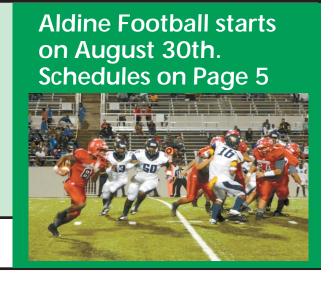
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NEWS NOTES

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 281.449.7531 or Secretary Marina Flores Sugg at 281.442.3573.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop

Sign Up...Its Free at 281-449-3131 ext.127. Every Wednesday from September 12 to October 24 at Harris County Emergency Corps, 2800 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032. Classes start at 10 a.m. Registration deadline August 24.

Free mammograms

Offered by The Rose. Screening on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Greater Pure Light Church, 12330 Vickery Rd., 77039.

Applications are required for Septembers screenings, call now 713-306-6439.

Family Strengthening Conference

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will be hosting this event. Saturday, Sep. 8, 2018, 10 am -3 pm at M.O. Campbell Education Center, 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032.

Free CERT Training

This training can help save lives and protect property. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., September 17 - November 5, 2018 at East Aldine District Office, 5333 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039. To sign up, contact lionel.bryant@oem.hctx.net or call 713-274-1749.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 10-12

AUSTIN July 25, 2018 Whether you're in need of book bags, blackboard chalk or bell-bottom pants, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on those and certain other items during the state's sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-12.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school



supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the

"As Texas families begin the process of replacing their beach bags with book bags, Texas' sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save some money on the supplies families need before the school bell rings," Hegar said. "As a dad to three young chil-

dren, I know how these expenses can add up."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptrolwebsite TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$90.3 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Aldine ISD to host a Jamboree on August 13

Aug 01, 2018 - The event at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center will give families a chance to check out the District's sports opportunities as well as performing arts programs that cheer, entertain and motivate our

Why play sports? Aside from the many health benefits sports can help students develop skills that prepare them for college, career and life.

Students should play for the love of the game. However, sports can help students gain key lessons that will help them make the right moves. What if you don't like to play sports but love to motivate, entertain or be a part of a team? The same skills learned in a traditional sport are gained in extracurricular programs like band and dance. Reasons to Play Sports/

Cheerleading & JoinExtracurricular Activities Like Band & Dance

•Learn the importance of losing gracefully.

•Learn the value of hard work to achieve re-

•Unique opportunities like traveling as well as gaining maturity and perspective at a much younger age.

•They understand the value of teamwork; they learn to put time and effort into something productive.

 College scholarships are a reality. The long hours of training, commitment and dedication can pay off in a very real way!

•Teammates, coaches and instructors become family. Spending many hours a week together for

years can create a bond that doesn't just go away. Coaches and instructors become mentors to students, while students can keep each other account-

able to the team. The District's athletics and performing arts programs have joined forces to put on the Aldine ISD Jamboree. The goal is to inform families about the various middle and high school programs and to find out theirinterests. However, expect a whole lot of noise, excitement and entertain-

Studies show link between participation in student activities academic success.

Aldine ISD Sports Jamboree will take place on Aug. 13, 2018. Registration begins at 5 p.m., parents fill out a short card. This will help the District provide activities that meet the needs of a variety of student interests and abil-

Jamboree Kick-Off: Begins at 6 p.m.; event ends $\,$ at 8 p.m. at M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032.

BakerRipley opens new Town Center facility with Back-to-School Health Fair

 $EAST\,ALDINE-Baker-$ Ripley held a combined Back-To-School event, and a Health Fair, last Saturday, August 4th.

events to be held at their screenings. new campus on Aldine Mail Route, at the Town

Center project being built by the East Aldine District.

The event included free school supplies, free food distribution, nutrition This was one of the first workshops, and health

> The Fair was sponsored by Chevron, with Commu-

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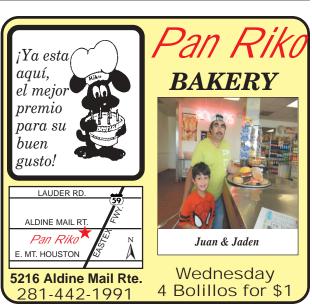
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Lone Star College recognized as a Top Aldine ISD kids wrapped up 10 Degree Producer for minorities



Lone Star College has been named a Top 10 producer of associate degrees for minorities, ranking sixth nationally among all community colleges in the U.S. by Diverse Issues in Higher Education.

