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Talking with the Commissioner



Castlewood Resident Steve Adame discusses Pct. 2 issues and the Flood Control Project with Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

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NEWS NOTES

Local legislators appointed to Redistricting Committee

AUSTIN – An important Redistricting Committee has been named, that will oversee the redrawing of voting district boundaries for the 2021 national and state elections.

The announcement was made June 28th by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. He named 15 members from the 31 member Senate to sit on the panel. Local senators named were Carol Alvarado, Paul Bettencourt, and John Whitmire. Alvarado and Whitmire are Democrats, Bettencourt is a Republican. The redrawing of boundaries will play a significant role in which party gains seats in the State Legislature and the U.S. Congress in 2020.

Also named were 15 Representative to the House Redistricting Committee by Speaker Dennis Bonnen were Senfronia Thompson and Almando Walle.

Patrick and Bonnen have not set a date or dates for the committees to meet jointly or separately.

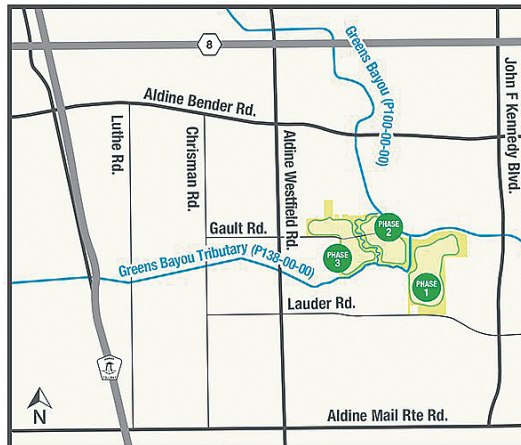
Residents hear details of Lauder Road Flood Control

ALDINE – Residents of the area learned details of the proposed Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin Project at a community engagement meeting held last Wednesday, June 26 at the BakerRipley East Aldine Campus. They also heard a progress report on Phase 1, and projections for Phases 2 and 3 from the Harris County Flood Control District representatives who made the presentation.

The flood remediation work is part of the \$2 million 2018 Bond Program to alleviate flooding throughout Harris County.

Also speaking at the meeting was Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, who voiced support for the detention basin project, and told the audience of about 100 persons that this was part of his plan for improvements in the Aldine area.

The Flood Control District made a slide presentation of the project, and then attendees were able to study the



MAP showing location of Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the Lauder Road Detention Basin Project. See p. 8 for more maps.

visual maps and other information on tables and display stands around the room. Residents were encouraged to make comments and contribute to the planning process. Community Input Forms were available for written comments, as well as discussion with many of the HCFCD staff. For those who want to submit comments later, this can be done at the website: www.hcfd.org/C34.

The Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin project will be constructed in three phases and focuses on reducing flooding 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 basin will be designed to hold at least 600 acrefeet, or more than 190 million gallons of stormwater.

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CASTLEWOOD CELEBRATES 4TH WITH PARADE

Castlewood 4th of July Parade, spearheaded by Steven Adame, Sr., proved to be a colorful display of decorated bikes, golf carts, 4-wheelers, floats, cars and trucks.

Dr. Luiz Lúcio, Dean of Lone Star College, and its students participated for the first time passing out T-shirts and other promotional goodies as they walked. Residents were invited to the "finish" line where the Lone Star College table was set up with

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PARADE UNITS included 4-wheel ATVs, decorated cars and jeeps, golf carts, walkers, and even some heavy construction equipment.



RED, WHITE AND BLUE were the colors of the day, and patriotic shirts, as seen on this group of Castlewood Civic Club members.

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

EVENTS CALENDAR

Grandparents Family Strengthening Conference

This September Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group of Aldine-Harris County, is hosting its 16th Annual Family Strengthening Conference.

This event will be held on Saturday, September 7th at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center in Houston, Texas from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Conference is a FREE community event provided to help spread the awareness of health, mental health, family issues and other situations that Grandparents and kinship face when raising children. Participants will be offered free health screenings, school supplies, educational materials designed to promote personal health and wellness, and a variety of resources from keynote speakers as well as agencies.

This will be an exceptional opportunity for your organization to showcase its services/products and show support of family wellness. We are asking that each vendor donate for the participants. There are options listed on the vendors form. If you are not able to we do understand. It is our desire that each family will receive a backpack filled with school supplies per student in their family unit.

If your organization would like to donate for the event please call 832-265-8380 or email at grandparentsmarketing@gmail.com. You can also contact Mrs. Portier-Reed, the President and Founder at 832-771-4504.

Sen. Miles Town Hall Meeting

State Senator Boris Miles will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, July 17 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to discuss the 86th Legislative Session. Important legislation that passed and bills that will directly impact you neighborhood. Location: East Houston Civic Club, 7418 E. Houston, Houston, TX 77028. For more information, call 713-223-0387.

Toss it into the can. It's a neat idea.



