

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 281.449.4504 or Secretary Marina Flores Sugg at 281.442.3573.

Sequoia Estates Civic Club Meeting

Next meeting Monday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 pm at 13927 Wilo Street. Topics to be discussed are flooding issues, and other neighborhood problems. For more information, contact Claude Deets.

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.

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.

Residents have many questions at second Flood Bond meeting

By Zach Maxwell

Around 75 people attended a second public input session in the Aldine area, concerning the upcoming \$2.5 billion bond election to help prevent future flooding in Houston.

The meeting was hosted by the East Aldine District and Pine Village North Public Utility District. Officials from Harris County Flood Control District as well as a flood expert from Rice Univer-



Kelly Snook of the Greens Bayou Coalition looks over a Harris County Flood Control District project map showing Flood Control projects, with Dolores Resendiz on Tuesday July 24 at the East Aldine offices.

sity gave presentations.

But those who attended and addressed the speakers were mainly concerned with neighborhood-level drainage concerns. The bond issue, if passed in an Aug. 25 vote, will provide funds for much larger, city-wide projects to stem flooding along well-known high water zones including Greens and Halls baysous.

Jim Blackburn, a Rice University professor and

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Rep. Gene Green to host 23rd Annual Immunization Day

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Gene Green will be hosting his Annual Immunization Day on Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at UT Physicians Community - Health & Wellness Center - Jensen, 2620 E. Crosstimbers, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77093. In addition to providing free immunizations for children, the event will give parents an opportunity to speak with Congressman Green about preventive health initiatives.

"Immunizations are one of the most important disease prevention steps we can take to protect our children," said Green. "This is a great opportunity for children to get the shots they need for school at no cost."

Parents are encouraged to bring their child's immunization record to ensure that all necessary shots are received.

Rep. Green would like to thank the groups who will be helping to make Immunization Day a suc-

cess this year: Harris Health System, UT Physicians Community Health & Wellness Center - Jensen and Texas Children's Hospital who will all be administering the immunizations. Texas Children's Health Plan will be providing information on children's health insurance plans. Other partners include Rotary Club of North Shore, Galena Park ISD, Houston ISD, Walgreens, Rotary International District 5890, Lyondell Basell, and St. Hope Foundation.

Senator Sylvia Garcia resigns Legislature

Seeks TX-29 Congress seat

State Senator Sylvia Garcia has submitted her resignation in a letter to Governor Greg Abbot, earlier this week.

Garcia is running for the seat that was vacated by Congressman Gene Green, Texas District 29. Her name will be on the November ballot, as well as a Republican oppo-



SENATOR GARCIA

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Youth hoops in 2-Day Harris County Street Olympics

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More than 300 boys and girls competed in the 3-on-3 Basketball Championship Tournament on July 18 and 19 at Fonde Recreation Center. Houston-area boys and girls - ages 7 to 17 - playing on 80 teams participated in the single-elimination tourna-

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Houston-area youth compete on six courts at Fonde Recreation Center during the Street Olympics 3-on-3 Championship Tournament on July 18.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Aldine Early Education Festival held July 21 was a hit with families, sponsors, partners and staff!



Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney poses with a child who received his free immunizations at the Aldine Early Childhood Festival. Families could also enroll their kids in AISD prekindergarten programs.

Thank You for Making the Early Education Festival a Success

This was the first time Aldine ISD held a festival focusing on early education. The event took place Saturday, July 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aldine High School.

The goal was to ensure families are well informed about the District's award-winning early education programs and resources that are available to help their families and their children.

Each school with a pre-kindergarten program had representatives on hand to share information about their campus and the benefits of early childhood education.

Also present were many sponsors and partners including the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, Children's Museum Houston, Good Reason Houston, Harris County Public Library, H-E-B, Houston Public Library, Region 4 ESC, Texas Children's Hospital, Avion Dental, YMCA and the Houston Zoo.

A special thanks goes to H-E-B President Scott McClelland. Not only does McClelland talk the talk, he walks it. The strong supporter of early education arrived early on Saturday to help set up and deliver donations.

The sponsors, partners, District leadership and volunteers put in hours of work before and during the event. If you made your

way on to campus early, you may have seen them setting up.

With that being said, the real success came from the families and their children. Without you, the event would have been a bust! Many of you were seen chatting with the campus staff, sponsors and partners. Thank you for coming out. District leaders saw many families grabbing early childhood education information, enrolling eligible 4-year-olds in prekindergarten, getting children immunized and taking some free books home.

