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NEWS Aldine residents protest against TCEQ

Busload demands more aggressive environmental protection

METRO HOV Lanes open Weekends for Summer

The Express Lanes that help you avoid traffic on weekdays will soon be open seven days a week as part of a regional pilot mobility program approved by MFTRO's Board of Directors today. HOV/HOT (Express) Lanes managed by METRO will be open on weekends beginning Saturday, July 2 through Monday, Sept. 5. This includes the Fourth of July and Labor Day holidays. Weekend and holiday operations will follow the same schedule, occupancy requirements and tolls as weekdays

Lanes included in the pilot program run down the middle of Interstate 45, U.S. Highway 59 and U.S. Highway 290.

The lanes run in one direction, but are reversible depending on the time of day. In the mornings, vehicles travel toward downtown Houston. In the afternoons, they travel away from downtown

Toll requirements depend on the freeway, time of day and total number of people in your

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- * No bicycles (motorcycles permitted).
- * No pedestrians.

METRO offers **Free Bus Rides** to students this summer

Students Ride FREE this summer on METRO buses and Light Rail, with a Discounted METRO Q Fare Card.

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AUSTIN - East Aldine Management District staffers joined local residents at the Texas Capitol on Wednesday, June 22, as they urged the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission to reform the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to better protect Texans from environmental hazards.

Chief on the minds of East Aldine residents who testified at a hearing was a company's pending application to the TCEQ for permission to construct and operate a concrete "batch" plant in the neighborhood, adjacent to James Driver Park and a residential subdivision. The state agency has granted preliminary permission for the company to move ahead, but further hearings on the



The Protest Group from East Aldine poses in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Austin on Wednesday June 22 as they prepare to testify before the Sunset Commission about TCEQ. Among the group, Bo Fraga, Veronica Sanchez, Rocio Witte, Ruben Salazar, Shirley Ronquillo, Connie Esparza, and others from the Aldine See Article "TCEQ Faces Reckoning" on Page 5.

application are pending.

One of the group, Ruben Salazar commented: "Today I joined my fellow East Aldine community advocates and representatives in Austin to testify before the Sunset Advisory Commission. We asked the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) to make drastic changes to its protocol for granting permits to industrial facilities, specifically Concrete Batch Plants to ensure that effects on infrastructure and residents' quali

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Friday night movies continue at Town Center Next Show: Jumanji, The Next Level



Jumanji: The Next Level (2019) Starring Jack Black, Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson, and Karen Gillan.

East Aldine has planned a series of events during the year, to keep activities lively at the Town Center. During the month of July, a Hollywood movie will be shown on a giant screen every Friday night at 8:30, with popcorn, snowcones and drinks available just like in a theater.

The first movie showing was July 1st, and the movie was National Treasure 2, Book of Secrets starring

Nicholas Cage.

The other four movies scheduled for July include family favorites. On July 8th Clifford's Really Big Movie; July 15th Jumanji The Next Level; July 22nd Raya & The Last Dragon, and July 29th In the Heights.

The East Aldine District welcomes your suggestions on other acitivities you would like at Town Center.

Griner pleads guilty to drug charges in Russian court

RUSSIA - Aldine native and American WNBA basketball star Brittney Griner pleaded guilty to drug charges in a Moscow court last Thursday, her lawyers said, leaving her facing the prospect of up to 10 years in prison as her family and friends step up their calls for the U.S. government to do more to free her.

Griner, 31, was detained in February at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport after Russian authorities said they found vape canisters with cannabis oil in her luggage.

Griner's lawyer, Alexander Boikov, told reporters outside the courtroom after Thursday's hearing that the basketball star admitted that the vape canisters were hers, but said she brought them to Russia unintentionally.

"She was in a hurry as she was packing, and it

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Brittney Griner appeared on Russian television on the first day of her trial. Here she is leaving the courthouse with handcuffs and a tether to a jailer. The woman behind her, in a striped shirt and jacket, is US State Department charge d'affaires Elizabeth Rood, who was allowed to attend the trial, and later took cellphone photos of Griner leaving.

Excerpts from Griner's Letter to President Biden:

Griner is "terrified I might be here forever," according to excerpts of a handwritten letter to the president provided to media outlets by a family representative.

"Please don't forget about me and the other American

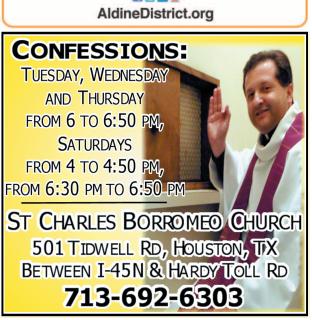
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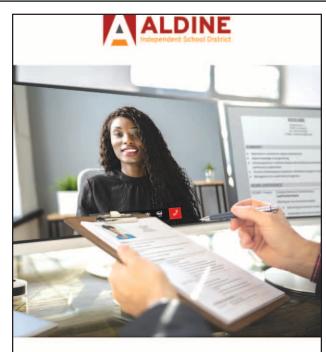
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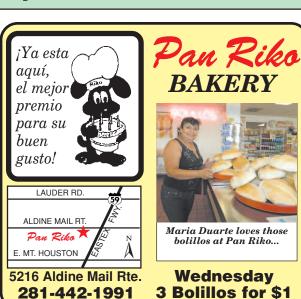


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Griner pleads guilty to drug charges in Russian court

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was just by accident that it ended up in her luggage," Boikov said.

