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Free Karate classes at **East Aldine District**

Flood Bond Community Meeting

A Community meeting has been scheduled in Aldine District to solicit neighborhood input on an expected \$2.5 billion bond issue that would help reduce much of the catastrophic flooding that has struck the area in recent years and describe proposed projects. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at East Aldine District Office, 5333 Aldine Mail Rt. from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm with discussion on Halls and Greens Bayou Watershed projects.

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. For more information, please contact President Shirley Reed at 281.449.4504 or Secretary Marina Flores Sugg at 281.442.3573.

High Meadows Library Summer Reading Program Summer Reading Party,

August 8, 10:30 a.m. The library is located at 4500 Aldine Mail Rt.,

281-590-1456 (next to MacArthur High School).

Free mammograms

Offered by The Rose. Screening on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Application deadline is Friday, August 3 at Greater Pure Light Church, 12330 Vickery Rd., 77039.

Applications are required for September's screenings, call now 713-306-6439.



The FREE Karate Classes sponsored by the East Aldine Management District (EAMD) are a huge success. The children are having fun learning and sparring, as they get ready for an upcoming tournament. The class helps build confidence and selfesteem, specially in our girls. Karate is a sport that girls can do just as well as the boys. It shows the importance of setting goals and respecting others. A new session starts Thursday, September 13 at the EAMD Office. The children train under Instructors Jesse and Sue Diaz with David Caraway. For more information call See more pictures, page 8 Jesse Diaz at 713-582-8840.

Lupe Valdez, Sylvia Garcia Candidates visit with voters in local area



Seated L - R seated: Lolita Guerrero, Dr. Viola Garcia, Ximena Magana, Insulators Local Union Business Agent shaking hands with gubernatorial candidate Lupe Valdez (standing) and Lacy Wolf, Jr. Business Manager of the Insulators Local 22.

By Allan Jamail

HOUSTON, TX. - Tuesday, July 10, 2018, about 100 patrons were surprised when Lupe Valdez,

Democratic Party Gubernatorial candidate dropped in for lunch at the local Jacinto City Cafe along with State Senator Sylvia Gar-

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natorial election will take place on November 6, 2018 to elect the Governor of Texas, concurrently with

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Castlewood Civic Club ditch clean-up



In a continued effort to recover from Hurricane Harvey and recent torrential rains, the Castlewood Civic Club, with the help of Precinct 2, launched a ditch clean-up on July 14,

Residents were asked to place tree limbs that had fallen in the ditch, leaves and other small debris into a trash bag and place it by their mailbox where a truck dispatched by Precinct 2 would pick it up.

Neighbors went out to help other neighbors in this effort as pictured above. The goal is to keep the culverts free of debris and provide a free water flow to avoid flooding by doing our part. Castlewood plans to this again periodically.

See more Castlewood Civic Club News, page 3

Suspect charged in 3 murders

Harris County Sheriff's deputies have arrested and charged a 46 year old parolee, Jose Gilberto Rodriguez, with a crime spree that included a home invasion, aggravated robbery, and three murders.

The murders include a woman, Pamela Johnson, found dead on July 9 in her Cypress home, and employees of two mattress stores in the North Houston area July 14 and July 16. All the victims were killed with a gunshot in a similar manner.

Rodriguez is being held in the Harris County jail without bond. He was caught by deputies after a brief chase in the Cypress area. He had earlier been identified in surveilance video in a store, after the first murder. He was known to be driving the woman's PT Cruiser at first, and later a grev Nissan of the store manager.

The later murders took place at a Mattress Firm



JOSE GILBERTO RODRIGUEZ

store in Northwest Houston, and a Mattress One store in Northline Commons.

The robbery and shooting of a METRO driver on the Eastex Freeway July 16 may also be linked.