Your contribution and interest helps the District better understand our families' needs and how we can best help our students.

Aldine ISD Educator named a Region 4 Finalist

Davis High School teacher Chelsea Davis-Bibb has been selected as a finalist in the Region 4 Teacher of the Year program competition. Davis-Bibb is a dual credit English teacher.

Top regional winners will be named publicly Aug. 1 during the annual dinner and reception for Teachers of the Year sponsored by the Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC), which serves a seven-county area that includes 50 public school districts.

Davis-Bibb was named earlier as the District Secondary Teacher of the Year during the annual AISD recognition event held in the spring.

The English teacher said she tailors her teaching to reach each and every student she comes in contact with on a daily basis.

"One of the leading principles that guides my career is that all students can learn," she Davis-Bibb. "With this in mind, I base my instruction on the needs of my students. I believe that students learn through experience. Therefore, my delivery of teaching is through a lot of group work and collaborative learning."

The annual Region 4 Teachers of the Year event is part of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) Texas Teacher of the Year program, the



Chelsea Davis-Bibb

next level of competition. Texas Teachers of the Year may go on to compete at the national level. Congratulations!

Aldine ISD's Lynette O'Neal named a Region 4 Finalist for Elementary Teacher of Year

Parker Intermediate School teacher Lynette O'Neal has been selected as a finalist in the Region 4 Teacher of the Year program competition. O'Neal is a sixth grade reading teacher.

Top regional winners will be named publicly Aug. 1 during the annual dinner and reception for Teachers of the Year sponsored by the Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC), which serves a seven-county area that includes 50 public school districts.

O'Neal said she strives to motivate her students to reach their full potential as learners.

"Every student needs to achieve a measure of success to keep them motivated during the learning process," she said. "My role is to evaluate the needs of



Lynette O'Neal (right) at the District Teacher of the Year Breakfast.

each student, keep them energized, facilitate their learning, provide them with what they need and equip and empower them to take ownership of their learning and its outcomes."

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COMMUNITY PAGE



Preguntas surgen en reunión acerca de bonos para la inundación

Por Zach Maxwell

Alrededor de 75 personas asistieron a una reunión pública sobre la próxima elección de un bono de \$ 2.5 billones de dólares para ayudar a prevenir futuras inundaciones en Houston.

La reunión fue organizada por el Distrito de Aldine y el Distrito de Utilidad Pública Norte Pine Village. Funcionarios del Distrito de Control de Inundaciones del Condado de Harris, así como un experto en inundaciones de la Universidad Rice dieron presentaciones.

Pero aquellos que asistieron y se dirigieron a los oradores se preocuparon principalmente por el drenaje en el vecindario. La emisión de bonos, si se aprueba en una votación este 25 de Agosto, proporcionará fondos para proyectos mucho más grandes en toda la ciudad para frenar las inundaciones a lo largo de zonas con altos niveles de agua conocidas como Greens y Halls.

Jim Blackburn, profesor de la Universidad de Rice y miembro fundador de Bayou City Initiative, dijo que estas cuencas hidrográficas del lado norte a menudo se pasaban por alto cuando los fondos federales estaban disponibles

para proyectos anteriores de mitigación de inundaciones. La próxima emisión de bonos tiene una redacción específica para incluir áreas previamente olvidadas y áreas de bajos ingresos, dijo el representante estatal Armando Walle.

Walle dijo que habrá al menos \$ 100 millones para una variedad de proyectos propuestos en Halls y Greens, incluyendo compras de vivienda, reparaciones de drenaje y estanques adicionales de retención como el que se está llevando a cabo en Lauder Road.

Por su parte, el Distrito de Control de Inundaciones del condado dijo que 19 de las 23 reuniones de cuencas hidrográficas se habían organizado en todo el Condado de Harris, incluyendo reuniones previas para las cuencas de Halls y Greens. Pero la reunión del martes 24 de julio se llevó a cabo como una oportunidad adicional para que los residentes aborden sus inquietudes.

Los residentes que hablaron en la reunión representaron vecindarios como Sequoia Estates, High Meadows y Castlewood. Las preocupaciones incluyeron la inundación de zanjas y el mantenimiento de la infraestructura, así como preguntas sobre el proceso de compra.

Varios residentes de High Meadows expresaron su preocupación acerca de la mitigación de inundaciones para el proyecto Aldine Town Center, que fue abordado por el gerente de construcción del proyecto.