He said that Griner is a "responsible person" in response to a question about why she decided to plead guilty.

"Considering her personality, that she is a role model to many people, to many young people — she just thinks she should be responsible for her actions," her other lawyer, Maria Blagovolina, told reporters.

In a statement, her lawyers added that because of the "insignificant" amount of the substance found and because of Griner's "positive contributions to global and Russian sport, the defense hopes that the plea will be considered by the court as a mitigating factor and there will be no severe sentence."

Griner's next hearing is scheduled for next Thursday, July 21st.

Her latest court appearance comes after President Joe Biden sought to reassure Griner's wife, Cherelle Griner, that he was working to secure her release as fast as he could. Griner wrote an emotional letter to the president this week, pleading with

him to bring her home.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken tweeted after the hearing that U.S. embassy officials attending the trial were able to speak to Griner and deliver a letter from Biden. "We will not relent until Brittney, Paul Whelan, and all other wrongfully detained Americans are reunited with their loved ones," he said.

National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson echoed that sentiment.

In a statement, she said: "As we have stated before, we believe the Russian Federation is wrongfully detaining Brittney Griner under intolerable circumstances. At the President's direction, the U.S. government continues to work aggressively, pursuing every avenue, to bring her home safely to her family, friends, and loved ones as soon as possible. We will continue that work to secure Brittney's release, as well as the release of Paul Whelan and other U.S. nationals who are wrongfully detained or held hostage in Russia and around the

Whelan, a former U.S. Marine, is serving a 16-year sentence for espionage. In a tweet after the hearing, Whelan's twin, David, said he hopes "Griner's guilty plea will hasten the end of the injustice she's experiencing. Russia won't work to send her home until there's a conviction and sentence."

Boikov, Griner's lawyer, said the basketball star "appreciated" Biden's letter.

Elizabeth Rood, the charge d'affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, said after the hearing that she was able to speak with Griner in the courtroom and Griner said that she was eating well. "She is able to read books and under the circumstances, she is doing well," Rood said in a statement.

Griner's arrest took place just days before Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine, and has highlighted the frayed relations between Washington and Moscow.

The Kremlin has been accused of using Griner as a political pawn while the Biden administration has said she has been "wrongfully detained." Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has denied Griner was being held as a hostage.

Griner, a 6-foot-9 native of the Aldine area of Houston, is a two-time Olympic gold medalist and a center for the Phoenix Mercury who played for a Russian basketball team during the WNBA's offseason. Her trial began last week.

She was led into the courtroom on Thursday in handcuffs, wearing glasses and a red T-shirt and pants. Griner was later joined in the courtroom by three U.S. embassy representatives and her lawyers, with no TV cameras and only a few journalists allowed in.

Experts in Russian criminal law say Griner faces at least a minimum of five years in prison given the charges, but her decision to admit guilt may have been done to help mitigate receiving the maximum 10-year sentance.

Her lawyers could also argue that she deserves less than the mandatory five years, said William E. Butler, the author of "Russian Law and Legal Institutions" and a professor at Penn State Dickinson Law.

"Sentencing here is now crucial," Butler said, adding that "the question will be whether there are grounds to give her less than five."

In a statement released to the media later on Thursday, Griner's lawyers said they expect the trial to finish in early August and were hopeful for a lenient sentence.

"Considering the nature of her case, the insignificant amount of the substance and BG's personality and history of positive contributions to global and Russian sport, the defense hopes that the plea will be considered by the court as a mitigating factor and there will be no severe sentence," the statement said.

Since her trial started, her family, friends and colleagues have increased their calls for the U.S. to do more to bring her home.

Her team held a rally in her support in Phoenix on Wednesday while the Rev. Al Sharpton urged Biden and Blinken on Tuesday to arrange for him and a group of faith leaders to meet Griner in Russia.

A similar rally was held last month in Houston, in front of the Toyota Center. Participating in that rally were Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, and recently released American hasters. Traver Bard

can hostage Trevor Reed.

The White House said Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris called Cherelle Griner on Wednesday to assure her that the president is working to secure Griner's release. He also read her a draft of the letter he was sending Griner, according to the White House readout of the call.

It came after Griner said in the handwritten letter addressed to Biden this week that she was terrified she could be in Russian jail forever, imploring him to do all he can to bring her home.

In May, the State Department reclassified Griner as having been

Griner Letter to Pres. Biden,

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[d]etainees," Griner wrote, according to excerpts of the letter shared by a family representative. "Please do all you can to bring us home."

"As I sit here in a Russian prison, alone with my thoughts and without the protection of my wife, family, friends, Olympic jersey, or any accomplishments, I'm terrified I might be here forever," Griner wrote.

In her letter, Griner told Biden that her family usually spends the Fourth of July honoring the service of "those who fought for our freedom, including my father who is a Vietnam War Veteran."

"It hurts thinking about how I usually celebrate this day," she wrote, "because freedom means something completely different to me this year."

