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School for Sale



Aldine ISD is holding an unusual sale of one of its buildings, Mendel Elementary. If you need a new building, see details on page 8.

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\$2.5 billion bond issue on Aug. 25 ballot

EMMETT ANNOUNCES
DETAILS OF UPCOMING
FLOOD BOND ISSUE AND
SERIES OF 23 COMMUNITY
MEETINGS



Harris County Judge Ed Emmett (right) and Russell Poppe, executive director of the Harris County Flood Control District (left), held a press conference in Houston on May 30, 2018, to provide details on the flood control bond program the county is planning.

cluded. Flood Control officials also have created an interactive website detailing the status of more than 150 proposed and current projects throughout the county.

Emmett joined Flood Control District Executive Director Russ Poppe in announcing the initiatives during a Wednesday afternoon news conference at TranStar. Poppe laid out opportunities for a series of channel improvements and repairs, floodplain buyouts, and creation of greenspace and detention basins throughout the entire county. Some of these projects have been in the works for several years, but have been stalled by a lack of money.

The initial list of potential projects and details about the

upcoming community engagement meetings can be found as they become available through June 8 on a dedicated portion of the Flood Control website at www.hcfd.org/bondprogram.

The first of the 23 public meetings is set for June 5 at the Hiram Clarke Multi-Service center. The meetings will conclude Aug. 1, allowing time for county officials to finalize the bond package.

Harris County Commissioners Court is expected to vote June 12 to place a \$2.5 billion flood bond issue on the Aug. 25 ballot. If approved, issuance of the bonds would be spread over 15 years, and the expected Flood Control tax increase for most homeowners would be limited to 1.4 percent or less.

NEWS NOTES

Retirement Celebration

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

Small Scale Development Workshop

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

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.

Hurricane workshop draws thousands

As the one year anniversary of the devastating Hurricane Harvey approaches, on August 25, the public is concerned and anxious about the possibility of a recurrence.

The City of Houston held an "Extreme Weather Ready Expo" last Saturday, June 2 to inform the public of precautions and preparations they can take prior to any storms arriving in this area.

Almost everyone was impacted by last year's



KPRC and KHOU weathermen were two of the 50 booths set up for the public at the GRB Convention Center.

hurricane, so it was not a surprise that 4000 attended this year's Expo at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Over 50 information booths were set up, with representatives of Emergency Management agencies from the City of Houston, Harris County, Montgomery County, Galveston County, FEMA, NOAA or National Weather Service, Centerpoint Energy and many more.

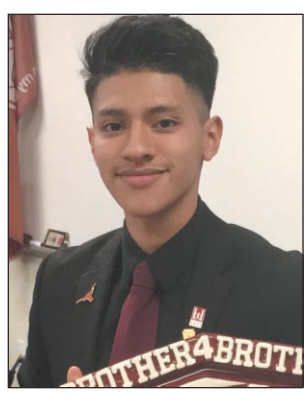
Judge Ed Emmett said

that "preparedness starts at home, and if individuals and families don't do the right thing, then they're not going to be ready and it makes the whole community less safe."

Emmett continued "It all starts with preparing a GO kit, knowing if you are in an area where you might have to evacuate. If you're unable to get yourself out of harm's way, you can dial 211 and get on a

See **WORKSHOP**, page 3

ALDINE ISD Top Victory Early College students



SALUTATORIAN
Fernando Martinez
Attending UT Austin



VALEDICTORIAN
Carmen Ly
Attending UH

Congressman campaigning for Sylvia Garcia

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. - Thursday, May 31, 2018 at a reception honoring Senator Sylvia Garcia, Congressman Steny Hoyer U.S. House Democratic Whip of Maryland gave a motivational speech emphasizing the importance to the Nation to elect Garcia in November.

Hoyer said, "Our Nation is facing the most confrontational leadership in its history that's undermining our Democracy. Our American Values are being threatened, by electing Garcia it will make a difference because she under-

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Congressman Steny Hoyer U.S. House Democratic Whip of Maryland with Senator Sylvia Garcia at a recent fundraiser for Garcia in Houston.

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SCHOOL / COMMUNITY NEWS

Aldine ISD students advance to National History Day Competition



The Nimitz HS group comprised by Raymundo Barrera, Roland Reyes, Abigail Tack, Isaiah Thomas and Héctor Torres advances to nationals with the project “The Chamizal Dispute: A Century of Conflict.” The entry has been selected to represent Texas for a display at the Smithsonian American History Museum.