Aldine students to benefit from \$20 million improvement grant

Goals is to Increase Number of Students in High-Performing Schools

HOUSTON – July 11, 2019 – Good Reason Houston, a nonprofit founded to increase the number of students learning in great public schools, was recently awarded two \$10 million grants from Houston Endowment and from Kinder Foundation, Houston-based philanthropies championing education. Each foundation's grant includes \$3 million in matching funds to encourage the business and philanthropic communities to invest in this unique opportunity to improve school performance in the region.

In August, our local schools will receive letter grades from the Texas Education Agency, and assuming no significant changes, over 300,000 of our students will be learning in schools rated C, D or F.

Good Reason Houston aims to change this reality and has set an ambitious goal of 60,000 more students learning in A and B public schools by the end of the 2025-26 school year. Phase I of this goal aims to deliver 10,000 more students in high-performing schools by the end of the 2020-21 school year. The total cost of Phase I is estimated at \$61 million. The \$20 million investment from Houston Endowment and Kinder Foundation lays the groundwork toward Good Reason Houston's private fundraising goal of \$34 million. The remaining balance will come from public funds.



"This new funding from Houston Endowment and Kinder Foundation serves as a catalyst to inspire other philanthropists to seize this energy, momentum and opportunity to ensure a future where every child, in every neighborhood, excels in a world-class public school," said Alex Hales Elizondo, founding CEO of Good Reason Houston.

Good Reason Houston was launched in January 2018 with seed funding of two \$4.2 million grants from Houston Endowment and from Kinder Foundation as they aimed to create an organization to champion a bold, optimistic vision for our region.

"We have reason to be optimistic about the future of public education in Houston; however, it will require our whole community to come together to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to excel in a great school," said Ann Stern, president and CEO of Houston Endowment and board chair of Good Reason Houston.

To achieve the Phase I goal, Good Reason Houston is partnering with traditional and charter districts in the Houston area that primarily serve students identified as economically disadvantaged. The organization brings best practices, financial resources, and staff time and expertise to local school systems to support them in implementing strategies that will improve existing schools and create new, high-performing ones.

This year, Good Reason Houston will support Aldine ISD with the implementation of the Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) model in two of its elementary schools. The model brings a district's most effective educators to some of its most struggling schools and has been proven in north Texas to dramatically improve student outcomes.

Garcia urges President to rethink Ice Raids

As a career law-enforcement official, I have faced many threats, and have met many victims of violence and dedicated my life to keeping all people safe. I was never concerned with the immigration status of a victim or witness. I needed their statements to help prosecute those responsible.

When I drive around Harris County seeing people working on a roof in the heat of the summer; mowing yards; building roads and highways; constructing new homes, mopping floors; serving in restaurants; serving as a live-in domestic servant; or praying in my church, I do not feel threatened.

I have learned over my years that the best way to prevent crime is to invest in education, prevention and intervention services. Our Nation has always been a magnet for hope and opportunity; it is how my family came here. There should be an effective way people to come here when they are trying to save the lives of their



children. Today, we must invest into our immigration system by creating common sense and comprehensive legislation that will strengthen our economy and protect families.

For these reasons, I will not support raids that would separate hardworking immigrant families who come to our country in search for safety and a better life. I have always believed that the focus should always be specific to those who represent a clear and present danger to our communities and not our longtime residents who are making valuable

contributions to our society, while raising the next generation of soldiers, doctors, lawyers, and elected officials. Harris County is home to more than 1.2 million foreign-born individuals, including an estimated 412,000 undocumented immigrants, immigrant communities contribute significantly to the local economy- \$11 billion in spending power, \$742 million in federal taxes and \$448.4 million on state and local taxes.

The announcement of ICE raids is causing great fear in our communities and hindering public safety, this is unnecessary. These actions harm public health by destabilizing our immigrant communities and exacerbating distrust with all levels of government, especially law enforcement. Additionally, this approach has sometimes resulted in Americans being detained, as well as those who are legally authorized to be in the U.S.

Therefore, it is important that all people know

Sheriff holds "No Celebratory Gunfire" News Conference



SHERIFF ED GONZALEZ, Crime Stoppers' Andy Kahan, East Aldine's Richard Cantu, and Castlewood President Connie Esparza at the News Conference at the 9-1-1 call center in East Aldine Town Center.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office hosted a 'Celebratory Gunfire' Press Conference at the Harris County 911 Emergency Call Center last Tuesday July 2nd.

Harris County officials held the press conference to address 'celebratory gunfire' for the July 4th holiday. Celebratory gunfire, i.e. indiscriminately firing a weapon is carelessly dangerous and an issue during the holiday and days leading up to it. Crime Stoppers of Houston will accept tips regarding celebratory gunfire and will pay the standard cash reward of up to \$5,000 when a suspect is identified and/or charged.

