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Eisehnhower students win bus shelter design contest

EISEHNHOWER STUDENTS WIN BUS SHELTER DESIGN CONTEST WINNING BUS SHELTER CONCEPT TO BE BUILT IN ALDINE ISD SCHOOL

EisenhowerHigh School's design team will see its METRO bus shelter idea move from concept to construction. The team beat out eight other teams in a district-wide bus shelter design contest that enhances the school's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
Program. The competition started with 50 teams from across the district before narrowing to eight finalists. Last month, each team presented a 3-D printed model of their design along with a short presentation explaining their prototype to METRO staff. "All of the teams articu-



Left to Right: Michael Martinez, Roberto Trevino, Todd Lindeman, Eliezer Guillen, Sergio Garcia, Hector Baltazar, Remelia Arpino, METRO CEO Tom Lambert

followed the guidelines we gave them, and it was difficult picking just one winner," said Roberto Treviño, executive vice president of planning, engineering, and construction. "We could tell all the teams worked hard on their project and presentation."

The groups were judged on

lated their concepts very well and their presentation skills, creativity, design concept, budget, 3-D printed model sample, and team work. The winning design was a sleek, curved structure that provided more seating and a solar panel which powered lighting.
METRO's President and CEO

See Shelter Design, Page 8

North Forest area plans **New Management District**

The North Forest and Northeast Houston neighborhoods are about to get their own management district, pending the final vote and signature of the governor.

A group of citizens, headed by State Senator Borris Miles, have been working to get approval of SB390, and the votes in committee in both the Houste and Senate have been unanimous. Without any opposition, the bill is expected to pass before the end of the session in June.

A management district, with power to assess money through taxes and assessments of various sorts, would make a huge difference in the quality of life, and services available in the Northeast Houston area, according to Miles.

See MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, page 2



SB390 Bill promoters include State Representatives Harold Dutton and Senfronia Thompson, Pastor Lightfoot, SB390 bill sponsor Senator Borris Miles, and Charles Noble, president of the Fontaine/Scenic Wood Civic club.

LSC-East Aldine Center Open House reveals Opportunities Coming in August

Houston, TX (May 9, 2019) — The East Aldine community was treated to a festive atmosphere on Saturday, May 4, as Lone Star College-East Aldine Center (LSC-East Aldine Center) welcomed more than 350 visitors to an open house community wareness event at the BakerRipley East Aldine Campus.

"I am proud to be on a team of faculty, staff, volunteers and community partners that are working hard to bring a new educational opportunity to the East Aldine community, said Dr. Luis Lucio, LSC-East Aldine Center dean. "We look forward to welcoming students this August and to help them with

their educational journey."
The opening of LSC-East Aldine Center represents the culmination of work from many people and groups, including partner agencies BakerRipley East Aldine Campus and the East Aldine Management District, and Al-dine Independent School



Lone Star College-EAC information booth.

LSC-East Aldine Center will be housed in a new 80,000 square foot educational center in the East Aldine Town Center. In addition to instruction, onsite services will include registration, college placement testing, free tutoring, academic and career advising, financial aid assistance and a bookstore.

The new center will be a comprehensive educational campus nestled in the heart of the Aldine community that provides a mix of academic college

transfer courses, as well as, workforce training programs in high-demand fields such as healthcare and construction trades. Information on specific programs offered at the center is provided at www.LoneStar.edu/LSC-East-Aldine_Center-Programs.htm.

As part of a partnership with Aldine ISD, the center will house the Rose M. Avalos Pathways in Technology Early College High School. Here, students will be able to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours through a dual credit program at no

cost to students. The LSC-East Aldine Center open house was a festive and family-friendly event. Activities included performances by the Aldi-ne ISD mariachi band and the MacArthur High School Brigade Belles dance team, the LSC-North Harris mascot, LSC-East Aldine Center and financial aid sessions, welding career informa-tion, and a meet-and-greet with professors. Visitors were informed on college class options, including high-tech workforce training, traditional college courses, and continuing

education options. LSC-East Aldine Center construction is proceeding on schedule and is currently accepting registration for fall semester at www.LoneStar.edu/ registration.htm.

For more information. visit www.LoneStar.edu/ east-aldine-center htm or email LSC-EastAldine-Center @lonestar.edu.

Rep. Sylvia Garcia and **House Judiciary Committee** hold Hearing in Houston on the Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. May, 3, 2019 - Rep. Sylvia Garcia and members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing in Houston on the enforcement of the Voting Rights Act in the state of Texas. The subcommittee gath $ered\ testimony\ from\ voting$ rights scholars and practitioners from throughout the state on barriers to exercising the right to vote in

"For all the modern successes within our wonderful Texas heritage, we also know Texas is failing many of our communities by denying them their constitutional right to vote," said Congresswoman Garcia. "Texas continues to show a widespread pattern of discrimination against minorities at the ballot box. The testimony here today has shown that. And this testimony has also



gether, we must work to ensure that this

fact becomes a thing of the

Congresswoman Garcia continued, "Over 60 years ago, President Johnson, a Texan, said upon the signing of the Voting Rights Act: 'This right to vote is the basic right without which all others are meaningless. It gives people, people as individuals, control over their own desti-

"Texas is and has alays been a place for those who seek liberty and to take control over their own destinies. To be true to this liberty that we hold so dear, we cannot tolerate discrimination and suppression, either directly or indirectly, in accessing the ballot box."

