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Representative Walle and Mayor Turner at MacArthur...



Mayor Turner's "State of the City" talk is reported on page 8.

Aldine Westfield Storm water Detention Basin Meeting

Harris County Flood Control District will hold a community engagement meeting.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: to inform residents about the status of Aldine-Westfield Storm Water Basin project and share project information. TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019, 6 PM. - 8 PM., Aldine ISD M.O. Campbell Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd., 77032.

PURPOSE OF DETENTION BASIN: to reduce flood risks in the Greens Bayou watershed by safely storing excess stormwater during heavy rain events and slowly releasing it back to the bayou when the threat of flooding has passed. The Aldine Westfield Stormwater Detention Basin is located on a 113-acre site on Greens Bayou near Sam Houston Tollway and Aldine Westfield Rd. This project will be funded with bonds approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018.

\$500 million in improvements and investments in North Houston District

Business improvement district boosts appeal of North Houston

By Kent Bernhard - Contributor

On May 21, area business leaders and community partners gathered at

the new HPD North Belt Division to announce the various improvements coming to the North Houston District.

Excellent access to transportation, major development projects and less crime have all combined to make the North

Houston District one of the hottest areas in the city.

"Over the last three years, there's a really positive vibe in the area," Greg Simpson, president of the North Houston Management District, says. "We're very proud."

The 12-square-mile

area bordered by the Hardy Toll Road to the east, Airtex Boulevard/Drive to the north, Veterans Memorial to the west and West Road to the south is in the midst of a major real estate development boom. Its crime rate has fallen thanks to multi-pronged

community efforts. And major recreation, beautification and rebranding efforts are under way.

One result of those efforts is the development

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Former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton visits Houston



Photo by Allan Jamail

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Hillary Clinton, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia and Congressman Al Green gives their farewell wave to the attendees at the Democratic Party fund raiser.



Photo by Allan Jamail

Former Secretary of State and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton warning Democrats about how the Russian government plans to interfere in the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election as they did in her 2016 election.

Aldine Pre-K Festival set for June 8

Aldine ISD is collaborating with Good Reason Houston to promote an opportunity for families to enroll their eligible 4-year-olds into prekindergarten. The Aldine PreK Festival on June 8 will give families an opportunity to learn about the prekindergarten programs across the district. Families will be able to talk directly with program leaders and administration.

Additionally, families will be able to visit with various partners across the city of Houston. They can also take advantage of free immunizations and health screenings for children.

Aldine PreK Festival Information

- When: Saturday, June 8
- Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Where: Blanson CTE High School (311 West Road • Houston, TX 77038)
- Free lunch and carnival snacks will be provided.

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By Allan Jamail

Houston, Texas - Friday, May 24, 2019 at the George R. Brown Convention Center a sellout crowd of 2,400 Democratic Party members assembled for their annual Johnson-Rayburn-

Richards (JRR) fund raiser to hear Hillary Clinton, their 2016 former presidential candidate.

The JRR is named for former President Lyndon Johnson, former U.S. House Speaker Sam Rayburn, and Gov. Ann Richards.

Hillary remains very popular in the Houston area; in 2016 she won with 54 percent of the votes, she carried Harris County with 162,000 more votes than Donald Trump and got more votes than President Barack Obama had won four years earlier in

2012.

The former U.S. Senator, Secretary of State, First Lady and recent presidential candidate criticized President Donald Trump and called the upcoming 2020 presidential election one of the most critical in the nation's history.

Clinton said, "We can't just cross our fingers and pray and hope for a perfect candidate to come along. We have to organize and work hard getting out the

See Hillary, Page 8

Mayor, superintendent, state representative all attend MacArthur Senior Breakfast

State Representative Armando Walle is visiting all the schools in Aldine ISD and his District 140, now that the legislative session is over.

He was present at the MacArthur Senior Breakfast, along with Superintendent Goffney and Mayor Turner. He said he was encouraging students to go after their dreams.

"Thanks to our Mayor Sylvester Turner for coming by MacArthur Senior High School's Senior Breakfast. Appreciate him for being in Aldine and spending time with our kids," Walle said.



State Representative Armando Walle and AISD Superintendent LaTonya Goffney pose with some of the students at MacArthur Senior Breakfast.



State Representative Armando Walle talks with Superintendent Goffney and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner about the education budget.

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Student success celebrated at Lone Star College

HOUSTON (May 29, 2019) – Lone Star College awarded 8,255 associate degrees and certificates to eligible students who took part in commencement ceremonies representing a 4 percent increase from 2018.
“Graduation ceremonies not only celebrate the success of our students, but the successes of our faculty and staff members whose tireless efforts make this possible,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. “My congratulations to everyone for achieving such significant educational goals.”
The ceremonies for five of the six Lone Star Colleges took place May 9 – 11. The LSC-Tomball graduation was rescheduled to May 25 due to the severe weather which impacted the greater Houston area earlier this month.
Lone Star College ranks fifth nationally in conferring associate degrees among all community colleges, according to data from the National Center for Educational Statistics. The ranking is from the 2015-16 academic year, the latest complete data available. There are approximately 1,100 community colleges nationwide.
In addition, the Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine named LSC a Top 25 College for Hispanics for the second year in a row. LSC was ranked first in the nation for the number of Hispanic students enrolled and second for the number of associate degrees awarded.



Lone Star College bestowed 8,255 associate degrees and certificates to eligible students during its spring 2019 graduation ceremonies. Pictured is a group of LSC graduates.