HOUSTON (Aug.1, 2018) - Diverse Issues in Higher Education has named Lone Star College a Top 10 Producer of associate degrees for minoriranking sixthnationally among all community colleges in the U.S.

"Lone Star College remains committed to all students," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "Degree and certificate completion is a strong measure of student success and I am proud of the hard work our faculty and staff members put in to ensure our students have the very best instruction in the nation."

LSC also ranked fifth among the 1,100 community colleges nationwide in the 2018 listing for the number of minority students earning associate degrees in Liberal Arts and Sciences, General

Studies and Humanities, and sixth for students who earned an associate degree in education.

Houston has been cited as one of the nation's most ethnically diverse cities and the LSC student population reflects that diversity. In fall 2017, 69 percent of LSC students were either Hispanic, African-American, Asian or other. The Hispanic population alone grew by 7 percent from fall 2013 to fall 2017.

From the moment a student walks into the door, we are ready to assist them with academic advisors, counseling services and success programs to help them achieve their goals," said Head.

The Diverse Issues in Higher Education Top 100 Degree Producers list is compiled by analysis of U.S. Department of Educa-

tion reports submitted by institutions. The 2018 list published contains data from the 2015-16 academic year, the latest complete data available.

 $Lone\ Star\ College\ of fers$ high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 99,000 students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. LSC consists of six colleges, eight centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visitLoneStar.edu.

Summer 2018 STEAM Camp



Students build their own robot

Aldine ISD held its Summer 2018 STEAM Camp (click here to learn more) from Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26.

"The kids have been really engaged," said Olivia Boatner, director of magnet schools. "They take it seriously and are thinking about the activities."

The fourth through sixth graders attend the camp from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every day of the camp held at Houston Academy. They worked with AISD educators as well as Carver HS students and took part in interactive and hands-on

Topics ranged from robotics and coding to visual and performing arts. This year, students also experienced the "Shark Tank." The budding entrepreneurs got to apply their skills through building on a business idea, making it concrete, with the final step to pitch their idea.

"We want the kids to start thinking about an interest that could lead to a career," Boatner said. "These are the formative years when they are deciding what they want to do."

Students that take part in the annual camp experience a dozen different sessions. Topics range

from robotics and coding to visual and performing

"This is a great opportunity for kids to experience," said Dr. Michaelann Kelley, director of visual

Boatner, supervisor for the camp, developed its curriculum alongside Kelley, Amy Smith, program director of speech and debate; and Refugio Rodríguez, director of music education. They focused on choosing projects related to the STEAM subjects. Boatner added they are already working on ideas for next year's camp.

Suspects charged in robbery at Family Dollar Store

arrested in a robbery incident in which a HPD officer discharged his duty weapon, striking one of the suspects, at 4603 Tidwell Road, and Hirsch Road intersection about 8:50 p.m.

on Thursday, July 26. The suspects, Deldrick Rashawn Spivey, 19 and Corey Young, 17, are both facing pending robbery charges. Photos of the suspects are not available at

According to investigations, officer W. Rocha and

Two suspects have been his partner observed Spiv-ported to Lyndon Baines ey and Young enter the Family Dollar store wearing hoodies and masks, and attempt to rob the store's cashiers at gunpoint. Spivey then exited the front door of the store and charged towards Officer Rocha. Officer Rocha fired his duty weapon, striking Spivey in the leg.

Officer Rocha immediately rendered aid to Spivey and called for Houston Fire Department paramedics. Spivey was transJohnson General Hospital in stable condition. Meanwhile, Young hid behind the store after exiting from a rear door and was arrested a short time later. A handgun was located near Young.

Officer W. Rocha, who discharged his duty weapon, was not injured in this incident. Officer Rocha is assigned to the Northeast Patrol Division and was sworn in as an HPD officer in May 2013.

Mercer Botanic Gardens events

Lunch Bunch. Skins and Skulls. Wednesday, Aug. 8 from noon to 2 p.m. Examine skins and skulls of Texas mammals to learn about adaptations and predatorprey relationships. Participants should bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Lunch Bunch is recommended for everyone 12 and older. Participants

should meet at Mercer's

West Side Arboretum in the Post Oak Pavilion.