Who: Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez
Richard Cantu — East Aldine Management District Deputy Executive Director
Andy Kahan — Crime Stoppers of Houston Director of Victim Services and Advocacy

When: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Where: Harris County 911 Emergency Call Center, 3000 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston, Texas 77039
(Corner of Aldine Mail



Route and Deergrove Street, at the rear of the East Aldine District Town Center. Look for the 400-foot communications tower.)

Social Media: This press conference will be live-streamed on the Harris County Sheriff's Office Facebook page @HCSOTexas

their rights.

- If ICE comes to your door, please know you do not have to open the door. ICE cannot come to your door without a signed warrant by a criminal judge. They can only enter if you let them.

- You do not have to sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.

- Remain silent. You can say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent."

- Get informed. Call the Immigrant Rights hotline to understand your rights.

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No one should be afraid to leave his or her home. Our kids should not be afraid to lose their parents. Parents should not feel threaten they will be separated from their children. The pain our neighbors

feel is real and it causes instability in our communities. I stand with all of our immigrant communities - they are our family members, neighbors and colleagues, and they are making our country great and prosperous every day.



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* STUBBER (R) - 12:45pm, 3:00pm, 5:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm
* MIDSOMMAR (R) - 11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm
* Spider-Man: Far from Home (PG-13) - 11:00am, 5:00pm
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* Spider-Man: Far from Home 3D (PG-13) - 3:30pm, 9:30pm
* Spider-Man: Far from Home 3D (PG-13) - 2:00pm, 8:00pm
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Congressman Al Green Brings Deported Constituent Jose Escobar Home

(Houston, TX) – On July 1, 2019, Congressman Al Green returned to Houston with his repatriated constituent Jose Escobar and his family. Congressman Green fought tirelessly for two years to reunite Jose with his family by advocating for him in Congress as well as through his visits to El Salvador.

Mr. Escobar came to the United States when he was 15 years old. He worked, married, became a father and contributed to American society. However, he was deported to El Salvador in 2017 and given a 10-year ban from re-entering the United States. Congressman Green took up his case and worked in both the United States and in El Salvador for Mr. Escobar's return. Today that hard work has paid off and Mr. Escobar is now home to continue life in the United States with his wife and their two children.

"On Thursday, June 6, 2019, I had the bittersweet opportunity of visiting my constituent Jose Escobar in El Salvador for the second time," said Congressman Green. "It was bittersweet because Mr. Escobar should have been at home in Houston with his family, not separated from them in a country he left 18 years ago."

"Jose Escobar came to the United States in 2001



and registered for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) due to an earthquake that hit El Salvador that same year. For numerous years, he was a law-abiding resident who was complying with his Order of Supervision; yet, after reporting to federal immigration offices in Houston, he was detained and deported to El Salvador. Since 2017, Mr. Escobar has been living in El Salvador away from his family. His U.S. native wife Rose Escobar remained in Houston trying to be strong for their children, who would constantly ask her when their father would be back home – to which she typically responded 'soon.' I felt it necessary to travel to El Salvador three times for my constituent and inter-

vene to help reunite Jose with his family. Mr. Escobar's ban from the United States for 10 years would have denied him the opportunity to rear his children. His son Walter would be an adult and his daughter Carmen would be a teenager upon his return after 10 years.

"Today, I am proud and honored to witness this family's dream become a reality," declared Congressman Green. "I must thank U.S. Embassy officials in San Salvador, the lawyers for the Escobars, the media, and the activist community for their assistance, as well as every person and entity that aided the Escobar family and me. I am grateful that this day is finally here."

"While, Mr. Escobar has now been afforded the opportunity to

rejoin his family, there is still work to be done to reunite the other 'Escobars' of our country.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that on January 3, 2019 I re-introduced H.R. 168 – the Reentry and Reunification Act. This bill aims to reunite deserving families by providing a verified pathway to U.S. citizenship for individuals who have no criminal history, who were deported, and who have a spouse or children who are currently U.S. citizens.

This bill would also provide lawful permanent resident status to previously removed non-U.S. citizen individuals who are the parents and/or spouses of U.S. citizens. Let us continue to work to ensure that families like the Escobars can no longer be separated."

CRIME WATCH

Arrests made in shooting on Homestead Road

Charges have been filed against two suspects arrested in the shooting of a man at 12100 Homestead Road about 11:40 p.m. on June 29.

The suspects, Kaliyah Ryans (b/f, 22) and Kwan Tayes (b/m, 21), are charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in the 209th State District Court. Booking photos of both suspect are not releasable at this time, pending further investigation.

Both are accused in the shooting of Chauncy Shaw, 37, who suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital in an unknown condition.

HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division Officers G. Black and A. Hernandez reported:

Mr. Shaw and Kaliyah Tayes met on a dating web-

site and she picked him up for a date. Once inside Kaliyah's vehicle, Kwan Tayes demanded money from Shaw at gunpoint. Shaw complied, then pulled out his own weapon to shoot Kwan, who returned fired. Both men were transported to area hospitals with gunshot wounds. Kaliyah was not injured.

