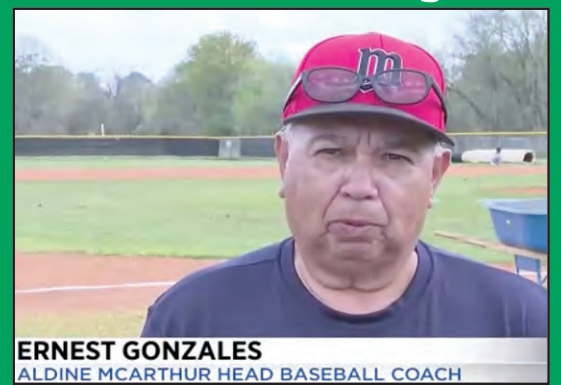


INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- FREE INTERNET, p.1,6
- TeenBookCon, p.3
- FREE Houston Dynamo Tickets, p.3
- Pct. 2 Nuisance Abatement, Page 5
- East Aldine Recycle Center Opens, Pages 1,8
- Lone Star College OPEN HOUSE April 11, Page 8

NORTHEAST NEWS

Coach wins 400th game



ERNEST GONZALES
ALDINE MCARTHUR HEAD BASEBALL COACH
See Story on Page 5

Serving the Neighborhoods of Aldine, Greenspoint, US59 Eastex, Beltway 8 and North Forest for over 47 Years
VOL. 47, NO. 9 TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 HOUSTON, TEXAS www.nenewsroom.com



Chiquita Sanders was named Aldine ISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year, while Emily Frye was named the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year at the district's Educator of the Year Breakfast. They are pictured with Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, center, members of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees and members of the Aldine Education Foundation.

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR BREAKFAST

Emily Frye, Chiquita Sanders named Aldine ISD's top educators: Constance White, Ben Ibarra and Sheree Johnson named district's top principals

BY MIKE KEENEY

Aldine ISD celebrated its top teachers and principals at the Educator of the Year Breakfast, held Friday, March 10 at the Hilton Houston North Hotel.

Aldine ISD Trustees, district administrators, campus administrators, teachers and business partners donned their best Mardi Gras ware to let the good times roll as the districts celebrated Aldine's

top educators.

Chiquita Sanders of Stovall Middle School was named the district's Secondary Teacher of the Year, while Emily Frye of Magrill Primary was named the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year. Sanders is a math teacher, while Frye is an ESL teacher.

The four Teacher of the Year finalists were Miriam Benitez of Hinojosa Primary School, Audette Williams of Francis

Elementary School, Rodelio Abuan of Avalos P-TECH High School and Loverous Whittaker of Nimitz High School.

For the fourth consecutive year, the district also announced its Rookie Educators of the Year. Kwang Lang of Hill Elementary School was the Rookie Elementary Teacher of the Year, while Michael Maly of Avalos P-TECH High School was named the Rookie Secondary Teacher of the Year.

In addition, Aldine ISD's Principals of the Year and Rookie Principal of the Year were also announced at the EOY Breakfast.

Constance White of Hill Elementary was named the Elementary Principal of the Year, while Ben Ibarra of Blanson CTE High School was named the Secondary Principal of the Year and Sheree Johnson of Griggs Primary School was named the Rookie Principal of the

Year.

The two overall winners, the four finalists, all Campus Teachers of the Year and the Principals of the Year received monetary awards from the Aldine Education Foundation. Frye, Sanders, the four TOY finalists, Lang, Maly, White, Ibarra and Johnson each received rings from Josten's, while Whataburger provided gift baskets for the Teacher of the Year finalists.

Frye, Sanders, White,

and Ibarra each received two round trip airfare tickets from United Airlines, which was one of the Platinum Sponsors of the breakfast.

Other gifts included a swag bag from McDonald's, a reusable tumbler for all campus Teachers of the Year from Whataburger, while the six finalists received a gift basket from Whataburger.

Continued. See Educators of Year, P. 2

East Aldine District opens Recycle Center on March 22nd

EAST ALDINE – A 2-acre neighborhood depository and recycling center aimed at making East Aldine “cleaner and greener” is nearing completion, with a phased-in grand opening will open this March 22.

The center, funded by the East Aldine Management District, will operate at 2789 Hopper Rd. near the water treatment facility on the east side of Halls Bayou.

East Aldine Landscape



Services will manage the facility as a place for area residents to dispose of heavy trash, furniture,

yard waste and even old tires, said Richard Cantu, executive director of the East Aldine Management District.

East Aldine Landscape Services' clients include the city of Houston, Metro and several area management districts.

“This is something that has been in the works for about eight years,” Cantu said. “Residents expressed

Continued. See Recycle Center, Page 8

Walle opposes TEA takeover of HISD



Rep. Armando Walle speaks against TEA takeover, with other legislators.

AUSTIN – After the TEA (Texas Education Commission) formally announced on Wednesday, March 15 that they planned on taking over control of Houston ISD and replacing its superintendent and installing a board of managers, Democratic Legislators led by Aldine's State Representative Armando Walle, Ron Reynolds and several others held a news conference to strongly oppose the move by TEA. Here is the state-

ment that Walle issued:

“Neighbors, Today, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced they are initiating its takeover of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) by appointing a Board of Managers to govern the school district in lieu of the elected HISD School Board.