- In all, Hispanics represented 40 percent of Lone Star College students who earned a degree or certification at this year's ceremonies, the largest of any demographic.
- LSC commencement speakers included:
-LSC-CyFair Scott McClelland (President, H-E-B)
Noah Read (LSC-CyFair Class of 2019)
-LSC-Kingwood Gail Appling (LSC-Kingwood Class of 2019)
-LSC-Montgomery Johnny Carrabba (Owner, Carrabba's restaurant)
Nikki Lounder (LSC-Montgomery Class of 2019)
-LSC-North Harris Sylvester Turner (City of Houston mayor)
Alton Smith, Ed.D. (LSC Board of Trustees Chair)

- LSC-Tomball (May 25) Dr. Lee Ann Nutt (LSC-Tomball president)
Kimberly Wilson (LSC-Tomball class of 2019)
-LSC-University Park Juan Sánchez Muñoz (University of Houston-Downtown president)
Dr. Head along with LSC Board of Trustee members Ken E. Lloyd; Linda Good, J.D.; Art Murillo; Ernestine M. Pierce; Myriam Saldívar; Alton Smith, Ed.D.; Michael Stoma; Mike Sullivan; and David Vogt also participated in various roles at this year's ceremonies.
Fall registration is currently underway. Learn more by visiting LoneStar.edu/Start.
“I encourage all our students to continue to pursue their dreams as they begin a new chapter in their lives,” said Head.

Aldine ISD School Libraries stay open during Summer Camps



Student in library.

Avoid the Summer Slide: Students can check out books in June at libraries at summer camp locations.
Reading during the summer is a great way to foster a love of reading and to help students maintain the skills they learned during the school year. To give students convenient access to books, Aldine ISD school libraries will stay open in June at summer camp locations.
Checking out books is not limited to summer camp attendees. Anyone with an Aldine ISD student ID can check out books.
Students may return books in August if they want to keep them to read in July.
Libraries Staying Open at Summer Camp Locations & Schedules
Prekindergarten Campuses, June 3-14
•Garcia-Leza EC/PK/K
•Griggs EC/PK/K
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- Elementary & Middle School Campuses, June 10-27
•Anderson ES
•Black ES
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•Carmichael ES
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•Escamilla ES
•Greenspoint ES
•Jones ES
•Oleson ES
•Parker ES
•Raymond ES
•Stehlik ES
•Drew Academy
•Garcia MS
•Grantham Academy
•Jones MS
•Lewis MS
•Mead MS
•Shotwell MS

Ninth & High School Campuses, June 4-28
•Davis Ninth
•Eisenhower Ninth
•Carver HS
•Davis HS
•Eisenhower HS
•MacArthur HS
•Nimitz HS
Why is Summer Reading Important?
“When students don't read during the summer, they experience learning loss. Experts call this summer learning loss the “summer slide.” Students who experience the loss are more likely to struggle when they return to school in the fall.
“Research shows that low-income families suffer a greater loss if children are not reading over the summer months,” said Cindy Buchanan, program director for library services. “Not only do they fall far behind their peers, but they also experience cumulative effects.”
Let's take a child in elementary school that doesn't spend every summer reading. By the time this child reaches middle school, he or she may have lost as much two years worth of achievement. Studies also show a clear difference between rich and poor students. There was a seven-month difference in scores at the beginning of second grade. But the learning loss mounted during four summers. It led to an achievement difference of 80 percent between rich and poor students by the end of sixth grade.
Summer is a great time to help children fall in love with reading. Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills. They also do better in school.
For more information, visit AldineISD.org/LibraryServices.

DPS urges Texans to prepare their families, properties as hurricane season begins

AUSTIN – With Saturday marking the start of the 2019 hurricane season, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging all Texans to take steps now to protect themselves and their families from potential hurricanes and tropical storms. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30.
“As hurricane season approaches, emergency management professionals across the state are prepared to assist in the event of severe weather,” said Governor Greg Abbott. “Our first responders and emergency management teams in Texas are second to none, as is the resolve of our local and state leaders to protect our communities from harm. I urge Texans to heed all warnings from

local and state officials, and to ensure they have a plan in place to protect their loved ones and their property in the event of a hurricane.”
All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes and tropical storms. It is possible for a storm to severely impact our state, even prior to or without making direct landfall in Texas. Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines, and winds can vary from 74 to 157 miles per hour (or higher). In addition, hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes, create dangerous coastal water conditions, including storm surges, and cause extensive flooding damage. Additionally, the rain-

fall associated with a tropical system can have an extremely wide reach, so monitoring changing weather conditions during hurricane season is critically important for all Texans.
“Texans know firsthand that the damage from a hurricane can be both catastrophic and long-lasting,” said DPS Director Steve McCraw. “There are a few steps everyone can take now that can make all the difference — like assembling an emergency disaster kit and reviewing hurricane evacuation maps and routes. By helping your family plan ahead, you will be ready to respond quickly should a storm head your way.”

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Opportunities
•Parents will be able to register their eligible children on-site for PreK. To enroll on site, bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of address (e.g. utility bill with address).
•Texas Children's Hospital mobile clinic will provide free vaccinations to children 0-18 who do not have insurance, are underinsured or have Medicaid. (Please bring vaccination records.)
•Hearing screening
•Language testing
Counselors will answer parents' questions about meeting children's educational needs.

Activities
Families and children will have the chance to come eye to eye with fascinating ambassador animals and engage with Houston Zoo Educators.
•Children's Museum of Houston will provide family fun and children's activities.
•The YMCA of Greater Houston will have some activities in the gym as well as share information about their programs and initiatives to promote healthy families and communities.