Kwan and Kaliyah Tayes were subsequently charged for their roles in the incident.

Investigators believe Kwan and Kaliyah Tayes are responsible for other similar incidents in the Houston area and urge anyone who may have been a victim or have additional information in this case to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800.

Martin Vela Jr. wanted

Crime Stoppers of Houston and Houston Police Department Homicide Division ask for the public's assistance in locating fugitive Martin Vela Jr.

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Martin Vela Jr.

fatally shot a victim, in the 12300 block of Aldine Westfield in Houston.

He is wanted for murder and burglary of a habitation. Call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS if you have information. There is a reward.

College degree an achievement for 80-year-old woman

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. June 21, 2019 North Channel Star writer Allan Jamail met with 80 year-old Beatrice Lillie who recently obtained her lifelong dream of a college degree.

Jamail said he was first informed by Angelia Lillie a church member at the Fifth Ward Church of Christ where they both attend, that her 80 year-old mother obtained her college degree. "At 75 years old I knew this was a quite an achievement and wanted others to learn and be encouraged by Beatrice's accomplishment," Jamail said.

I had never met Beatrice so I invited her to lunch at Luby's Cafeteria where I gave her a red bouquet to congratulate her; she told me I could call her Ms. Bea as her friends do.

Ms. Bea said she graduated from Jack Yates High School in the fifties, married and had 6 children.



80 year-old Beatrice Lillie with her degree from Houston Community College, full-filling her life-long dream.

She never had the chance to go college until recently, her children grown and on their own it now afforded her the opportunity to go to college and get a degree.

As we sat there over her favorite lunch (chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy on the side, green beans, jalapeno cornbread and cherry cheesecake) I learned Ms. Bea had numerous life successes, she was a secretary in the Harris County's Probation Department, she owned her own phone answering company until voicemail and cell phones came about, and graduated with honors as Miss Franklin at the Franklin Beauty School as a Cosmetologist in the early seventies.

"Meeting Christ and being saved was my life's greatest success. Although I know we can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us, I was still amazed at the commencement ceremony as I walked across the stage at the NRG Stadium. After four

years of college I was receiving my Associate's Degree in Business Management," Ms. Bea said.

She said, "Going to college and doing homework at my age taught me how to use the computer better, sharpened my mind in so many subjects including math which was my hardest subject and has brought me closer to my children and grandchildren. I've also learned about diversity and the arts."

She's inspired many of her children and grandchildren most of whom are enrolled in college now and attended the graduation ceremony. She wished her mother could have been there at the graduation, "I think she really would have been proud," said Lillie.

She's active in her church (New Mount Carmel) where she and other members sing hymns a cappella (without instrumental accompaniment).

Beatrice plans to continue to volunteer at the Northeast Houston Multi-Service Center, serving food and helping with other senior activities. She just recently started a mini arts and crafts class at the center.

Ms. Bea doesn't miss casting her vote in every election she's eligible to vote in. She remembers Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee before ever being elected to an office coming to Harris County's Smokey Jasper Park visiting with parents of the baseball players during games.

Harris County has many community colleges which offer wide ranges of degrees for day and night classes. Colleges in or near by Houston; Houston Community College, Lone Star College and San Jacinto College.

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OPINION
By HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY VINCE RYAN



Harris County Attorney Ryan opposes EPA emissions “loophole”

Friday, June 28, 2019 – Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan today filed a formal letter of opposition to a proposed Environmental Protection Agency rule that would allow companies in Texas to avoid civil penalties for polluting the air during so-called Startup Shutdown, or Maintenance (SSM) activities.

Ryan is objecting to an EPA proposal to withdraw a 2015 finding that Texas’s plan did not comply with the federal Clean Air Act because of state rules that provide companies with an affirmative defense for excess air emissions that occur during SSM events.

“Texas’s regulations have a loophole through which facilities can exceed permit emissions limits during upsets and unplanned SSM events without fear of being held fully accountable under the law,” said County Attorney Ryan.

“This loophole not only harms nearby communities but also endangers first responders, including County employees, who respond to SSM events,” he said.

In his letter to the EPA, County Attorney Ryan laid out facts that led to his opposition:

Houston has some of the worst air in the nation and the eight county nonattainment area consistently fails to meet federal health based ozone standards.

Communities around facilities with SSM events in Harris County are primarily low income, low resource, linguistically isolated communities of color and are especially impacted by these events.

The EPA is legally required by the Clean Air Act to close this loophole and correctly required Texas to do so in 2015.

Ryan also points out that the community impact of these SSM events continues to linger, as residents impacted by these pollutants released into the air often have to shoulder the cost of medical care, compounded by the strain of missed days at work and school. Instead of affirmative defenses, Ryan believes polluters should face full enforcement under the environmental laws.