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Shelter Design,

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Eisenhower High School students celebrate a victory in the Aldine ISD bus shelter design competition.

Tom Lambert announced the winners of the contest at Aldine's Day of Design this past weekend. Lambert said he was thoroughly impressed with the

students' designs.

"We intend to build the shelter designed by the winning team in the Aldine ISD area and incorpo-

bus shelter concepts presented," said Lambert.
"The best part will be involving the students in the construction process.

Management District,

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The first management allowable of 8.25%. district in Texas was formed over 25 years ago, and many areas have benefited from the legislation. Management districts are meant to provide services beyond what the local government, whether city or county, can provide. These often include economic development, new public facilites, amenities such as water and sewer lines sidewalks, street lighting, parks, and additional police protection.

The public will be asked

to vote on the formation of the MD in the general election next November 5th. Early voting will start October 21. The measure must pass by at least 50% of the eligible voters, to go into effect, since passage includes the possibility of some type of tax. This might be an assessment on real estate, exclusive of residential properties, or a sales tax if that particular area has not used its total

The management district will be run by an appointed board of nine persons, paid a nominal sum, to administer the district. The appointments must be approved by the

county and city. The geographic area to be included in the Northeast Houston Redevelopment District will be east of US59, and north of Liberty Road, including land in both Harris County and the City of Houston. The total area consists of 12,905 acres.

It is expected that the new district will be similar to the East Aldine district, which was formed in 2001 and is responsible for a great number of improvements in quality of life issues in Aldine.

Complete details of the owers and limitations of the new management district are available online, with a Google search of Texas SB390.

Register Today for Aldine ISD's Free Summer STEAM Camp

The camp targets current 2nd-7th-grade scientists, makers, coders, creators,

AISD Summer STEAM Camp – Ignite the Mind Through STEAM

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STEAM education helps students from different erspectives to understand the link between different disciplines to improve their comprehensive use of knowledge to solve practi-

cal problems.
Aldine ISD is offering a

free, four-day Summer STEAM Camp open to current second-, third-, fourth, fifth-, sixth-, and seventhgrade students. Due to space, 300 is the maximum number of students accepted into the camp. Organizers will fill seats on a first to apply, first to serve ba-

Benefits of STEAM Education

Creativity-based, project-based experience deepens learning

• Nurtures children's natural desire to inquire (ask questions), create and innovate

• Emphasis on critical thought, creative problem solving, and interpretive

• Fosters design thinking, tech literacy, flexibility and adaptability as well

as collaboration
• Fosters social and

cross-cultural skills • Inspires all types of

learners and thinkers; in-corporates creative thinking and visual learning

AISD Summer STEAM Camp Information • Dates: July 8-11 (Mon-

day-Thursday) Location: Houston Acad-

emy (8103 Carver Rd. Houston, TX 77088) Meals: Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily to all campers for free. Parents should detail food allergens on the AISD STEAM Summer Camp

Application.
• Camp Day Start Time:

8 a.m.
• Camp Day End Time: 3 p.m.

Camp Shuttle Service

The District will provide shuttle service each day of the camp. Parents using the shuttle service will need to drop off campers at strategic points. These strategic locations are Cvpresswood Elementary, Greenspoint Elementary, Orange Grove Elementary, Goodman Elementary, and Wilson Elementary. Dis-trict buses will pick up and drop off students at these pick-up/drop-off sites.

Apply Online

Go online to apply (click here). The deadline to apply is May 30, 2019. Parents will be notified by June 7 through the Remind Notification System if the child is selected for the STEAM Summer For more information, contact Olivia Boatner at oboatner@aldineisd.org or by phone at (281) 985-

Activities at AISD Summer STEAM Camp

Aldine ISD teachers will lead the lessons and activities during the camp. Students will have fun working and playing during hands-on, student-centered activities.

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Conservation Connections

Wednesdays, May 15, 22, 29, at 8:30 a.m. Join Assistant Director Matt Abernathy Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. to assist with conservation projects around Jones Park. Projects may include pollinator garden maintenance, vegetation management, habitat restoration native plant propagation, biological surveys, and more. Ages 10 and up. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Partici-

closed-toed shoes and

bring their own gloves. Long pants, a water bottle, and a hat are recommend-

Wednesdays, May 15,

22, 29, at 9 a.m. Interested in trying a new healthy outdoor activity? Tai Chi is a centuriesold activity shown to reduce osteoarthritis pain and improve quality of life, reasoning ability, balance. and stability. John Spencer, volunteer Tai Chi instructor, leads this class based on the 24-step Yang form of Tai Chi. The one hour class includes lowimpact stretching, breathing, and range of motion exercises held in the outdoor classroom near the Nature Center.

Tadpoles Club

Wednesdays, May 15, and 22, at 10:30 a.m. or 1

Introduce preschoolaged children to nature through stories, crafts puppets, short walks, and animals with this interactive program led by a staff naturalist. The Tadpoles Club provides a great opportunity for children and parents (or grandparents) to learn about and enjoy

nature together. Reservations are required and available beginning Wednesday, April 3. Ages 3 to 4 only. A parent or guardian must accompany children. No younger or older siblings.