Curtis Lampley, Director de Servicios a la Comunidad para el Distrito de Control de Inundaciones del condado, alentó a los residentes afectados por las inundaciones a incluir comentarios por escrito en el sitio web del distrito en www.hcfd.org. También acompañó al grupo a través del proceso de compra, que recién está comenzando a medida que los fondos federales llegaron para tal fin.

"No te rindas, no te desanimes", dijo Lampley. "Continúa haciéndonos saber que estás interesado".

La residente de High Meadows, Maria Avila, instó al grupo a apoyar la emisión de bonos del 25 de agosto, fecha que coincide con el primer aniversario del huracán Harvey.

"Si no aprobamos el bono, no vamos a recibir ayuda", dijo. Otros asistentes le preguntaron a Walle si el estado recurriría a los "fondos del día lluvioso" para ayudar a prevenir futuros desastres. Dijo que está en un comité investigando esa posibilidad.

Cooling Centers remain available as heat emergency plan suspended

HOUSTON – City cooling centers, consisting of multi-service centers, libraries and recreation centers remain available during normal business hours, however the City of Houston Public Health Heat Emergency Plan has been suspended, including free METRO rides to the centers.

The plan is activated when the heat index reaches 108 degrees for more than two consecutive days and is suspended when it falls below that threshold.

High-risk groups such as adults age 55 and older, children under the age of five and people with chronic illness are urged to stay inside air-conditioned buildings between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., the hottest part of the day.

Please limit any time outdoors to the early morning and late evening, and stay hydrated throughout the day. Always check your backseat for children or pets and check on your neighbors, especially the elderly.

The Houston Health Department urges people protect themselves and loved ones from potentially deadly heat-related illness with the following tips:

- Increase water consumption. Drink lots of liquids even before getting thirsty, but avoid those with caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugar because these can result in the loss of body fluid.
- Conduct outdoor work or exercise in the early morning or evening when it is cooler. Outdoor workers should drink plenty of water or electrolyte replacement beverages and take frequent breaks in the shade or in an air-conditioned facility. Those unaccustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment need to start slowly and gradually increase heat exposure over several weeks.
- Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing that permits the evaporation of perspiration.
- Do not leave children, senior citizens or pets unattended in a vehicle.
- A wide-brimmed hat helps prevent sunburn as well as heat-related illness. Sunscreen also protects from the sun's harmful rays and reduces the risk of sunburn.
- If the house is not air-conditioned, seek accommodations in air-conditioned facilities

during the heat of the day: multi-service centers, malls, movie theaters, libraries, etc.

• Take frequent cool baths or showers if your home is not air-conditioned.

• Also, extreme heat for a long period of time may put a strain on the electric grid. To reduce strain to the grid during the peak hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., it's recommended that AC is set to 78°F or warmer and avoid using large appliances.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include faintness, dizziness, excessive sweating, cool or clammy skin, nausea or vomiting, muscle cramps, and a rapid, weak pulse. People experiencing these symptoms should lower the body temperature by getting to a cooler place, drinking water, taking a cool shower or bath and resting.

Confusion, a throbbing headache, lack of sweat, red, hot and dry skin, nausea or vomiting, loss of consciousness, and a rapid, strong pulse are signs of heat stroke. If these symptoms occur, call 9-1-1 immediately and try to lower the person's body temperature until help arrives.

Flood Meeting,

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founder member of the Bayou City Initiative, said these northside watersheds were often overlooked when federal funds were made available for past flood mitigation projects. The upcoming bond issue has specific wording to include previously overlooked areas and low-income areas, said State Rep. Armando Walle.

Walle said there will be at least \$100 million for a variety of proposed projects on Halls and Greens, including home buyouts, drainage repairs and additional retention ponds such as the one underway on Lauder Road.

For their part, the county Flood Control District said 19 of the 23 watershed meetings had been held across Harris County - including previous meetings for Halls and Greens bayous. But the Tuesday, July 24 meeting was held as an additional opportunity

for residents to address their concerns.

Residents who spoke at the meeting represented neighborhoods like Sequoia Estates, High Meadows and Castlewood. Concerns included localized ditch flooding and runoff infrastructure maintenance, as well as questions about the buyout process. Several High Meadows residents expressed concerns about flood mitigation for the Aldine Town Center project which was addressed by the project's construction manager.

Curtis Lampley, Director of Community Services for the county Flood Control District, encouraged residents affected by flooding to include written comments on the district's website at www.hcfd.org. He also walked the group

through the buyout process, which is just now starting as federal funding has arrived for the purpose.