East Aldine Public Safety June Report

The Committee received the following updates:

- The Pro-Active/DRT Unit for the month of June made 55 adult felony/misdemeanor arrest
- •32 felony/misdemeanor warrants
- •102 traffic citations
- •164 accident/offense/ supplement reports
- •2 sec offender compliance checks and
- •34 game room/smoke shop compliance checks

Stg. Eric Stormer presented that robberies in the East Aldine Magamenet District (EAMD) area had increased but pa-

trol haa been increased in the area as well. Nuisance Abatement Deputy David Peterson reported that some nuisance abatement cases pertaining to junk vehicles were address. Celena Vinson, Assistant County Attorney, reported that she has been working with the DRT Team to close game room and smoke shops in the area.

Stg. Terry Garza reported that Harris County Sheriff's Office Storefront is temporary located at the EAMD office, but a permanent location is still being looked into.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Raise Your Hand Texas selects Aldine ISD Principal to attend Summer Institute

Eisenhower Ninth Grade School Principal LaTonia Amerson has been selected to participate in a professional development program designed for school leaders at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). This is the second time that Raise Your Hand Texas selects Amerson to take part in the program.

The Raise Your Hand Texas Foundation, a non-profit organization working to strengthen public education, is sponsoring more than 100 educators from across Texas to attend weeklong summer institutes at the Principals' Center at the HGSE.

With this new cohort, Raise Your Hand Texas will have paid for more than 1,200 educators to attend training at Harvard though the Raising School Leaders program, an initiative designed to develop stronger school leaders who will enhance the quality of education across Texas. Raise Your Hand covers all expenses for the attendees including tuition, travel, hotel and other discretionary costs investing on average about \$9,200 per attendee, for a total of about \$1 million in sponsorships for 2018, and more than \$9 million since the program's inception.



LaTonia Amerson (in forefront, far right) shares a moment with colleagues at the 2018 Summer Institute at HGSE where the focus is on strategies to close achievement gaps.

Attendees, including individual teachers and principals, as well as campus teams, will participate in one of four weeklong workshops on leadership development, coaching, or school turnaround led by Harvard faculty and other national and international experts. Each program is designed to inspire, challenge, and empower school leaders to bring lasting impact to their campuses and communities, the entire state of Texas, and beyond.

Each institute lasts five to seven days, between June 11 and July 14, 2018. After Harvard, participants will be sponsored to attend the organization's annual leadership symposium and receive continuous support and professional development as part of the program's statewide network of school leaders.

The Raise Your Hand Texas "supports programmatic initiatives structured to identify, pilot, and scale systemic improvements in public education," according to its website. It's work focuses on blended learning, family partnerships, teacher professional development and school leadership.

For fourth consecutive year, Harris County Department of Education approves budget with tax rate below effective rate

July 18, 2018 - In collaboration with administration to keep property taxes low for taxpayers, Harris County Department of Education trustees on Tuesday approved a \$117 million total budget that will reduce the tax rate to \$.005167, down from \$.005195.

The 2018-2019 budget supports HCDE's core services such as school-based therapy, special schools, after-school programming, Head Start and adult education. This year's budget proposes to hold the tax rate below the effective tax rate for the fourth consecutive year. The tax rate is officially adopted in September.

Property tax revenue, which amounts to less than \$9 for the average homeowner annually, generates \$23.2 million of the overall budget, based on a projection of total values at \$450 billion during the upcoming fiscal year. The rest of the budget is funded by grants, fees, and other revenue.

Several of HCDE's core services support students from 25 Harris County school districts. HCDE school-based therapists provide 100 percent of therapy services to special needs students in eight area school districts, including Cy-Fair ISD, Houston ISD, Katy ISD,

Spring Branch ISD and Spring ISD. Fees to school districts have not increased for four consecutive years and remain below the industry average, made possible by the property tax allocation. In all, more than 7,700 special education students are served on 550 campuses throughout Harris County.

Additionally, HCDE operates four schools designed for students with severe emotional disturbances and impairments, and adjudicated youth who need intensive counseling. One-hundred percent of Harris County school districts pursue HCDE contracts.

Aldine ISD Offers Space-Available Transfers for 2018-2019

Students outside of District boundaries have an opportunity to enroll in AISD at select schools

Families can apply for space available transfers to Aldine ISD.

Through space-available transfers, a set number of students residing in school districts other than Aldine can attend select AISD campuses for the 2018-2019 school year. Enrollment is limited to where space is available at select schools.