Invasives Beware 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Saturday, May 18, from

Assist Jones Park staff and the Jesse Jones Park Eradicators with the removal of invasive plant species as well as trail clearing and vital habitat restoration within Jones Park. Closed-toed shoes required; gloves and long pants are recommended. Ages 16 and up or children accompanied by an adult.

Fish of Spring Creek Saturday, May 18, at 10

Watch the TPWD electro-shock boat reveal what lives just beneath the surface of Spring Creek. View local freshwater fish up close and learn the unique traits of each species. Ages 8 and up. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, May 8

Jesse Jones Park Volunteers Monthly Meeting Monday, May 20, at 7

The Jesse Jones Park Volunteers (JJPV) invites the public for a special night of presentations from the JJPV board members, who will share their favorite park topics. Featuring a different guest presenter every month. volunteer meetings include information about upcoming volunteer opportunities and projects at Jones Park. Ages 16 and up or children accompanied by an adult.

Endangered Species of

Saturday, May 25, at 10

Learn about the Texas horned lizard (horny toad) and other Texas animals listed as endangered or threatened. Jones Park staff will share success stories about animals brought back from the brink of extinction, thanks to the Federal Endangered Species

National Trails Day: Creek

Saturday, June 1, at 9

Nothing ruins a scenic aterway more than litter! Make a positive impact on the environment and join this team effort to collect litter along Spring Creek.Wear suitable clothing. All ages welcome. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Ages 16 and up only for canoeing clean-up. Reservations required beginning Wednesday, May 22.

Homestead Open House Wednesdays and Satur-

days from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a look around the park's historically accurate 1830s Redbud Hill Homestead and Akokisa-Ishak Village. Learn about two very different, vet successways of life. Self-guided interpretive brochures are available in the Nature Center so visitors can move at their own pace.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive in Humble. 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

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Houston symphony's resilient sounds brings together composer-in-residence Jimmy Lopez and young composers to tell stories from Houston's refugee community

HOUSTON (May 2, 2019) – The Houston Symphony and Composer-in-Residence Jimmy López partner with the Rice Shepherd School, the University of Houston (UH) Moores School of Music, and Interfaith Ministries to celebrate the determination and hope of Houston's refugee communities in a project called Resilient Sounds.

Six young composers from the Rice Shepherd School and the UH Moores School are paired with members of Houston's refugee community, so that each composer can tell his/ her refugee partner's story through the universal language of music. Under the supervision and mentorship of Houston Symp h o n y

Composer-in-Residence López, each young composer is creating a chamber orchestra work that celebrates how Houston derives strength and character from its diverse

community members.
"I feel like this is an opportunity," said López.
"The need of refugees is very high, and some people don't really know about it. We will be retelling these stories through music, which is an international language. I hope great things will come of it."

Each composer also col-laborates with a creative partner_solo voices, writers, poets, dancers, filmmakers_brought on board to help bring these stories to life, resulting in a performance of all six works featuring musicians

of the Houston Symphony at White Oak Music Hall on June 11, 2019, leading up to World Refugee Day.

"When I was first called to be composer-in-residence at the Houston Symphony," explained López, "we tried to figure out how to make an impact beyond just performing my music with the orchestra. One of the things we thought of was cooperating with students. I remember being mentored by composers and how important that was to me, so I think there is a sense of responsibility to also share my knowledge, and that is very exciting. We also had this idea of involving the composers even deeper into the community by connecting them with refugees who are Houstonians as well. They are both part of the fabric of this society, but they haven't had any con tact with each other. We want diversity, but we also want integration. We are trying to create a tighter network within Houston."

"The Resilient Sounds project helps further the Symphony's mission of relevance and accessibility," said Houston Symphony Executive Director/CEO and holder of the Marga-ret Alkek Williams Chair John Mangum. "A big part of what we try to do at the Houston Symphony is be reflective_in what we're doing artistically_of the diversity and energy of Greater Houston. In terms of accessibility, this is an opportunity for us to bring the orchestra to a different part of the community.

The participating composers are:

• Patrick Lenz, whose refugee remains anonymous. His artistic partner is writer Logan Butcher, who is creating narration to be delivered by Muhammad Khaerisman,
• Erin Graham, paired

with refugee partner Salemu, who was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Her artistic partner is creative writer Stallina Villareal, writing text that Graham is setting to music for soprano Julie Moore to

sing,

• Alejandro Basulto, whose refugee partner is a self-identified El Salvadoran asylee named Marjori. His artistic partner is choreographer Bethany Garcia, who is performing her own choreography,
• Victor Rangel, who is

telling the story through music of Syrian refugee Dayana. His artistic part-ner is filmmaker Erica Che-

ung,
• Kyle Rivera, paired with Congolese refugee Shinga. His artistic partner author Brendon Stephens, whose prose will be projected during the per-

formance,

• Erberk Eryilmaz,

inspired by whose piece is inspired by music from Syria. His artistic partner is violinist Evie

For more information about Resilient Sounds, as well as tickets to the perfor-mance at White Oak Music Hall on June 11 at 7:30 pm, go to houstonsymphony.org/ resilientsounds.

Lone Star College given top honors at National Model United Nations conference



Lone Star College students took top honors at the recent National Model United Nations conference including the Outstanding Delegation award.