"Don't give up, don't get discouraged," Lampley said. "Continue to let us know that you're interested."

High Meadows resident Maria Avila urged the group to support the Aug. 25 bond issue - a date chosen to coincide with the first anniversary of Hurricane Harvey.

"If we don't approve the bond, we're not going to get any help," she said. Others in attendance asked Walle if the state would tap into "rainy day funds" to help prevent future disasters. He said he is on a committee looking into that possibility.

Vacunas gratis durante el Día Anual de Inmunización

WASHINGTON, DC - El Congresista Gene Green será el anfitrión de el Día Anual de Vacunación el sábado 11 de agosto de 2018, de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m. Además de proporcionar inmunizaciones gratuitas para niños, el evento les dará a los padres la oportunidad de hablar con el congresista Green sobre las iniciativas de salud preventiva.

"Las vacunas son uno de los pasos más importantes de prevención de enfermedades que podemos tomar para proteger a nuestros niños", dijo

Green. "Esta es una gran oportunidad para que los niños obtengan las vacunas que necesitan para la escuela sin costo".

Se recomienda a los padres a traer el registro de vacunación de su hijo para asegurarse de que se reciban todas las vacunas necesarias.

El evento se llevará a cabo en el Centro de salud conocido como Community - Health & Wellness Center - Jensen localizado en 2620 E. Crosstimbers, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77093.

El Representante Green desea agradecer a los grupos que ayudarán a que el Día de la Inmunización sea un éxito este año: Harris Health System, UT Physicians Community Health & Wellness Center - Jensen y Texas Children's Hospital, quienes administrarán las vacunas. Texas Children's Health Plan proporcionará información sobre los planes de seguro de salud para niños. Otros socios incluyen Houston ISD, Walgreens, Rotary International District 5890, Lyondell Basell y St. Hope Foundation.

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OPINION PAGE

Are you prepared for Hurricane Season and other storm emergencies?

(StatePoint) Hurricane season is in full swing, running from June through November. Unfortunately, no one can stop a tropical storm or hurricane from happening and both types of weather events are increasingly impacting larger portions of the U.S. However, there are steps you can take that will help you weather a storm and better ensure the safety of your family.



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victims of storms find each other to pool resources and offer one another assistance. Be sure to keep your phone fully charged as long as your home has power and consider having an external battery pack on hand as well.

The experts at Freddie Mac recommend doing the following.

- Know where to go in the event of a local area evacuation. Your area's emergency management agency can provide this information.
- Gather and protect important household documentation, including birth certificates, passports, marriage licenses, mortgage statements, deeds, insurance policies and medical files.
- Protect your valuables and family mementos by storing them in a safety deposit box, fire- and water-proof safe or moving them to higher ground where they are less likely to incur damage.
- Download an app for your smartphone that allows your friends and family to know if you are safe. The American Red Cross has a free hurricane app as do many for-profit organizations. Other apps that are available include weather tracking apps, and apps that can help

Assemble an emergency supply kit that includes water, flashlights, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, batteries, a radio and medication.

Create a family emergency plan and make sure everyone knows what to do and when.

Prepare your home for heavy rainfall and strong winds by cleaning up lawn debris, loose furniture and lawn items that will not be able to sustain strong winds. Secure loose rain gutters and ensure all gutters are clear from debris to keep water flowing and prevent further damage.

Consider building a safe room, if you are a homeowner, that meets Federal Emergency Management Agency criteria to provide at-home protection during extreme weather.

More hurricane tips and information can be found at freddiemac.com/blog.

The devastation of last year's hurricane season was an important reminder that being prepared for a worst-case scenario is crucial. Before the next storm heads your way, be sure your family and home are protected.

COMMUNITY

Giving back on your summer vacation

(StatePoint) Hitting the road this summer and want to do something good for the world along the way? Consider using your summer road trip as an opportunity to give back to the communities you visit. For some inspiration, check out these great ways Americans are re-thinking vacations to include a touch of philanthropy.

Driving for Good

All those miles you log on the road can be for a good cause, if you look in the right places. Check out organizations and brands hosting fun fundraising or volunteer events on the road. For example, "MINI Takes the States," a biannual rally for MINI Cooper owners, gives participants an opportunity to explore America's beauty while raising money for Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief organization dedicated to fighting domestic hunger through a network of food banks. This year's rally saw participants kick off in either Orlando, Fla. or Portland, Ore. and converge in Colorado, passing through some of America's most interesting and beautiful sites and cities.