"wrongfully detained" and transferred oversight of her case to the State Department presidential envoy for hostage affairs. U.S. officials have said they are working behind the scenes to free her.

So far, Washington has not officially commented on any possible prisoner swaps, despite speculation in Russian state media in May that Griner could be exchanged for convicted Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout, who is serving a 25-year prison sentence in the U.S. Media sources were not able to confirm those reports.

Russia's foreign ministry said Thursday that "publicity and hype" in the media and online around Americans detained in Russia impedes the interaction between Moscow and the U.S. on prisoner exchanges, according to

the state news agency

Before Griner's guilty plea, deputy foreign ministry spokesperson Alexey Zaitsev said Wednesday that she was arrested for "a serious offense, confirmed by indisputable evidence." But he said she was free to file an appeal and to ask for clemency. As to a possible prisoner exchange, Zaitsev said the court would have to reach a verdict first, which he estimated could take at least a month.

"Brittney sets an example of being brave," her lawyers said in the Thursday statement. "She decided to take full responsibility for her actions as she knows that she is a role model for many people."



SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Aldine ISD Campus Leaders Complete Holdsworth's Campus Leadership Program

On June 13-15, several Aldine ISD campuses attended The Holdsworth Center's Campus Leadership Program graduation held at their Austin campus. The program is in relation to the five-year partnership between Aldine and The Holdsworth Center, which was initiated in 2019. Aldine ISD was selected as one of several Texas school districts to participate in The Holdsworth Center's partnership, focused on improving the quality of education offered to every child in every classroom in Texas.

The graduation ceremony was to recognize several principals, assistant

principals and campus leaders who have completed the two-year Campus Leadership Program. The program had leaders attend interactive learning sessions with expert faculty, go on site visits and deepen their individual leadership skills while working toward excellent and equitable outcomes for students on their campuses.

The work of the campus leaders will continue to impact and build a legacy of equity and excellence across the



Graduates of Holdsworth's Campus Leadership Program

Aldine campuses who participated in the graduation were as follows:

Escamilla Elementary, Thompson Elementary, Garcia Middle School, Stovall Middle School and Nimitz Ninth Grade School.







COVID-19 School Testing Program



Be a part of a healthy community and get your child tested for COVID-19!

The Houston Health Department is partnering with local school districts to offer free on-campus COVID-19 testing to students and staff at many campuses during the 2021-2022 school year.

The program will be able to identify COVID-19 cases quickly and early to help stop outbreaks. Regular testing is a safe, effective way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and help keep schools open for in-person learning.

If your student brings home a consent form, please sign and return it. If you are unsure if your child's school is offering the testing, please contact the school.

The COVID-19 tests will be free to students and staff. You will never receive a bill, and your insurance will not be charged.

How are schools selected for the program?

Schools within communities with high COVID-19 transmission and low vaccination rates are prioritized.

How will the testing be done?

The COVID-19 testing is fast, and

very simple. These PCR tests are conducted with a shallow nose swab that only goes half to three-quarters of an inch into the nose and is rotated three times in each nostril. The swab is administered by a qualified medical professional from Fulgent Genetics.

When will we know the results of the test?

The results of the test should be available within one day.

This school testing program is supported by the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emergency Infectious Disease (ELC) Cooperative Agreement of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$69,885,366.00 with 100 percent funded by ELC/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by ELC/HHS, or the U.S. Government. For more information, please visit the Division of Preparedness and Emerging Infections (DPEI).

Visit https://bit.ly/ClientSCT for more information and locations of testing.

Lone Star College students selected for Dell Technologies Internship program

HOUSTON (June 30, 2022) – Lone Star College students Karla Deleon and Luciana Zuniga have been chosen to participate in the Dell Global Marketing Summer Internship Program. The program is designed to help students prepare for their future career and provide them with the tools necessary to succeed.

"Lone Star College and Dell Technologies are working closely on recruiting a more diverse workforce into IT, and technical sales/marketing careers," said Linda Leto Head, LSC Senior Associate Vice Chancellor External and Employer Relations. "The experience these students will receive will help guide them for years to come."

Dell Global Marketing Summer Internships are a highly selective program which consists of college students who are interested in exploring a marketing career at Dell. The training program is a 10-week, full-time, paid, hands-on development internship program. The internship is sponsored by Dell Marketing executives and modeled after Dell's full time Marketing Development Program.

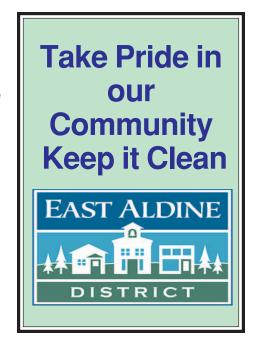
"This program will help our students develop strong communication and interpersonal skills, leadership traits and proficiency in analytics and problem-solving," said Head.

LSC provides many opportunities for students looking to expand their skills and help secure a well-paying job in a variety of professions. Fall registration is underway with classes

starting Aug. 29. Learn more about all

the exciting possibilities available by visiting LoneStar.edu/Start.

Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. 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 and has been named a 2021 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and ranked 35th in Texas in the Forbes 'America's Best Employers By State' list. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.