The National Contest is the final stage that began in classrooms and local contests around the world. After spending months researching and competing, 24 Aldine ISD students will head to Maryland. They are eager to show their hard work at the National Contest this summer.

The students advanced after taking home first and second place wins at the state competition held on April 28 in Austin. The Texas State Historical Association’s Annual Texas History Day took place at the Bullock Texas State History Museum and the University of Texas.

Now, they prepare for a larger stage. Each year nearly 3,000 students with their families and teachers gather at the University of Maryland, College Park for the weeklong event. These enthusiastic groups come from all 50 United States, Washington, D.C., Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and international schools in China, Korea, South Asia, and Central America.

National History Day is set for June 10-14 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

It is worth mentioning that one of the District’s

advancing projects — The Chamizal Dispute: A Century of Conflict — has been selected to represent Texas for a display at the Smithsonian American History Museum during NHD in June.

Aldine students were not the only ones who earned recognition at Texas History Day. Deborah Johnson, AISD program director of secondary social studies, is the 2018 recipient of the Clifton Caldwell Texas History Day Award. She received the honor for 20 years of outstanding support of the National History Day program in Texas.

Texas High School Football mandates tackling certification for all Junior and High School coaches

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) and the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) have worked collaboratively to take an unprecedented step forward to make football a safer sport. In October 2017, the UIL Legislative Council passed a rule requiring every Texas high school and junior high school football coach to become certified in teaching tackling as a part of the official UIL Coaches Certification Program beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

With this new measure, UIL has made Texas the first in the country to implement a mandatory statewide tackling certification program for all football coaches. In a joint effort between UIL and THSCA to raise standards and improve safety, Atavus Sports was selected as the exclusive provider to oversee and administer the certification process statewide. Atavus Sports is a Seattle-based organization focused on tackling techniques and tackle data analytics. The primary objective of this collaboration is to enhance Texas High School football by providing best practices in tackling training for all football coaches and keeping athletes who play the game safer.

“The UIL Legislative Council overwhelmingly supported this measure,” said Dr. Charles Breithaupt, executive director of the University Interscholastic League. “We view the addition of a mandatory tackling certification for football coaches as a positive educational extension that will ultimately improve the game and the welfare of our students.”

“The game is changing, and we have to be willing to change with it,” said D.W. Rutledge, executive director of the Texas High

School Coaches Association. “By implementing a mandatory tackling certification, we’re continuing our legacy in Texas as leaders in high school football and taking necessary steps to move the game forward. Preventing injuries is paramount for all coaches and players, and we felt that as an organization it was our duty to seek out the best possible solutions to keeping our players safe.”

The certification process for coaches begins in July 2018. It will be available in two formats. The first option is an on-site training offered by THSCA, consisting of a presentation followed by a live assessment that must be passed to receive certification. The second option, available beginning April 1, 2019, is an online platform, which allows coaches to achieve certification at their own pace but consists of a similar educational presentation and final assessment.

Aldine ISD to offer summer recreation classes

Aldine ISD will offer summer recreation classes during the summer months.

Registration for weight training will be held June 4 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Aldine High School, Davis High School, Eisenhower High School, MacArthur High School, Eisenhower High School, MacArthur High School and Nimitz High School. The cost is \$25 per course with the requirement of at least 12 students for a class to be offered. Students must bring a report card to register. No refunds can be made once the class starts unless classes are cancelled due to enrollment. Weight training will begin on June 4 and end on July 19 (26 lessons). Students will be grouped according to age and ability at registration. The instructor will determine the days and time for lessons at the time of registration.

Additionally, this summer the gyms will be open at Davis High, Eisenhower High, MacArthur High, Nimitz High School and Carver High, June 4-July 26 from 1-5 p.m. for recreational play at no cost to students.

Questions concerning the summer recreation program may be directed to: Carl Semler at Aldine High (281 447-1171); James Showers at Davis High (281 539-4070); Eric Jackson at Eisenhower High (281 878-0940); Wayne Crawford at MacArthur High (281 985-6337); Richard Slater at Nimitz Senior High (281 233-4361); and Anthony Watkins at Carver High (281 985-6100).