•The Barbara Bush Foundation Houston Literacy Foundation will give away books to develop young readers' reading skills. The Foundation's goal is to expose children to books early in life to create a pathway to success in life.
•Harris County Public Library
•Houston Public Library
As well as activities and games for the whole family!
For information about Aldine ISD's prekindergarten program, eligibility requirements or to enroll online, visit AldineISD.org/PreK. To view the websites of each school offering the PreK program, visit AldineISD.org/EC/PK/KSchools. Call the campus your child is zoned to if you have more questions about the PreK program or would like to visit the school for a tour.
Parents who are unsure which campus their child is zoned to can find out by using the School Locator tool (click here).
Join us at the Aldine PreK Festival on June 8! Help create a better future for our children, families, and communities!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

86th LEGISLATURE REPORT:

Other key bills passed by both chambers this session

HB 1 - (Nelson) - The state budget. The final version appropriates 164.2 billion in state money to pay for services through 2021, including the tax and education reforms passed in SB 2 and HB 3. Other highlights include: funding to increase capacity at state drivers' license offices, funding to dispose of the backlog on sexual assault kit testing, \$7.8 billion in mental health program spending across 23 state agencies, and \$347 million for women's health programs.

SB 500 - (Nelson) - The supplemental budget, truing up accounts between what was appropriated in 2017 and actual costs. Includes \$3.5 billion in rainy day funds to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery as well as \$800 million to offset lost property values for school districts in the disaster area.

SBs 6, 7, & 8 - (Kolkhorst/Creighton/Perry) - Comprehensive Harvey relief and recovery package. Leverages expertise at state institutions to improve disaster response and train local officials (SB 6). Creates a funding structure to pay for flood mitigation and prevention projects, pull down federal matching funds, and cover other costs associated with hurricane relief. (SB 7). Creates a statewide flood planning system that coor-

dinates regional plans for the first time (SB 8).

SB 11 - (Taylor) - School safety plan developed in the wake of the 2018 Santa Fe High School shooting. Requires districts to develop safety plans for each campus, implements facility hardening standards and requires safety committees for individual campuses. The Texas School Safety Center in San Marcos will evaluate plans and offer logistical support to districts. SB 10 (Nelson), which creates the Texas Mental Health Consortium, was amended onto this bill in the House. That measure allows mental health professionals at state medical schools to consult with pediatricians and other providers on mental health issues affecting children. Also includes suicide awareness and prevention programs for students and training for teachers from SB 1390 (Menéndez).

SB 12 - (Huffman) - Provides long-term fiscal stability for the state teachers' retirement system through gradual increases in contributions from active employees, school districts and the state over the next 6 years. Also provides for a 13th bonus annuity check up to \$2,000 for beneficiaries this fall.

HB 2048 - (Huffman) - Repeals the state drivers

responsibility program, a system that adds additional penalties to drivers who exceed a certain number of traffic violations in a year.

SB 1264 - (Hancock) - Consumer protections against surprise medical billing for state-regulated health insurance plans. Effectively prevents the practice in cases where a person has no say in who is treating them, such as in an emergency room. Patients would still be responsible for deductibles, co-pays, and other expected costs at in-network facilities, but no more.

SB 21 - (Huffman) - raises the age required to purchase tobacco or other nicotine products like vaporizers from 18 to 21

HB 1631 - (Hall) - bans the use of red light cameras in Texas

HB 3906 - (Taylor) - State STAAR accountability test reforms that move the test to a shorter, online version over the use five years, intended to reduce test taking time, stress and instructional time lost to testing.

Per Texas Legislature Online, 7324 bills were filed in the House and Senate, and 1419 passed both chambers. The governor has up to 20 days to veto any bills of which he disapproves. Otherwise, any unsigned bills can become law absent his signature.

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan partners with North Houston District to protect neighborhoods

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan has added the North Houston District to his Community Protection program.

The North Houston District will join five other management districts in the program that provides additional resources from the County Attorney's Office to focus on properties within the districts where habitual criminal activity occurs.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with the North Houston District in innovative ways to help protect neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all Harris County residents," County Attorney Ryan said.

County Attorney Ryan's Community Protection program was started in July 2011 in the Spring Branch, Southwest and Brays Oaks Management Districts. It has since been expanded to include East Aldine and International Management Districts.

The partnership was formally announced during a media tour hosted by the North Houston District on Tuesday, May 21. Celena Vinson, Managing Attorney for the Litigation Practice Group, was on hand to represent the County Attorney's Office in the announcement.

The North Houston District is a special purpose district created by the Texas Legislature that uses public and private partnerships to provide enhanced services in public safety, planning and develop-



Managing Attorney Celena Vinson with Houston Police Department Sgts. Jennifer Kennedy, left, and Susana Santos Salazar, right, at the North Houston District Press Conference, May 21.

ment, beautification and maintenance of public rights of way, and development of parks and trails. The District covers a 12-square-mile area in North Houston bordered by the Hardy Toll Road to the east, Airtex Boulevard/Drive to the north, Veterans Memorial to the west and West Road to the south.

Under the program, the district and the County Attorney's Office work with owners of property where crime is routinely occurring to help the owners voluntarily take steps to reduce crime. When the owners fail to take reasonable steps, the County Attorney can file civil lawsuits to seek a court order to require the own-

ers to take measures to reduce crime. Some of the court-ordered measures the County Attorney has obtained include adding security guards, surveillance cameras, and lighting. Sometimes a judge will order businesses to fix fences, make other repairs or conduct criminal background checks on tenants.

