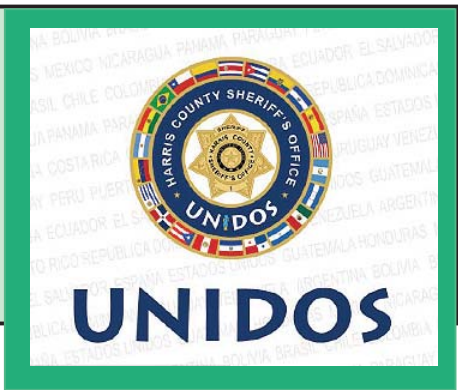


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Sheriff initiates UNIDOS program for Hispanics

Kick-off was held at BakerRipley Saturday; Goal is to provide resources and connections

EAST ALDINE – The public was invited to a kick-off party, held by the Sheriff's office, to introduce a new program called UNIDOS. The event was held last Saturday, at the BakerRipley complex in Town Center. Hundreds of families attended in spite of the intense heat, and the Sheriff's team displayed a great deal of their equipment and services in various locations around the BakerRipley campus. This included a mounted horse patrol, SWAT vehicles, an Autism intervention unit, and the most exciting of the show, the landing and exhibition of the department's helicopter.

The event also included a number of



Families lined up to get a picture with the Sheriff's helicopter. MORE INSIDE

exhibits and information tents, by community groups such as Lone Star College -- East Aldine, BakerRipley, Houston Police and Fire Departments, health organizations, and Harris County Precinct 2.

Unidos is a new program aimed at providing assistance to Spanish-speaking residents in Harris County through valuable resources and connections to meet the community's needs. Deputy Blanco

serves as our Hispanic community liaison and Unidos program coordinator. Unidos will host informational meetings and outreach events to introduce our local Hispanic community to Unidos' mission and the various ways

we serve them. Deputy Blanco will cover a range of topics, including how to report a crime, and address public safety concerns.

The program will help promote safer communities and a better quality of life by establishing meaningful relationships with residents and empow-

ering them through education.

Visitors to the event were able to meet with Deputy Blanco and our community partners at this family-friendly event with children's activities and snacks. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at Unidos@sheriff.hctx.net.



Deputy Blanco and Chief Deputy Toquica welcome.

Olympics open in Tokyo, Aldine Nimitz' Griner on team

TOKYO – Brittney Griner and Ariel Atkins are players with local ties on this year's Team USA women's basketball Olympic roster.

Brittney Griner, who starred at Nimitz High School and Baylor University, won gold with Team USA at the 2016 Olympics as well as at the FIBA World Championships in 2014 and 2018. She was named MVP of the gold-medal game in the 2018 FIBA World Championships.

This will be the first Olympics for Ariel Atkins, who starred at the University of Texas before becoming the seventh overall pick in the 2018 WNBA Draft. This has been a



Brittney Griner practices in her Team USA uniform.

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Dems defy Abbott, continue stay in DC

WASHINGTON, DC – More than 50 Democratic members of the state House fled Austin for Washington, D.C., last Monday, paralyzing the House just as the GOP was advancing sweeping changes in elections during a special session. Under the Texas Constitution, the Legislature requires a quorum of two-thirds of lawmakers to be present to conduct state business in either chamber.

The Texas Democrats plan to spend the week meeting with national voting rights advocates and labor leaders, election officials and other Democrats as they seek to keep the pressure on Congress to pass federal voting legislation.

After news broke over



Democratic State Rep. Senfronia Thompson

the weekend that three members of the caucus had tested positive for

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OPINION
By Houston Mayor
SYLVESTER TURNER



TxDOT survey asks wrong questions, offers wrong options on I-45 project

HOUSTON - On June 30, the Texas Transportation Commission directed TxDOT to collect public comments on funding changes to the Unified Transportation Program.

Specific to I-45 NHHIP, the public is being asked whether they support the project as proposed or want to see the funds reallocated to other regions and projects.