“I urge EPA not to finalize its proposed rule and instead withdraw the proposal,” said County Attorney Ryan. “SSM events have real adverse health impacts on communities around industrial facilities and allowing them to occur without penalty will only prolong and exacerbate those impacts.”

Cornyn Bill Broadens GI Benefits for Veterans in STEM Fields

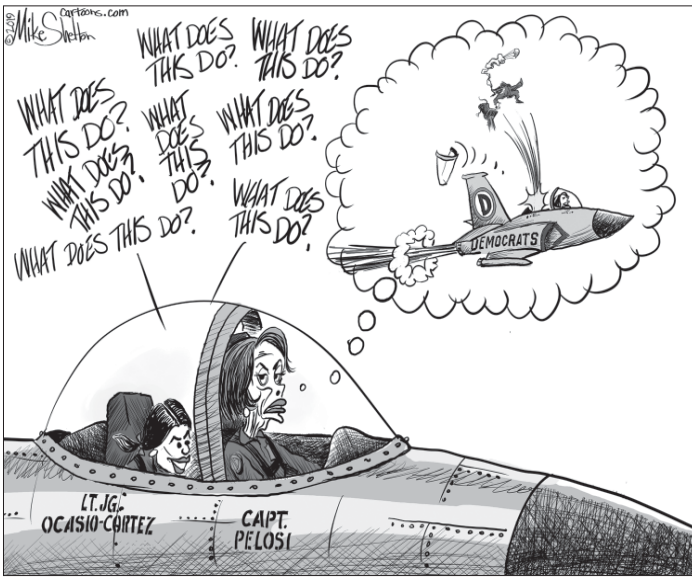
WASHINGTON— U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) has introduced the Veteran STEM Scholarship Improvement Act, a bill to help veterans take full advantage of the scholarship provided to veterans studying science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM fields).

“Unfortunately, these scholarships benefit no one if the requirements to use them exclude many of the very programs we aim to promote,” said Sen. Cornyn. “By broadening this scholarship to apply to more of the STEM programs offered in veterans’ communities, I hope we will encourage more veterans to take advantage of this benefit. Making it easier to use the benefits offered is one small way we can help transition our leaders on the battlefield to leaders in STEM fields.”

Background:

The Nourse STEM Scholarship, created by the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 and supported by Sen. Cornyn, provides an additional nine months or \$30,000 of GI Bill eligibility to student veterans pursuing a STEM degree. Current law mandates that eligible STEM programs exceed 128 required credit hours; however, most programs in the United States and the average STEM degree program in Texas require less than 128 credit hours. This bill would reduce that requirement in the Nourse STEM Scholarship to reflect that STEM programs should exceed 120 required credit hours so that more veterans are able to take advantage of the scholarship.

A companion bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives on June 24, 2019.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Prominent local legislators named to important redistricting panel

Lieutenant governor names members to redistricting panel

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on June 28 released the names of his appointees to the Texas Legislature’s 2021 Redistricting Committee.

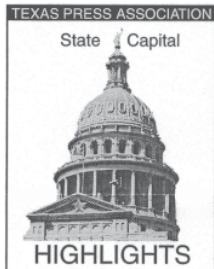
Patrick, who presides over the 31-member state Senate, named Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, as chair of the committee, and Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, D-McAllen, as vice chair. He also named 13 more Senate members to the committee, including Sens. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston; Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston; Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway; Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels; Pete Flores, R-Pleasanton; Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills; Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola; Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville; Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio; Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville; Angela Paxton, R-McKinney; Charles Perry, R-Lubbock; Kirk Watson, D-Austin; Royce West, D-Dallas; and John Whitmire, D-Houston.

In January, Texas House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, named 15 members to the House Redistricting Committee, with jurisdiction that includes preparations for the redistricting process. Those members include: Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, chair; Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, vice chair; and Reps. Sheryl Cole, D-Austin; Matt Krause, R-Fort Worth; Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio; Jeff Leach, R-Plano; Ben Leman, R-Brenham; Ina Minjarez, D-San Antonio; Joe Moody, D-El Paso; Chris Paddie, R-Marshall; “Four” Price, R-Amarillo; Toni Rose, D-Dallas; Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston; Armando Walle, D-Houston; and James White, R-Hillister.

Patrick and Bonnen have not set a date or dates for the committees to meet jointly or separately.

New census will be key

When the redistricting work begins, committee members will use population figures from the yet-to-be conducted 2020 decennial U.S. Census to redraw the



boundaries of U.S. congressional districts and Texas House and Senate districts.

Article III, Section 28, of the Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to complete the redistricting job at its first regular session after publication of the federal decennial census.

If the Legislature fails to adopt a redistricting plan by the end of the 2021 legislative session, a Legislative Redistricting Board consisting of the lieutenant governor, comptroller, House speaker, attorney general and land commissioner, shall convene within 90 days of adjournment and adopt a plan within 60 days.