The Harris County Aquatics program, in conjunction with Aldine ISD, will offer the “Make a Splash Aquatics Program” June 4-June 28 and July 2-July 26 at Carver High School, Davis High School and Nimitz High School. Classes will be offered from 3-6 p.m. at Carver High School, noon- 2 p.m. and from 3-5 p.m. at Davis High School and from 9-11 a.m. at Nimitz High School. Lessons are free to Aldine ISD students. To register, go to www.hcpl.net.

For information on all locations after June 4, contact Dre’ Thompson at (281) 590-2070. Registration fees must be paid with cash or money order. No checks will be accepted.

Keeble EC/PK Center wraps up school year

Homegrown Scholarship Recipient, May 1
Much to her excitement, Keeble staff member, Carina Galindo, was awarded the Aldine Homegrown Scholarship. She is eager to continue her service to children with Aldine as she studies to become a committed future bilingual teacher.

Beach Days, May 1 – 4
Keeble’s Beach Day took place during wonderful weather conditions and offered students an exciting opportunity to learn about sun and water safety. Children enjoyed fun in the sun with the help of water sprinklers, bubbles, sand, swimming pools and beach games. Students became well prepared for summer entertainment with this unforgettable activity.

Staff Appreciation Week, May 7 – 11
All staff members were honored throughout the first week in May with complimentary tokens of appreciation for their service and dedication to Keeble EC/PK Center students. Colleagues were delighted to share in a sweet treat social that allowed them to joyously reflect on their year together. Humble offerings were graciously accepted for the immeasurable efforts made by all who make Keeble great.

Mother|Son Dance, May 9
Keeble’s second annual Mother-Son Dance took place on May 9th. Mothers and sons dressed to impress at this memorable superhero themed event. Families shared in dances, photographs, snacks and games into the late afternoon and reminded each other that they are all superheroes in each other’s eyes.

ABC Club, May 11
To kick off Scholastic’s summer reading program, Ol’ Mama Squirrel by was read to Keeble students for May’s ABC Club. Children and parents took joy in participating in this fun-filled story and craft where they were able to create a polar bear mask of the main character. Families were also given information regarding the importance of summer reading to begin their summer reading experiences at home.



Math Bee, May 17
Students displayed the skills they acquired throughout the year by competing in Keeble’s first annual Math Bee. Shapes, addition, subtraction, numbers were used to showcase student knowledge as parents and students cheered them on during this exciting contest.

Extra Mile Award Recipients, May 22
Keeble staff members dedicated to serving the campus and going above and beyond were honored at Aldine’s “Extra Miler” award ceremony.

Pre-Kindergarten Graduations, May 24 - May 30



Pictured above, we have Miss Staples class and an excited young student presenting himself to the community. Also, Dr. Marshall, Dr. Wilson welcomed state representative Armando Valle who was a special guest and shared words of inspiration to proud families. Days of joy, achievement and unforgettable experiences have led to Keeble’s Pre-Kindergarten graduation days. Special announcements were made for scholars with medallions of recognition for Perfect Attendance, Spelling Bee, Wild About Reading home literacy program participants, and volunteers who gave over one hundred hours of service. Students sang songs of promise to their loved ones as teachers saw them off to their new chapter in life as future Kindergarten learners.

2018 Scholarship Recipients, May 25
Keeble’s “Where it all Began” scholarship award was gifted to some promising applicants who once attended Keeble themselves and are now headed towards college as graduating seniors from Aldine schools. Winners include, Yuritzy, who plans to attend Lone Star College and The University of Houston and major in mathematics as well as Samuel Perez, who plans to attend The University of Houston and major in business. Many thanks go to the committee members Liliana Staples, Marie Morson, Laura Gutierrez and Jennifer Dixon for making this educational donation possible.



COMMUNITY PAGE

Hambrick Middle School Academic Awards



Choir Director Hannah Swenson directs a portion of the choir as they perform for students and parents at the Academic Awards Night at Hambrick Middle School.

Hambrick Middle School's annual Academic Awards Night, themed "Oh the Places You'll Go" was held on Tuesday, May 22. The award ceremony honored students who excelled in a variety of academic and technical subjects as recognized by their teachers, as well as members of the school's All A Honor Roll, Duke Scholars (SAT) qualifiers, and recipients of the Principal's Awards Program.