The space-available transfer initiative is available to students in prekindergarten through 12th grade. Families can apply by visiting the District's website (Click here.).

The public student transfer webpage also includes information about Public Education Grant (PEG) and intra-District transfers.

Again, out-of-district students may be placed at an AISD campus this fall through the space-available initiative. Transfers approved on a space-available basis shall be granted for one regular school year at a time, on a tuition-free basis.

This initiative excludes magnet schools, International Baccalaureate (IB®) schools, Victory Early College High School, and campuses with a high enrollment.

Please be aware that students that attended

AISD as part of its spaceavailable initiative during the 2017-18 school year must reapply for 2018-2019.

Parents will receive notification via email regarding their child's acceptance or non-acceptance into AISD within two weeks of the District receiving a completed application (click here).

Ken Knippel, assistant superintendent for administration, encourages interested families to contact Elsa Cardenas with the Safe and Secure Schools Department at (281) 985-7184 as soon as possible to learn more about the application process and potential placement.

Carver High School to host Meet and Greet Reception for Dr. LaTonya Goffney July 26

Carver High School will hold a Meet and Greet Reception for Aldine ISD's new Superintendent, Dr. LaTonya Goffney, on Thursday, July 26.

The reception will run from 4-7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. The reception will be held in the Carver High School afeteria.

Dr. Goffney comes to Aldine ISD from Lufkin ISD, where she has served as superintendent since 2013. Dr. Goffney has 19 years of experience in the field of education. She has also been superintendent of Cold Spring-Oakhurst CISD.

The event is sponsored by Aldine ISD, the Carver High School Alumni Association and the Acres Homes Chamber of Commerce.

Carver High School is located at 2100 S. Victory Street.

Keep East Aldine Clean & Green!

Teens are invited to enter Amateur Comic Creation Contest

The Houston Public Library (HPL) is calling all teen graphic artists between the ages of 11 and 18 to enter its Get Graphic: Amateur Comic Creation Contest. If you're

into creating comic style short stories then here's your chance to show-off your great talent! Teens must enter their creations by August 31st. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd

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and 3rd place winners. This contest is free to enter and open to the public. For more details visit: www.houstonlibrary.org/get-graphic or call 832-393-1313.



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COMMUNITY PAGE

AISD Trustees, Superintendent attend Castlewood Civic Club TASB's Summer Leadership Institute



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, back row, center, joined members of Aldine ISD Board of Education at the 2018 Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute held June 14-16 in San Antonio. Pictured with Dr. Goffney was Board President Steve Mead, front row. Back row, (I-r): Connie Esparza, Assistant Secretary of the Board, Board Member Dr. Kimberley Booker, Yolanda Loera, Board Secretary Rose Avalos and Board Vice-President Paul Shanklin.

Members of Aldine ISD Board of Trustees, along with Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, recently attended the Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) Summer Leadership Institute. The event was held June 14-16 in San Antonio

The annual Summer Leadership Institute (SLI) is TASB's flagship training conference and offered new and experienced trustees the information they need to successfully lead and advocate for their students and their communities.

AISD Trustees who attended the SLI were President Steve Mead, Vice-President Paul Shanklin, Secretary Rose Avalos, Assistant Secretary Connie Esparza and Member Dr. Kimberley Booker.

Trustees received training on new Senate Bill 1566. Senate Bill 1566 highlights the specific responsibility of school boards to provide oversight and strategic leadership regarding student academic achievement. Research on school governance has identified specific actions of school boards in highperforming districts, including setting and monitoring specific goals related to student performance. The session enabled trustees to embrace this essential board function with tools to understand available student performance data and what it means for student learning, set meaningful goals around student achievement and make monitoring progress a central part of the board's

In addition to a number of in-depth and breakout sessions during the threeday event, trustees from across Texas heard from featured speakers Steve Gilliland, Linda Cliatt-Wayman and Roberto Riv-

Gilliland is a master storyteller and comedian who is passionate about education. He is the author of four books, Detour, Enjoy the Ride, Hide Your Goat and Making a Difference. Gilliland speaks to more than 250,000 people a year. He is a member of the Speaker Hall of Fame and can be heard daily on SiriusXM Radio's Laugh USA.