A portion of each registration fee is

donated to Feeding America and participants are encouraged to start fundraising pages online and spread the word to friends and family to contribute to the cause. Each dollar raised will provide at least 10 meals to people in the U.S. struggling with hunger. To learn more, visit MINITakesTheStates.com or follow the conversation at #DriveForMore.

Transform Your Road Trip


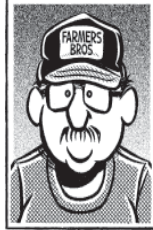


America's parks need your help, particularly its hiking trails. Volunteer opportunities abound for those who wish to combine a road trip with trail stewardship. After traveling to your favorite park, join a volunteer crew in order to build or maintain a trail, increasing accessibility to America's most beautiful natural wonders.

Or, be someone who brakes for animals -- animal volunteer opportunities that is. Many animal sanctuaries welcome vacationing volunteers to provide extra hands. From socializing dogs to feeding horses, certain opportunities even include lodging to those giving their time.

By giving back to the places you visit, you can take the concept of the ultimate summer road trip to new heights.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ALL THOSE VOTER POLLS?

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"I love the polls—I only vote for who is ahead!"	"If th' polls ain't reliable —why bother with 'em?"	"If they poll me, I'll tell 'em what the polls say I think!"	(VIA CELL) "Polls? WHAT polls?"

Mental health experts inform school violence & security panel

AUSTIN — Psychological prevention and treatment for students is the best way to head off school violence, mental health professionals told a panel of state lawmakers on July 18.

This was the third in a series of interim hearings for the Senate Select Committee on Violence in Schools & School Security, a panel named by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in response to the shooting at Santa Fe High School in May.

Dr. Andy Keller, president of the Meadows Foundation in Dallas, told panel members:

- It is a challenge to predict which students might turn into mass shooters;
- Some 2 million children and teenagers have been diagnosed with mental health disorders;
- Of those, perhaps 20,000 have a diagnosis associated with a slight increase in violent behavior; and
- Of the 20,000, fewer than 1,000 are considered high-risk for violent behavior.

Keller added that doesn't mean those 1,000 children are more likely to commit a mass shooting.

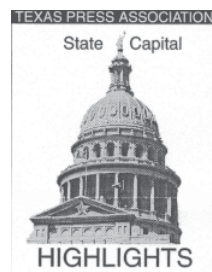
Dr. Clifford Moy, director of Behavioral Health at the TMF Health Quality Institute in Austin, said professionals "should be focusing on the broader group of students who are at risk" in order to intervene for their and others' safety.

Dr. Iram Kazimi, director of the Inpatient Pediatric Bipolar Program at UT Health Harris County Psychiatric Center, said children's exposure to violent media changes their perception of how others think about them. "Unless we start addressing how kids actually think about the world around them, I think we're going to be at a loss," Kazimi said.

After its final hearing on July 24, the committee will present a final report to the full Senate with findings and recommenda-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



tions for the Legislature to consider in its next regular session, which begins in January.

Abbott, DOJ announce grant

Gov. Greg Abbott and the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance on July 19 announced a \$1 million grant for overtime expenses of law enforcement officers involved in the response efforts after the shooting at Santa Fe High School. The grant will be awarded to the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and will assist the City of Santa Fe and surrounding jurisdictions with law enforcement costs incurred responding to the shooting.

"As our hearts continue to ache for the lives lost at Santa Fe High School, this grant will provide welcome assistance to a community still struggling with this tragedy," Abbott said.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said, "Today, we continue to help state and local police in Texas to rebuild after the tragic murder of 10 people at Santa Fe High School."

Bush seeks input on Harvey

Texas Land Commis-

sioner George P. Bush on July 16 announced additional Hurricane Harvey outreach efforts to gather local and regional input for \$137 million in Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery funds available for local, regional and state planning.

The outreach by the Texas General Land Office will include a survey requesting input and encouraging regional planning coordination to help mitigate and lessen the impact of future disasters.

- The survey will be distributed to citizens, local officials, councils of government and river authorities to request input for planning topics including:
- Flood control;
 - Drainage improvements;
 - Resilient housing solutions;
 - Economic development;
 - and infrastructure improvements.

RRC wraps up restoration

The Texas Railroad Commission on July 16 announced its Abandoned Mine Land program completed restoration of an eight-acre abandoned uranium mine in Karnes County.