In addition to redrawing Texas House, Texas Senate and U.S. congressional districts, the Legislature also is required to review the 15 State Board of Education districts for any necessary redrawing of district boundaries.

SCOTUS ruling in play

As Texas’ bipartisan 2021 Redistricting Committee goes about its work, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling released June 25 is sure to stimulate discussion during the process.

In the ruling, Chief Justice John Roberts, in writing the majority opinion, remarked that federal courts are unable to decide cases of partisan gerrymandering.

“We conclude that partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts. Federal judges have no license to reallocate political power between two major political parties, with no plausible grant of authority in the Constitution, and no legal standards to limit and direct their decisions,” Roberts

wrote.

So, with the U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal courts no longer the court of last resort for plaintiffs with voting rights appeals based on allegations of partisan gerrymandering, the weight of the job of the redistricting committee increases.

Solicitor general testifies

In other news related to redistricting and voting, Texas Solicitor General Kyle Hawkins on June 25 testified in Washington, D.C., before the U.S. House Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

The panel heard testimony on continuing constitutional problems with the U.S. Voting Rights Act since the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark 2013 ruling in a case alleging racial gerrymandering. The high court’s ruling in the case, Shelby County (Alabama) v. Holder, struck down a provision in the act that required Texas and certain other states to seek preclearance from the U.S. Justice Department or a federal court before making changes to voting laws.


In concluding his testimony, Hawkins said, “As Congress revisits the Voting Rights Act, it must adhere to the constitutional principles the Supreme Court articulated in Shelby County that limit the power of the federal government to impede on fundamental principles of federalism and disturb the coequal sovereignty of the states.”

Revenue total comes in

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 2 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.86 billion in June, an amount 3.3 percent more than the amount reported for the month of June 2018.

Also, total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2019 was up 5.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections, Hegar said.

MESSAGE FROM
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee



Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Conducts Oversight and Inspects Facilities Used to Detain Migrants at the Southern Border in Clint and El Paso and a Border House in Mexico

Houston, TX – The accounts and images emanating from our southern border are horrific and unbecoming of a country regarded as the last best hope of the world. Indeed, these experiences were relayed in shocking and graphic terms in a recent report of the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security, which found that migrants are being held in dangerous conditions in overcrowded facilities. The conditions have become so dire that, according to a new report, the situation is described as a “ticking time bomb” that merits our immediate action. For example, official reports have found that 51 women were being held in a facility designed to house 40 juveniles. Meanwhile, 71 men are held in a cell designated for 41 men. Indeed certain cells are so crowded that some migrants are being forced to stand for days at a time. Some migrants are standing on toilets to secure breathing room. Meanwhile, the toll on the youngest migrants is compelling. Some children 7 and under have been in facilities for upwards of two weeks and more, and some children are forced to wear soiled clothes. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a senior member of the House Committee on Homeland Security and a former Chair of the Border & Maritime Subcommittee will travel to these facilities on an official visit of the Homeland Security Committee to assess the situation and gather information, pursuant to her oversight responsibilities as a member of the United States Congress.

WHO: Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18) together with the House Committee on Homeland Security

WHAT: Oversight Inspections of Facilities Used to House Migrants

WHEN: Monday, July 8, 2019

WHERE: Location 1: 13400 Alameda Ave, Clint, TX 79836- Press Availability at 9:30am

Location 2: 9201 Gateway South Blvd, El Paso, TX, 79924 – Time to be announced.

Location 3: Details to be announced

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Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat representing the 18th Congressional District of Texas, is a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary, Homeland Security and the Budget

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ENTERTAINMENT & SPANISH

Garcia insta al Presidente Trump a que reconsidere las redadas

El Comisionado Adrian Garcia insta al Presidente Trump a que reconsidere las redadas a las familias y obstaculizar la seguridad pública.



Como oficial de la policía, he enfrentado muchas amenazas, he conocido a muchas víctimas de la violencia y he dedicado mi vida a mantener la seguridad de la comunidad.

Cuando conduzco por el condado de Harris viendo a la gente trabajando en un techo en el calor del verano; cortando el césped; construyendo carreteras y nuevas viviendas, trapeando pisos; sirviendo en restaurantes; en trabajos domésticos; o rezando en mi iglesia, no me siento amenzado.

A lo largo de mis años he aprendido que la mejor manera de prevenir la delincuencia es invertir en servicios de educación, prevención e intervención. Nuestra nación siempre ha sido un imán de esperanza y oportunidad; así es como mi familia llegó aquí. Debe haber una manera efectiva de venir aquí cuando las familias están tratando de salvar las vidas de sus hijos.

Por estas razones, no apoyaré las redadas que

separarían a las familias inmigrantes trabajadoras que vienen a nuestro país en busca de seguridad y una mejor vida. Siempre he creído que el enfoque debe ser hacia aquellos que representan un peligro para nuestras comunidades y no para nuestros residentes que están haciendo contribuciones valiosas a nuestra sociedad, mientras que crían a la próxima generación de soldados, médicos, abogados y oficiales electorales.