HOUSTON (May 2, 2019) – Lone Star College students received top honors at the recent Na-tional Model United Nations (NMUN) conference which took place in New

York. The LSC-Montgomery delegation received the Outstanding Delegation award for the fifth year in a row. LSC-CyFair, LSC-North Harris, LSC-Tomball and LSC-University Park were also recognized with a Distinguished Delegation award. LSC-Kingwood was awarded an Honorable Mention Delegation award.

"These students prove once again that Lone Star College stands second to none in academic excellence," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor, "For the Lone Star College delegations to be awarded is truly reflective of the caliber of our stu-dents and the excellent guidance by dedicated faculty advisors.

This year's LSC delegations represented the Czech Republic, Uzbekistan, South Sudan and Comoros. LSC students were also recognized for Outstanding Position Papers and Outstanding Delegates in Committee.

"Use the ideas and solutions you produce when you go back to your universities and communities, said María Fernanda Espi-nosa Garcés, United Nations president 73rd General Assembly, during the opening ceremony. "Give us your ideas on making the UN more effective. Let us know how we can foster a more people-centered multilateralism."

The theme for this year's conference was "Building a Climate for Peace" empowering delegates to think about how to both create and enhance an environment that fosters sustainable

peace.
"Three Lone Star College Honors College stu-dents were selected to give a speech in the UN General Assembly room on the one Sustainable Development Goal that is most important to them personally," said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., LSC associate vice chancellor Honors and International Education. "And former LSC-King-wood student and NMUN delegate Angela Shively was selected to serve as Secretary General of the NMUN Washington, D.C. conference

The 2019 New York conference brings together more than 5,000 delegates from six continents. The conference includes 22 committees as well as an additional Security Council. NMUN offers a unique opportunity for students to better understand the inner workings of the Unit-ed Nations while building skills in diplomacy and compromise.

Other colleges represented at the event included the University of Ottawa, Brigham Young University, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Rutgers University, West Virginia University, Frankfort School of Finance and Management,

and Baylor University. The National Model United Nations advances understanding of the U.N. and contemporary international issues and has positively impacted the lives of thousands of student delegates. The Outstanding Delegation award is based on the delegation's ability to represent the positions of their assigned country, participate actively in committees, and follow the for diplomatic exchange.

TxDOT reenacts crash to urge Texans to buckle up

"Click It or Ticket" campaign targets motorists least likely to wear seat belts and aims to reduce fatalities

HOUSTON - To launch its annual Click It or Ticket campaign and drive home that failure to wear a seat belt cost nearly 1,000 Texans their lives last year, the Texas Department of Transportation is unveiling "Kailee's Crash," a jarring sculpture that captures a car in midair just prior to impact in which a young woman lost

her life. Sixteen-year-old Kailee Mills removed her seat belt for just a moment to take a "selfie" photo with a friend in the back seat. In that moment, the driver lost control of the vehicle and Kailee was thrown to her death. Her friends, who were buckled up, sustained only minor injuries.

David and Wendy Mills,

Kailee's parents, are traveling the state with the reenactment sculpture to urge Texans to buckle up. "We are sharing Kailee's story in hopes that we can convince drivers and passengers of all ages to always wear their seat belts. We don't want any other family to go through the pain and grief of losing a loved one like we have," said David, who lives in Spring, Texas. "Kailee alays wore her seat belt, but she unbuckled it for just a few seconds to take a selfie with friends, and in an instant she was gone."

"We can't emphasize enough that wearing a seat belt is the single most effective way to protect yourself and your loved ones from serious injury or death in a crash," said Tx-DOT Executive Director James Bass. "Many of these deaths and injuries are preventable; it's really a shame that 8.5% of Texans are still not buckling up. It's even more tragic to note that of those with an option to wear a seat belt this group made up 43% of

crash fatalities in 2018."

Last year, 982 people who were not buckled up died in crashes on Texas streets and highways, an increase of 6% from 2017. Seat belts prevent drivers and passengers from being ejected from a vehicle, which is almost always deadly. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of dying in a crash by 45%. That number jumps to 60% for pickup truck crashes. Despite these facts, seat belt use among pickup truck drivers and passengers continues to lag behind that of passenger vehicles. There are also fewer Texans buckling up at night (6 p.m. - 5:59 a.m.), even though that's when nearly 60% of fatal crashes occur.

If safety alone isn't enough of an incentive to always buckle up, TxDOT also announced that law enforcement statewide will increase enforcement of the state's seat belt laws between May 20 and June 2. Texas law requires evervone in a vehicle to be properly buckled up or face fines and fees up to \$200. Children younger than eight must be restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat, unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If they are not properly restrained, the driver faces fines of up to \$250.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Click It or Ticket initiative in Texas is estimated to have saved 5,856 lives, prevent-

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ed more than 100,000 serious injuries and saved more than \$21.7 billion in related economic costs from 2002

campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel. Since November 8, 2000, at least one person has died on Texas roadways every single day. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on our road-

To learn more about Click It or Ticket, visit texasclickitorticket.com

through 2018. The Click It or Ticket remains is a key composition is a key composition of the composition o Freeway gas station

A shooting took place last Saturday at 3:45 am, according to the Harris ounty Sheriff's office.

The shooting was the result of some type of altercation between two men, behind the Chevron gas station in the 14000 block of the Eastex Freeway, near Aldine Bender. According to Sheriff's deputies, surveillance video shows two men punching at each other, at the rear of the gas station.