The Principal's Award is given by Dr. Rebecca Sanford each year. She selects students who exemplify commendable qualities, behavior and show a level of dedication to their academic, personal and overall growth as future citizens. Shonease Murphy, Arthur Galvan and Aimee Mahindaratne all received this most coveted award. Each student approached the podium and read their biography, delin-

Recipients from the Academic Awards Night: Karla Alcoser, David Almanzan, Joanna Alonzo,

Violeta Alvarado, Antonio Alvarez Aguilera, Rossy Antunez, Andrew Arriola, Jesus Bonilla, Melvin Bustillo, Angel Camacho, Allison Cantu, Luis Cardenas, Luis Miguel Cardenas, Elida Castilleja Ramirez, Cassandra Castillo, Cristian Castro, Chris Cervantes, Barzilai Chavez, Melanie Chavez, Amado Contreras, Cesar Cordova, Wendy Cordova, Hector Coreas Turcios, Jezreel Coronado, Haley Crawford, Ryan Davila, Crystal De Leon Garcia, Vicente Del Villar, Xavier Deleon, Ivan Delgado, Vanessa DeOsio, Axel Diaz-Cuevas, Alex Diaz, Karla Duran, Lesly Esparza, Eduardo Espinoza, Melanie Fabela, Citlaly Flores, Monica Flores, Monica Flores, Kevin Fuentes, Arthur Galvan, Jasmin Galvan, Ulices Gamino, Natalie Gammage, Alejandra Garcia, Daryanna Garcia, Liliana Garcia, Cayetano Garza, Jasmin Garza, Jesus Garza, Hever Gomez, Aracely Gonzalez, Ayanna Gonzalez, Cristian Gonzalez, Ismerai Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez, Andy Granados Rodriguez, Esmeralda Guadalupe Juarez, Heidy Guerrero, Heidy Guzman, Adrian Hernandez, Anthony Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Ahide Higueron, Evelyn Ireta,

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Register Today for Aldine ISD's Free Summer STEAM Camp

The free Summer STEAM Camp targets current fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Due to space, the maximum number of students accepted into the camp is 200. Organizers will fill seats on a first to apply, first to serve basis.

The camp will take place July 23-26 at Houston Academy, which is located at 8103 Carver Rd. (Houston, TX 77088). The hours will be 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The District will provide shuttle service each day of the camp. Parents using the shuttle service will need to drop off campers at strategic points. These

strategic locations are Black Elementary, Carter Academy, Dunn Elementary, Jones Elementary and Stephens Elementary. District buses will pick up and drop off students at these pick-up/drop-off sites.

The District will provide breakfast and lunch every day of camp to all students taking part. Parents should detail food allergies on the AISD STEAM Summer Camp Application.

For more information, contact Olivia Boatner at oboatner@aldineisd.org or by phone at (281) 985-6559.

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Man wanted for injury to a child

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Special Victims Division need the public's assistance locating Fugitive Todd Chavis, who is wanted for Injury to Child.

On Sunday, November 5, 2017, Fugitive Todd Chavis struck an eight (8) year old child multiple times with a belt and buckle all over the victim's head and body. This Assault occurred in the 5300 block of West Gulf Bank Road in

Houston, Texas. The victim experienced severe pain and injury as a result of the Assault.

Fugitive Todd Chavis may be in the Houston - Acres Homes area.

Fugitive Todd Chavis is a light skinned, Black male, 28 years old, approximately 5'09", 130 lbs., with brown eyes and black hair. He has the words "Bayou Boy" tattooed on the front base of his neck.



CHAVIS

Investigation into fatal shooting at Airline Dr.

Houston police are investigating a fatal shooting at 3200 Airline about 5:45 a.m. last Tuesday, May 29

HPD Homicide Division Detectives S. Spivey and R. Pemberton reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting and found Willie Tremayne Washington, 42, lying on the sidewalk. Houston

Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced Mr. Washington deceased.

At this time, there is no known motive nor suspect or suspects.

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

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stands those values and has the skills and experience to protect them." My children, grandchildren and yours need Sylvia in Congress to make sure the Country moves forward, by helping her you're helping our Country. Garcia if elected will make history by being the first Hispanic female to serve in Congress, Hoyer said." Senator Sylvia Garcia said, "I'm so thankful for all the support from everyone in securing the Democratic nomination to replace Gene Green in the 29th congressional district. Democratic Whip Hoyer's visit helps us kick-off our efforts as we prepare for the Fall campaign focusing on jobs, health care, education, economic security, and Harvey recovery dollars."