Cliatt-Wayman is a fierce advocate for children and has spent three decades fighting for children in poverty to be properly educated in Philadelphia Public Schools. Cliatt-Wayman has a BA from Kutztown University and a master's degree from St.

Joseph's University. She spent 20 years as a special education teacher and has since succeeded in turnaround efforts as a principal at several Philadelphia schools. She currently serves as principal and founder of Currently Trending, a nonprofit that provides leadership coaching and support to disadvantaged teenagers so they will graduate high school in four years and pursue a life of purpose.

Rivera is an artist, educator and change agent who specializes in applying best practices in engaging youth using practical and relevant methods. He is president and lead change agent for The Good Life Organization, which publishes multimedia educational tools and trains educators, youth workers and parents in connecting positive youth development to community development. For more than a decade, Rivera has employed asset-based and social emotional learning principles in communitybased youth work in Los Angeles, Milwaukee and Chicago.

Joining Aldine ISD's Trustees at the SLI were school board members from across Texas.

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Castlewood Civic Club 2018 Board **Elections**

At the next quarterly meeting, on September 27, 2018, Castlewood Civic Club will elect a new board. All positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be voted on. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and voted on that evening.

Qualifications:

- Must be a Castlewood resident (or home owner) of good standing in the community with sound, moral values;

- Should be 21 years of

Will be a 2-year commitment;

- Be a civic minded individual with an interest in advancing the Castlewood community.

Consider volunteering or nominating someone you think meets the above qualifications. This is not a difficult post to fill, and to work together as a team is a gratifying accomplishment. They encourage all residents to do their part in making this happen.

This election is very important to the community. Every vote will count and



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Trash bags ready to be pick-up after ditch clean-

is important so the Civic Club can continue to be strong in working to make the neighborhood a clean and safe environment to live in, work in and play in. Now is your opportunity to volunteer for a position or

nominate someone.

Hopefully you have enjoyed the events that the current Board has done during their term in office. We can all continue to volunteer to assist and support the incoming Board.

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Aldine ISD Career and Technical **Education Annual Notification** 2018 - 2019

The Aldine Independent School District offers career and technical education courses in the following areas; agriculture food, & natural resources, architectural and construction, Arts, a/v technology and communications, business management and administration, education and training, finance, health science, hospitality and tourism, human services, information technology, law public safety corrections and security, manufacturing, marketing, sales and services, science technology engineering and mathematics (stem) and transportation, distribution and logistics and exploring careers. Admission to these programs is based on ability, aptitude, interest, grade level and class size. It is the policy of the Aldine Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. It is the policy of the Aldine Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. Aldine Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Selina Chapa, assistant superintendent, 2520 W.W. Thorne at (281) 449-1011, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Dr. Charlotte J. Davis, director of guidance and counseling and at-risk students, 9999 Veterans Memorial Drive,

Aldine ISD Career and Technical **Education Annual Notification** 2018 - 2019

El Distrito Escolar de Aldine ofrece programas vocacionales y técnicos en las siguientes áreas: educación agrícola, & recursos naturales, arquitectura y construcción, artes, tecnología audiovisual y comunicaciones, manejo de empresas y administración, educación y entrenamiento, finanzas, ciencias de la salubridad, hotelería y turismo, información tecnológica, derecho público, corrección y seguridad, manufactura, mercadeo, ventas y servicios, ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM) transporte, distribución, logística y exploración de carreras. La admisión a estos programas se basa en la habilidad, aptitud, interés, nivel de grado y número de estudiantes en la clase. Es la política del Distrito Escolar de Aldine no discriminar en base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, religión o discapacidad en sus programas vocacionales, servicios o actividades tal como exige el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964; el Título IX de las Enmiendas Educacionales de 1972; y el Artículo 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973 y sus correspondientes enmiendas. Es la política del Distrito Escolar de Aldine no discriminar en base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, religión, discapacidad o edad en sus prácticas de empleo tal como exige el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964; el Título IX de las Enmiendas Educacionales de 1972; y el Artículo 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973 y sus correspondientes enmiendas. El Distrito Escolar de Aldine tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de destrezas en el idioma inglés no sea una barrera para la admisión y participación en todos sus programas educacionales y vocacionales.