Known as the Hackney Site, it was last mined in 1963 and sat abandoned for 54 years. It was selected for remediation because of the safety hazard abandoned pits posed to the public, as well as "elevated naturally occurring radiation levels." The four-month project reduced radiation to safe levels and restored the area to its natural state, the agency said.

West Nile cases confirmed

The Texas Department of State Health Services on July 17 announced it had confirmed three cases of West Nile disease reported by health departments in Austin, Dallas and Galveston.

Humans can be infected by West Nile virus through the bite of an infected mosquito. Last year, some 135 cases of West Nile illness that resulted in six deaths in Texas. There have been more than 3,500 illnesses and 167 deaths in Texas over the last 10 years, the

Research reveals recycling is increasingly popular

(NAPSI)—Here, for a change, is good news about the environment: Americans are recycling their food and beverage cartons more than ever and continue to look to brands to actively help drive the recycling of their products' packages, according to a new survey.

What The People Want

The national study commissioned by the Carton Council of North America showed that 61 percent of respondents report they always recycle their food and beverage cartons, up 11 percentage points from when the survey was last conducted two years ago. Nearly all—94 percent—think recycling is important and 74 percent believe recycling should be made a priority.

People also have high environmental expectations for the brands they buy. Consumers overwhelmingly expect food and beverage brands to be committed to recycling. More than nine out of 10 said brands should take an active role in helping to increase the recycling of packages. And 56 percent said their loyalty to a food or beverage brand is affected by the brand's engagement with environmental causes.

How To Tell Whether Something Is Recyclable

The survey showed that packaging remains the top source for determining recyclability, while friends and family as well as the news gained momentum. Nearly two-thirds of respondents said that if a package did not have a recycling symbol or language indicating the item is recyclable, they would assume it's not.

One help is that now food and beverage cartons can carry the standard "Please Recycle" logo. The ability to use the label is based on the milestone that more than 60 percent of U.S. households have access to carton recycling, a threshold set by the Federal Trade Commission green guidelines for packaging.

However, just because a package doesn't have a recycling symbol, doesn't mean that it's not recyclable. To find out, consumers should call their local community or visit its website.

"The survey findings highlight that as more Americans have gained access to food and beverage carton recycling, awareness that cartons are recyclable has also increased," explained Jason Pelz, vice president of recycling projects for the Carton Council of North America and circular economy director for Tetra Pak. The Carton Council works to deliver long-term collaborative solutions to divert valuable cartons from the landfill.

Learn More

For an in-depth look at the research findings, visit www.CartonOpportunities.org/survey. For more on recycling cartons, see www.CartonOpportunities.org.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Decay: HIREWT

Guard: RALPOT

Figure: CONKER

Means: HOTMED

TODAY'S WORD: _____

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- They may be proper subjects
- Distorted
- Circus tent
- Utica's county
- Mistreat
- Cat in 9 Lives commercials
- Antelope's playmate
- Rowing team
- Biblical verb suffix
- Take heed of
- Profit
- Air safety org.
- History chapters
- Inauguration recitation
- "The Gold Bug" author
- Policy expert
- Stead
- Gender
- Item for 17-Across
- Genesis creator
- Billboards
- Camel feature
- podrida
- Second of two
- Acre's acres?
- Hateful
- Original
- inhabitant
- Washington city
- Too bright
- Tend texts
- T, in Morse code
- Auction action mo.
- True-to-lifestyle
- the ram-parts ...
- Plenty of time?
- Not many
- Commotion
- Doubter
- Dormant
- Pirouette
- Bugs
- Whammy
- Alias abbr.
- Summertime mo.
- Watery discharge
- Heart line
- Oodles
- Arp's art
- Major
- Den
- Tax
- Hearly brew
- Excessively
- Bando of baseball

DOWN

- Cleo's river
- Lecher's look
- One-eighty
- Ph. bk. data
- Ghostly
- One or more
- Famous
- Always, in verse
- Bugs
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient is added to sugar to make it brown sugar?
- CURRENCY: Which historical figure featured on a \$100 bill was NOT a president?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border Germany?
- GAMES: Who invented the game of roulette?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: On which continent would you find a dingo, a wild dog?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What American industrialist once said, "Formula for success: rise early, work hard, strike oil"?
- HISTORY: Who was the last queen of France?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How long did the Pony Express deliver mail in the United States?
- SCIENCE: What is the filament in an incandescent light bulb made of?
- MOVIES: Which Disney movie features a character named Cruella de Vil?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY DOLTRHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Molasses
2. Benjamin Franklin
3. Nine
4. French mathematician Blaise Pascal
5. Australia (or Oceania)
6. J. Paul Getty
7. Marie Antoinette
8. 1860-61 (18 months)
9. Tungsten
10. "101 Dalmatians"