"A survey is not public engagement. Further, this survey is framing a false choice," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "We do not intend to play their game. There is a right way to do it, and if it is done right it can be transformational," Mayor Turner said of TxDOT's planned reconstruction of I-45.

Through years of community engagement, the City of Houston has developed key priorities for a successful project, as articulated by Mayor Turner's letters of May 12, 2020 and December 8, 2020. They include:

- Study Segment 1 and 2 alternatives to use only the right of way needed, as determined by a recalculation of future demand based on most recent and relevant data.
- Study dedicated transit lanes with stations that serve adjacent communities.
- Design frontage roads, crossings, and other points of neighborhood interface as City streets.

Keep communities whole by allowing residents and businesses to remain in their neighborhood and increase funding for housing construction to maintain the supply of affordable units.

"There is a path forward for this project," said Mayor Turner. "It entails making commitments related to housing, connectivity, flooding, parks and green space, and multi-modal forms of transportation. It can even work within TxDOT's existing Record of Decision. But it requires TxDOT to take a different approach. The take it or lose it position being offered by TxDOT is not helpful in getting this project done."

Dems defy Abbott,

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Covid-19, the events were moved largely online. Sunday night, the caucus said two more members had tested positive.

EXPENSIVE PROTEST

The price of keeping the Democrats out of Texas through Aug. 7, when the session expires, is expected to be around \$1.5 million, state Rep. Armando Walle said in an interview.

Walle said the pair of private charter jets that the majority of legislators took to Washington cost more than \$100,000, while housing, food and other transportation costs will make up the bulk of other expenses.

Who is paying for the exodus has been an open question, as the legislators

fled in a hurry without a fundraising plan.

The charter jets were paid for by wire transfer from the state House Democratic Caucus just hours before takeoff Monday afternoon, after NBC News reported that the legislators were planning to leave town, a caucus staffer with knowledge of the matter said.

Members and staffers have picked up costs on their personal credit cards, too, legislators said.

A large block of hotel rooms at a mid-range D.C. hotel was booked with a House member's personal American Express card, said a legislator, who added that members expect to be reimbursed eventually.


TOKYO 2021



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Absent lawmakers stymie Special Session

Nearly 60 Texas House Democrats left the state last Monday for Washington, D.C. in an effort to stop passage of a Republican-led elections bill. This in effect blocks all legislation since the House doesn't have a quorum present. As the Austin American Statesman and other media outlets reported, Gov. Greg Abbott has threatened to arrest the absent lawmakers upon their return. While in Washington, the legislators have met with Vice President Kamala Harris and several Democratic senators to push passage of a federal elections bill that is currently stalemated.

The House Democrats have vowed to stay in Washington until the special session ends on Aug. 7. They are using private funds as well as campaign accounts to finance their decampment to the nation's capital and are mounting fundraising campaigns. San Antonio lawmaker Trey Martinez Fischer, one of the leaders of breaking the quorum, said Democrats are spending \$10,000 a day for hotel rooms and meals. Abbott has blasted the Democrats' absences as a "taxpayer-funded junket."

ABBOTT ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Abbott last week directed the Texas Rangers to investigate "multiple allegations" of potentially illegal behavior among certain staff members of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. The department operates five secure facilities and six halfway houses across the state for youthful offenders. The move comes after numerous complaints that children in state lockups are subject to widespread sexual assault and other violations.

In late 2020, Texas Appellate and Disability Rights Texas filed a complaint with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S.



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Department of Justice, claiming "grievous violations of children's constitutional rights." TJJD has been under criticism for more than a decade for what critics term chronic understaffing, abuse and scandal, according to previous published reports.

INVASIVE SILVER CARP FOUND IN TEXAS WATERS

Invasive silver carp has been found in Texas waters, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The invasive species was found in last month in Choctaw Creek, a tributary of the Red River, about 15 miles downstream from Lake Texoma. "These are the first reports of silver carp from Texas waters, although they have previously been found in other areas of the Red River including just downstream from Lake Texoma in Oklahoma waters in 2019," said Dan Bennett, TPWD fisheries management biologist. "Invasive carp pose a significant risk to Lake Texoma's ecosystem and boaters and there is adequate flow and upstream river area for them to become established and reproduce in the lake if introduced."