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By Grace Chimene, President **League of Women Voters of Texas**

LWV comments on Supreme Court abortion ruling

Austin, TX – On June 24, 2022, all abortion clinics in Texas stopped providing abortion services. This will have devastating consequences for Texas women.

The United States Supreme Court issued its opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization on June 24, 2022. In this opinion, the Court overturned almost 50 years of precedent going back to its seminal decision in Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that found that women have a constitutional right to abortion. As a result of the Dobbs opinion, there is no longer a recognized federal constitutional right to an abortion. Women's rights will be determined by their state legislatures.

During the last Texas legislative session, a socalled "trigger law" was enacted which bans abortions in Texas if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. This ban becomes effective 30 days after the issuance of a Supreme Court decision overruling Roe. There are no exceptions for pregnancies that result from rape or incest. There is an exception if the physician determines that the woman has a life-threatening physical condition that places her at risk of death or substantial impairment of a major bodily

However, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued an advisory that prosecutors could immediately pursue prosecutions based upon Texas law that pre-dated the 1973 Roe decision. As a result of questions regarding when an abortion ban would become effective, abortion funds and providers have paused their operations.

"The League of Women Voters of Texas strongly supports women's access to comprehensive reproductive health services, including safe, legal abortions. The Dobbs opinion is an affront to the dignity of women and their ability to make their own decisions regarding their bodies and their futures. This decision puts the health of millions of women in danger, and it creates a hardship on women who do not have the financial means to travel out of Texas for abortion services," explained Joyce LeBombard, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

The League of Women Voters has been advocating for reproductive justice for forty years. The League of Women Voters of the United States provided this statement on June 24, 2022.

The Texas League will continue to fight for both state and federal legislation that protects women's liberties and their right of self-determination as to their reproductive choices, including abortion access.



Helpful Links

To East Aldine Residents: Below are links to the following:

- Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission • Houston-Galveston Area Council
- East Aldine District

https://www.tabc.texas.gov/contact-us/file-a-complaint-protest/file-a-business-complaint/

https://engage.h-gac.com/

https://aldinedistrict.org/

Please use #1 to report businesses that are abusing their alcohol license by allowing illegal activity to take place on their property (including, but not limited to, the store at the corner of Mt. Houston and Northpost).

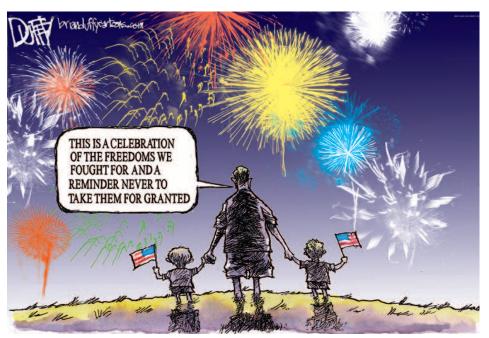
Use #2 to complete a survey and submit suggestions concerning traffic, roads, etc., in Harris County and other nearby counties. Members of our Green Forest Civic Club used this link to advocate for the expansion/widening and reconstruction of Aldine-Westfield Road.

Use #3 to learn more about our management district the East Aldine District—and to submit issues/concerns you have about our community. Issues/concerns may include nuisance abatement, safety, improvements, etc. On the first page of the EAD website, scroll down just a little, and on the right side you will find a "button" that reads "Report an Issue." Click on it to open a form. After filling out the form, click on "Submit." You should receive an email confirming EAD's receipt of your form. If you don't receive the email, check you spam folder. If it's not there, call them. Their phone number is on their

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Abortion now Officially Illegal in Texas

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade effectively ends all legal abortions in Texas within the next 30 days, many news media outlets reported.

"Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman's Health, with clinics across Texas, stopped performing abortions following Friday's decision, due to uncertainty about how the ruling will affect the state's trigger law and a long-standing ban on abortion that predates Roe v. Wade, officials with those organizations said," according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Texas is a pro-life state, and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life," Gov. Greg Abbott said in an issued statement.

Beto O'Rourke, Abbott's Democratic opponent in the November gubernatorial election, said on Twitter, "I will always fight for a woman's freedom to make her own decisions about her own body, health care, and fu-

STATE SENATOR SUES DPS **OVER UVALDE RECORDS**

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who represents Uvalde, has sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over records relating to the Uvalde school shooting that have been withheld.

"In the wake of the senseless tragedy, the people of Uvalde and Texas have demanded answers from their government. To date, they have been met with lies, misstatements, and shifts of blame," Gutierrez said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday, according to the Texas Tri-

Both state and local Uvalde officials are contesting releasing the records that could shed light on the botched emergency response to the shooting, which killed 19 children and two teachers. Law enforcement responding to the shooting waited more than an hour before breaking into the classroom to kill the shooter.Meanwhile,

Gov. Greg Abbott said his office has been transparent in providing information since the May 24 massacre, in a statement released by



his press secretary: "The governor and his office will continue making all available information public, including the full results of the ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI. The governor wants all facts of this tragedy to be made public as quickly as possible and will do his part to achieve that goal."

WILDFIRE RISKS GROW AS HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

The risk of wildfire across a large swath of Texas continues as the state enters summer after enduring a hot, dry spring.