After the brawl, one man shot the other. The victim stumbled to the front of the Chevron station, according to the video. HCSO investigators said that the victim was alive when transported to cide, 713-274-9100

the hospital, but later prounounced dead there.

The investigation is ongoing, but officials do not have any additional information, and no arrests have been made

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OPINION PAGE

TEXAS SENATE NEWS **By Richard Lee**

Bill would create sentencing flexibility for first-time drunk drivers

(Austin) Prosecutors would have another sentencing option for first time drunk driving offenders under a bill approved by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee Wednesday. The current system, which focuses on punishment over treatment, doesn't serve the cause of public safety well, said the bill's sponsor San Antonio Senator José Menéndez. His bill would allow for deferred adjudication, a type of probation, for a first time DWI offense under some circumstances. Consideration of the bill opened into a broader discussion of how the state treats DWI cases, with members asserting that intervention and treatment had to be critical components of combating drunk driving. "We need to driving. "We need to address the issue of alcohol and substance abuse addiction," said Menéndez. "It can't be just the punitive side, it has to be preventive.

Under the bill, HB 3582 by Representative Andrew Murr, this option would only be available in cases where the first-time offender was driving with a blood alcohol content of less than .15, just under twice the legal limit, and where no property damage or personal injury oc curred. As the bill came out of the House, the offender would be required to install an ignition interlock device on their car, but some members in the Senate expressed concern over this provision. Installation of the device can cost as much as \$150, and along with a \$60 to \$90 monthly monitoring fee, it can be difficult for many to afford. The version presented by Menéndez would permit judicial oversight, allowing a judge to consult with an alcohol and substance abuse evaluation prior to sentencing to determine if the person presents an ongoing threat to public safety. If not, he or she could waive the requirement. The bill also includes financial aid provisions for indigent offenders who are required to install an interlock device. A person could apply to have the record of the offense partially sealed two vears after successful completion of probation. It would still count on their record; should they be convicted of DWI again, it. would be classified as a second offense and entail the commensurate punishment.

Jennifer Tharp, the criminal district attorney for Comal County, testified in support of the bill, saying that many first time offenders don't deserve harsh punishments. "I've had cases come across my desk, it's a young offender, it's a senior citizen with a pristine criminal record...it's a veteran with PTSD that has gone to drinking to try and cope with it and has found themselves with that first time DWI offense," she said. Those individuals, for first-time DWI offenses, with no property damage, no personal injury, we need to look at giving them a second chance, and that's what deferred [adjudication] does." She highlighted the provisions regarding the substance abuse evaluation component, not just to determine if an interlock device is needed, but also what, if any, substance abuse treatment the person needs. Tharp brought a letter signed by 50 more elected prosecutors in support of the

Committee chair and Houston Senator John Whitmire said he has long been frustrated with how the state deals with drunk driving offenders. Today, he said, there are five thousand people incarcerated in Texas for multiple DWIs, and they aren't getting the help they need in jail. "If anyone thinks we're being soft on DWIs, there's five thousand lives that are ruined, away from their family, [and] we're spending millions of dollars," he said. They go in and out of [Texas Department of Criminal Justicel for five years and get no treatment from the state of Texas prison system. And most unfortunately, will reoffend." Lawmakers need to take a hard look at the way the state handles DWI offenders, said Whitmire. "We could spend the whole session trying to make a better. workable, enforceable, tough, and smart policy on DWIs," he said. "This is not the final chapter in this war against DWIs, but it's going to have to be a combination of punishment, enforcement and treatment and early intervention." The bill was approved by the committee and will now head to the floor for consideration by the full Senate.



Property tax reform bill goes to conference committee

AUSTIN — The Texas House of Representatives on May 1 passed Senate Bill 2, legislation proposing to bring property tax relief to homeowners, but the lower house slowed the bill's momentum by tacking on 25 floor amendments.

If finally passed in the coming days, the legisla-tion would lower the rollback rate for most local taxing authorities from 8 percent to 3.5 percent and percent for school districts. The bill also allows local option elections on proposals to exceed roll-

back rates. SB 2, like House Bill 1, the state budget bill, is now in the hands of a conference committee of five House members and five Senate members tasked with producing a final, agreed-to version. Meanwhile, all eyes are on the calendar and the clock as constitutional deadlines set in and the May 27 end

of the session grows near. Gov. Greg Abbott lauded the progress made on the property tax reform bill. "For too long, Texans have watched their property taxes skyrocket while being reduced to tenants of their own property. That is not the Texas way," Abbott

"In the final days of the legislative session, I am confident this historic legislation, combined with additional reforms working their way through the system, will reach my desk where I will sign them into law. I look forward to working with Lt. Gov. Patrick, Speaker Bonnen and the entire Legislature tax relief to every Texan.

Parties settle voting suit

Parties in the lawsuit LULAC v. Texas Secretary of State David Whitley and consolidated cases agreed to a settlement over Whit-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



ley's Jan. 25 letter to county voter registrars.

In an announcement released April 26, Whitley wrote, "Today's agreement accomplishes our office's goal of maintaining an accurate list of qualified registered voters while eliminating the impact of any list maintenance activity on naturalized U.S. citizens. I will continue to work with all stakeholders in the election community to ensure this process is conducted in a manner that holds my office accountable and protects the voting rights of eligible

Texans. In his role as the state's chief elections officer, Whitley wrote the letter directing registrars to identify and remove from voter rolls non-U.S. citizens registered to vote in Texas. That letter sparked the lawsuit.