Hoyer became the longest-serving Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Maryland in history on June 4, 2007. Serving as House Democratic Whip Congressman Hoyer shepherded the Americans With Disabilities Act to overwhelming approval in the House in

1990, and it was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush. This landmark civil rights legislation has helped millions of disabled Americans enter the workforce, achieve independence and go as far as their talents take them.

Hurricane Workshop,

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registry for help. That's important to know."

FEMA encouraged everyone to have flood insurance. Others advised to have extra generators, and batteries and flashlights.

Know the size of the storm, and how much time you have to make a decision, one person advised.

Know what the flood level is, what is the elevation of your house, and know how to evacuate ahead of time, and on which route.

PREMIERE CINEMAS

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* HEREDITARY (R) 7:00pm 9:45pm

* OCEAN'S 8 (PG-13) 7:00 8:00 9:30

* ADRIFT (PG-13)

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* UPGRADE (R) 12:25pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

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OPINION PAGE

Retiring? You have a choice to make on Medicare

By Bob Moos/
Southwest regional
public affairs officer for
the U.S. Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid
Services

When you retire and qualify for Medicare at 65, you'll need to decide how you'd like to receive your health care benefits. Because you'll be new to Medicare, you may not realize you have two options.

One is to join the government's fee-for-service program that's existed for 53 years. The other is to buy a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer.

The choice may seem bewildering at first, so let's go over each option.

With traditional fee-for-service coverage, you may go to any doctor, hospital or other provider that accepts Medicare. Medicare pays the provider a fee for the service you receive. Once you meet your annual deductible, Medicare typically covers 80 percent of the cost for your care.

You have a few choices for covering the other 20 percent:

- You may use your retiree health plan from your former employer, if you're retired and have such a policy. Some retiree plans may cost less or provide more benefits than other supplemental coverage.
- You may qualify for Medicaid, if you have limited income and savings. Besides helping with your out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and co-insurance, Medicaid may pay for your monthly Medicare premiums.
- If neither of those applies, you may buy a "Medigap" policy from a private insurer to cover what Medicare does not. There are 10 kinds of Medigap plans, with different benefits, so you'll need to decide which is best for you.

If you choose the traditional fee-for-service program, you'll probably also want to buy a prescription drug plan to go with your other coverage.

Traditional Medicare remains the favorite among people wanting the broadest possible access to doctors, hospitals and other providers. When coupled with a supplemental plan, it also makes your health care costs relatively predictable.

Still, 33 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries – including 33 percent of Texans with Medicare -- now prefer to get their health care benefits through a private

insurer. The number of people buying private Medicare Advantage plans has more than doubled over the last 10 years.

With Medicare Advantage, insurance companies contract with the government to provide care. Every private plan must cover all the benefits that traditional Medicare covers. In some cases, Medicare Advantage plans may offer extra benefits, like routine hearing or vision care.

Many plans charge a premium on top of the amount you'll pay each month for Medicare's Part B medical insurance, but there's no need to buy a supplemental Medigap policy. Likewise, most Medicare Advantage plans include drug coverage with their other benefits.

The premiums, deductibles and co-payments will vary from one Medicare Advantage plan to another. But all plans, by law, must have annual limits on their overall out-of-pocket costs.