Para más información sobre sus derechos o quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX, Dra. Selina Chapa, asistente de la superintendente comisionado de AISD, 2520 W.W. Thorne al teléfono (281)449-1011 y/o comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Artículo 504, Dra. Charlotte J. Davis, directora de consejería, asistencia psicopedagógica y de estudiantes en riesgo, 9999 Veterans Memorial Drive, al (281)985-6452.



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2017 Hurricane season FEMA After-Action Report

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 12, 2018 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency released today the 2017 Hurricane Season FEMA After-Action Report. The report examines the agency's performance during the record breaking season. Last year, hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria devastated the nation at a time when FEMA was already supporting 692 federally declared disasters. During response to the three catastrophic hurricanes, FEMA also responded to the historic wildfires in California. The report captures transformative insights from a historic hurricane season that will help FEMA, the emergency management community, and the nation chart the path into the future. The report identified 18 key findings across five focus areas and offered targeted recommendations for FEMA improvements, as well as broader lessons for partners throughout the emergency management commu-

As a cornerstone of the discipline, emergency managers use lessons learned in order to improve outcomes, minimize errors, and better serve survivors. The agency has already taken immediate actions based on the findings from the After-Action Report including updated hurricane plans, annexes, and procedures for states and territories; increased planning factors for the Caribbean and disaster supplies; and updated high priority national-level contracts, including the National Evacuation Contract, Caribbean Transportation Contract, and National Ambulance Contract. FEMA has also tested its response and initial recovery capabilities in the National Level Exercise (NLE) 2018, which occurred in May and focused on areas identified from real-world continuous improvement findings in this report.

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria caused a combined \$265 billion in damage and each ranked among the top five costliest hurricanes on record. As a result, FEMA coordinated large deployments of federal personnel, both before and after the storms' landfalls, to support response and initial recovery efforts across 270,000 square miles. FEMA facilitated logistics missions that involved more than \$2 billion worth of commodities moving across several states and territories using multiple modes of transportation. FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces, composed of state and local emergency responders, saved or assisted nearly 9,500 people across the three hurricanes. In total, the hurricanes and wildfires affected more than 47 million people—almost 15 percent of the nation's population. FEMA registered nearly 4.8 million households for

FEMA has incorporated many of the findings from this report into its 2018-2022 Strategic Plan, which will guide implementation of long-term goals to build a more prepared and resilient nation.



Governor welcomes establishment of Futures Command in Austin

AUSTIN — The U.S. Army on July 12 announced its new Futures Command would be head-quartered in Austin "to better partner with academia, industry and innovators in the private sector, while providing a good and affordable quality of life for Futures Command personnel."

After the announcement, Gov. Greg Abbott said the state of Texas "is proud to partner with the U.S. Army in establishing the Futures Command to harness the cutting-edge technologies needed to build an innovative, research-based foundation for our national defense."

"This sweeping reorganization of the Army's military efforts adds to the historic connection between Texas and the U.S. military, and I am proud of their presence in the Lone Star State." Abbatt added

Star State," Abbott added. As stated in the Army's official news release, the command, which began operations on July 1, will lead the Army's future force modernization enterprise and is expected "to assess the future operational environment, emerging threats and new technologies in order to develop and deliver concepts, requirements, future force designs and modern materiel solutions to meet our soldiers' wartime needs."

The establishment of the command marks the most significant reorganization of the institutional Army since 1973. At full operating capacity in summer 2019, some 500 personnel will be attached to the command.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Paxton supports

nominee

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 12 announced that he had joined the attorneys general of 25 other states in a letter urging U.S. Senate leaders to confirm President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Kavanaugh, 53, currently is a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

"Throughout his career," wrote Paxton, "Judge Kavanaugh has demonstrated an abiding commitment to the principles and freedoms on which our country was founded, and an unshakable respect for the proper role of the courts within our constitutional structure. The Senate should confirm President Trump's choice without delay."