For context, TEA notified HISD of their intent to appoint a Board of Managers and new superintendent in 2019, citing Texas

law that authorizes a state takeover once a district demonstrates an inability to improve student achievement over time at low-performing campuses. In response, HISD immediately sought a temporary injunction to prevent the takeover. In January of 2023, the Texas Supreme Court vacated this injunction, and it was formally dissolved on March 1, 2023.

Continued. See Walle opposes TEA, Page 2

DIAZ MUSIC INSTITUTE PRESENTS
EAST ALDINE JAZZ FEST
SAT MARCH 25, 2023 @ 2 PM - 8 PM

EAST ALDINE DISTRICT PARK AND AMPHITHEATER
2800 ALDINE MAIL RTE RD, HOUSTON, TX 77039
FAMILY EVENT • ADMISSION: FREE

ACTIVITY INCLUDES: MUSIC, FACE PAINTING, FOOD, TRAIN RIDES, VENDOR BOOTHS, AND MORE

Performance Schedule

- 2:00 PM Hambrick Middle School
- 2:30 PM Mead Middle School
- 3:00 PM Wheatley High School
- 3:30 PM Humble High School
- 4:00 PM Aldine ISD Collective
- 4:30 PM Waltrip High School 2
- 5:00 PM Atascocita High School
- 5:30 PM Raul Yzaguirre High School
- 6:00 PM MacArthur High School
- 6:30 PM Waltrip High School 1
- 7:00 PM Caliente

Special Guests

- Britney Bloom
- Woody Witt
- Robert White
- Horace Alexander Young

INFO@DIAZMUSICINSTITUTE.ORG PHONE 832-858-5855

MARKETPLACE – Please Mention the NORTHEAST NEWS when you visit our Advertisers.

EAST ALDINE DISTRICT

We're Here For You!

Executive Director: Richard Cantu
713.595.1220 RCantu@AldineDistrict.org

Operations Manager: Veronica Sanches
713.595.1226 VSanches@AldineDistrict.org

AldineDistrict.org

FREE INTERNET

Qualify today for the Government Free Internet Program

YOU QUALIFY for Free Internet if you receive Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension,

maxsip

CALL TODAY (888) 573-0497

¡Ya esta aquí, el mejor premio para su buen gusto!

Pan Riko BAKERY

Rosy and Manuel enjoy the selection at Pan Riko...

Wednesday 3 Bolillos for \$1

5216 Aldine Mail Rte. 281-442-1991

Walle opposes TEA takeover,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

This morning, State Representatives and Senators of the Harris County Delegation met with Commissioner Mike Morath of the Texas Education Agency to discuss the takeover. During the meeting, many Members — including myself — expressed our disappointment and anger over the decision.

Make no mistake — I do not support the state takeover of HISD. I believe Texans deserve the right to democratically elect board members to run our neighborhood schools. I acknowledge there's been underperformance in the past at some specific campuses, which can largely be tied to severe underfund-

ing. However, I have voted against proposals in the Legislature year after year that, unfortunately, ultimately passed and have led us to where we are now.

I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Legislature to support proposals to prevent state takeovers of local ISDs. But those potential changes would be months away, and the HISD takeover is happening now.

I pledge to work closely with our educators, administrators and the newly appointed Board of Members to support our community schools and ensure our students are receiving the

best education possible.

I will be a loud advocate for every HISD student and their families to set our neighborhood schools up for success as this takeover is implemented, and speed up the return of our elected ISD board members.

At the end of the day, this is about our kids.

If you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please reach out to my office.

Sincerely,
Representative Armando Walle
House District 140

Educator of the Year Breakfast,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

AT&T and the Aldine Education Foundation provided each Teacher of the Year with a Polo Shir5t and Camdon Graphics provide all Teachers of the Year with printed graphics.

AEF Director Linda Flores Olson thanked the sponsors who underwrote and provided gifts for the breakfast. United Airlines and Amplify served as Platinum Sponsors, while PBK, East Aldine Management District and UT Physicians served as Gold Sponsors. Silver Sponsors were McDonald's, Alta Resources, MD Anderson and K12 Insights. Campus Sponsors were Tarkett, MWA Architects, the Aldine American Federation of Teachers (ATF Local 6345), ABC Mouse/Age Learning, Inc., Barrett Insurance, Avance Houston Inc., Imagine Learning and Teach for America.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Katie Roede announced the Rookie Principal of the Year, the Secondary Principal of the Year and the Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Johnson is in her first year as a principal with Aldine ISD and is the principal at Griggs Elementary School.

She brings 15 years of experience to her new position.

"Our teachers are passionate about ensuring our young learners have an exceptional daily educational experience," she said. "I love seeing the smiling faces of our children every day, as well as the excitement of learning when I visit classrooms."

White has devoted all of her 27 years in education to Aldine ISD and currently serves as the principal of Hill Elementary School.

She is proud of the impact she has on her students on a daily basis.

"As a campus leader, I love interacting with students and being involved in their lives as they experience learning," she said. "I also love being able to recruit, mentor, inspire and lead talented teams of educators each year as we navigate to overcome challenges to achieve our goals."

Ibarra, a product of Aldine ISD, has also spent his entire educational career in Aldine ISD. He believes it is his calling to give the district all he has on a daily basis.