El anuncio de las redadas del ICE está causando un gran temor en nuestras comunidades y obstaculizando la seguridad pública, lo cual es innecesario. Estas acciones perjudican la salud pública al desestabilizar nuestras comunidades de inmigrantes y exacerbar la desconfianza con todos los niveles de gobierno, especialmente las

órdenes policiales. Además, este enfoque a veces ha dado lugar a que los estadounidenses sean detenidos, así como aquellos que están legalmente autorizados a estar en los Estados Unidos.

Por lo tanto, es importante que todas las personas conozcan sus derechos.

• Si ICE llega a su puerta, por favor sepa que no tiene que abrir la puerta. ICE no puede venir a su puerta sin una orden firmada por un juez penal. Sólo pueden entrar si se les permite.

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Nadie debería tener miedo de salir de su casa. Nuestros hijos no deben tener miedo de perder a sus padres. Los padres no deben sentirse amenazados de que serán separados de sus hijos. El dolor que sienten nuestros vecinos es real y causa inestabilidad en nuestras comunidades. Yo apoyo y respaldo nuestras comunidades de inmigrantes, que son miembros de familia por igual, vecinos y colegas, y hacen de nuestro país un país mejor y próspero todos los días.

Residentes escuchan detalles de Lauder Road Flood Control

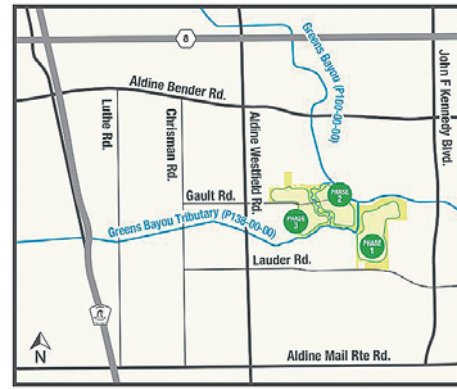
ALDINE: los residentes del área aprendieron los detalles del Proyecto de la Cuenca de Detención de Aguas Pluviales propuesto por Lauder en una reunión de participación comunitaria celebrada el miércoles 26 de junio en el campus de BakerRipley East Aldine.

También escucharon un informe sobre el progreso de la Fase 1 y las proyecciones para las Fases 2 y 3 de los representantes del Distrito de Control de Inundaciones del Condado de Harris que hicieron la presentación.

El trabajo de remediación de la sangre es parte del Programa de Bonos 2018 de \$ 2 millones para aliviar las inundaciones en todo el Condado de Harris.

También habló en la reunión el PCT. El comisionado Adrián García, quien expresó su apoyo al proyecto de la cuenca de detención, y le dijo a la audiencia de unas 100 personas que esto era parte de su plan para mejorar el área de Aldine.

El Distrito de Control de Inundaciones hizo una presentación de diapositivas del proyecto, y luego los asistentes pudieron estudiar los mapas visuales y otra información en mesas y stands de exposición alrededor de la sala. Se alentó a los residentes a hacer comentarios y contribuir al proceso de planificación. Los Formularios de aportes de la comunidad estaban disponibles para comentarios por escrito, así como para la discusión con muchos de los empleados de HCFC. Para aquellos que quieran enviar comentarios más tarde, esto se puede hacer en el sitio web: www.hcfc.org/C34.



MAPA que muestra la ubicación de las Fases 1, 2 y 3 del Proyecto de la Cuenca de Detención de Lauder Road. Ver p. 8 para más mapas.

propiedad de 90 acres bordeada por Greens Bayou en el norte, Lauder Road en el sur, la línea de propiedad del vecindario al oeste de Green Teal Lane en el este y el tributario de Greens Bayou P1380100 en el oeste.

El compromiso con la comunidad es un componente importante del programa de bonos, y le invitamos a que participe y aporte comentarios a medida que se implementa el programa.

Estado del progreso: actualmente en la Etapa de diseño, la Fase 1 de la Cuenca de detención de aguas pluviales Lauder será una cuenca de fondo húmedo con una piscina permanente, una isla y características diseñadas para mejorar la calidad de las aguas pluviales. Las fases 2 y 3, que involucran la futura excavación de propiedades de la antigua Subdivisión de Castlewood, se encuentran en la etapa del Informe de Ingeniería Preliminar (PER).

¿Qué es una Cuenca de Detención de Aguas Pluviales?