Summer Garden Club. Saturdays Aug. 18, and Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. Participate in monthly hands-on workshops conducted by experienced artisans and gardening professionals. Topics include orchid care;

local and migratory butterflies, nectar and butterflyhost plants; the art of kokedama; and terrariums. To register or receive additional information, call Mercer Botanic Gardens at 713-274-4160.

Mercer Botanic Gardens is located at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble, 77338.

Jesse Jones Park programs

Carnivorous Plants: Saturday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.While many people are familiar with the Venus fly trap, there are many more types of carnivorous plants found throughout the world. Join a staff naturalist to learn about the varieties of these unique plants, how they attract, capture, and digest prey, and the types of carnivorous plants found

in the area.

Opens THURSDAY, Aug. 9

THE MEG (PG13) 2D 7:00 9:45p

The DARKEST MINDS (PG-13)

11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

* SLENDER MAN (PG13) 7:00 9:15p

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* DEATH OF A NATION (PG-13) 11:30am

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* TEEN TITANS GO! to the Movies (PG)

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11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm

SPA-Spanish Dubbed;Stadium Seating; CC-Closed Caption
* The SPY WHO DUMPED ME (R)

Invasives Beware: Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Join Jones Park staff and the Jesse Jones Park (JJP) Eradicator's to assist in finding, documenting, and removing invasive plant and animal species as well as conducting other habitat management tasks in Jones Park. Closed-toe shoes required, gloves and long pants are recommended. Ages 16 and up or accompanied by

adult.

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HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: Summer

Vacation (PG) 11:15am, 4:00pm, 9:00pm SPA-Spanish Dubbed; Stadium Seating; CC

Vacation 3D (PG) 1:40pm, 6:30pm SPA-Spanish Dubbed;Stadium Seating;CC-

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SKYSCRAPER (PG-13)

Tadpoles Club: Wednesdays, Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. This interactive program helps introduce preschool-aged children to nature through stories, crafts, puppets, short walks, and animals. This staff naturalist-led program provides a great opportunity for parents and children to learn about and enjoy nature together. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, Aug. 1. Ages 3 to 4 only. Parent must accompany child. No vounger or older siblings.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive in Humble. For more information, please call 281-446-8588.





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COMMUNITY PAGE

Lake Conroe and Lake Houston temporary flood mitigation plan Grandchildren 15th Annual Family

Houston Water, San Jacinto River Authority & **Coastal Water Authority** release Joint Reservoir Operations Plan to lower water levels to prevent flooding

HOUSTON - Lake Houston and Lake Conroe were built as and remain important parts of the City's drinking water system. Over 4 million Houstonians and residents in the greater Houston region rely on water provided by the City of Houston.

Hurricane Harvey deposited tremendous amounts of silt in the West Fork of the San Jacinto River. The silt physically changed the river's ability to safely pass water flows during storms and created need for a significant dredging project to restore the river's capacity.

The City of Houston, in partnership with the Coastal Water Authority, operates Lake Houston.

The San Jacinto River Authority operates Lake Conroe. Together we have developed a temporary Joint Reservoir Operations Plan which will be in place until the US Army Corp of Engineers dredging project on the lower West Fork of the San Jacinto River is complete. The project is scheduled to begin this month and may take up to three years to complete.

The lakes will be operated with two different strategies.

LAKE CONROE

Lake Conroe is located upstream from Lake Houston and pre-releases before a storm run the risk of pushing water into Lake Houston, which is not desirable. Therefore, the San Jacinto River Authority will conduct temporary seasonal lowering of Lake Conroe, Lake Conroe has a normal water level of 201

Apr 1 - May 31 Lake Conroe will be reduced and maintained at 200 feet. Aug 1 - Sep 30 Lake Conroe will be reduced and maintained at 199 feet.

After each temporary seasonal lowering. Lake Conroe will be restored to normal water level.

LAKE HOUSTON

Lake Houston, as the lowest lake on the river system, will be operated using a pre-release approach. Coastal Water Authority will conduct pre-storm releases from Lake Houston. Lake Houston has a normal pool elevation of 42.5 feet.