"I have spent my entire career in Aldine," Ibarra said. "Aldine has given me its best, and I am driven every day to provide Aldine my best. What I love most about being a campus

leader is working with professionals to put systems in place so that students graduate with choices and opportunities."

Chief Human Resources Officer Dr. Javier Villarreal introduced Lang as the Elementary Rookie Teacher of the Year and Maly as the Secondary Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Land said it is important for him to challenge his students on a daily basis.

"I want students to embrace the learning process as a continuum, not a means to an end," he said. "I also want my students to know they have infinite value and can be whatever they desire. And to future teachers, I advise them to stay connected with school and district colleagues and leaders because they are there to help them succeed."

Maly said he loves helping his students think outside of the box and explore new possibilities.

"I love creating a safe space for students to explore, develop and embrace their true selves," he said. "My dream is for them to be confident and comfortable with who they are. My 'why' is to breathe life into young people who yearn to discover their identities through revelations of new knowledge."

Dr. Villarreal announced Fyre as the district's Elementary Teacher of the Year and Sanders as the district's Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Frye said she enjoys providing her students with a hands-on approach to learning.

"A lesson that demonstrates my style and philosophy of teaching would be during Knowledge Domain 4: Plants. I start the lesson by watching of clip of Elmo taking about deciduous and evergreen trees. Then, we go into the lesson outlined in the curriculum," she said. "After the lesson, we go on a walk and identify trees as being deciduous or evergreen. Before we go in, I have students pick up a pine needle, a pine cone, and a life of their choice."

Sanders enjoys incorporating 'escape rooms' to assist in her student's learning experience.

"Two words: escape rooms. One of my favorite escape rooms that (colleague) Ms. Ehrig and I collaborated to create was an escape room in the library. The escape room was at the end of our geometry unit," she said. "We created six open-ended questions about topics in

the unit. We hid clues around the library. Students had to use many skills and subject areas, not just math. They deciphered clues. They had to work as a class to beat another classroom. The pure joy and learning that took place were priceless and could never be measured by any test."

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney provided closing remarks.

"On behalf of our Board Members, I want to congratulate all of our campus Teachers of the Year, our six finalists, our Principals of the Year and our Rookie Teachers of the Year," she said. "It's great to gather as a group to celebrate the wonderful and important work all of you do every day in your respective classrooms. I want you to know how much we value each and every one of you and we can't thank you enough for your dedication and devotion to our students."

She also thanked the sponsors who made the Educator of the Year Breakfast possible.

"And to our sponsors, thank you for supporting the teachers and students of Aldine ISD through the Aldine Education Foundation," Dr. Goffney said. "There is nothing like having business leaders and community members who believe in education and support it financially and with their time."

Chief of Staff Sheleah Reed and Student Ambassador Aaron Cebere, a junior at Avalos P-TECH High School, served as masters of ceremony for the event.

The Teacher of the Year Committee consisted of Dr. Keena Bradley, Dr. Charlotte J. Davis, Morgan Delaney, Mattye Johnson, Cindy Nguyen, Sheena Nichols, Linda Nigro and Cristina Ramirez.

The Principal of the Year Committee consisted of Ruby Allen, Dr. Dana Arreola, Scott Corrick, Perla Davila, Sandra Doria, Shana Keller, Aristide Sidibe, Marcie Strahan, Jose Trevino-Garcia, Christi VanWassenhove and Dr. Robin Williams.

The Rookie Principal of the Year Committee consisted of Altigracia Delgado, Dika Melendez, Refugio Rodriguez, Dr. Katie Roede, Christopher Walkers and Dr. Robin Williams.

Prior to the start of the breakfast, attendees were entertained by the Aldine High School Jazz Ensemble.

Rep. Walle files bill to create Billion Dollar Endowment for Texas State Parks

AUSTIN — Rep. Armando Walle (HD 140) has filed House Bill 4177, which would create a permanent endowment within the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to foster the long-term expansion and creation of state parks.

Rep. Walle released the following statement on the legislation:

"Our state parks bring our communities together. Everyone



ARMANDO WALLE

should have access to safe and well-maintained outdoor spaces for kids to play, families to explore and all Texans to have a place to get away.

"By creating this endowment, we are making a promise to every Texan that our government will invest in the creation and preservation of our natural heritage for generations to come."

Aldine ISD Ambassadors visit with Rep. Walle at the Capitol in Austin



State Representative Armando Walle hosts a visit from the Aldine ISD "Superintendent Goffney Ambassadors" recently at the Capitol in Austin. Walle said "Great visiting with the Aldine Superintendent's Ambassadors. A wonderful group of young people representing the best of Aldine. Proud of each of them. Their future is bright."

LeafFilter GUTTER PROTECTION

BACKED BY A YEAR-ROUND CLOG-FREE GUARANTEE

THE NATION'S #1 GUTTER GUARD

EXCLUSIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER!

20% OFF + 10% OFF

YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE* SENIORS & MILITARY!

FINANCING THAT FITS YOUR BUDGET!