The carp are not native to the United States but have become prolific primarily in the Mississippi River Basin. They compete with other species, such as shad and buffalo, and can even pose a risk to humans. They can jump up to 10 feet out of water when

startled by boat engines, sometimes injuring boaters. Some can reach more than 4 feet in length and weigh nearly 90 pounds.

Anyone who catches either silver or bighead carp in Texas waters is asked to report the sighting with location information and photos to AquaticInvasives@tpwd.texas.gov. Silver and bighead carp are prohibited exotic species in Texas and must be killed upon possession by beheading, gutting, gill-cutting or other means or placed on ice. Neither species can be possessed live.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is receiving more than \$210 million in federal emergency funding for mental health and substance abuse prevention services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The pandemic has created much higher demand for mental health and substance use disorder services across Texas," said Sonja Gaines, HHS deputy executive commissioner for Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Behavioral Health Services. "The federal emergency funding will allow us to address challenges associated with the impact of COVID-19 and help get Texans who need behavioral support on the road to recovery."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that drug overdose deaths set a record in 2020, driven primarily by opioids. HHSC is using the emergency funding to create and implement a number of initiatives, including expanded access to treatment and recovery programs and diversion services that keep folks with mental health or substance abuse issues out of jails and emergency rooms.

NEW COVID-19 CASES RISING SHARPLY

Largely because of the delta variant of COVID-19 and a large percentage of unvaccinated Texans, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas rose sharply in the past week, with 22,773 new cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That's close to double the number of cases the week before, and deaths reported also increased to 192. The Centers for Disease Control reports that 99% of deaths attributed to the virus are people who have not been vaccinated.

Hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients also rose sharply, to 2,834 currently in Texas hospitals as of Sunday. That's up nearly 50% from the previous week. The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated rose slightly to 12.353 million — 42.3% of all the total state population.

THE POSTSCRIPT
By
Carrie Classon

Adventures Everywhere

Years ago, I had trouble with my septic system. If you've ever had that kind of trouble, you know what kind of trouble it can be.

I was living in my old farmhouse out in the middle of the woods and had no idea where the sewage went until it suddenly went nowhere. That's when I called the septic guy.

The house (and presumably the septic tank) was 100 years old, and I had never had occasion to get overly curious about where the septic tank was or exactly how it worked—until it didn't.

The septic guy located the tank and then made what I thought was a shocking comment. "There's another one here somewhere," he announced, and headed off into the woods, looking for another septic tank cover.

"There are two septic tanks?" I asked, confused.

"At least!" he said.

"Isn't that unusual?"

"Not at all! I've seen up to five!"

"Five septic tanks?"

"Yup." The septic guy was now searching through the underbrush like a hunter stalking his quarry. He smiled broadly. "The septic business is always an adventure!" he said.

I had honestly never thought of it that way.

Yesterday we had a somewhat similar situation under our feet. Fortunately, this one did not involve sewage, but only the floor—which has been getting worse by the day.

The humidity has gotten the better of the inexpensive engineered wood flooring installed by the fellow who flipped the condo before selling it to us. The damage started out as a buckle in the hallway, spread to some ripples in the kitchen, and is now making its way across the living room like furrows in a freshly plowed field. My husband, Peter, has had it.

"I don't even like the color!" he said, looking out over the rippling black landscape. "I think we should rip it all out!"

And so yesterday a nice flooring man named Hayden came to visit. Hayden tut-tutted in what I thought was an appropriate way when he saw the ridges running the length of our floor.

"What's underneath it?" Hayden wanted to know. Like my old septic system, it had never occurred to me to investigate.

"Rip it up!" Peter told him. "We're getting rid of it anyway." Hayden grabbed a chunk of the engineered wood and pulled.