If the National Weather Service predicts greater than 3 inches of rain within the San Jacinto River basin in a 48-hour period. Coastal Water Authority will lower Lake Houston to 41.5 feet.

To track lake levels vis-

Conroe Lake www.sjra.net

Houston Lake www.coastalwaterauthority.org

Grandparents Raising Strengthening Conference set

This September, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group of Aldine-HarrisCounty, is hosting its 15th Annual Family Strengthening Conference.

The Conference is a community service event provided to help awareness of health, family issues, and many more situations that Grandparents and kinship face with raising children and the entire family. Participants will be offered free health screenings, school supplies, education materials designed to promote personal health and well-being, and a variety of

resources from keynote speakers and agencies.

They would like to offer the community a fun filled day of informative information, health screenings, demonstrations, a fun day for the children, teenagers, and much more.

In order to ensure the success of these events, the organizers are asking for your participation and assistance. They know your services are valuable to the community and these events wouldn't be possible without you.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 15th Annual Family Strengthening Conference will take place at M.O. Campbell Center located at 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032 on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

Vendor set up and registration is from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Conference 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please assist Grandparents Raising Grandchildren with information and resources. To confirm your participation or support in this event, please ask for a registration form to: shirleyportier@gmail.com

HCSO deputies arrest 3 in thwarted ATM heist

Harris County Sheriff's Office District 2 patrol deputies quick actions are credited in the arrest and charging of three men who were in the process of stealing an ATM from a local bank in north Harris County.

Deputies received an in progress call from the First Convenience Bank located in the 5200 block of Aldine Mail Route around 1:45

When deputies arrived they observed seven male subjects who were trying to load an ATM machine into an early model Ford Econoline van.

The van was reported stolen earlier that evening.

The men had made entry into the bank by breaking the front door, and several of the subjects wheeled a dolly in and placed the machine on it.

Then men fled when deputies arrived on scene as the still photo show.

Deputies captured Rickev Watson, 21, and Shakia Frazier, 21, as they attempted to flee the parking







A third suspect now identified as Larry Gill, 17, was captured after a perimeter was set up in an adjoining wooded area behind the shopping plaza.

A search for the remaining four men was called off after several hours.

The three men captured are charged with engaging in organized crime, felony theft and evading deten-

If anyone has information on the subjects in this felony theft, please contact the HCSO Burglary and Theft unit at 713-274-

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the subjects in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477) or submitted online www.crimestoppers.org. Tips may also be sent via a text message by texting the following: TIP610 plus the information to CRIMES (274637). All tipsters remain anonymous.

Social Security Matters

By AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty - File Early and Invest vs Wait to File

Dear Rusty: I read your article entitled "Doing a Breakdown Analysis" and noted that the article was in response to a reader question about when to take Social Security Benefits. The writer commented "I'm in pretty good health and don't really need the money right now." The breakeven analysis you suggested is a great help in determining whether to claim early or wait to take Social Security benefits; however, and in light of your reader's comment that "he did not need the money right now," perhaps another element should be added to the breakeven analysis. That element is to roll the figures based on taking the money early and investing that money month after month for the 48 months in question. The end result should also help in determining an appropriate course of action. I was in the same position back in the mid 90's and made out far better by taking the money early and investing it. In any event, it's one more way to look at this issue. Signed: Faithful

Reader

Dear Faithful: Thanks for your feedback. I certainly agree that there's more than one way to look at the question of when to take Social Security. And, yes, I'm quite familiar with the strategy of taking benefits early and investing them. But since I'm not a Financial Advisor and not qualified to give investment advice, I'm required to restrict my remarks to only the Social Security aspects relating to questions I'm asked. You might be interested to know, however, that many financial advisors today do not recommend taking Social Security benefits early, investing the money, and trying to earn more than the Social Security benefit growth they'll realize by waiting. Unlike the investment opportunities of the 90's, it's pretty hard these days to beat the 6.7% annual growth in one's Social Security benefit realized by waiting until full retirement age (FRA) to collect, as well as the 8% annual growth one realizes by waiting beyond full retirement age. And those higher benefits are paid for life, which is significant when considering that average life expectancy is now well into the 80's and living into the 90's is now relatively common. Another consideration when taking benefits earlier than one's full retirement age is that there is an annual earnings limit which, if exceeded, will result in Social Security withholding ben-

efits, so a person's intentions for continuing to work could have a financial impact and should be included as part of any financial analysis. And yet another is that Social Security benefits are taxable if certain income thresholds are exceeded, so taking benefits early when someone is still earning a large salary will increase their income tax liability. The point is, it's never an easy or clear-cut decision as to when to start Social Security, and many factors such as those mentioned above need to be evaluated. And the breakeven analysis, which compares cumulative benefits at different claim-ages, should only be one piece of the puzzle.