USA **Promo Code: 285**

FREE GUTTER ALIGNMENT + FREE GUTTER CLEANING*

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE **1-346-299-9169**

Mon-Thurs: 8am-11pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: 2pm-8pm EST

A COMPANY OF LEAFHOME

*For those who qualify. One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. **Offer valid at time of estimate only. 2)The leading consumer reporting agency conducted a 16 month outdoor test of gutter guards in 2010 and recognized LeafFilter as the #1 rated professionally installed gutter guard system in America. Manufactured in Plainwell, Michigan and processed at LMT Mercer Group in Ohio. See Representative for full warranty details. Registration# 0366920922 CSLB# 1035795 Registration# HIC0649905 License# CB0056678 License# RC51604 Registration# C127230 License# 559544 Suffolk HIC License# 52229-H License# 2102212986 License# 262000022 License# 262000403 License# 2106212946 License# MHIC111225 Registration# 176447 License# 423330 Registration# 18731804 License# 50145 License# 408693 Registration# 13W-09953900 Registration# H-19114 License# 218294 Registration# PA069383 License# 41354 License# 7656 DOP# 10783658-5501 License# 423330 License# 2705169445 License# 15AFFNW822J2 License# WV056912

HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 2 **ADRIAN GARCIA** COMMISSIONER

NEED ASSISTANCE?

APPLY FOR PCT2 MEAL PROGRAM NOW!

Call Harris County Call Center @ 713-274-2222 or scan QR code to see if you qualify! Limited space is available.

TO OUR SENIORS WITHIN PCT 2:

LET'S TALK FOOD!

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Precinct2gether, Inc. are serving FREE hot meals to qualifying homebound seniors in your area delivered by our dedicated food delivery drivers Monday through Friday.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- SENIORS 60+ YEARS OF AGE
- LIVE WITHIN PRECINCT 2
- HOMEBOUND DUE TO ILLNESS, DISABILITY, OR FRAILTY

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Principal's Act of Kindness: Buying Shoes for Bullied Student



Bullying is a significant problem in our society, affecting many people from all walks of life. Verbal bullying is especially insidious, as it can leave deep emotional scars lasting a lifetime. The impact of verbal bullying can be just as severe as physical bullying, which needs to be addressed head-on.

Recently, the power of kindness and the importance of taking action against bullying shined through by a good deed.

Cypresswood principal, Trent Johnson, took a 5th grade student to the mall to buy him new shoes after he had been bullied for wearing shoes that were falling apart.

The student had been teased by classmates because of his worn-out shoes. When Johnson noticed what was happening, he quickly took action to help the student. His act of kindness showed the child that there were people who cared. This act of kindness not only helped the student, but it also sent a powerful message to the school community about the importance of standing up against bullying. It showed that one person can make a difference and that it is up to all of us to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Verbal bullying can be just as damaging as physical bullying, and it is a problem that needs to be addressed. Verbal bullying can include teasing, name-calling, spreading rumors, and making hurtful comments. These actions can leave deep emotional scars that can last a lifetime and



can impact a person's mental health and well-being.

It is important to speak out against bullying and take action to stop it. This can include reporting incidents to school officials, reaching out to someone who is being bullied, and standing up against bullying behavior when one sees it happening.

It is also important to teach children and adults about the impact of bullying and how to recognize and respond to it. Schools can play an important role in this by creating a culture of respect and inclusion and providing resources and support for students who are being bullied. This is a powerful reminder of the impact of kindness and the importance of taking action against bullying. We can all learn from their example and work together to create a world where everyone feels safe, supported, and valued. Verbal

bullying, or bullying of any type, has no place in our society, and it is up to all of us to take a stand against it.

In addition to taking action against bullying, Johnson has created an intimate office space for students and meets with several young male students every Friday for lunch.

"One thing we must be mindful of is how we respond to bullying," said Johnson. "It will come up, so it's not if but when. One of the things we do at Cypresswood is we engage in restorative practice. We hold circles where we gather around each other for discussion in the morning for Social and Emotional Learning time, and towards the end of the day, we engage in optimistic closure. We sit down with the teachers, students, and community to build a plan to serve those kids best and keep them safe."

Aldine ISD Holds Annual Family Health Fair



On Saturday, March 4, Aldine ISD's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Department hosted their annual Family Health Fair at the M.B. Sonny Donaldson Child Nutrition Building, for the families of the community to come out and learn more about the various opportunities offered to them through various district partners.

The Family Health Fair saw an attendance of over 650 people, with lines to enter starting as early as 7:30 a.m. for the 9 a.m. open. As the families entered, they were given event passports with each of the participating organizations listed. Families who visited five separate stations were able to submit their passports, in exchange for a free weighted blanket and box of Lysol wipes.

By the end of the health fair, FACE had distributed about 500 blankets to the families, along with various giveaways and resources provided by the organizations in attendance, such as Flu and COVID vaccines, COVID testing and blood and sugar level health tests.

"We are very thankful to all our health community partners who showed



A special thanks to all the participant organizations including: Texas Children's Health Plan, Avenue 360, the Hope Clinic, Mi Familia Dental, Molina Healthcare, Dentaquest, Harris County Dental Program, Houston Food Bank, UHPHealth Inc., MD Anderson Cancer Center, Harris County Emergency Corps., Baker Ripley, Harris County Public Health Outreach Team, Memorial Hermann, Harris County Public Health-Mosquito & Vector Control, Community Health Choice, Next Level Urgent Care, Texas Children's Injury Prevention/Safe Kids Greater Houston, HCPH-Nutrition and WIC Services, Aldine Child Nutrition Services, and Aldine Social and Emotional Learning and Culture Department.

their commitment to supporting our Aldine families," said Dr. Martha Escalante, executive director of FACE.