Solution time: 24 mins.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Q is letter F

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KBC EL JA IBCU QIWYPU, AEZ
JWYPU CBA UPBU W EQURL
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King Crossword

Answers

2	1	3	6	7	9	4	8	5
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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Withers, 2. Petrol, 3. Reckon, 4. Method

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Since I had the right, you was on my last night, might say that I often touched soft.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who asked God, "Why is pain perpetual, and my wound incurable"? Moses, Jeremiah, Abraham, Noah
3. Where is "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" found? Ephesians, Colossians, Galatians, 1 Timothy
4. With what did the seraph touch the frightened Isaiah's mouth? Unclean finger, Sod, Live coal, Holy water
5. From Proverbs 15, what does a soft answer turneth away? Harm, Wrath, Lust, Tears
6. How many angels rescued Lot and his family from Sodom? 2, 7, 13, Hundreds

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Jeremiah; 3) Galatians; 4) Live coal; 5) Wrath; 6) 2

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile, and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

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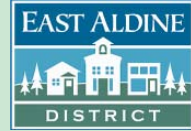
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - LET'S PLAY BASEBALL!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Why was the piano tuner hired to play baseball?

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F	R	F	I	E	R	C	T	L	N
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D	I	H	A	L	E	A	G	U	E
L	L	A	B	Y	L	F	O	U	L

Riddle answer: _____

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman


Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Mealtime prayer	___ C ___	Wine fruit	___ P ___
2. Patriotic silversmith	R ___	Stern	S ___
3. Mickey or Minnie	___ U ___	Code inventor	___ R ___
4. In a good mood	___ E ___	Sundae topper	___ R ___
5. Ohio's "Tire Capital"	___ K ___	Chef's garb	___ P ___
6. Royal son	___ I ___	Frolic	___ A ___
7. Detected a noise	___ D ___	Card suit	___ T ___
8. Model Crawford	___ I ___	Sweet treat	___ A ___
9. Idea	___ O ___	Country	___ A ___
10. Midday meal	___ N ___	Addams family butler	___ R ___

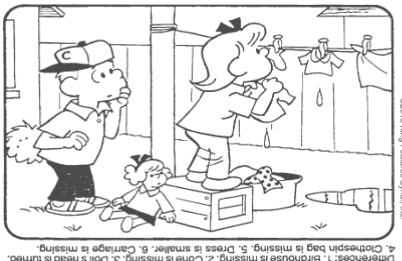
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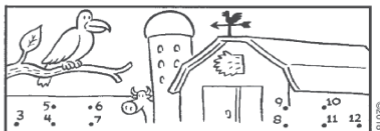
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ON A FARM, what runs all around the yard but never moves? Connect the dots to find out!

Answer: A fence

THIS PUZZLE IS "TWO MUCH"! Using seven 2's, try writing a math expression that is equal to 2!

2 2 2 2 2 2 2

Answer: 2 + 2/2 - 2/2 = 2

THE "OTHER" FAST FOOD! Below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

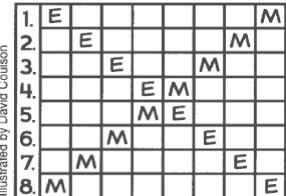
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Answers: 1. Catches things. 2. Part of a clock. 3. To have arrived. 4. Current fashion.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS:

1. A large retail store.
2. A French policeman.
3. Needed for board game.
4. Some houses have one.
5. Records distance traveled.
6. Used by bodybuilders.
7. Kissed for a while.
8. A very small particle.

ANAGRAM:

mime + pour
dean + germ
hens + cans
beam + tens
tome + rode
bulb + meld
shod + come
clue + mole

Answers: 1. Emporium 2. Gardanne 3. Chessman 4. Basement 5. Odometer 6. Dumbbell 7. Smooched 8. Molecule

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He had perfect pitch.