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To submit a question, visit their website (amacfoundation.org/ programs/social-securityadvisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org.

Security guard kills man at a sports bar in North Houston

The fatal shooting of a man that occurred at 11479 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) about 11:30 p.m. on Friday, July 27 will be referred to a Harris County grand jury.

According to HPD, Benito Banda Deleon, 49, was inside a sports bar when he got into an argument with a woman. An on-duty security guard asked him to leave. Deleon and another unknown male left the bar, threatening to have additional people come to the business and harm the

security guard. This prompted the guard to ask for assistance from a second, armed security guard working at an adjacent nightclub.

While both guards were standing outside the sports bar, Delelon, the second unknown male and a third individual aggressively approached the guards. A fight ensued during which Deleon and the unknown male pushed the second guard to the ground, severely injuring his shoul-

Fearing he or his part-

ner would either be further seriously injured or killed, the security guard drew his pistol and shot Deleon. The unknown male fled the scene.

The injured guard called 9-1-1 and performed CPR on Deleon until Houston Fire Department paramedics arrived and pronounced him deceased.

Anyone with information on 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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Back-to-School Shoe Shopping: Finding the Right Fit

(StatePoint) As children all over the country count down the last days of summer, parents are checking off their to-do lists to make sure everyone is ready to head back to school. While binders, calculators and combination locks may be required, new shoes are almost always at the top of the list to accommodate growing feet and new fashion trends.

According to Laryssa Grant, women's buyer for national family footwear retailer Rack Room Shoes, this season's sneaker styles give nod to classic designs and are sure to complement any school wardrobe.

Here, Grant shares how back-to-school fashion trends can translate to different age groups:

• Preschool: Key factors in finding footwear for preschoolers are comfort and function.

Shoe to Try: Adidas Baseline sneakers are available for the tiniest of feet -- in infant sizes and up -and also have Velcro fasteners for easy-on and easy-off. The traditional design, white with three black signature stripes, has been updated with new accent colors, from metallic gold to mint green. Styles are available in children's and adult sizes so Mom and Dad can match their mini me.

 Elementary School: Children entering elementary school tend to start expressing their preferences through clothing and footwear. And many are keen to sport their favorite color through accessories and outfits.

Shoe to Try: The Nike Tanjun offers a plethora of kids-only colors, from coral to navy, in this popular and functional style. With many options to choose from, children will be able to coordinate favorite outfits

with ease, while allowing their personalities to shine.

• Middle School: Middle school students may not be ready to embrace adult styles, but many may have grown out of character designs. So, jeans and denim accessories are always a great fashion choice, offering lots of versatility.

Shoe to Try: Classic sneaker styles from PUMA and Converse can help pull together a fashion-forward athletic look that might include a favorite pair of jeans or a denim jacket layered over a jersey top.

• High School: By high school, many teens are eager to incorporate the latest pop culture trends, such as bold and bright hues, metallic accents and ice cream pastels.

Shoe to Try: For those seeking an effortlessly cool style, Vans is a great go-to brand. The iconic Sidestripe features a variety of fresh colors for fall, like burgundy, blush and olive, as well as the hugely popular black and white checkerboard pattern. Whether attending school in pinstripes or plaid, Vans can enhance cutting-edge fashion choices for high schoolers.

"This season's athletic shoe styles embrace everything we love about classic designs," says Grant. "And with updated colors, textures and materials, they leave plenty of room for students to express their individualities -making heading back to school an exciting adventure.'

For more options, the Athletic Shop at Rack Room Shoes in stores or online offers one-stopshopping.

Be sure to take both practicality and your child's wishes into consideration when shoe shopping this back-to-school season. With smart shopping strategies, you can prioritize both comfort and style.