Apart from the giveaways, families were able to receive CPR lessons, proper teeth brushing skills and enjoy photo opportunities with Mirabel Madrigal from Disney's "Encanto", courtesy of Texas Children's.



Aldine ISD to Host TeenBookCon on March 25



Aldine ISD will host TeenBookCon 2023. The annual free one-day event brings in popular young adult (YA) authors to speak on panel sessions throughout the day and participate in question and answer sessions.

TeenBookCon Event Details

Saturday, March 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Davis High School, 12525 Ella Blvd, Houston, TX

Note: Autographed books by featured authors will be sold at the event, and unsigned copies can be ordered from Blue Willow Bookshop's TeenBookCon website.

Teens (and grown-ups) can sit in on panels throughout the day, ask questions of the authors, grab lunch from one of the food trucks, check out

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2023



Darcie Little Badger



DARCIE LITTLE BADGER



Daniel Nayeri

some of the public library booths, and grab some TeenBookCon swag!

This year's keynote speakers are Darcie Little Badger and Daniel Nayeri. Also, hear from

Diesel's Readers Program: Free Houston Dynamo Tickets



RECEIVE A **FREE TICKET** IF YOU READ **5 BOOKS**




JOIN THE DIESEL'S READERS PROGRAM



- IT'S EASY!**
- Read 5 books
 - Fill out the form at www.houstondynamo.com/reading
 - Receive your free ticket!

OPINION PAGE

OPINION
By **BILL KING**



Houston Does Not Have a Revenue Cap!

One of my pet peeves is how frequently I hear some City elected official or someone in the media refer Houston's "revenue cap." Let me state this as clearly as possible: the City of Houston does not have, nor has it ever had, a cap on the revenues it can collect.

The easiest way to know that Houston does not have a cap on its revenues is to look at its revenues since Proposition 1, the proposition that is so frequently and incessantly mischaracterized as a revenue cap, was passed in 2004. Since that time, the City's revenues have increased by 159%.

That is about a 5.5% average annual increase, which has roughly been twice the rate of inflation and wage growth in the Houston area for the same period. And notwithstanding the commonly held belief that Houston is still rapidly growing, although its population has only increased by about 15% since 2004, or less than 1% per year.

What the voters overwhelmingly approved in 2004 was a charter amendment that prohibited City Council from raising property taxes by more than the sum of inflation and population growth or 4.5%, whichever is lower. The principle reason this proposition has not resulted in any significant limitation on the City's revenue growth is that property taxes only make up about 20% of the City's revenue. There is absolutely no limitation on the other revenue sources for the City. So, for example, Proposition 1 had no effect on the City imposing a new drainage fee on its citizens to the tune of over \$100 million per year in 2014, or say, doubling the water and sewer rates.1

Ironically, Proposition 1 has not even been all that effective at tamping down property taxes, which have doubled since it was adopted. That is primarily because of some loopholes in Proposition 1. The most notable is that the property taxes collected by the TIRZs do not count against the limit. Also, property tax increases during a state of emergency are exempt.

You will frequently hear City-elected officials lament Proposition 1 and call for its repeal, claiming that their hands are tied by it. What they never mention is that under Proposition 1's provisions, Council can raise property taxes by whatever amount they want (up to the State limit), if they first ask for the voters' approval. Of course, given the sorry state of City services, notwithstanding its record revenues, they know that would be a hard sell.

So, the next time you hear some City official whining about the supposed "revenue cap" and suggesting we should repeal it, just remember what they are really saying is that they want to increase property taxes by more than population growth and inflation without checking with you first.

LETTERS To The Editor

Spend Budget Surplus on Environmental Priorities

Friend,
All too often, the Texas budget conversation has been focused on what will get cut. But this year should be different – the state has over \$32 billion in surplus funds.
Republicans want to use these funds to reduce property taxes, but there are many important needs that should receive a share of these resources.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Railroad Commission, Public Utility Commission, Office of Public Utility Counsel, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Water Development Board all need additional funding to meet their mandates to protect the environment and Texans and manage our natural resources.

Send an email to the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Appropriations Committee to support additional investment in enforcing environmental laws, fixing the electric grid, expanding parkland, and modernizing agencies to be more effective and responsive to the public.

Thank you for taking action. The budget is critical to advance our priorities.

Working together,
Alliance for a Clean Texas



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By **Gary Borders**



Bill Would Require Fentanyl Education

The death of a Leander High School graduate from a fentanyl overdose has prompted state Rep. Terry Wilson, R-Georgetown, to file a bill that would require 10 hours of education annually concerning the dangers of the drug to students in sixth grade and up, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Tucker Roe, 19, bought what he thought was a Percocet pill on Instagram, according to his mother, Stefanie Turner. It turned out to be laced with a deadly amount of fentanyl, a powerful opioid responsible for more than 5,000 deaths in Texas last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"He was struggling with sleeping and stress, and he purchased a pill to help him sleep, and that pill took his life," Turner told the Statesman. Wilson's bill would allow a number of different types of organizations to provide the education, including public health agencies.