In the past year, the County Attorney's Community Protection program has forced places known for illegal activity to close down, including a crime-ridden Spring Branch apartment complex, an illegal game room where a guard had been kidnapped, and several after-hours clubs serving liquor without a license.

Fall registration continues at LSC-North Harris

HOUSTON (May 31, 2019) - As spring gives way to summer, some people think school is out. However, Lone Star College-North Harris is still lively as faculty, staff and even some students are busy helping people register and prepare for the fall semester.

Fall registration continues throughout the summer at LSC-North Harris, and students are encouraged to plan and enroll now for a fruitful fall! The classes are designed to fit a wide range of academic goals, including certificates, associate's degrees, or university transfer.

When asked which class tends to be the most popular at Lone Star College-North Harris, Dr. Derrick Manns, vice president of enrollment management, said that it's not one specific class that's a draw to the college.

"It's more the college itself," he continued. "Our primary goal is to focus on student success and graduation to the workforce and or a four-year university. A large portion of our student populations are first-time college students. The affordability and extra guidance we provide allows many more people to realize they too can get a college education."

Fall classes being offered include the traditional core courses, such as math, biology, English, and government. Degree specific courses are also available, such as business management, cosmetology, drama, massage therapy, speech and much more.

For a complete list of options offered, visit www.LoneStar.edu/programs.htm.

Students can register for classes online through myLoneStar or in-person at the LSC-North Harris

campus' Student Services Building, 2700 W.W. Thorne Drive, Houston, Texas 77073-3499.

For more information or to register online, visit www.LoneStar.edu/registration.

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 99,000 students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. LSC consists of six colleges, 10 centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

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major projects such as an Amazon distribution center and the \$100 million redevelopment of Exxon-Mobil's former offices in the area.

Development in the district

As a result of its efforts, the area has since seen the opening of an 800,000-square-foot Amazon.com distribution center at the Pinto Business Park, along with other office and industrial development. "It's an exciting time for the area with that renewed interest," says Simpson.

The largest such project is Lincoln Property's massive CityNorth. "We saw this as a tremendous opportunity to be part of a grand transformation of this area," says Kevin Wyatt, senior vice president at Lincoln Property, who is responsible for leasing at CityNorth. "We're trying to offer the office of the future but offering it today."

The \$100 million project on the former campus for Exxon Mobil offices has six buildings on 36 acres and will include ultra-high-speed broadband access, an indoor-outdoor work environment comparable to the Google campus in Silicon Valley, a 10,000-square-foot conference center and such amenities as a full fitness center and the recently opened "Third Place" tenant club. The club provides collaboration work areas, a big screen TV viewing area, a 50' putting green and Full Swing golf simulator, which has 15 other games such as soccer and baseball. "All of these changes are brought new interest to the project, but a big reason for the attention is the incredible value we offer - we recently quoted a 200,000-square-foot tenant that would result in them saving over \$50 million of rent," Wyatt says.

The district's easy access - it's within a 23-

minute commute for much of the area and is seven minutes from George Bush Intercontinental Airport - combines with falling crime rates and his company's amenity-heavy offering to make CityNorth an attractive offering for technology companies from startups to more established players, Wyatt says. Ultimately, he says up to 8,000 employees will work at CityNorth.

Those employees will join about 2,500 companies with 45,000 employees in the North Houston District. When businesses in the area banded together to form the district in 1991, property was worth \$1.4 billion. It's now assessed at \$2.4 billion, Simpson says. "We're seeing an exciting amount of growth happening," says Simpson.

Hurricane Season,

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Here are several measures residents can take now to prepare for potential storms:

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions.
- Review hurricane evacuation maps, and select a route for you and your family.
- Plan how all family members and pets will

evacuate safely.

- Consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or the elderly.
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions in and around your area.
- Follow the instructions of local officials if a storm develops.

Residents are also encouraged to review their

property's flood risk and current insurance coverage, and to consider whether a separate flood policy should be part of their home protection plan. (Remember most flood policies have a 30-day waiting period before taking effect.) For more information, visit the Texas Department of Insurance website at www.tdi.texas.gov

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OPINION PAGE

TEXAS SENATE NEWS
By Richard Lee

Legislature concludes session with top priorities accomplished

(Austin) The 86th Legislative session concluded Monday, with lawmakers delivering on a promise made by state leadership back in January: sweeping school finance and property tax reform. "In my inaugural address I said that this will be the session we enact historical school finance reform by putting more money into the classroom, paying our teachers more, reducing recapture and cutting property taxes," said Governor Greg Abbott in a press release issued late Saturday. "Tonight, without a court order, the legislature did just that by passing one of the most transformative educational bills in recent Texas history."

The two bills saw final passage in both chambers Saturday evening. The first, HB 3, was shepherded through the process on the Senate side by Education Committee Chair and Friendswood Senator Larry Taylor. He said it represents groundbreaking reform for an education system that has lagged behind the changing needs of Texas schoolchildren. "What we are doing here today...will move us towards continued prosperity for this state," he said. In all, the bill would put \$4.5 billion more into the classroom. This money would flow through funding formulas, and would direct more to students with economic disadvantages, those still learning English, and those with dyslexia. It would create an optional July term for eligible students and full-day, quality Pre-K programs for students from low-income backgrounds. The only outcomes-based funding in the final version would reward schools for every student they graduate ready for college, the workforce or the military.