"Parquet," Hayden said.

"Excuse me?" I didn't know what Hayden said, but it certainly couldn't have been "parquet."

"There's parquet flooring underneath," Hayden said, pulling off another board so we could see. "And it looks like it's in pretty good shape, except for the paint they dripped on it."

Peter and I stared at the beautiful oak parquet hidden beneath the dreadful rippling flooring. So now Hayden will be refinishing the parquet floors we never knew we had.

That evening, I talked to Vern, the guy at the front desk. He remembers Elizabeth, who owned our condo from the year it was built until she died last year. She was a character, and a bit of a hoarder, but apparently a wonderful person. "I'm betting she threw down carpet on that parquet and forgot all about it!" Vern said.

Today I'm grateful that Elizabeth never got around to remodeling, grateful the flipper was too lazy to remove the old flooring before he put in the new, grateful that Peter got sick enough of the growing bumps to do something about them. I keep going back to the hole Hayden ripped in the floor and looking at that lovely parquet hidden just beneath the surface all this time.

There are adventures everywhere, and not just in the septic business.

Till next time, Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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COMMUNITY PAGE

Mayor plans drive-thru Back2School event Aug. 14

MAYOR'S BACK TO SCHOOL FEST PRESENTED BY SHELL WILL PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH BACKPACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, FOOD AND MASKS

HOUSTON - Mayor Sylvester Turner will welcome thousands of students and their families to the 11th Annual Mayor's Back to School Fest presented by Shell on Saturday, August 14, 2021. To accommodate the growing number of students who need assistance, this year the event will again take place in the NRG Park Yellow Lot as a "drive-through" event.

Registration is recommended for participation in the fest: <https://www.houstontx.gov/btsf/registermystudent.html>

The annual fest presented by Shell Oil Company is designed to help economically disadvantaged Houston-area elementary school students and their families as they prepare to return to school. In addition to distributing 25,000 backpacks with school supplies, the Mayor's Office of Special Events has partnered with the Houston Food Bank to provide food to the students' families. Additionally, face masks will be distributed to ensure a safe return to school. With one in four Texas children living in poverty, the Mayor's Back to School Fest presented by Shell is focused on changing the future, one child at a time.

"Many Houston families simply cannot afford school supplies, and the challenges are greater this year because of the linger-



ing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Families have been hit hard by health issues or unemployment, said Mayor Turner. "I thank our sponsors for stepping up to the plate to help. Due to their generosity, thousands of kids will have the tools they need for a successful start to the school year."

Due to COVID-19, this new procedure for obtaining school supplies was implemented in 2020 with the sole purpose of keeping the public safe and socially distanced. That commitment to safety remains a priority for this year's event.

"Shell is honored to serve as founding and presenting sponsor of the annual Mayor's Back 2 School Fest," said Christina Jones, VP HR, Diversity, Inclusion and Employee Relations. "Through our strong 11-year partnership, we have supported a variety of education programs that help prepare

our students for academic success. These continuing efforts are critical to support our talent pipeline, but also to sustain and grow the economic vitality of this community we all call home."

Partnering with the Houston Food Bank will benefit students and their families by providing much-needed produce, protein, and dry goods.

"Houston Food Bank is proud to be a part of the Mayor's Back 2 School Fest, to help kids and families get ready for this important time of year," says Brian Greene, president/CEO of the Food Bank. "While there remain so many unknowns during the COVID-19 pandemic, what we do know is that some families need help preparing for this time of year, and they are still in need of food assistance. We are happy to partner with Shell and the City of Houston for this important event."

Aldine ISD Announces District Leadership Changes

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney has announced changes to district leadership.

"Last year, we were provided with opportunities for growth and a commitment to ensuring every student had access to choices and opportunities — not just in the future but right now. That meant how and when we support students and staff. This included reviewing and realigning how we do our work and ensuring the right resources are directed toward ensuring all students are progressing and succeeding."