Select panel considers approaches to mass shooting prevention

AUSTIN — A special interim committee of state lawmakers met July 24 at the Texas Capitol to further explore what can be done to prevent mass shootings like the one that resulted in 10 deaths and 10 injuries in May at Santa Fe High School.

Testimony before a hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools & School Security centered on "red flag" laws, in which a law enforcement entity or family member could petition a judge who may then order that a potentially dangerous person temporarily be prohibited from purchasing or otherwise acquiring or possessing a firearm.

More than a dozen other states have enacted red flag laws. Such laws allow a petitioner to present evidence of previous behaviors that demonstrate a public safety risk, such as:

- Domestic violence;
- Harm to animals: Reckless use of fire-
- Threats to self or oth-
- ers; or

- Drug abuse.

Under such laws, a person who is the subject of a red flag order has a right to legal counsel and may offer counter evidence and argument in their defense. But if the judge decides the person poses a risk to public safety, they could be compelled to surrender their firearms to authori-

A report on the July 24 hearing and three previous hearings of the select panel will be released to the public in early August, said Committee Chairman Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood.

On May 30, Gov. Greg Abbott spoke positively about red flag laws in releasing a long list of recommendations for citizens and governmental bodies to take under the heading, "Preventing Threats in Advance." Since then he has not mentioned red flag laws, however, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said recently that neither he nor the governor favor that approach.

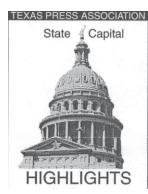
STATE CAPITAL **HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling

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On July 26, the Trump administration failed to meet a federal court-ordered deadline to reunite all children under 5 years old who were separated from their families under President Trump's zerotolerance directive.

Two days earlier, the Mexican American Legislative Caucus of the Texas Legislature recommended a list of actions for the state to take to provide impacted migrant families with appropriate care and to determine the role of the state in the reunification of children and families. MALC organized a working group of advocates, including key personnel from state agencies and members of the Texas House and Capitol staff. Here are a few of the working group's recommendations:

– It is critical that the state reject any policy such as the licensing of family detention centers that may indefinitely prolong the

detention of children; - For children held in facilities longer than a few days, medical care standards must be improved with consultation from pediatricians. The standards should include mental and physical health evaluations, as well as follow-up appointments;

- Apply continued pressure for state oversight in cases of abuse and neglect within facilities;
- Require legal representation of separated par-
- Continue to monitor the reunification process so that every child who has been separated from parents is reunited in a timely and cost-effective manner: and
- Require that the Legislative Budget Board conduct a cost analysis of the impact of the federal policies of zero-tolerance and family separation on the state, specifically on the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Texas Health and **Human Services Commis-**

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In its July report on the state's economy, the Texas Workforce Commission said Texas had experienced 24 consecutive months of employment growth.

Also, some 27,200 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs were added in June, bringing the monthly unemployment rate down another tenth of a point to 4.0 percent.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs, with a nonseasonally adjusted rate of 2.4 percent. It was followed by the Amarillo MSA, which had the second-lowest with a rate of 3.1 percent. Following were the Austin-Round Rock and Odessa MSAs, which both recorded 3.2 percent for June.

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rep dies

Former state Rep. Delwin Jones died in Lubbock on July 25. He was 94.

A farmer, investor and veteran of World War II, Jones first was elected to the Texas House in 1964 and served consecutive two-year terms until 1972. He returned to the House in 1989 as a Republican and served consecutive terms until 2011.

Among Jones's accomplishments were laws creating the Texas Tech Medical School, the Lubbock County Hospital District, the 137th District Court and many other en-

6 Ways to Prepare for a New School Year

(StatePoint) Want to ensure the transition from summer to school goes smoothly for your family? Check out these six tips.