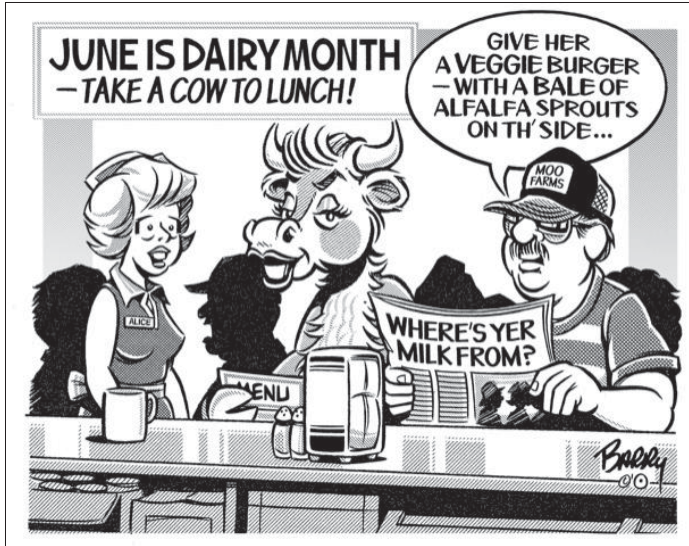
Teachers would see a salary increase, but it wouldn't be the even, across-the-board \$5,000 originally included in the Senate version. Instead, it would create a mechanism by which teacher pay would increase whenever the legislature ups the basic allotment, the fundamental variable in school formula funding. HB 3 would raise that more than \$1,000, to \$6,160, of which nearly

a third must go towards salaries for non-administrative public school employees. Districts would also have the option of developing a system to identify their best teachers and pay them more, but that system couldn't factor in results from state accountability tests. There are also incentives for teachers who are willing to teach at high-need or rural campuses. Administrators will have flexibility in how these funds get distributed, so the actual amount of increased pay will vary district to district. In all, the bill puts about \$2 billion towards teacher and other public school salary increases.

The bill would also reduce local school property tax rates by an estimated 13 cents per \$100 valuation by 2021, providing more than \$5 billion in property tax relief within 2 years. It also seeks to rein in rate growth by requiring districts to seek voter approval if they wish to exceed a 2.5 percent rate increase in any year. SB 2, by Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt, would create a similar limit for most municipal tax rates, at 3.5 percent. That bill also includes a number of transparency and taxpayer education provisions. If voters approve no rate increases above these new limits, it would save an estimated \$980 million in property taxes statewide by 2024. "This is astonishing tax relief," Bettencourt said of the two bills.

Following passage of both measures, Lt. Governor Patrick thanked the Speaker of the House, the Governor, and both chambers for working together to accomplish a landmark session. "This is truly an historic evening," he said. "It's going to save taxpayers a lot of money, give teachers more money and change the way we educate students and finance and make us number one in the country to lead on education reform."

The Legislature is scheduled to reconvene again in January of 2021, when lawmakers will see how well these education and property tax reforms worked over the 19-month interim. Until then, the Senate stands adjourned sine die.



Top officials say state's top issues are resolved

AUSTIN — With the governor's mansion as their backdrop, Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen on May 23 announced their agreement on the Texas Legislature's state budget, property tax reform and school finance reform bills.

Standing behind the state's top three elected officials in the press conference were members of three House and Senate conference committees tasked with smoothing out the sticking points in House Bill 1, the state budget; Senate Bill 2, property tax reform; and House Bill 3, school finance reform.

Abbott spoke first, saying the assertion that he, Patrick and Bonnen made in January at the beginning of the legislative session — that together they would decrease property taxes and improve public school finance — is now accomplished. "I'm proud to tell you, today, we are announcing that we've done exactly that," Abbott said.

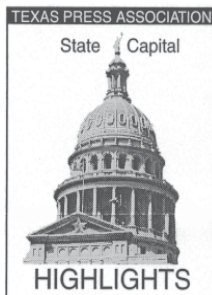
Patrick, using a football analogy, said, "We have a touchdown, and we have had the Super Bowl of legislative sessions in the history of this state, and I think in the history of the country: transformational ideas in education which take us to number one in the country."

"This bill resolves equity," Bonnen added. "It ensures that all students, whether they're in a wealthy district or a poor district or a rural district or an urban district, they will know that Texas leaders care about the quality and the funding of their education."

Meanwhile, House and Senate members must seal the deal by giving final passage to those bills in the few remaining days of the session ending May 27.

Abbott, Patrick and Bonnen agreed that Texas homeowners can expect to see a total reduction in local school

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



property taxes topping \$5 billion, an average reduction of 13 cents per \$100 valuation by 2021 and additional tax relief in years going forward. They also will see a reduction in recapture, or "Robin Hood" — the distribution of funds from property-rich to property-poor districts — and increases to the state share of education funding by 7 percent, up to a total of 45 percent.

Patrick added that new property tax rollback rate reductions are part of the tax relief package, decreasing to 2.5 percent for school districts and 3.5 percent for cities and counties.

HB 3 would put an estimated \$4.5 billion more into classroom programs, including free full-day pre-kindergarten classes for economically disadvantaged students as well as more resources to improve reading outcomes among these students by the end of 3rd grade. The legislation also would add an optional month of classes in July for low-income students who wish to participate. Furthermore, all schools will see more money per student through an increase in the principal variable in the school finance formula system, the basic allotment.