The Texas A&M Forest Service reported that last week marked the third week in a row with high-pressure weather systems dominating

Above-normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are again forecast throughout Texas. As a result, the forest service reported responding to seven wildfires that burned more than 1,000 acres as of late last week. All but one had been contained — the Dempsey Fire in Palo Pinto County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres.

A total of 160 Texas counties have enacted burn bans to date.

DRUNK DRIVERS CAUSE ONE IN FOUR STATE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

One in four traffic deaths on Texas roads last year were caused by drunk drivers, while more than 25,000 traffic crashes involved drunk driving - up 9% over

The Texas Department of Transportation has again launched its "Faces of Drunk Driving" campaign to remind

motorists of the human toll a drunk-driving crash causes on the lives of both victims and survivors. The campaign features testimonials from both victims of drunk drivers and drunk drivers as well.

"Every crash and every death caused by a drunk driver is 100% preventable," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We hope these personal accounts from real offenders and survivors wake people up to the consequences of drinking and driving. Always get a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, rideshare app, or calling a friend-or simply stay where you are."

APPLICATIONS TO BECOME A 'BIRD CITY' NOW **ACCEPTED**

It's time for cities to go to the birds.

Audubon Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are accepting applications from communities that would like to receive Bird City Texas certification. The program, in its fourth year, recognizes the contributions that communities make to improve nature in and around where people live, work and play.

"All communities, big and small, are eligible to participate," says Richard Heilbrun with TPWD. "Bird City Texas is a great way to demonstrate that a community values nature, that they're willing to improve that nature, and that residents are encouraged to get outside and experience nature."

Certification is based on work in three categories: education and engagement, habitat management and improvement and removal of threats to birds. Community residents are encouraged to be part of the process,

Heilbrun said. Applications for Bird City certification will be accepted through Dec. 2, but applications must be started by Nov. 1. More information can be found here: https:// tpwd.texas.gov/wildlife/birding/bird-city-texas.

COVID-19 CASES UP, DEATHS DOWN

The number of new COV-ID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University rose once again in Texas the past week, with 61,682 reported — up 28% from the previous week, though deaths dropped sharply to 66. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in Texas hospitals rose to 2,055, up 17.6% from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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THE **POSTSCRIPT Carrie Classon**

"Forgotten Salves"

I was packing for our recent trip to Mexico when I found the old tube of V05.

"Do I still have this?" Apparently, I did.

Even though my husband, Peter, and I had moved a year ago, a lot of forgotten salves and soaps and lotions of various types had made the move with us. They sat in storage in the bathroom, pretending they had some reason to exist. I decided to do something about it.

"All the misfit and forgotten products are coming to Mexico!" I announced.

There was the expensive moisturizer I'd picked up when I was in Europe. It smelled funny and had a weird texture, but I felt guilty throwing it out. There was a giant bottle of body lotion I'd been given by my sister-inlaw, Shelley. There were a couple smaller bottles of various things, and there was an ancient half-used tube of V05. They all went into my suitcase, and off we went.

My plan worked exactly as I hoped.

Peter started using the peculiar-smelling European lotion. He claimed it had no smell at all—but that's Peter for you. I started slathering on Shelley's lotion, but was distressed to see it was not soaking in. Finally, in frustration, I got out my reading glasses to see what this stuff was

"Body soap" it said, plain as day. "Well. That explains it!" The lotion was demoted to the shower, where it did just fine for its intended purpose. But the biggest surprise

was the V05.

It was in a metal tube with the paint peeling off and I had been moving it around with me since before my grandmother died 15 years earlier. My father's mother swore by

"It's not just good for your hair!" she insisted. She said it was good for scratches on wooden furniture and dry cuticles and many other uses I've since forgotten, which explains why I'd been hanging on to this tube for 20 years.

In Mexico, with nothing else to tame my frizzy, flyaway hair, I finally tried it.

The V05 was terrific. And the scent brought me right back to my grandmother. I remembered the smell of my grandmother's hair as clearly as the cherry almond-scented lotion she used. The tiniest dab kept my hair in order and the tube lasted well beyond

our trip to Mexico. "I've gotta get more of this!" I declared when I got home. That's when I read the awful

V05 had been discontinued! I found a few opportunistic folks selling tubes for \$30 apiece on eBay, but other than $\,$ that, it seemed to have disappeared.

"Oh, no!" I complained to Peter, who pays no attention to this kind of thing. (He thought the body soap worked perfectly fine as lotion, to give you some idea.) But a quest for a lost product is exactly the sort of challenge Peter loves.

"You can't find it anywhere?" he asked. "No!"

The next day, Peter found

It was still available after all, and at a reasonable price. I immediately ordered a lifetime supply.

When it arrived, it was not in a metal tube; they had switched to plastic a long time ago, so my 20-year-old tube was probably a lot older than that. But the consistency and, most importantly, the smell, was exactly the same.

I saw my dad that week, recovering from his pacemaker surgery.

"Guess what I found, Dad?" "What?"

"V05!"

I dipped my head toward him in the hospital bed.

"Doesn't that smell remind you of grandma?" I asked.

My dad smiled. Till next time.