Plaintiffs miss their claims and the Secretary of State's office agreed to issue a new advisory notifying Texas cess for identifying and removing non-U.S. citizens from the state's voter rolls.

The Secretary of State's

process, will send to county voter registrars only the matching records of individuals who registered to vote before identifying themselves as non-U.S. citizens to the Texas Department of Public Safety when applying for a driver license or personal identification card.

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House OKs

marijuana bill HB 63, legislation lessening penalties for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana, won House approval on April 30, on a vote of 103-42.

If passed, the penalty for minor possession of marijuana would be a misdemeanor citation, like a traffic ticket. Authored by House Speaker Pro-tempore Joe Moody, D-El Paso, the bill drew support from both political parties.

Before a final vote was called in the House, Moody said in the course of a longer statement, "Members 22 states and the District of Columbia have passed bills like this and the sky hasn't fallen there. Whatever you think about Colorado-style legalization, this isn't it."

HB 63 was received in the Senate for consideration on April 30, but Lt. Gov. Patrick, who presides over the upper chamber, indicated in a social media post that he would not allow the bill to progress any further.

Revenue total increases

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on May 2 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.8 billion in April, an amount 3 percent more than the amount reported in April 2018.

"State sales tax revenue continued to grow, but at a modest pace compared to recent months," Hegar said in an agency news release. "Increased sales tax collections were mostly from the construction and services sectors while collections from retail trade saw a moderate decline," he added.

Furthermore, Hegar said, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in April 2019 was $up\ 6.2\ percent\ compared\ to$ the same period a year ago.

Social **Security** Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Russell Gloo Association of Mature Citizens



Ask Rusty – Is Social Security based on Last 3 vears of Work?

Dear Rusty: I have heard many times that what is earned the last 3 years you work before drawing Social Security benefits determines what your benefit dollar amount will be. Is this true? If not, what determines your benefit dollar amount and how is it calculated? Signed: Working Still

Dear Working: Funny how true the adage - if you say something often enough, people will believe it is true. But . I'm afraid that what you've heard so many times about how your Social Security incorrect. While it's true that the last 3 years you work may affect your Social Security benefit amount when you claim, those years alone are not what determine your benefit dollar amount. Rather, your benefit is determined using a formula, which includes the highest earning 35 years of your lifetime working career Each year in your lifetime earnings record will be adjusted for inflation, the highest earning 35 years will be lected and your "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME) will be computed from those years. And to clarify another often-misunderstood point, you only get credit for earnings on which you paid FICA taxes, so earnings up to the annual payroll tax cap are the only earnings counted

For most people, the latter years of their working career are the highest earning, so it's quite likely that your last few years of earnings will be included in the 35, which are used to determine your benefit. Once your AIME is computed from your lifetime earnings record, it is subjected to a standard formula to arrive at your Primary Insurance Amount (PIA), which is the benefit you are entitled to at your full retirement age. If you claim benefits before your full retirement age (FRA) that benefit will be reduced, by up to 30% depending upon how many months before your FRA that you claim. And if you wish to increase your benefit you can wait beyond your FRA to claim and earn delayed retirement credits of 8% per year, up to age 70. Claiming at age 70 could get you a benefit as much as 32% more than it would be at your full retirement age (depending upon the number of months after your FRA that you claim benefits).

many myths floating around about how your Social Security benefit is determined, and what you've previously heard is but one variation of those myths. But reality is as described above - the highest earning 35 years of your lifetime earnings record are used to determine your average monthly career earnings (adjusted for inflation), and that 35-year lifetime average becomes the basis for your Social Security benefit. Anything else you hear to the contrary is simply

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EAST ALDINE

ENTERTAINMENT

La Casa Abierta del LSC-East Aldine Center revela oportunidades en agosto

Houston, TX (9 de mayo de 2019) - La comunidad de East Aldine disfrutó de un ambiente festivo el sábado 4 de mayo, cuando el Lone Star College-East Aldine Center (LSC-East Aldine Center) recibió a más de 350 visitantes en una casa abierta Evento de sensibilización comunitaria en el campus de BakerRipley East Aldine.

"Me enorgullece estar en un equipo de profesores, personal, voluntarios y socios comunitarios que estrabajando arduamente para brindar una nueva oportunidad educativa a la comunidad de East Aldine", dijo el Dr. Luis Lucio, decano del LSC-East Aldine Center. "Esperamos dar la bienvenida a los estudiantes en agosto y ayudarlos con su viaje educativo".

La apertura de LSC-East Aldine Center representa la culminación del trabajo de muchas personas y grupos, incluidas las agencias asociadas Baker-Ripley East Aldine Camy East Aldine Management District, y Aldine Independent School

LSC-East Aldine Center se ubicará en un nuevo centro educativo de 80,000 pies cuadrados en East Aldine Town Center, Además de la instrucción, los ser-



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East Aldine Center fue un

evento festivo y familiar.

Las actividades incluyeron

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vicios en el lugar incluirán inscripción, exámenes de colocación en la universidad, tutoría gratuita, asesoramiento académico v profesional, asistencia financiera y una librería.