Joining Paxton in signing the letter were the attorneys general of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Da-

kota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

and Wyoming.

Meanwhile, Texas Democratic Party Chair Gilberto Hinojosa issued a statement referring to Kavanaugh as "a judicial extremist who has no business on our highest court."

"Let's be clear," wrote Hinojosa, "a vote for Kavanaugh is a vote to gut the Affordable Care Act, overturn Roe v. Wade and turn back the clock on our fundamental rights. Judge Kavanaugh has a record of siding with powerful interests over consumers and workers and would fail to be an independent check on Trump."

Revenue

exceeds estimate

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 11 revised his official state revenue estimate, announcing better-than-expected revenue growth in fiscal 2018 and an improved economic outlook

for fiscal 2019.

In a letter to state leaders, Hegar said Texas would have \$110.17 billion in general revenue-related funds available for general-purpose spending for the 2018-19 biennium, resulting in a projected ending balance of \$2.67 billion. In the fall of 2017, Hegar projected an ending balance of \$94 million.

Hegar attributed much of the improved revenue estimate to an economic boost related to rising oil prices and production. Additionally, Texas added more than 350,000 new jobs in the 12 months ending in May 2018 and the state's unemployment rate in recent months has been at or near historic lows.

"Though nearly all current economic indicators remain positive and revenue collections have exceeded our previous expectations, there are significant risks to the forecast," Hegar said. "A trade war, a withdrawal from the North American Free Trade Agreement or a significant downturn in the price of oil would reduce our potential economic growth. The current outlook, however, is for continued growth through fiscal 2019 for both the economy and state revenue."

Revenue is

distributed

In other economic news, Comptroller Hegar announced July 11 that he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$759 million in local sales tax allocations for July.

The amount is 11.6 percent more than the amount reported in July 2017.

Allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

T_{xDOT}

announces grants

The Texas Department of Transportation on July 3 announced the awarding of some \$82 million in state and federal grants to fund public transportation providers in rural, small urban and large urban areas

of Texas.

Overall, the grants are intended to help pay for maintenance of vehicles and facilities, vehicle purchases and transit facility improvements and regionally coordinated public transportation planning efforts.

A TxDOT statement added that the funding "ultimately pays for resources that give Texans access to transportation so they can get to and from school, job training, health care appointments, businesses and recreational activities."

Summer Heat AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to take extra safety precautions as temperatures and heat indices continue to reach 100 degrees and above in many parts of the state.

Concerns in

Safety

"We have already experienced extreme heat in most parts of the state this summer, and DPS wants to remind all Texans that the dangers from sustained high temperatures should not be taken lightly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Heat-related injuries and deaths are often preventable if we take the necessary steps to protect ourselves and others.

Extreme temperatures place children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes. Even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees.

Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash-related fatalities among children, and every year, children die from heatrelated injuries after being left in a vehicle or by entering a vehicle unnoticed. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle.

Additionally, extreme heat events or heat waves are one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Periods of severe heat and high humidity tax the body's ability to cool itself and can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which can be fatal.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe and managing the heat:

- •Drink plenty of water throughout the day even if you do not feel thirsty; you may not realize you're dehydrated until it's too late. Also avoid alcohol and beverages high in caffeine or sugar during periods of prolonged outdoor exposure.
- Pay attention to your body. Heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke can develop quickly. Know thewarning signs and seek medical attention if necessary.
- Check on others, especially the elderly, sick, very young and those without air conditioning.
- Don't forget pet safety. Animals are also susceptible to heatrelated injury or death – don't put your pets in these dangerous conditions.
- Monitor local weather updates and stay aware of any upcoming changes in weather.
- Limit exposure to the sun and stay indoors as much as possible. If possible, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.
- Light-colored, loosefitting clothing and a hat are recommended while spending time outdoors.
- Wear sunscreen. Sunburns can affect your body's ability to cool down. Protect yourself during periods of sun exposure by putting on sunscreen SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes prior to going outside.
- Be extra careful when cooking outdoors, building campfires or driving off-road to avoid igniting dry vegetation. Also, stay aware of burn bans in your area and always abide by restrictions on outside burning.