MORE ARRESTS MADE IN AUSTIN 'STREET TAKEOVER'

More than three dozen charges against 17 people were made last week in the takeover of several Austin intersections on Feb. 18 and 19. The Statesman reported those arrested face charges including evading arrest, obstructing a highway, reckless driving and engaging in organized criminal activity.

"The events that occurred disrupted our community, they garnered much of our attention, and they were clearly not good for our community," Austin Police Chief Joe Chacon said.

PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLIST FATALITIES ON THE RISE

Pedestrian fatalities resulting from traffic crashes increased 34% from 2017 to 2021, while bicyclist deaths increased 58% during the same period. The Texas Department of Transportation



has kicked off a pedestrian and bicyclist campaign this month to urge all Texans to follow the state's traffic laws and reduce those fatalities.

"We have a shared responsibility to every member of our community – to every family and every individual – to help reverse these trends and reduce traffic fatalities in Texas," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams.

Texas law requires drivers to stop and yield for pedestrian and bicyclists in crosswalks, to yield while turning, and to pass bikes at a safe distance. Pedestrians, in turn, are urged to cross only at intersections and crosswalks, to obey all traffic signs and signals, and to use sidewalks when possible.

Bicyclists are required to stop at red lights and stop signs, to ride in the same direction as traffic, and to use bike lanes when available.

NELSON CONFIRMED AS TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

Former state Sen. Jane Nelson was confirmed last week by the Texas Senate as secretary of state. Gov. Greg Abbott appointed her to the position two months ago.

Nelson served in that chamber for 30 years.

"I will work to safeguard honest and accurate elections in all 254 counties across our great state, while continuing to support business owners by ensuring that government moves at the speed of Texas business, not the other way around," Nelson said in a statement after her confirmation.

ADJUSTER INDICTED AFTER TDI INVESTIGATION

A Texas public insurance adjuster has been indicted by a Kimble County grand jury after being accused of stealing more than \$268,000 in insurance claims. An investigation by the Texas Department of Insurance alleges Andrew Joseph Mitchell signed the names of clients on their insurance claim checks and kept the money.

Mitchell, based in Clear Lake Shores, Texas, solicited clients across the country using the internet, according to authorities.

"We have other victims here in Texas we're referring to prosecutors, but Mitchell is currently in jail in Louisiana, and we know of investigations in at least two other states," TDI fraud investigator Mark Pardaen said.

LAWMAKERS WANT TO LEGALIZE SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES

A pair of bills introduced in the Legislature would legalize the sales of ready-to-drink cocktails seven days a week, the Houston Chronicle reported. Under current law, liquor stores are closed on Sunday, and grocery and corner stores can only sell beer and wine.

State Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, filed his version of the bill recently.

"As industries innovate and new products become staples in the marketplace, it only makes sense for us to take a look at ways government can reduce regulatory red tape," Hancock said. A twin version of the bill was filed in the House by state Rep. Justin Holland, R-Rockwall. Liquor stores would still be required to be closed on Sunday under the bills.

TPWD SEEKS INPUT ON LAND AND WATER PLAN

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking public input to help the agency make future management decisions.

"In fulfilling our mission, TPWD is committed to delivering effective natural resources stewardship and outdoor recreation programs that exemplify the highest standards of quality, service and professionalism," said David Yoskowitz, executive director of TPWD.

Public input can be made through April 14 by completing a survey being conducted by Texas A&M University. The survey can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/nhkcwmwv>.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

THE POSTSCRIPT
By **Carrie Classon**

"Tourist Town"

My husband, Peter, and I are staying in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, which is, according to a lot of folks, a tourist town.

Sometimes, the person saying this means it is not a place they would want to spend time. This puzzles me. I'm not sure why a town known for meat-packing or manufacturing would be a better place to spend time than a town known for tourism. But I respect anyone's right to spend time wherever they want, and Peter and I are happy in San Miguel, in large part because it is a tourist town.

A lot of the tourists are from the United States. A surprising number are from Canada.

"Is there anyone left up there in the winter?" I asked a Canadian visitor I met at the writers' conference last week. There were more Canadians in the audience than folks from the U.S. and Mexico combined. I found this astonishing, considering that all of Canada has only as many people as Mexico City.

"Did you leave someone up there to turn off the lights?" I asked.

But more common than either Canadians or Americans are, of course, the Mexican tourists who come to town to enjoy the year-round festivities of San Miguel. There is always a party of some sort going on. There is music in the streets, religious celebrations, parades of zombies, costumed indigenous dancers, fireworks and giant puppets—amazing surprises that appear every day, surprises that appear as if by magic.

And there's no mistaking Mexican tourists for their northern counterparts.

U.S. tourists tend to look as if they are braced for calamity. They constantly refer to their maps. They wear sunscreen under their oversized hats, have trousers filled with zippered pockets, secret money belts and hiding places for their passports. They wear shoes intended for hiking up mountains and carry water in case they should make a wrong turn at the ice cream shop and inadvertently end up marooned in the desert.

Mexican tourists are always better dressed, often in high heels, and never lost.