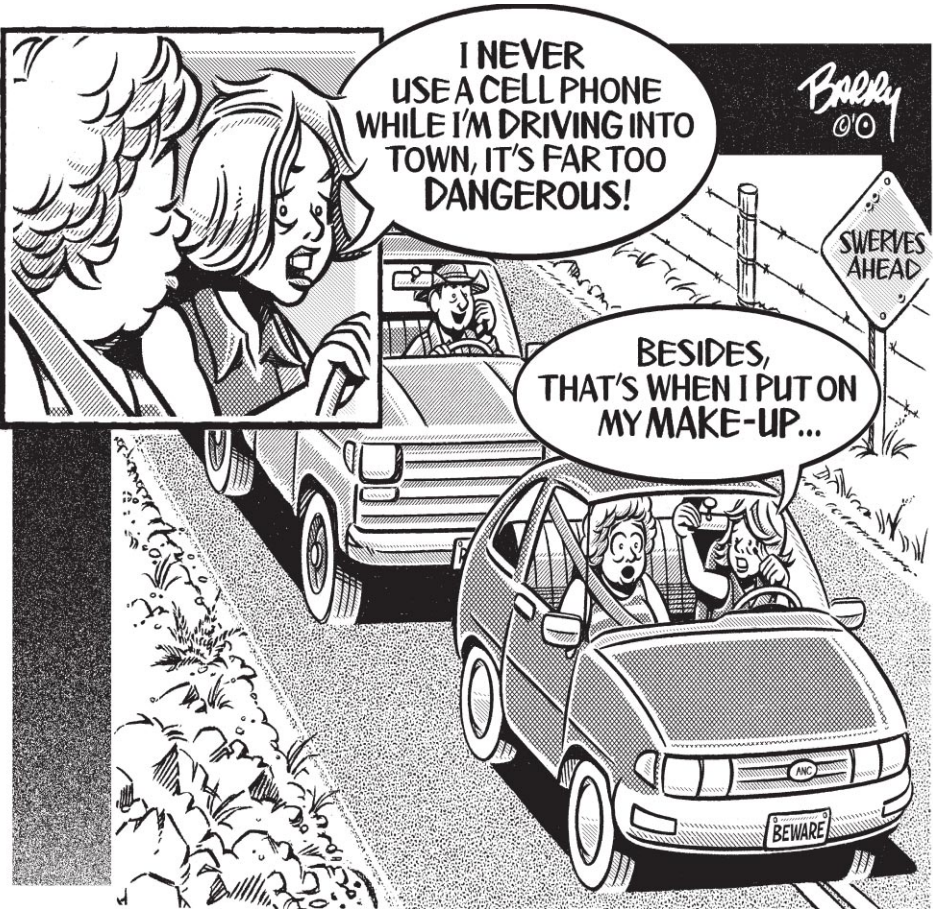
Unlike the traditional fee-for-service program, most Medicare Advantage plans require you to go to doctors and hospitals within their network of providers or pay more for getting care outside the network.

Still, the private health plans have been especially popular among people with low to moderate incomes. They provide relatively affordable supplemental coverage, with lower premiums than those for Medigap policies.

So, which is better -- the traditional fee-for-service coverage or a private Medicare Advantage plan? That depends on your own circumstances and preferences. What's best for one person may not work as well for someone else.

To find out more about your options, you can visit www.medicare.gov and browse through the "Medicare and You" handbook. The website will also give you detailed information about the Medigap and Medicare Advantage policies available in your area.

Becoming informed will help you select the health care option that best fits your needs. It will also help you avoid mistakes that may cost you money.



Valdez wins race to face Abbott in November gubernatorial election

AUSTIN — Former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez defeated Houston businessman Andrew White, the son of the late former governor, Mark White, in the May 22 Texas Democratic Party primary runoff.

Valdez, the first Latina to win a gubernatorial primary in Texas, will run against incumbent Republican Governor Greg Abbott, who is seeking a second four-year term, in the November 6 general election.

Valdez garnered 230,467 votes, or 53.32 percent of the total vote, to White's 201,713 votes, which came to 46.67 percent. Historically, this was the lowest recorded turnout for a Texas Democratic Party gubernatorial runoff. Only 2.83 percent of the state's 15,249,541 registered voters cast a ballot.

Notably, two incumbent state legislators were defeated in the runoffs:

— Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, lost to Alex Dominguez, a Cameron County commissioner. House District 27, which Oliveira represents, includes part of Cameron County. First elected in 1981, Oliveira, the dean of Rio Grande Valley legislative delegation, is the fifth-most senior member of the Texas House of Representatives. He currently chairs the House Committee on Business and Industry and is a three-time past chairman of the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means.

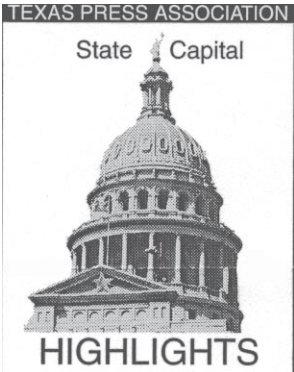
— Rep. Scott Cosper, R-Killeen, lost to Dr. Brad Buckley, a Killeen veterinarian. Cosper, a former mayor of Killeen, was elected to represent House District 54 in 2016. He is a member of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee. House District 54 includes Lampasas County and part of Bell County.

Safety talks are held

Gov. Abbott on May 22 launched a series of roundtable discussions "to generate solutions that improve safety and security at Texas schools and in our communities."