Carrie

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

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Faces a Reckoning

State Agency currently is under review by Sunset Advisory Commission

As part of a Sunset Commission review, Texans are calling out the state agency for failing to address environmental injustices.

by Delger Erdenesanaa Texas Observer

Jon Niermann, the chairman of the state agency charged with enforcing environmental laws, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), appears not to understand how environmental racism works, nor if the phenomenon even exists.

Senator Borris Miles, a Democrat who represents parts of Houston and Harris County, recently had to explain that term at a meeting of the Sunset Advisory Commission, a rotating group of 10 legislators and two laypeople which reviews the performance of state agencies every 12 years. TCEQ is up for review this year, and Miles criticized the agency for permitting too many concrete batch plants in his district.

"They are largely located in poor, minority communities," he said. "This is the definition of environmental racism."

In response, Niermann acknowledged the country's legacy of racial discrimination may still affect areas like Miles' district, and that some communities have more polluting facilities. But he claimed he didn't know what to make of the term "environmental racism."

Niermann leads the Texas agency "charged with protecting the state's air, water, land resources, and public health," according to the self-evaluation report TCEQ submitted to the Sunset Advisory Commission in September. Among other responsibilities, TCEQ permits and regulates a wide range of facilities that release pollutants into the air, water, or soil—everything from the world's largest oil refineries and massive landfills to mom and pop gas stations and dry cleaners. But those who live near these facilities have long known the agency to be an eager permitter and ineffectual regulator.

"They're protecting no one. They're only fronting. And they are killing," said Sandra Edwards, one of hundreds of Texans who traveled to Austin last week from all across the state to participate in a public meeting as part of the Sunset review process. Edwards is a resident of Houston's Fifth Ward, a historically Black section of the city that's dotted with metal recycling and concrete

batch plants and near a cancer cluster linked to creosote contamination from a century-old rail yard.

Houston, El Paso, the Dallas-Fort Worth region, and San Antonio all have some of the worst ground-level ozone pollution in the countrycaused by power plants, refineries, and chemical plants as well as by traffic-according to the American Lung Association's yearly rankings of U.S. cities' air quality. In fact, approximately 17,000 deaths in Texas can be attributed to outdoor air pollution each year, according to a 2021 study in the journal Environmental Research.

Laura Hunt, a mother and pediatrician from Midlothian, south of Dallas, used her two minutes at the public hearing to describe the multiple large cement kilns that loom over the city and release visible clouds of air pollution. "These clouds contain thousands of pounds of hazardous chemicals." she said.

Even before hearing citizens at that public meeting, staff from the Sunset Advisory Commission had already prepared their own report, which includes input from TCEQ staff as well as stakeholders from the public and industry. The report notes that "TCEQ's commissioners have in some ways become reluctant regulators," hesitant to punish companies that pollute illegally, let alone use their power to prevent industrial pollution in the first

While the Sunset Advisory Commission has the option of disbanding state agencies entirely (hence the name "sunset"), it typically recommends administrative and legislative options for improvement. During the process, the Commission holds one open meeting where members of the public can comment on the agency under review and respond to the Sunset staff's recommendations.

Senator Miles was one of the few legislators not serving on the Sunset Advisory Commission to attend the meeting last Wednesday. He brought along three busloads of constituents.

Houston resident Guadalupe Ortiz takes her daily walk at a city park located across the street from her home and a Valero oil refinery.

Texans traveled to the state capitol not just from Houston and Dallas, but also from Rio Grande Valley colonias dealing with contaminated water and from arid Hill Country towns fending off de-



State Representative Armando Walle testifies to no avail, at a TCEQ hearing on another concrete plant in Aldine, April 7, 2022 at the East Aldine District offices.

velopers. Over the course of five hours, more than 100 people testified on their experiences with TCEQ. As Harris County parent Sim Kern angrily pointed out, this meeting was the public's only formal opportunity to address the Sunset Advisory Commission face to face, before their October vote on whether to approve, reject, or modify the recommendations in their staff's report.

"Not only are [TCEQ] unable to protect us from being poisoned, they don't even seem interested in it," Kern said. "All this pomp and circumstance is to put a veneer of respectability on killing kids."

Before outlining the Sunset staff's recommendations, policy analyst Robert Romig acknowledged that "a growing number of people are concerned TCEQ favors industry."

To solicit more input and improve public trust, Sunset staff recommended that TCEQ hold public meetings both before and after issuing draft permits. It currently only holds public meetings after it's already drafted permits for proposed projects, which can include building new facilities or expanding existing ones. There's "very little room for conversation at that point," Romig said.

Members of the public and environmental advocates who came to testify overwhelmingly agreed with this recommendation. At the very least, holding an early public meeting "establishes a relationship between the applicant and the community," said Adrian Shelley, director of Public Citizen Texas.

The staff report also recommends changing the formula that TCEQ uses to quantify a facility's compliance history. The agency is required by state law to account for a facility's level of complexity when rating how well it complied with environmental regulations. But the Sunset staff found that the formula appeared to give com-

plex facilities—like massive petrochemical plants—greater leeway to violate regulations than it gives to smaller facilities. Similarly, a 2018 Observer investigation revealed that TCEQ goes after small businesses like familyowned gas stations with much more diligence, charging bigger fines relative to their size, often just for paperwork infractions.