They wear sequins and carry small dogs and, even when I don't know what they are saying, I can hear them using a lot of exclamation points to say it. Mexicans do not take photos of the sights, but of one another, smiling broadly, and usually holding their small dogs. They zip in on Friday nights and start partying immediately, hiring the mariachi bands to play songs they love and lining up at restaurants to have their favorite meals.

The U.S. tourists generally look less cheerful. They are also older. I noticed, on a rare occasion that a store advertised in English, the sign read, "Spare parts for crutches, wheelchairs and walking sticks." Clearly, they knew their market.

Mexican tourists would be unlikely to need any of the above, despite the high heels, and would be more inclined to buy festive costumes for their tiny dogs.

By Monday morning, most of the Mexican tourists are gone, leaving only traces of confetti on the cobblestones, which the street cleaners work diligently to remove until they are, again, pristine and ready for the next party.

I'm trying to learn from the Mexican tourists. I'm trying to remember to smile at strangers and worry less about falling on the cobblestones (even if I keep wearing practical shoes). I'm trying to put a little more glitter in my life and a few more sequins.

Being prepared for an emergency is a good thing, of course. But being prepared for a party is every bit as important.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie's memoir is "Blue Yarn." Learn more about her writing at CarrieClasson.com.

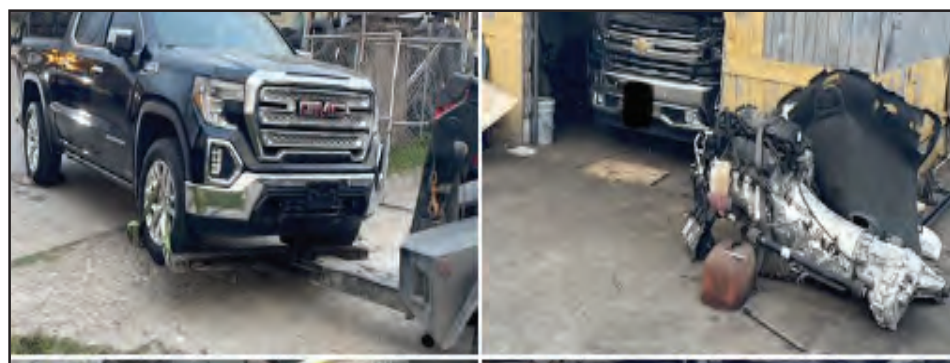
NORTHEAST NEWS
5906 Star Lane, Houston, TX 77057
(713) 266-3444 • FAX (713) 977-1188
email: nenewsroom@aol.com
website: www.nenewsroom.com

Founded in 1977 by Vic & Donna Mauldin
Gilbert Hoffman.....Editor & Publisher
Mei-Ing Hoffman.....Associate Publisher
Willie G Glasgow.....Marketing Executive
Kristan Hoffman.....Website Editor
Julieta Paita.....Assignment Editor
Gerardo Hernandez.....Asst. Production Mgr.
Contributing Writers: Mike Keeney, Charlotte Jackson, Allan Jamail, Kristan Hoffman

Published each Tuesday by GrafikPress Corp. Any erroneous statement which may appear will be corrected when brought to the attention of the publisher. Liability for errors is limited to the reprinting of the corrected version. Submissions are encouraged, in person, by mail, by Fax, or by email, to nenewsroom@aol.com

Founding Member North Houston Chamber (now Houston Intercontinental)
Member Texas Press Association

Sheriff raids suspected Chop Shop on Hopper



HARRIS COUNTY — A SWAT unit was needed Thursday afternoon in northeast Harris County, where investigators believe they raided a vehicle chop shop.

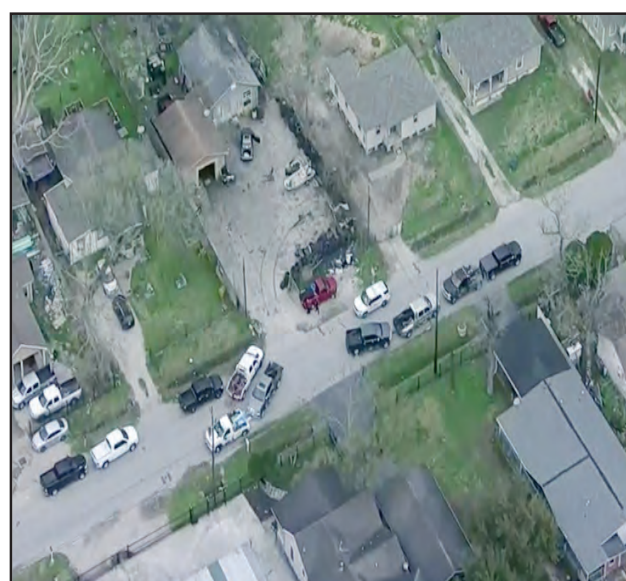
Several people, including those with documented gang membership, were detained when a warrant was served in the 4500 block of Hopper Road, which is just off Eastex Freeway, multiple Harris County sheriff's officials said.

The scene was secured after SWAT went in and

later turned over to the Harris County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division, which handles VICE, narcotics, human trafficking, auto theft, and high-tech crimes.

A follow-up tweet by Special Investigations stated that several stolen trucks and parts were located in various stages of disassembly.