The changes will create the conditions that make it possible for principals to be more effective in leading school improvement. The following leadership restructuring will support our continued commitment to creating equitable experiences and ensuring students have increased choices and opportunities upon graduation from high school.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

--Chief of Staff — Sheleah D. Reed, APR

The need for this newly created role

became apparent this past year as we began to tackle all of the projects to meet the goals of our strategic plan, A New Way Forward. In this role, Reed will support Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and work with district leadership to ensure Aldine ISD's priorities are implemented. Reed will continue to oversee the communications areas while also elevating AISD's equity initiatives. While much of this work was already underway in her role as the Chief Communications Officer, she will now have the latitude to build on the solid foundation that has been prepared.



SHELEAH D. REED

--Associate Superintendent of Schools — Dr. Xóchitl Rodríguez

This position will support all 15 high schools and oversee the new Postsecondary Outcomes Executive Director, which Dr. Autumn Boyd has filled, ensuring all students are prepared for life after high school.

--Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning — Dr. Stephen Warford

and Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance — Alexia Rogers. Mr. Warford and Rogers will continue leading work in their respective areas, now as members of the Executive Leadership Team.



MATT WARFORD

SCHOOLS OFFICE

--Social and Emotional Learning
Over the past year, Aldine has increased Social and Emotional Learning supports across the school district with targeted ongoing training and coaching. The work will continue next year as the department expands with additional Social and Emotional Learning and School Culture Specialists, hiring Licensed Specialists in School Psychology and additional Social Workers.

--Executive Director of School Administration — Todd Lindeman

Reporting to the Chief of Schools, Lindeman, will help facilitate safety and positive behavior support and assist campus behavior coordinators. What was known as Safe and Secure Schools has been dissolved. Student Services now oversees the student transfer process. Mr. Michael Williams will serve as the district's Emergency Operations Manager reporting directly to the Chief of Police.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

--Director of Mathematics and Science — Sandra Doria

Bringing in equitable and cohesive math and science teaching practices, Doria will oversee a new math curriculum rollout for the 2021-2022 school year.

--Executive Director of Early Childhood Learning — Ray Mondragon

Mondragon joins the Teaching and Learning team. He will continue supporting all early childhood learning, including curriculum and testing, as well as leading all change efforts to increase access to quality programs for the district's youngest learners. The district's Head Start Director will provide additional support for qualifying prekindergarten students

--Director of Interventions — Dr. Kimberly Sinclair

Sinclair has been promoted to Director, where she will oversee the dyslexia services program and the response to intervention process.

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

The department has expanded to include a Program Director that will focus on elementary schools ensuring families have complete access and understanding of the gifted and talented program in their early years. Dr. Susan Pelezo also now oversees digital learning, managing the work of the Digital Learning Specialists.

MULTILINGUAL SERVICES

Centrally managed Language Proficiency and Assessment Committee (LPAC) Clerks have been added to the Multilingual team to support the clerical work of our ESL professional staff members on each campus.

SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED)

The Special Education Department is being strengthened to ensure all SpEd students have the tools and resources needed to succeed. Transition Specialists have been added at the high school level, which serves as the campus representative with the Texas Workforce Commission, ensuring students have a plan following graduation. AISD has added 15 additional positions to improve the overall program. These positions include the Transition Specialists, a board-certified Behavior Analyst, an In-Home and Parent Trainer, and additional Diagnosticians to support the needs of the district's Special Education Department.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

--Program Director of Testing-Local Assessments — Kappelle Traylor

Mrs. Traylor will serve as the liaison with Teaching and Learning. She will support the administration of universal screeners and other local assessments to ensure the district collects and monitors data needed to determine student achievement and progress.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

AISD has added Art Teachers to eight campuses. Additionally, the Skills Specialist role has been redefined to improve Tier 1 instruction. They are now called Instructional Specialists.