El nuevo centro será un campus educativo integral ubicado en el corazón de la comunidad de Aldine que ofrece una combinación de cursos académicos de transferencia universitaria, así como también programas de capacitación de la fuerza laboral en campos de alta demanda, como el cuidado de la salud y la construcción. La información sobre programas específicos ofrecidos en el centro se proporciona en www.LoneStar.edu/LSC-East-Aldine_Center-Programs.htm.

Como parte de una sociedad con Aldine ISD, el centro albergará la Escue-

madres y otras no desean ser madres. Al mismo tiempo, hay mujeres en nuestra comunidad que han perdido a sus hijos, ya sea a la muerte, a la prisión, a las calles o simplemente los han hecho desaparecer en el aire. Sin embargo, cada uno de nosotros tiene muchas mujeres en nuestra vida que han intervenido para

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No todos crecieron

con la madre perfecta,

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algunas mujeres no

nas que somos hoy. Hay miembros de la familia extendida que se han mantenido en la brecha, así como madrastrajas y madres adoptivas. Hay mujeres mayores en la iglesia, en las escuelas y en la comunidad que nos han cuidado, han orado y nos han apoyado. Soy un verdadero creyente de que se necesita una aldea no solo para criar a un niño, sino para sobrevivir.

Miro a mi alrededor veo a mujeres como Shelley Williams, esposa de Curt Williams, que es la fundadora v directora

ejecutiva de Youth Reach Houston, No solo ha amado a miles de niños pequeños que han sido parte del éxito de Youth Reach, sino que, como doula, ha ayudado a que más de 100 bebés lleguen sanos v salvos. Además, ella y Curt tienen siete hijos propios, así como miles más, cuyas vidas se han mejorado al conocerla. He sido más que

Gracias a una madre hoy

afortunado de que mis hijos biológicos me presenten a mujeres jóvenes que han sufrido la muerte de sus madres, como Ryann y Sarah. Tengo una sobrina v después de que su madre falleció en 2009, me mudé a un papel más solidario que nunca. Para muchos de los jóvenes adultos sin hogar que he conocido, me siento honrado cuando me llaman mamá. Durante los más de 20 años de trabajo en el colegio comunitario, tuve la bendición de ser llamada mamá por estudiantes, atletas v colegas internacionales. Incluso he agradec ido por ser un ejemplo para muchas de las

madres solteras que estaban listas para tirar la toalla y gritar. Mientras trabajaba para los Rockets, "adopté" a muchos bebés de poseedores de boletos de temporada, así como a atletas que solo necesitaban un abrazo. Cuando contesto mi teléfono y escucho las obras "Hola mamá", no puedo evitar sentir el amor. Mientras camino por el pasillo de mi oficina y escucho al juez Stephens gritar "Hola mamá Charlotte, ¿cómo estás?" Tengo que sonreír.

Incluso cuando las madres no están cara a cara con sus hijos. todavía hay un amor que no se puede negar. Como mi madre ha envejecido y ya no puede ir tanto como le gustaría, me parece que le interesa más las cosas en las que participo y lo que me hace más feliz es cuando alguien la conoce por primera vez, aprende acerca de su corazón comunitario y le dice: "Sin duda, Sra. Oldham, puedo decir de dónde obtiene su hija su pasión por los demás".

Feliz día de la madre mama. te quiero.































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LIFESTYLE

Children's summer camp, tropical symposium, and more summer activities

Lunch Bunch: Behind the Scenes at Mercer Botanic Gardens. Wednesday, June 12, from noon to 2 p.m. Learn about the collections housed at the Mercer Botanical Center and exciting facts about plants and their habitats. Presented by Mercer Botanical Collections Curator Suzzanne Chapman and botanist Anita Tiller. Participants should bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Lunch Bunch is a free program offered at Mercer's East Side Gardens and is recommended for participants ages 12 and older.

Garden Explorers: Butterflies and Bees. Tuesday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon, Explore the gardens and observe the pollinators that flap, fly, and flitter among the flowers during this lively. three-day summer camp With guidance from Mercer Botanic Gardens Education Director Jennifer Garrison, children will scout for butterflies

attracted to, explore the importance of honeybees, participate in nature-themed games and activities, and much more. This camp is designed for children ages 6 to 8. A suggest-ed donation of \$30 is requested to cover the cost of materials. Space is limited, and registration is required.

Garden Explorers: World Travelers. Tuesday, June 11 through Thursday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. Become an international plant hunter during this three-day summer camp adventure! Explore plants native to locations such as Australia Africa, Pacific Islands, and North America — specifically Texas. Fach day will include plantthemed activities, crafts, and games led by Mercer Botanic Gardens Education Director Jennifer Garrison This camp is designed for children ages 9 to A suggested donation of \$30 is requested to cover the cost of materials. Space is limited, and

Garden Explorers: A-B-Seeds. Tuesday, June 18 through Thursday, June 20, from 9 a m to noon Discover the life cycle of nature through seeds during this fun-filled, three-day summer camp. With guidance from Mercer Botanic Gardens Education Director Jennifer Garrison, children will explore common edible and non-edible seeds, experience how seeds are dispersed in the environment, create seed-themed crafts and more. This camp is designed for children ages 6 to 8. A donation of \$30 is requested to cover the cost of materials Space is limited, and registration is required.