Abbott's forums at the Capitol were in the af-

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By Ed Sterling



termath of the May 18 shooting that left 10 dead and 10 injured at Santa Fe High School near Galveston. Invited to participate in the discussions were parents, teachers, students, legislators and interest groups that advocate for and against further gun regulations.

Also invited to participate were victims, educators and family members from Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs, Alpine and Italy, Texas, where other shootings occurred. Other invitees included school administrators who allow the arming of teachers and those who do not, as well as experts on matters of school safety, mental health, law enforcement, bullying and more.

"I am seeking the best solutions to make our schools more secure and to keep our communities safe. I look forward to hearing from all sides of the debate, and from expert perspectives on these issues. Working together, we can ensure a safe learning environment for students and safer communities for all Texans," Abbott said before the hearings.

In other news, on May 20, Abbott issued a statewide call for Texans to take part in a moment of silence at 10 a.m. on May 21 to honor the memory of the Santa Fe shooting.

Plain language is goal

Texas Insurance Commissioner Kent Sullivan on May 23 announced that the Texas Department of Insur-

ance is redesigning its website to help customers solve problems.

Sullivan, who refers to himself as a "plain language champion" admits it's unlikely that the agency can get rid of terms like "contingent nonforfeiture benefit" overnight, but progress is being made.

The agency is calling for volunteers to help make sure consumer information is easy to understand.

Sullivan said he issued guidance to long-term care insurers about writing rate notices in plain language and that letters and forms are being rewritten with an eye toward shorter words and formats that are easier to read.

Sullivan said the goal is to use plain language in everything the agency does — on the website, in writing and on the phone.

"It's not enough to be technically accurate if no one understands your message. It's win-win when consumers understand insurance and how it works," he said. "We invite you to hold us accountable. Insurance can be complex. That makes it even more important to keep the language simple."

Zika cases are reported

The Texas Department of State Health Services on May 22 said the agency has received reports of the first Texas Zika cases of 2018.

The two reported cases are travel-related, involving residents of Williamson County who got sick while abroad.

Some 55 cases of Zika were reported in calendar year 2017. More data for previous years is available at TexasZika.org.

The health department is urging people to protect themselves from mosquito bites this spring as they travel, particularly to warmer climates where Zika is more prevalent, namely Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Social Security Matters

By AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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Ask Rusty – Spousal and Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: I worked in my career, but I now get Social Security disability. My husband retired in 2015 at age 66 and took his Social Security at that time. When he is 70 can I get spousal benefits from his Social Security or is that not allowed? And if I can't get them when he turns 70, can I get them if he dies before me? I am 5 years younger than my husband, but my health is up and down, so if I die before him can he get spousal benefits from my Social Security? Signed: Kentucky Woman

Dear Kentucky Woman: Since your husband is already receiving his Social Security retirement benefits, you are eligible to collect spousal benefits at any time after you reach age 62, even though you are collecting Social Security Disability benefits (you don't have to wait until he's 70); however, if you start those spousal benefits before you reach your full retirement age (FRA) they will be reduced. How much of a reduction depends upon how soon before your full retirement age that you claim your spousal benefit. If you claim at or after your full retirement age (66+2 months) your spousal benefit would be 50% of your husband's full retirement age benefit; but if you start earlier than your FRA it would be less. If you file for spousal benefits at age 63, you would get 37.5% of your husband's FRA benefit, instead of 50%.

Please note too that your Social Security Disability Insurance benefits will automatically convert to regular Social Security benefits when you reach your full retirement age but will continue at the same amount you were receiving on disability (including the spousal portion). If your husband predeceases you, and you have already reached your full retirement age, you will get 100% of whatever Social Security benefit he was receiving, instead of any disability benefit or spousal benefit you may be receiving. If he passes and you claim survivor's benefits before you reach your full retirement age, those benefits will be reduced to something less than 100% of the benefit he was receiving. How much of a reduction depends upon how many months before your FRA that you start the survivor's benefit. If you were to predecease your husband, he would get survivor's benefits from you only if that benefit is higher than the amount he is already receiving from his own work record.

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Sealed bids will be received from qualified Contractors addressed to **Dunham Engineering, Inc., 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, TX 77039**, or delivered to the same address until **JUNE 15, 2018 at 2 P.M.** for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment for the work required for the **rehabilitation of the water tanks as listed in the specifications for the Harris County WC&ID No. 74 — Water Storage Tank and Pressure Tank Rehabilitation Project**, prepared by Dunham Engineering, Inc. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the address above at the same time and date. Any bid received after the above closing time will be returned unopened.