"I look forward to starting strong in the new school year with new opportunities to grow as professionals and positively impact the Aldine community," added Dr. Goffney.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer N. Nandlal

FREE TAKE AND MAKE KITS:

While our programming is still mostly online, we do offer free craft kits to customers. The kits come with most or all the supplies needed and an instruction guide. Customers can watch our online videos (Facebook & Instagram: @highmeadowslibrary) for the instructional as well. Kits are free and offered on a first come first serve basis.

HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

We've been celebrating our 100-year birthday and we have free commemorative postcards and stickers at the

library for customers to stop by and pick up. Our celebration will continue throughout the remainder of 2021 with free craft kits for babies, kids, teens, and adults. If you'd like a kit, please stop by the library.

MY KEEP IT KIT FROM HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY CORPS:

We've partnered up with Harris County Emergency Corps to hand out "My Keep It" kits. Included in each kit is a free set of books for children ages 0-18 months and the kit is designed to help families and children develop a love of reading. The kits are sponsored by The Children's Museum of Houston and Texas Children's Hospital and are bilingual. We have kits available for pickup while supplies last.

SUMMER READING:

Our Summer Reading program ends on August 7th. There's still time to register and pick up prizes. For assistance, please contact us and we can help.

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Fatal Shooting at 9400 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man found at 9400 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) about 1 a.m. on Monday (July 19).

The identity of the victim, 33, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives J. Flores and C. Flora reported: Officers were dispatched to a major crash on the northbound lanes of the freeway at the above address and found three damaged vehicles just before the West Mount Houston Road exit. Officers also found a man lying on an embankment between the freeway and the service road. Paramedics arrived and pronounced the man deceased. He had suffered at least one gunshot wound.

Witnesses reported seeing the man, who was involved in the initial crash and subsequently parked on the freeway shoulder, get into an altercation with individuals in a car on the feeder road. As a result of that altercation, the victim was fatally shot. The suspects fled the scene in an unknown vehicle.

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Griner on Olympic team,

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coming-out season for Atkins offensively - she's averaging career highs in five categories, including her 19.0 points per game. The former Longhorn was a part of the Washington Mystics' 2019 WNBA Championship team and has been named to the WNBA All-Defensive Team all three seasons she has played in the league.

As for the rest of the roster, Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi will try and become the first five-time Olympic gold medalists in basketball as they lead the U.S women's team at the Tokyo Games.

The duo was selected for their fifth Olympics last month, joining Teresa Edwards as the only basketball players in U.S. history to play in five. Edwards won four gold medals and a bronze in her illustrious Olympic career.

There have been five international basketball players to play in five Olympics: Spain's Juan Carlos Navarro, Brazil's Adriana Moises Pinto and Oscar Schmidt, Australia's Andrew Gaze and Puerto Rico's Teofilo Cruz.

The 40-year-old Bird and 39-year-old Taurasi will lead a veteran group in Japan, including 6-foot-6 Sylvia Fowles, who will be playing in her fourth Olympics. Tina Charles will be in her third while 6-8 Brittney Griner and Breanna Stewart are back for a second time.

There will also be six newcomers to the Olympic stage: Atkins, reigning WNBA MVP A'ja Wilson, Skylar Diggins-Smith, Chelsea Gray, Jewell Loyd and Napheesa Collier.



BRITNEY GRINER

"USA Basketball has never been in a better place," said U.S. head coach Dawn Staley, who won three Olympic gold medals as a player and helped the team win two more as an assistant coach. "I'm honored to be the coach of such an amazing collection of talented women, both those named to the team and those who gave their all the last few years but won't be with us in Tokyo."

The Americans have won the last six consecutive gold medals, not dropping a game at the Olympics since 1992. They are the heavy favorites to win again. The Americans are in a pool with France, Japan and Nigeria, which the U.S. opens up against on July 27. The Americans face Japan on July 30 and France on Aug. 2.

The U.S. team got together in Las Vegas in July to train for a week as well as play an All-Star Game against a selection of WNBA players. The Americans will also play games against Australia and Nigeria.