For more information on how to prepare for extreme heat, visit ready.gov.



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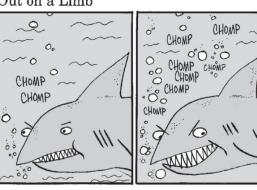






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by Linda Thistle

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the shal-

- lowest of the Great Lakes? 2. HISTORY: Which Old West gunslinger was born with the name Henry
- McCarty? 3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the family car on "The Munsters"?
- 4. LITERATURE: How long did it take Tolstoy to write his epic novel "War and 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where
- were the first modern Olympic Winter Games held in 1924? 6. SCIENCE: What colors are mosqui-
- tos attracted to? 7. GAMES: How many pieces are in a
- double-six set of dominoes? 8. U.S. STATES: What is the nickname
- of the state of Maryland? 9. MOVIES: Which 1978 movie is associated with the cry "toga!"?
- 10. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the disease varicella? © 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

10. Chickenpox 9. "Animal House" 8. Old Line State 6. Dark colors 5. Chamonix, France 4. Six years 3. The Munster Koach 2. Billy the Kid Trivia Test Answers

J. Erie



Solution time: 27 mins. Answers

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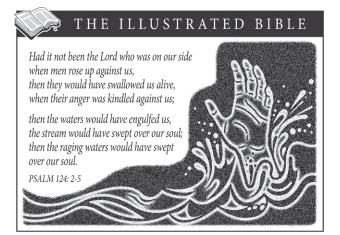
1. Is the book of Haman in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Genesis 21, Abraham banished Hagar and whom else to the desert? Laish, Haman, Ishmael, Laban

3. By reasonable numbering which commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill"? 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th 4. Samson was put into prison as a political enemy of ...? Romans, Israelites, Philistines, Assyrians 5. From Matthew 17, whom did Jesus send fishing to find tax money? Andrew, Peter, Paul, Thomas

6. After her first husband died, who did Ruth marry? Isaiah, Ahab, Boaz, Jehu

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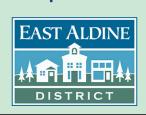
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THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH

By Dr. Mark Trice



You're Part of His Plan

A few months ago, we had an auction to raise money for Operation BAM, which encompasses our monthly & special missions giving, emergency response team plans, and special projects. Every year, we seem to have an abundance of one or two specific items, and this was the year of the saddle. We had no less than four saddles, including one style I've never seen before, available to a room full of people who, for the most part, did not ride.

You kind of have to wonder what non-riders see when they look at a saddle. I mean, those in attendance obviously saw some incredible tooling and, for the most part, all the trappings they generally expect to come with a western saddle. Some of them likely saw their own

dreams sitting there, a desire to learn to ride, to own a horse, to compete in a rodeo...

Cowboys and others who ride regularly look at a saddle and see it differently. We judge it by how it will fit our horse and ourselves, how it will perform, how much life it has left in it... We look at a saddle with its purpose in mind.

It's the same way with God. In Jeremiah 1:5, God tells the prophet, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee." He knew us before we were even in our mothers' wombs. Just as the saddle's design was firmly in the artisan's head, so was your design in God's. He planned carefully, with deliberation, before He created you. Why? Because He had a purpose for you, a plan for you to fulfill. This is what He was telling Jeremiah, and it's what He's telling

One commonly quoted verse is Romans 8:28. Most people say, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God," but we've got to keep reading. We've got to understand it's not just about loving God; He is talking to "them who are the called according to his purpose." Our being here on this planet is not about us, it's about Him and what He wants to accomplish now and in eternity. Others may look at you and see a parent, employee, coach, teacher... What really counts is what God

God doesn't do anything mindlessly. Each and every one of us was created by the Master for a purpose, to fulfill part of His plan. YOU were created with a purpose. YOU are important to God's plan.

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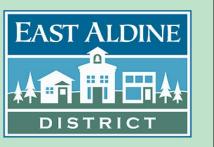


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