"Complexity is the main driver of how the rating ends up," Romig explained.

Missing from the report, however, is any recommendation that TCEQ consider cumulative effects of pollution from multiple industrial facilities in the same neighborhood. For years, residents of disproportionately polluted neighborhoods and their allies have called for regulators to account for already existing facilities when approving or denying permits for new projects in the same area.

Many of the meeting attendees who arrived with Miles previously participated in "People's Hearings" on TCEQ, organized around the state by Public Citizen and the Coalition for Environment, Equity, and Resilience.

At one People's Hearing in

Houston this April, person after person-most from the historic Fifth Ward or the Kashmere Gardens neighborhood just to the north—lined up to tell stories of family members claimed by cancer that they believe is linked to industrial pollution. Last year, the Texas Department of State Health Services confirmed what these residents suspected: Children in a census tract near the old rail yard that includes part of Kashmere Gardens are nearly five times more likely to develop leukemia than the average for children statewide. An earlier study found that adults in multiple census tracts in the same area of northeast Houston are also significantly more likely to develop several types of cancer compared to state averag-

But when confronted by Miles and two overflow rooms full of Texans, Niermann claimed his agency has no control over where companies choose to locate facilitiesthough TCEQ has the power to decide whether to approve or renew permits. He and the mostly conservative members of the Sunset Advisory Commission seemed skeptical that communities of color in Texas suffer disproportionately from the impacts of pollution, or that TCEQ should do anything to address that issue.

Senator Charles Schwertner, the current chair of the commission, pointed out that city governments can use zoning powers to limit industrial facilities' locations, pointedly asking **Representative Armando Walle of Houston**—who, like Miles, chose to sit in on the meeting—whether his city has zoning laws.

"No," Walle replied. But he pushed back, adding that unincorporated areas in Harris and other counties lack zoning powers and that the Texas legislature has "neutered" local governments' ability to regulate industries like concrete through other local ordinances.

"All this pomp and circumstance is to put a veneer of respectability on killing kids." – Harris County resident Sim Kern

Another debate looming over the TCEQ's sunset review is how much-or even whether-the agency should consider economic development in addition to environmental quality and human health. TCEQ is known to have a cozy relationship with the companies it permits and regulates, going so far as to call them "customers." After their time at the agency, officials frequently go on to take lucrative jobs lobbying for these industries.

In fact, former TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw appeared at Wednesday's meeting as a lobbyist on behalf of the Texas Oil and Gas Association. "If the permitting is more arduous, those facilities are likely to locate elsewhere," he said. But when asked if he has examples of companies choosing to go to another state, Shaw replied, "I do not, but it's a well-known phenomenon."

Several Sunset Commission members expressed an explicit desire for TCEQ to permit projects as quickly as possible, doing nothing to dispel public concerns that the agency serves simply as a "rubber stamp." They also engaged far more with com-

ments from industry groups like the Texas Chemical Association and the Texas Aggregate and Concrete Association—asking extensive follow-up questions addressing their concerns—than they did with testimony from the public or from environmental advocates...

The Sunset Commission

has three and a half months to deliberate before voting on staff recommendations on October 12. Ultimately, many community members and advocates felt those recommendations didn't go far enough on issues like the cumulative impacts of pollution. In TCEQ's defense, Niermann said there's significant public confusion about the scope of the agency's authority, though he conceded that "many people simply disagree" on how broad that scope should be.

Several environmental groups are already pursuing reform through other means. On Tuesday, the Environmental Integrity Project and 13 other organizations sent a petition to the EPA, asking the federal agency to intervene in Texas and investigate whether TCEQ's air permitting program violates Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits programs that receive federal funding to discriminate on the basis of race. color, or national origin.

TCEQ is clearly "not in the business of environmental justice," said Gabriel Clark-Leach, a staff attorney at the Environmental Integrity Project. He explained that his organization was pursuing this EPA petition in addition to the state Sunset process "because TCEQ is so recalcitrant and entrenched in its ways that it's difficult to count on any one path or project being successful."

Though Clark-Leach and many others say TCEQ already has authority to deny permits on environmental justice grounds and simply isn't acting, meaningful reform might still take legislative change. Representative Walle called for "an equal amount of public policy and legislation" in addition to the Sunset review.

At the Sunset meeting, Edwards, of Houston, put the problem succinctly. "We are tired of losing loved ones to the same old, same old," she said. "Do something different."

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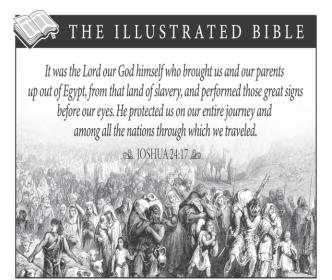
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3. From 2 Corinthians 3:17: "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ..." Hope, Freedom, Love, Liberty

4. In John 8:36: "If the ... therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Heart, Worship, Celebration, Son

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All 82 campuses have metal detectors that are used eveeryday during the school year. All high schools and middle schools have police officers assigned to their campuses.