On the topic of teacher pay, Patrick said the

average teacher in Texas will see an increase in compensation of about \$4,000, with more possible through merit pay and other incentives, such as participation in the July term or mentoring other teachers. School librarians, nurses and counselors also would see a pay raise and retired teachers would get an actuarially sound pension fund and a bonus check next year, on average, of \$2,000.

Senate approves CBD bill

More Texans could be prescribed a cannabis derivative to treat certain disorders under HB 3703, a bill approved by the Senate on May 22.

Therapeutic use of cannabidiol (CBD) oil was first allowed in Texas under a bill passed two sessions ago, but could only for the treatment of a particular seizure disorder that resists standard treatments. In the four years since the law passed, it has proved its effectiveness, said sponsor and New Braunfels Senator Donna Campbell.

"For patients participating in this program, they have had a remarkable and life-altering change because of this," Campbell said. "That's compassion."

State resources on standby

Gov. Abbott on May 20 placed emergency resources on standby across the state in preparation for an outbreak of severe weather.

Put in readiness mode were ambulance strike teams, medical incident support teams, saw teams, game wardens, boat teams and more.

Abbott cautioned Texans that when severe storms threaten, the safest place to be is indoors. He added that residents should avoid areas already flooded and avoid any fast-flowing water.

Dangerous waters, he said, can seem deceptively calm and if you encounter flooding, move to higher ground.

More information can be found at the Texas Department of Public Safety website, www.dps.texas.gov.

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Russell Gloor
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Ask Rusty - Older Father Seeks Benefits for Young Children and Wife

Dear Rusty: I was 62 in February and my 44-year-old wife and I have 3 young daughters ages 5, 7 and 13. My 2019 income via wages will be about \$98,000. My wife does not work outside our home. In round numbers my Social Security full retirement benefit is estimated to be about \$3,000 per month if I wait until 2023. I understand I am eligible to start receiving reduced benefits at age 62 and I could also collect an additional 50% up to 80% of my full retirement benefit for my young daughters until they graduate from high school. My questions are: What determines where in the range of between and 150% and 180% my extra benefit would be? Would my benefit be reduced because of my income (I know my benefits may be taxed but the question is, will my benefits be reduced)? Finally, is my wife also eligible to receive any benefits because we have 3 young children? Signed: Older Father

Dear Older Father: In your situation the Family Maximum would apply and there is a rather complex formula which Social Security uses to determine that maximum. The computation is based upon your "primary insurance amount" (PIA), which is the amount you are entitled to at your full retirement age (regardless of when you claim). Your PIA is broken into 4 parts, and a percentage of each part is taken as an amount which contributes to your family maximum. The four parts (in 2019) and percentages taken are: 150% of the first \$1184 of your PIA; 272% of your PIA amount between \$1185 and \$1708; 134% of your PIA amount between \$1709 and \$2228; and 175% of your PIA amount over \$2228. Your family maximum will be the sum of those computations. What's left after your PIA is deducted is equally apportioned among your other eligible beneficiaries. For example, if your estimated 2023 PIA is \$3000, using the above formula your family maximum would be about \$5245. After subtracting your PIA amount, there would be about \$2245 to be apportioned evenly among your 4 eligible dependents (\$561 each). But no dependent benefits can be paid until you start collecting your benefits.

Once your benefits start, your wife will be eligible to collect "child in care" spousal benefits, but the amount will be limited by the Family Maximum as described above. You already know that your children can no longer receive benefits when they graduate high school (or turn 19). When a child is no longer receiving benefits, the amount they were receiving is added proportionately to your remaining dependents. When your youngest daughter reaches 16 years of age, your wife can no longer receive child-in-care spousal benefits, but she will be eligible for regular spousal benefits when she turns 62.

Yes, your Social Security benefit will be reduced by your earnings if you claim SS benefits before your full retirement age and your current earnings are over the annual earnings limit. If you claim in 2019, you will not be entitled to benefits for any month you earn more than \$1470. After this first year, you'll be subject to the annual earnings limit (which changes yearly but for 2019 is \$17,640) and exceeding that limit will mean that SS will withhold \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. In the year you reach your full retirement age (which is 66), the earnings limit goes up by about 2.5 times (\$46,920 for 2019) and the penalty is less (\$1 for every \$3 over the limit), and once you reach your full retirement age there is no longer an earnings limit. But if you exceed the annual limit, SS will withhold future benefits until they have recovered what is due. But here's a big red flag: anyone collecting benefits on your record will also be "contingently liable" for any overpayment made to you, so their benefits will be withheld as well until Social Security recovers any overpayment as a result of you exceeding the earnings limit.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Aladdin (PG) Will Smith, Mena Massoud
2. John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum (R) Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry
3. Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans
4. Pokemon Detective Pikachu (PG) Ryan Reynolds, Justice Smith
5. Brightburn (R) Elizabeth Banks, David Denman
6. Booksmart (R) Kaitlyn Dever, Beanie Feldstein
7. A Dog's Journey (PG) Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid
8. The Hustle (PG-13) Anne Hathaway, Rebel Wilson
9. The Intruder (PG-13) Dennis Quaid, Meagan Good
10. Long Shot (R) Charlize Theron, Seth Rogen

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles
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The Next Exercise Fad? — A study done in Brazil has concluded that it's muscle power, as opposed to muscle strength, that can add years to life.

into groups. At the end of six years, the scientists found that those who had the most muscle power had a lower risk of death. It was the first study of its kind that linked longevity to muscle power. I have concerns about this study, especially because I fear it's going to become the new exercise fad for seniors.

