home, said John Gray
- 29 Power source
- 31 "The — Cometh"
- 35 Because
- 37 Portrayal
- 38 Pop
- 41 Expert
- 43 Feedback tid-bit
- 44 Reed instrument
- 45 Askew
- 47 In a temperamental way
- 49 Archipelago component
- 52 Emeril's interjection
- 53 Lennon's lady

DOWN

- 1 Legislation
- 2 Commotion
- 3 Dock doings
- 4 Duel tool
- 5 First Little Pig's material
- 6 Remove a stripe
- 7 Press
- 8 Chinese chairman
- 9 Garden pest
- 10 Incessantly
- 11 Filthy
- 17 Second drink?
- 19 Lucky roll
- 21 Raw rock
- 22 Prohibit
- 24 French noble title
- 26 Showed affection
- 28 Sis' kid
- 30 Little louse
- 32 Having a romantic glow, maybe
- 33 Carte lead-in
- 34 Profit
- 36 Big gorge
- 38 Gets zero stars
- 39 WWII vessel
- 40 Spacious
- 42 Oust
- 45 Radius neighbor
- 46 Birthright bar-terer
- 48 Charged bit
- 50 Before
- 51 Pirouette pivot

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	5			8				6
6		7						2
		1	3	7				
	8	5						4
5				9	2			
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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

- GEOGRAPHY: Which nation's tallest mountain is called Fan Si Pan?
- ASTRONOMY: About how many miles across is Jupiter's Great Red Spot?
- HISTORY: When did apartheid become the official policy of South Africa?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek goddess of the underworld?
- RELIGION: Sankara was an important theologian of which religion?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the famous sculpture that sits atop the U.S. Capitol Building?
- INVENTIONS: In what century was the printing press invented?
- PRESIDENTS: What was the first name of Harry Truman's wife?
- MUSIC: What is the meaning of the musical term "tenuto"?
- LITERATURE: When did George Bernard Shaw win the Nobel Prize for Literature?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTNOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Light is missing. 2. Box is smaller. 3. Color is smaller. 4. Shirt design is different. 5. Hat is missing. 6. Picture is missing.

Trivia Test Answers

- Vietnam
- 19,000 miles
- 1948
- Persephone
- Hinduism
- "Armed Freedom"
- 15th century
- Bess
- Sustained
- 10,1925

Solution time: 27 mins.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals E

HGX I YXFKXY YCU ATN AYC Y

OGUUKNXGQY TNLRYI GMKLNKXGVNU

AYCY MNEXV QCIXF QN HGRY G

MGUQ OELR.

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FAREWELL

Today's Word

3. Clean; 4. Clear

1. Power; 2. Chafe;

SCRAMBLERS

King Crossword

1	3	7	9	5	4	8	6	2	
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Weekly SUDOKU

Many answers to these puzzles were found trying to make a fast buck.

LIFESTYLE

Evening of Live Entertainment at the 17th Annual Precinct 4 Opry

Harris County Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program invites the community to enjoy three hours of live rock, folk, and country music during the 17th annual Precinct 4 Opry Friday, July 27 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Humble Civic Center, located at 8233 Will Clayton Parkway in Humble.

This year, musicians Michael and Ginny Hix return with The Holla Band and other special guests to bring uniquely dynamic, high-energy performances featuring pop, rock, and country hits from the past. Michael Hix has been compared to entertainers like Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, Dean Martin, Johnny Carson, Steve

Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. Ginny Hix sings traditional country music with hints of swing, blues, and jazz.

Sponsored in part by Cigna, this annual fundraiser helps support Fun4Seniors programs. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be available for purchase while supplies last. Alcohol is not permitted at county-sponsored functions. Seniors who arrive by Precinct 4 bus will have the opportunity to purchase dinner before the show at Luby's Cafeteria.

Transportation from 10 locations will be provided by Harris County Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program for individuals 50 years of age and bet-

ter at the following locations and times:

- Copperfield Church, 8350 Hwy 6 North, Houston, at 3:30 p.m.
- Champion Forest Baptist Church, 15555 Stuebner Airline Road in Houston at 4 p.m. Park in front of the church near Stuebner Airline.
- CHI St. Luke's Health - The Vintage Hospital, 20170 Chasewood Park Drive in Houston at 4 p.m.
- Champion Forest Baptist Church - Jersey Village, 16518 Jersey Drive in Jersey Village at 4 p.m. Parking is available off Highway 290 feeder road away from the building.
- Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic

Woods Drive in Kingwood at 4:30 p.m.

- Oaks Presbyterian Church, 1576 Chantilly Lane in Houston at 4 p.m.
 - Spring Baptist Church, 633 East Louetta Road in Spring at 4 p.m. Park in the east side parking lot on Lexington Road.
 - Trinity Lutheran Church, 5201 Spring Cypress Road in Spring at 4 p.m.
 - Tomball Regional Medical Center, 605 Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball at 4 p.m. Park in Parking Lot E.
- Tickets for the Precinct 4 Opry are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. Register online at www.hcp4.net/sap/events. Attendees

can select a departure location upon registration. For assistance registering online, please call the Senior Adult Program at 281-893-3726. Checks are payable to Fun4Seniors and should be mailed to Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program at 1731 Hugh Road, Houston, Texas 77067.



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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0013084001

APPLICATION. Roving Meadows Utilities, Inc., 153 Lakeside Drive, Trinity, Texas 75862, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013084001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0097527) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 25,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 1,600 feet northwest of the intersection of Aldine-Westfield Road and Hartwick Road and approximately 2,300 feet south of Halls Bayou, in Harris County, Texas 77093. The discharge route is from the plant site to a roadside ditch; thence to a Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) ditch; thence to Halls Bayou; thence to Houston Ship Channel Tidal. TCEQ received this application on April 30, 2018. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at High Meadows Branch Library, 4500 Aldine Mail Route, Houston, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.885887&lng=-95.358474&zoom=13&type=r>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.**

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/peg. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained from Roving Meadows Utilities, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Tracy Ragsdale at 713-823-3653.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Machpelah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel, who said, "How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished"? Saul, Simon, David, Peter
3. Who said, "I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are ye all." Samson, Goliath, The Devil, Job

4. From the Beatitudes, who shall be called the sons of God? Hungry, Peacemakers, Merciful, Lonely
5. What Jewish lady became queen of Persia? Abigail, Sarah, Esther, Ruth
6. Whose biblical name means "God is judge"? Titus, Festus, David, Daniel

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) David; 3) Job; 4) Peacemakers; 5) Esther; 7) Daniel

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