COMMUNITY WATCH

One child dies, second injured in drive-by shooting at 13350 **Northborough Drive**

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of one juvenile and the wounding of another at 13350 Northborough Drive about 12:50 a.m. on Sunday (July

The identity of the deceased female, 5, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The male juvenile victim, 8, is expected to to

HPD Homicide Division Detectives K. Fregia and D. Higgs reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a report of a driveby shooting at the intersection of Northborough Drive and Rushcreek Drive. Witnesses advised officers a silver, four-door sedan approached the intersection and a suspect, described only as a black male, leaned out of the rear driver's side window and started shooting towards a food store.

The juvenile victims were in a vehicle driven by their mother. They were stopped at the stop sign on Northborough Drive and were caught in the crossfire. The victims' mother drove them to an area hospital where doctors pronounced the female victim deceased. The male victim suffered a gunshot wound to the arm.

At this time, there is no known motive or suspect(s) in the shooting.

Anyone with information on the suspect(s) wanted in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Fatal Hit-and-Run Crash at 6900 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating a fatal hit-andrun crash at 6900 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) about 1:20 a.m. today (June 27).

The identity of the deceased male, 35, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant R. Dunn and Officer Z. Radcliff reported:

A dark-colored SUV or minivan was traveling northbound on the freeway near the above address and pulled over on the shoulder of the freeway near the Little York Road exit. A male pedestrian then exited the vehicle and ran southbound on the freeway into oncoming traffic. The SUV or minivan then drove away after the pedestrian exited and did not return.

A white Jeep traveling northbound on the freeway struck the pedestrian, which caused him to fall onto the freeway. While lying on the freeway, a blue Freightliner tractor-trailer truck also struck the pedestrian. Paramedics pronounced him deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Jeep did not stop to render aid and fled the scene.

The driver of the Freightliner Truck remained at the scene, was questioned and released with no charges filed at this time.

The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Aldine Residents protest in Austin against TCEQ,

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State Representative Armando Walle met the East Aldine protest group in Austin, to give them encouragement and support for their protest session with the Sunset Commission regarding the TCEQ.

ty of life that may arise from the creation of these plants be taken into consideration when granting permits. Our community has been a victim of environmental racism for far too long. It's time for change. Thank you to everyone who took part in planning this very long, tiring, yet informative and

uplifting trip. Let's keep up the work!

This year the TCEQ is up for review by the Sunset Advisory Commission, which periodically evaluates the performance of all state agencies. The "sun sets" on any agency found to be no longer necessary. Written comments about the TCEQ may be submit-

ted by Monday, June 27.

The East Aldine District thanks the residents for attending the hearing as part of a one-day roundtrip and urges all Texas residents to express their opinabout state ions government to their state representatives and/or at the many public hearings.

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HCC and Work Texas win 2021-2022 Innovation of the Year Award

Partnership with 'Mattress Mack' to train workforce is centerpiece for honor



Award honorees were recognized by the HCC Board of Trustees at a meeting May 18, 2022.

HOUSTON (May 19, 2022) —A team of Houston Community College leaders and educators has won the 2021-2022 Innovation of The Year Award from the League of Innovation in the Community College, an international nonprofit organization with a mission to cultivate innovation in community colleges.

The award stems from work that began in 2019, when HCC joined with Work Texas, a nonprofit formed by Gallery Furniture owner Jim McIngvale, to advance the mission of helping more people

get jobs, keep jobs and advance in their ca-

When the pandemic hit in 2020, the partnership quickly escalated its work, as some 300,000 regional jobs were lost. McIngvale, the entrepreneur known as Mattress Mack, retrofitted a 16,000-square-foot retail location at 6006 N. Freeway Gallery into a workforce training site, with lab space for instruction in electrical and welding technology, carpentry, residential construction and child development as well as additional classroom and office space for a charter school to offer high school equivalency completion diplomas.

That's where a team of HCC professionals were deeply involved, first outfitting the labs with tools and equipment and planning programs to allow HCC to provide education to participants. For their work in facilitating and continuing the project, Innovation of the Year Award.

"This is a perfect example of the tremendous good we can do in our community when working with leaders in business like Jim

McIngvale," said Chancellor Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E. "I could not be prouder of this creative initiative to prepare people for indemand jobs and that improve lives and our community."

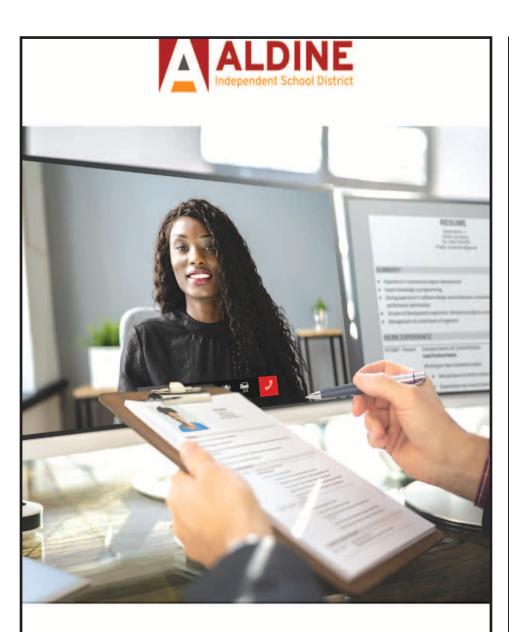
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