Sheriff's UNIDOS event at BakerRipley



ABOVE: Sheriff's displays included a Mounted Unit, and a SWAT vehicle, and a helicopter.

LEFT: At East Aldine District booth, Board member Abel Garza, Natalie Perez, Veronica Sanches, and Aldine Police Chief Paul Cordova.

Latin Jazz series continues July 31 at Town Center

Latin Jazz Concert Series poster for Oskar Cartaya and Jorge 'Cro Cro' Orta at East Aldine District Amphitheater.

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Weekly SUDOKU puzzle by Linda Thistle with difficulty level 'Moderate'.

HOCUS-FOCUS puzzle by Henry Boltinoff with two panels to compare.

King Crossword July 27, 2021 Posting Date

King Crossword grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LITERATURE: In which novel did the character Sherlock Holmes first appear?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Area 51 located in the United States?
3. SCIENCE: How long does it take for light from the sun to reach Earth?
4. ENTERTAINERS: Which actor and comedian's original name was Joseph Levitch?
5. GAMES: What is the sum of all numbers on a roulette wheel?
6. AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised with the slogan "Let your fingers do the walking..."?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What grain is used to make sake?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state has used the slogan "Heart of Dixie" on its license plates?
9. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek god of time?
10. GAMES: How many players are on each side in a polo game?

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1. 'A Study in Scarlet'; 2. Nevada; 3. About 8 minutes; 20 seconds; 4. Jerry Lewis; 5. 666; 6. Yellow Pages; 7. Rice; 8. Alabama; 9. Chronos; 10. Four

Trivia Test Answers

King Crossword Answers

CHURCH PAGE


BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Lazarus in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. What happened to Jeroboam's hand on confronting the man of God at the altar? Fell off, Turned to salt, Became a viper, Dried up
3. The children making fun of Elisha's bald head were torn apart by? 2 bears, 3 lions, 7 serpents, Locust swarm
4. From Acts 13, who was called "A man after mine own heart"? Gideon, David, Matthew, James
5. In John 19, who said, "What I have written, I have written"? Daniel, John the Baptist, Pilate, Jesus
6. From Genesis 1:20, on what day did God create the birds? 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Dried up; 3) 2 bears; 4) David; 5) Pilate; 6) 5th
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Jesus rebuked him, saying "Hold thy peace, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had torn him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

MARK 1: 25, 26

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Texas governor signs bill expanding Lone Star College baccalaureate degree programs

HOUSTON (June 17, 2021) – Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed House Bill 3348 into law which allows the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to permit the expansion of Lone Star College's baccalaureate degree programs.

"Building on the success of our three current bachelor's degree programs, Lone Star College is ready to provide even more bachelor's degrees for high-demand careers," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "This is a wonderful opportunity for Lone Star College students who want to continue their education close to home at an affordable tuition."

LSC will submit a proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board which would allow it to offer a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management (BSEM) degree. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports emergency management directors typically need a bachelor's degree as well as work experience in emergency response, disaster planning or public administration.

Emergency management directors prepare plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters or other emergencies. They also help lead the response during and after emergencies.

The bill, which was signed June 16, allows LSC and other community colleges to offer no more than five baccalaureate degree programs at any time. LSC will conduct re-



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has signed HB3348 into law which allows the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to permit Lone Star College to offer additional baccalaureate degree programs. LSC will work toward gaining approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management degree. Pictured are LSC students training to become emergency medical technicians.

search and market analysis to determine its fifth baccalaureate program at a later date.

"I would like to thank all those in the house and senate that voted for this bill, particularly Texas Sen. Brandon Creighton who carried the bill as the chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education," said Head.

LSC began to offer Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity; and Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy, Manufacturing and Trades Management degrees in fall 2019. Visit LoneStar.edu/Bachelors-Degrees to learn more.

In addition to state approvals, LSC must also get program approval from its

accreditation agency, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 93,000+ 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. Lone Star College consists of seven colleges, eight centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

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