Después de las reparaciones necesarias, Battleship puede ser movido.



BATTLESHIP TEXAS se encuentra actualmente en exhibición en La Porte, cerca del monumento de San Jacinto.

LA PORTE: El acorazado Texas puede estar en línea para otra gran batalla, y el perdedor puede ser La Porte y el este del condado de Harris. En una maniobra de último minuto en la sesión legislativa número 86, el Representante Estatal John Cryer (R-Lockhart) y el Senador Estatal Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) patrocinaron un proyecto de ley que permitiría el traslado del barco a otro lugar, según se informa Galveston, después de que recibió \$ 35 millones en fondos estatales para reparaciones en un astillero en Alabama. SB1511 proporciona la transferencia del barco del Departamento de Parques y Vida Silvestre de Texas a la Comisión Histórica de Texas, y luego a una organización sin fines de lucro, posiblemente la Fundación Battleship Texas. Quien tomaría la decisión final sobre la reubicación no está claro en el proyecto de ley. Las representantes estatales locales, Mary

Ann Perez y Briscoe Cain, han expresado su opinión al oponerse a la medida. Pérez señaló que la población de Galveston es estacional, y no hay garantía de que más personas visitarían que en La Porte. Cain presentó una enmienda para evitar que la nave fuera reubicada, pero no estaba en la factura final. El Acorazado de Texas tiene 107 años de antigüedad y ha estado en servicio en dos guerras mundiales. Se ha ubicado en La Porte desde hace unos 70 años. Sin embargo, el casco de acero de la nave se ha oxidado con el paso de los años y es muy delgado en algunos lugares. El agua entra constantemente en el casco y debe ser bombeada para evitar que el barco se hunda. Bruce Bramlett, de la Battleship Texas Foundation, dijo que la disminución en el número de visitantes ha dejado al grupo sin suficiente dinero para seguir reparando el barco. El supuesto es que una nueva ubicación, probablemente en Galveston, atraerá más visitantes que pagan y generará fondos para el mantenimiento continuo.

TOP TEN

- DOG BREEDS in America
1. Chihuahua
2. Labrador Retriever
3. Pit bull
4. German Shepherd
5. Yorkshire Terrier
6. Shih Tzu
7. French Bulldog
8. Golden Retriever
9. Dachshund
10. Siberian Husky
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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey


1. Is the book of Leviticus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 3, what does Jesus say that everyone practicing evil hates? The light, Truth, The Lord, Believers
3. Who found an Ethiopian eunuch sitting in a chariot reading the words of Esaias (Isaiah)? Ahaz, Philip, Jotham, Uzziah

4. From Joshua 2, where did Rahab hide Israelite spies? Under table, In cave, On roof, With oxen
5. What did Jesus send into a herd of swine? Unclean spirits, Justice, Breath of life, Mighty wind
6. Who was the father of Solomon? Nathan, Uriah, Judas, David

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) The light; 3) Philip; 4) On roof; 5) Unclean spirits; 6) David

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How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes. PSALM 119:9-12



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Mayor Sylvester Turner's "State of the City" report to Houston:

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner delivered his State of the City talk on Tuesday May 1st at the Greater Houston Partnership luncheon at the Hilton Americas hotel.

Following is the text of that talk:

- Since we met last year, together more than 86,200 jobs have been created in our region, and the city now has the lowest unemployment rate since 1981 (almost four decades)
• IDC Government Insights recognized Houston as a smart city; 5G is being deployed; tech companies now see the added value of expanding in Houston #Silicon Bayou.
• The state-of-the-art recycling center is now open in NE Houston; curbside recycling of glass is back.
• Contractors and labor groups are placing more emphasis on job safety, healthcare for subcontractor employees, and better wages.



Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner delivers his "State of the City" talk to the Greater Houston Partnership.

Harvey.

- We are hopeful that the state will tap into its \$12 Billion rainy day fund and assume the local match required for these federal dollars.
• If the Port of Houston is to continue to be competitive globally, the channel must be deepened and widened all the way to allow for 2-way traffic and federal dollars will be needed.

have attracted generous donors. In the last decade, Houston has earned a national reputation for its ongoing green renaissance fueled by transformative public-private partnerships. In 2020, we will come together again to celebrate the completion of the Bayou Greenways 2020 plan that connects 1.5 million Houstonians to linear parks and trails



Mayor Turner and H-E-B president Scott McClelland held a "Fireside Chat" after the State of the City talk. Turner's plan for improving the city's parks is a 50-50 plan, where 50 companies and the Parks board would modernize 50 local parks. H-E-B's McClelland volunteered to be the first company, and to lead the 50-50 Parks Plan for the city.