Garden Explorers: Birds of a Feather. Tuesday, June 25 through Thursday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. Join summer camp for three days of feathered-friend fun! With guidance from Mercer Botanic Gardens Education Director Jennifer Garrison, children will discover what makes birds

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Ongoing Events North Side Greenhouse Team. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Join a plant committee and grow plants year-round for events and sales or help with various projects from construction to irrigation!

Gardening. Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Find out what's blooming and learn about plant grooming, pruning, and weeding in the Pollinator and Conservation Gardens. Wear closed-toe shoes, gloves, and hat, and bring sunscreen and water.

Gardening. Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Take part in plant

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Cooking Thyme. Select Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Explore fresh food with all five senses during the Cooking Thyme program at Mercer Botanic Gardens. Children will learn the connections between cooking and the plants that grow in the garden and on the farm. This free, hands-on opportunity allows children to prepare and taste foods and equips them with knowledge to make healthy food choices. Cooking Thyme for children in kindergarten through second grade is scheduled May 1. Cooking Thyme for children in third grade through fifth grade is scheduled May 15. Registration is required, and space is limited.

Lunch Bunch. Second Wednesday of the month from noon to 2 p.m. Join fabulous speakers at these free presentations covering diverse topics

Participants should bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Lunch Bunch is a free program offered at Mercer's East Side Gardens and is recommended for

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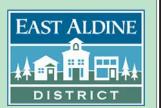
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by Wilson Casey-1. Is the book of Esarhaddon in the Old or New Testament or neither? 2. In Esther 2, what was Hegai "the keeper of" regarding King Ahasuerus? Holy Grail, Weapons, The women, Grain of the fields 3. What New Testament person was the "voice of one crying in the wilderness"? Judas, Jude, Jehovah, John

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy

and beloved, put on tender mercies,

another, and forgiving one another,

if anyone has a complaint against

another; even as Christ forgave

you, so you also must do.

COLOSSIANS 3:12, 13 🔑

kindness, humility, meekness,

longsuffering; bearing with one

the Baptist

4. From Proverbs 22, what is bound up in the heart of a child? Foolishness, Mischief, Love. Rebellion were small copper coins called? Pennies, Shekels, Mites, Paschals 6. From Judges 10, who had 30 sons that rode 30 donkeys? Elijah, Jair, Ezekiel,

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) The women; 3) John the Baptist; 4) Foolishness; 5) Mites; 6) JairComments?

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Senior Walk 2019 at Hambrick Middle School

On May 8, 2019 students from MacArthur High School visited the students at Ham-brick Middle School. This was no ordinary visit. The graduating senior class of MacArthur High School came to walk the halls of their former middle school one last time. Dr. Rebecca Sanford and the rest of the staff at Hambrick made sure to make this visit a memorable one. Banners were created and decorated the walls and lockers throughout the school. Pompoms were in full swing as the students lined the hallways outside of their classrooms and cheered on the seniors as they made their way through all of the hallways of the 'Brick.' The visit sparked many memories from both the seniors and their former teachers. Hugs were shared, pictures were taken, and the seniors even took some time to talk with some 8th grade students before they returned to Big Mac. Several of the graduating seniors shared their experience and encouraging advice for the 8th graders as they will soon begin their high school journey.



Some MacArthur High School graduating seniors visited Hambrick Middle School one last time during their Senior Walk on May 8.

Thank a Mother Today

Not everyone grew up with the perfect mom, some women cannot become moms and still others have no desire to be a mom. At the same time there are women in our community who have lost their children either to death, to prison, to the streets or have had them just vanish into thin air. Yet each one of us has multiple women in our lives who have stepped in to help us become the people we are today.

There are extended family members who have stood in the gap as well as stepmothers and adopted moms. There are older women in church, in the schools and in the community who have looked after, prayed for and supported each of us. I am a true believe that it takes a village to not only raise a child, but to survive.

I look around and I see women such as Shelley Williams, wife of Curt Williams who is the Founder and Executive Director of Youth Reach Houston. Not only has she loved on thousands of young boys who have been part of the success of Youth Reach, but as a doula, has helped over 100 babies arrive safely.



In addition she and Curt have seven children of their own as well as thousands more whose lives have been made better by knowing her.

I have been more than

blessed to have my biological children introduce me to young women who have endured the death of their moms, such as Ryann and Sarah. I have one niece and after her mom passed away in 2009. I have moved into a more supportive role than ever. For many of the young homeless adults I have met, I am honored when they call me Mom. Over the 20+ years of working at the community college, I was blessed to be called Mom by international students. athletes, and colleagues I have even thanked for being an example to many of the single moms who were ready to throw in the towel and scream. While working for the Rockets, I "adopted"

many babies of season ticket holders as well as athletes who just needed a hug. When I answer my phone and hear the works "Hi Mom", I cannot help but feel the love. As I walk down the hallway from my office and I hear Judge Stephens calling out "Hey Momma Charlotte, how are you?" I have to smile.

Even when mothers do not see eye to eye with their children, there is still a love that cannot be denied. As my mother has aged and can no longer go as much as she would like to, I find her taking more of an interest in the things I am involved in and what makes me the happiest is when someone meets her for the first time, learns about her giving community-mind heart, and says 'No doubt Ms Oldham, I can tell where your daughter gets her passion for others from."

Happy Mother's Day Mom. I love you.

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