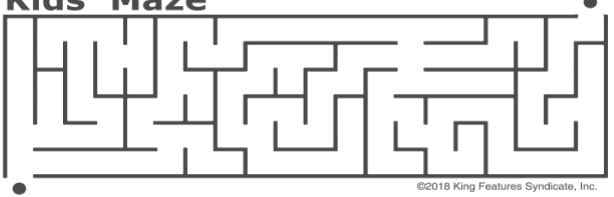
Answer: _____

Even Exchange

Kids' Maze Solution

1. Grace, Grape
2. Heard, Heart
3. Mouse, Morse
4. Cheryl, Cherry
5. Aaron, Apron
6. Prince, France
7. Rovere, Severo
8. Cindy, Candy
9. Notion, Nelson
10. Lunch, Lurch

Kids' Maze



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LIFESTYLE

Mercer Botanic Gardens Summer Program

Mercer Botanic Gardens Student Research and Education Symposium at Big Stone Lodge. Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mercer Botanic Gardens partners with colleges, universities, and high schools to find motivated students who wish to conduct botanic research. Mercer is proud to showcase the work of these student partners. Refreshments are provided. This Mercer Botanic Gardens event will be held at Big Stone Lodge: 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring.

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 predator-prey 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 butterfly-host 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.

Reptiles, carnivorous plants, and hunter education at Jones Park

Tai Chi Wednesdays, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 9 a.m.

Interested in trying a new healthy outdoor activity? Doug Ebeling, volunteer Tai Chi instructor, leads this class based on the 24-step Yang form of Tai Chi. The one-hour class includes low-impact stretching, breathing, and range of motion exercises held in the outdoor classroom near the Nature Center.

Backyard Reptiles Saturday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m.

Have you ever seen a frog, lizard, or snake in your yard or local park and wondered what it was? Harris County is home to

dozens of reptiles and amphibians, but only a few species are commonly seen around yards and parks. Join horticultural coordinator Matthew Abernathy to learn how to identify the most common amphibians and reptiles around your home and their benefits.

Reptile Open House Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 and 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Whether from your backyard or halfway around the world, reptiles and amphibians fascinate people of all ages. Visit some of these amazing creatures from all over the world, speak with local experts, and have the chance to

touch or hold a live snake, frog, turtle, or lizard.

Second Saturday Settlers: Homestead Fun

Saturday, Aug. 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Come out to sample some homemade ice cream, enjoy fresh watermelon, play old-fashioned games, and witness some of the daily activities of early Texas settlers at the Redbud Hill Homestead.

Second Sunday Pickers

Sunday, Aug. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sing or strum along with the Second Sunday Pickers as they bring the

Nature Center to life with acoustic music, including country-and-western, bluegrass, folk, gospel, Cajun, and blues. Visitors of all ages are welcome to listen, sing along, or bring an instrument to join in the fun.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive in Humble. All programs are free of charge and open to the public. Jesse Jones Park Volunteers (JJPV) welcomes applications from interested participants. For more information about the park or any of the activities and programs offered, please call 281-446-8588 or visit www.hcp4.net/community/parks/jones.

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Street Olympics,

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Myles Levine, foreground, and Jason Watson celebrate their semifinal Division V boys game on Thursday, July 19 at Fonde Recreation Center.

ment, which is a signature competition in the Harris County Street Olympics Summer Games.

In the past five weeks of preliminary rounds, more than 500 boys and girls at 45 neighborhood agencies participating in the free Summer Games have competed for the op-

portunity to display their skills and play for trophies in this championship tournament.

The 3-on-3 Basketball Championship Tournament is a showcase event of the annual Harris County Street Olympics Summer Games, which provides boys and girls

with the opportunity to participate in a free competitive athletics program in a safe and nurturing environment. As they practice and compete, they develop confidence and leadership skills that will serve them well both on and off the court.

Suspect shot during standoff at Family Dollar store



A robbery suspect was shot by police officers during a standoff at a Family Dollar in Northeast Houston. According to police, two gunmen entered the store located in the 9600 block of Hirsch Road last Thursday around 9:00 p.m. A Houston Police Officer was patrolling the area when he saw the two men in masks go inside the store with guns. The men tried to rob the store and fired shots with customers inside. The suspects exchange gunfire with the officers outside the store, as a result, one of the suspects got shot in the leg and was transported to the hospital. The second suspect was taken into custody after a standoff. No one of the customers inside the store were injured.

Resignation,

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ment, Phillip Aronoff.

In her letter to Abbott, she said "It has been an unbelievable honor for me and my family to serve the diverse, proud, working class constituents of Senate District 6 who contribute immense-

ly to our state and want nothing more than to provide a good life for their family."

Her term will end Jan. 2, 2019. She asked Abbott to call an election to fill her seat in the next election in November.



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