Las cuencas de detención de aguas pluviales son un lugar para almacenar las inundaciones dañinas temporalmente hasta que los canales puedan llevar el agua de manera segura. Tan plano como es el Condado de Harris, la mayor parte de nuestro almacenamiento de aguas pluviales debe ser excavado. El Distrito de Control de Inundaciones usa la detención de aguas pluviales extensivamente para reducir el riesgo de inundaciones en todo el condado. Las cuencas del Distrito de Control de Inundaciones son generalmente grandes instalaciones regionales que pueden tener varios cientos de acres de tamaño. Los nuevos desarrollos a menudo utilizan la detención de aguas pluviales para compensar o mitigar el efecto negativo que puede tener el desarrollo en las inundaciones (debido a que cubre el suelo con edificios y concreto y acelera la velocidad del agua que sale de un área). Para obtener más información, visite www.hcfc.org/C34.

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King Crossword

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country is home to Machu Picchu, a 15th-century Incan citadel?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which East Coast city's nickname is "Charm City"?
3. U.S. STATES: What is the only U.S. state whose name is one syllable?
4. HISTORY: Which English monarch reigned from 1625 to 1649?
5. MUSIC: Which female singer had a No. 1 hit in the 1960s with the song "Downtown"?
6. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is known as a morning and evening star?
7. BIBLE: How many plagues of Egypt were described in the book of Exodus?
8. MOVIES: How many different actors played roles in "The Three Stooges" over the years?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the 20th-century novel "So Big"?
10. GAMES: What color is the Connecticut property in the game "Monopoly"?

King Crossword - Solution time: 21 mins. Answers

Trivia Test Answers: 1. Peru; 2. Baltimore; 3. Maine; 4. Charles I; 5. Petula Clark; 6. Venus; 7. 10; 8. Six; 9. Larry, Moe, Shemp; 10. Curly Joe; 11. Edna Ferber; 12. Light blue

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jude in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who did God choose to replace Moses to lead the Israelites? *Aaron, Jacob, Joshua, Caleb*
3. Which disciple betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver? *Peter, Judas, John, Matthew*
4. From Matthew 12:24, who is the ruler of the demons? *Lucifer, Satan, Devil, Beelzebub*
5. Who was Simon Peter's brother? *John, James, Andrew, Matthew*
6. Which Psalm is the shortest? *23, 117, 120, 150*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Joshua; 3) Judas (Iscairiot); 4) Beelzebub; 5) Andrew; 6) 117

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PROVERBS 23: 17, 18

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4. Men in Black: International (PG-13) Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson
5. The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG) animated
6. Rocketman (R) Taron Egerton, James Bell
7. John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum (R) Keanu Reeves, Halle Berry
8. Godzilla: King of the Monsters (PG-13) Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga
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Lauder Road Stormwater Detention Basin Project,

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Phase 1 of the Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin is located on a 90-acre property bordered by Greens Bayou on the north, Lauder Road on the south, the neighborhood property line west of Green Teal Lane on the east, and Greens Bayou tributary P1380100 on the west.

Project Status: Currently in the Design Stage, Phase 1 of the Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin will be a wetbottom basin with a permanent pool, island and features designed to improve stormwater quality. Phases 2 and 3, which involve the future excavation of property from the former Castlewood Subdivision, are in the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) stage.

Project Funding: The Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin project is being funded through the Flood Control District's Capital Improvements Program (for Design stages) and through the 2018 Bond Program approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018 (for Construction stages). Total allocation for Phase 1 of this project is currently \$16 million, as listed on the 2018 Flood Control Bond Project List.

Community Engagement is an important component of the Bond Program, and we invite your participation and feedback as the program is implemented.

What is a Stormwater Detention Basin? Stormwater detention basins are a place to store damaging flood waters temporarily until the channels can safely carry the water away. As flat as Harris County is, most of our stormwater storage must be excavated. The Flood Control District uses



Commissioner Adrian Garcia spoke to the audience about improvements he planned for Precinct 2 areas.



PHASE 1 DETAILED MAP shows landscaping, walking trails, and water features, sloping to the outfall into Greens Bayou. Castlewood is to the right on this map.

stormwater detention extensively to reduce the risk of flooding throughout the county. Flood Control District basins are typically large regional facilities that may be several hundred acres in size. New developments often use stormwater detention to offset or mitigate the negative effect development

may have on flooding (due to covering up soil with buildings and concrete and speeding up the rate water runs off an area).

For more information, please visit www.hcfd.org/C34.

Castlewood 4th of July,

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college information. All who attended enjoyed BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks and desserts generously donated by Rep. Armando Walle, Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Carmen Schnur, Precinct 2 and last

but not least the East Aldine Management District. Civic Club, Precinct 2 and East Aldine Management District were "in the streets" with their decorated rides. Many thanks to Castlewood residents and

hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick and Wanda LeBlanc, for their continued support. "Till next year!!!

Submitted by Connie Esparza, President Castlewood Civic Club



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Castlewood residents had a great parade, and a great 4th of July.



Lone Star College participated, in the parade and with a booth.



East Aldine District was well represented by Natalie, Patti, and Veronica



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VIEW of some of the decorated vehicles that were in the parade.



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