- 1. Make a smooth transition. Been sleeping in all summer? Now's the time to get your body back into the routine of early mornings. Start slowly, setting the alarm earlier until you reach the time you'll be waking up for the school year. Parents can assist younger kids with this transition.
- 2. Get the right education tools. From highlighters to USB drives to loose-leaf paper, be sure you have a comprehensive list of all the school supplies and education tools you'll need for a successful year ahead. As far as tech tools like graphing calculators are concerned, opt for those that are jam packed with all the latest features. For example, the Casio fx-CG50 offers the ability to draw three dimensional graphs, such as planes, cylinders and spheres, and view them from various angles in order to better analyze their shape. It also features a cross-section option and a special zoom function for indepth analysis.
- 3. Organize your agenda. Make sure everyone is ready for the busy year ahead. Plan your children's participation in after school activities. Then, display relevant items on a calendar where the whole family can see it to ensure no one misses a club meeting, rehearsal or team practice.
- 4. De-stress. The hectic back-to-school season can create tension and stress. Encourage hobbies that help students unwind as the school year gets back into full swing. For beginners of music, check out new tools that can make the learning process fun and easy, such as Casio's LK-265 keyboard, which features an LCD display that shows both music notation and correct hand positioning.
- 5. Get healthy. Crowded classrooms are a good place to pick up germs. Keep kids healthy with a daily multivitamin, plenty of fresh fruits and veggies and lots of sleep. Regular exercise is also an immunity booster, so encourage kids to get active.
- 6. Adapt to new school resources. Families aren't the only ones getting ready for back to school. Districts are incorporating the latest tech into classroom learning. Such tools include Casio LampFree Projectors, an ecofriendly technology that gives educators the ability to control the projector from a smartphone or tablet, expanding their ability to create and deliver dynamic lesson plans.

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Aldine ISD 2018 6A Football Schedule

Aldine High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Sept. 1	Cypress Falls	Thorne	Н	6:00 PM
Sept. 7	Humble	Turner	А	7:00 PM
Sept. 14	Sam Houston (HC)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
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Sept. 27	Eisenhower (SN)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 4	Davis	Thorne	А	7:00 PM
Oct. 12	MacArthur	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM
Oct. 20	Spring	Thorne	Н	2:00 PM
Oct. 27	Westfield	George	Α	4:00 PM
Nov. 2	Dekaney	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Nov. 8	Nimitz	Thorne	А	7:00 PM

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Sept. 15	Westbury	Butler	А	6:00 PM					
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Sept. 28	Nimitz	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM					
Oct. 4	Aldine (HC)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM					
Oct. 11	Spring	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM					
Oct. 19	Dekaney	George	А	7:00 PM					
Oct. 26	Eisenhower	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM					
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Nov. 9	Westfield	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM					

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Oct. 5	Eisenhower	Thorne	А	7:00 PM
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Oct. 18	Westfield	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 25	Nimitz	Thorne	А	7:00 PM
Nov. 3	Davis (SN)	Thorne	Н	2:00 PM
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Oct. 4	Spring	George	A	7:00 PM	
Oct. 13	Dekaney	Thorne	Н	6:00 PM	
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Oct. 25	MacArthur(HC)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Nov. 2	Westfield	George	А	7:00 PM	
Nov. 8	Aldine (SN)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	



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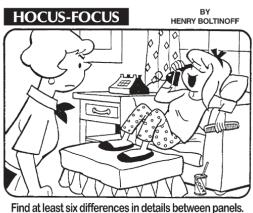
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By Wilson Casey

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

2. According to Acts 25, what title belonged to Agrippa? King, Queen, Saint, Apostle

3. Who asked God, "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh"? Moses, Eve, Samuel, Abraham

4. From Acts 13, who

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Christ the King statue in Swiebodzin, Poland

was called. "A man after mine own heart"? Gideon, David, Matthew, James

5. Who is the only person known to have wrestled with an angel? Ruth, Esther, Jacob, Joshua

6. From Genesis 1:20, on what day did God create the birds? 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

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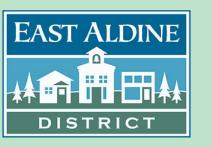
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(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.74 billion in July, 6.9 percent more than in July 2017.

"Sales tax receipts from almost all major economic sectors were up compared with last year," Hegar said. "The most notable increases were from oil and gas mining and manufacturing sectors, followed by wholesale trade, restaurants and services. Recent tax collections

have also been boosted by a tax amnesty, including more than \$39 million in delinquent state sales tax revenue, most of which was processed in July."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in July 2018 was up 10.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections

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

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$437.1 million, up 13.6 percent from July 2017;
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