- Steve Costello, Chief Recovery Officer; Marissa Aho, Chief Resilience Director; Shannon Buggs, Complete Communities Director are working in alignment with all our departments and stakeholders to build a STRONGER, RESILIENT and SUSTAINABLE Houston.
• Minal Patel Davis, Special Advisor on Human Trafficking, has received the Presidential Award acknowledging her work and the city's efforts in attacking labor and sex trafficking, and cities across the country recently convened in Houston to learn from us how to enhance their efforts.
• Pension reforms are working with the unfunded liability coming from \$8.2B to \$4.0B, and we are fully paying the annual pension costs for the 2nd year in a row.
• Since 2016, city council has approved 3 balanced budgets and this 4th budget will be without layoffs or deferrals and fund 5 police cadet classes for public safety.
• Infrastructure remains a top priority. Rebuild Houston has been renamed to Build Houston Forward. Now we want to accelerate the repair and rehabilitation of drainage and streets, with a greater focus on neighborhoods and not just large major thoroughfare projects which severely limit the extent and impact of improvements.
• We want to work very closely with the county to complete the 239 projects authorized by the voter approved bonds post Harvey.
• We look forward to working with the GHP to nudge the Federal and State governments to advance the billions of dollars of federal infrastructure dollars, already approved, needed to expand our channels, construct more detention basins, another reservoir, and the coastal spine. To date we have not received one dollar for needed infrastructure projects 19 months after

- Since 2010, the city has been embroiled with the EPA and the Department of Justice on the terms of a consent decree regarding SSOs. It is my hope that within the next 30-45 days we will reach an amicable resolution and bring this matter, like pensions, to an end.
• We live and do business in a growing and developing region. Decades ago the city took steps to ensure it had an adequate supply of water. The legislature is advancing a bill that literally will take away the 70% water rights (15% of the city's water portfolio) in Allen's Creek which is needed for our future development. It is an unjust taking of a property right without fair market compensation in a conservative state. If passed, the city will challenge.
• Every day, Monday through Friday, the daytime population of our city increases by 27%. We are losing too many productive hours on our streets. Our city has changed; the region is changing; and our transportation, transit, mobility system must change. People want options. We must give them options. Multi-modal options. We must give them a transit system that meets their needs. Metro will put forth their Metro-next plan in November for your consideration and I hope you will support it.
• From all indications the high-speed train has survived the legislative session. It's construction and operation will add thousands of jobs, a tremendous amount of development, and a signature transportation attraction to our state.
• An integral part of our infrastructure has to do with our parks and green space. Even as we seek to re-design I-45, one of the goals is to exponentially add more parks and green space and connect communities that have been separated by our freeways.
• Houston is blessed with signature parks that

along our bayous and to one another.
• However, the work to uplift all our parks is far from complete. As we become a more resilient city, we must continue to build up the amenities and gathering spaces in neighborhoods across the city. Today I am asking GHP, the Houston Parks Board, and the Parks Department to help me bring together 50 companies to form a city-wide coalition for our neighborhood parks primarily in communities that have been underserved.
• With 50 companies partnering with 50 parks, the "50-for-50" effort will touch every district in the city because all Houstonians should have easy access to welcoming, well maintained, safe and fun parks.
• Like any great city, Houston is a collection of different neighborhoods—each with its own character and priorities.
• As we build complete communities, the end goal is to build one complete city from recovery to resilient to sustainable.
• 100 Resilient Cities—Shell sponsor
• Building Climate Action Plan—CenterPoint underwriter
• 10 thousand summer jobs/Hire Houston Youth (9,500 private sector)
• Innovation HUB/Corridor—collaboration with academia, medical center, energy and tech companies
• Re-emergence of Astroworld theme park—Travis Scott, the rapper, instigator (Millennials/future leaders)
• We are building one complete city, and when we work together Houston, we WIN!!
• I am pleased to report to you today, the state of our city is STRONGER, RESILIENT and SUSTAINABLE.
Sylvester Turner
Houston's Mayor

After needed repairs, Battleship may be moved

LA PORTE – The Battleship Texas may be in line for another big battle, and the loser may be La Porte and East Harris County.

In a last minute maneuver in the 86th Legislative session, State Representative John Cryer (R-Lockhart) and State Senator Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) sponsored a bill that would allow the ship to be moved to another location, reportedly Galveston, after it received \$35 million in state money for repairs in a shipyard in Alabama. SB1511 provides for the transfer of the ship from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to the Texas Historical Commission, and then to a non-profit, possibly the Battleship Texas Foundation. Who would make the final decision on relocation is not clear from the bill.

Local state representatives Mary Ann Perez and Briscoe Cain have been vocal in opposing the move.



BATTLESHIP TEXAS is currently on display in La Porte, near the San Jacinto monument.

Perez pointed out that the Galveston population is seasonal, and there is no guarantee that more people would visit than in La Porte. Cain filed an amendment to stop the ship from being relocated, but it was not in the final bill.

The Battleship Texas is 107 years old, having seen service in two world wars. It has been located in La Porte for about 70 years.

However, the steel hull of the ship has rusted over the years, and is very thin

in some locations. Water enters the hull constantly and must be pumped out to keep the ship from sinking.

Bruce Bramlett of the Battleship Texas Foundation said the decline in number of visitors has left the group without enough money to keep repairing the ship. The assumption is that a new location, probably in Galveston, would attract more paying visitors and generate funds for the continual upkeep.

Hillary Clinton,

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voters. We must talk about the issues and remind Americans we are the party that can deliver for them. We support health care for all, women's rights, an economy that provides fair wages for all, equal pay for women, decent immigration laws, protecting the children of immigrants and we also are the party that will stand up and protect the Constitution and address what is a very real constitutional crisis that

this president has put us in."

Rice University's Kinder Institute found in a 2019 survey Harris County is now heavily favoring the Democratic Party candidates.

"If Democrats win Texas in 2020, we will sweep the nation and possibly take back the Texas House of Representatives," Clinton concluded to a standing ovation.

Some political observers

suggest that Clinton could make a third bid for the presidency in 2020 if none of the more than 20 Democrats currently in the running emerges as a clear threat to deny Trump a second term.

VIDEO OF CLINTON'S SPEECH AT YOUTUBE INTERNET ADDRESS: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ul0mIOfts0

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