The work consists of **rehabilitating a Water Storage Tank located at 4901 Winfield Rd. and a Pressure Tank located at 4701 Winfield Rd., Houston, TX 77039**.(see Map(s) in Drawings section).

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank form of proposal furnished. Sealed envelopes shall be marked in the upper left hand corner as follows:

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The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder who, in the opinion of the Owner and Engineer, is best capable of performing the work. The evaluation shall be based on the contractor's previous work experience, available resources, knowledge of the work and bid price. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any and all informalities in bidding.

Plans and specifications are available electronically at QuestCDN. In order to view the project, you must complete the free registration with QuestCDN. Plans and specifications will have a \$10.00 download fee, and you will be notified via email should there be any addendum's published.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves of local conditions, and carefully examine the specifications and other documents. Should the bidder find discrepancies in, or omissions from the specifications or documents, or have a question regarding their meaning, bidder should at once notify Dunham Engineering and obtain clarification prior to submitting any bid.

The project site of the ground storage water tank is located at 4901 Winfield Rd. and the project site of the pressure tank is located at 4701 Winfield Rd., Houston, TX 77039 (See Map(s) in Drawings section). Contact **Melissa Gonzales at 281-442-9072** to arrange a site visit. The site can be inspected during normal operating hours Monday — Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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3. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers

4. From Genesis 17, who said, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a 100 years old"? Adam, Abraham, Aaron, Agrippa
5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? Joash, Jehoash, Jehu, Jeremiah
6. Whose biblical name means "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Built an altar; 3) Soldiers; 4) Abraham; 5) Jehu; 6) Aquila

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Aldine Family Hope Center holds ‘Jobs for life-graduation’

Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine, 4700 Aldine Mail Route, offers a Jobs for Life Class, an 8-week course where adult students can define their goals, identify their obstacles, determine their skills, interests and opportunities for success. The course helps students to have more confidence and learn how to overcome their obstacles. The program is spiritual-based so we also talk about our relationship with God, read scriptures, and define the plan He has for each of us.

In the process of attending the classes, each student created a vision board, an email address, and a resume. Also, the class worked in groups activities to help build relationships with one another and learn about their community. A variety of guest speakers partnered with the Center to present im-



Pictured left to right are graduates from ‘Jobs for Life’: Cecilia LeBlanc, Cathy Benitz, Shonice Reed, Mary Chong, Yahaira Chong

portant life skills and job-related information to the participants. In the readiness stage, each student experienced a mock interview, which consisted of all the components from dressing professionally,

submitting their completed resume, to receiving interview feedback.

On Thursday, May 24th, 23 graduates from various walks of life, graduated at the Spring 2018 ceremony, receiving their completion certificates and gift bags. Each student completed the required classes and special assignments and did well on their interviews. Over 150 individuals from family members to friends, attended the graduation ceremony to celebrate their success. The commitment made to the Jobs for Life classes has empowered the participants to improve their lives and have a better future. Congratulations to each of them!

For more information about this program or any other programs and services offered at the Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine, call 281-449-4828.

Houston Bar Association Honors Carver High School Student Bishop Pearsall at Law Day Luncheon

The Houston Bar Association recently recognized contest winners at the Law Day Luncheon, which was sponsored by the Houston Young Lawyers Association.

Carver High School student Bishop Pearsall, one of the honorees, took first place in the photo event of the HBA 2018 Law Day Contest. This year’s theme is “Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom.”

The contest is open to all school districts in the Houston area. Entries had to be students’ original work. Photographs had to

also show technical knowledge of good composition, exposure and lighting.

Bishop advances to the state competition where he will represent Houston. If his name sounds familiar, it should. The magnet school student has received numerous accolades over the years (Click here to read articles related to Bishop.).

Matthew Kirkpatrick is Bishop’s art teacher and digital photography instructor.

The HBA Law Day art displays were at the Downtown Houston Heritage

Plaza, Wells Fargo Plaza, Enterprise Plaza, First City Tower, The County Law Library, the 1910 Courthouse, the Harris County Civil Courthouse and Juvenile Justice Center.

Congratulations Bishop and best of luck at state!

Pictured to the right Bishop Pearsall (second from right) poses with other contest winners at the Law Day Luncheon





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