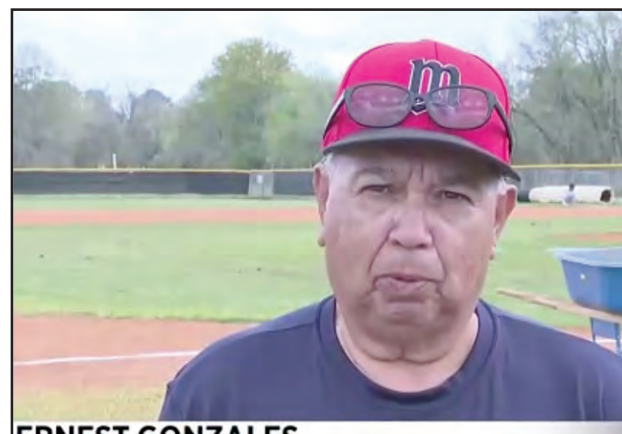
In addition, some of those detained were armed with guns and had drugs on them, investigators said.



MacArthur Baseball Coach Gonzales wins 400th game

Aldine MacArthur head baseball coach Ernest Gonzales picked up his 400th win last week vs. Cy Park in a 1-0 win. Gonzales has been the head coach at MacArthur for 31 years and has coached for 43 years overall.

"I wasn't thinking about the 400," said Gonzales. "I just wanted that 1-0 win." Gonzales downplayed the achievement but was glad that his family was in attendance to see him get the milestone win.



ERNEST GONZALES
ALDINE MCARTHUR HEAD BASEBALL COACH



ERNEST GONZALES WINS 400TH GAME
ALDINE MCARTHUR BASEBALL COACH HITS MILESTONE

Harris County Pct. 2 continues Abatement of unsafe structures



DANGEROUS ALDINE NUISANCE PROPERTY ABATED

Among work done, structures being used for drugs and other illegal activities to be demolished.

Harris County – Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia recently was joined by representatives from Harris County Public Health to restore a property that is well-known to neighbors in the area as being a haven for illegal activities. The property is located at 410 Nicar, Houston, TX 77037 in the Aldine area. In addition to a burned-out/abandoned mobile home that has been used for drugs and other activities, the lot has mounds of dangerous trash (see photo).

H.U.D. Efficiency/ One Bedroom Housing for the Elderly and Disabled

- UTILITIES & APPLIANCES FURNISHED
- ELIGIBILITY:
 - Age 62 or older
 - Disabled
 - Very Low Income

To schedule an appointment

CALL
713-692-8541

APPLY TO:
W. Leo Daniels Tower
8826 Harrell
Off Jensen between
Berry Road & Aldine
Westfield



LET'S
"Clean It Like
You Mean It!"[®]

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

On Greens Bayou!
Register Now to Volunteer!



Register using the QR code! Locate Greens Bayou and get more information about the event. We look forward to seeing you there!



www.greensbayou.org

www.trashbash.org



Many Thanks to our Greens Bayou Site Sponsors!

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

Here is our weekly submission for March 20th - March 25th

Monday: **Lunch & Learn + A Novel Book Club - 5:30** Learn about financial literacy or join us for our book club talk for "The Personal Librarian."

Tuesday: **Teen**

Anime Club- 3:00 PM
Wednesday: **Krafty Kids - 4:30 PM**
A Children's Craft Program for children of all ages.

Friday: **Lunch & Learn - 1:30 PM** Learn about financial literacy over a meal.

Saturday: **Family**

Time - 1:00 PM Spend time with your little ones in the library and create a project together.

HERSHIIRA BOONE-RODGERS
ASSISTANT BRANCH MANAGER
4500 ALDINE MAIL RTE RD
HOUSTON, TX 77039
281-590-1456

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Join us in the library for story time in English and Spanish now on **Tuesdays** at 11:00am!

KID'S CLUB

It's that time again: Lego Night! Wednesday, Mar. 22, 4:30pm for kids 5 and up!

TEEN THURSDAY

Teen Thursdays are a fun, safe environment for teens (ages 12-18) to hang out after school. Join us **Thursdays** from 3:30 - 5:30pm.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH MOVIE

Join us for a celebration of Women's History Month with movies based on real women who have made differences and contributions

to American History! Snacks provided. Saturday, Mar. 25, 2pm.

COMPUTER CLASSES

We have computer classes in Spanish and in English, online and in-person. If you want to participate, call us to register: 832-927-5410.

Wednesdays: Cloud Computing - Office 365 & Excel (free version), (English, Online), 5-7pm
Thursdays: Office 365 - PowerPoint I (Spanish, in person), 5-7pm

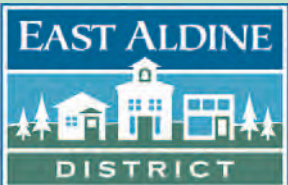
PASSPORT SERVICES

Do have plans to travel out of the country soon? Get on the ball and make sure you get your passport in order NOW! You can make an appointment for passport services at Aldine Branch - <https://www.hcpl.net/services/>

passport-services

Our passport hours - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm. We also have walk-in service from 2-4pm on Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents and required people present with them.

MICHELLE PICHON
LIBRARY PROGRAM SPECIALIST
HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ALDINE BRANCH LIBRARY
11331 AIRLINE DR.
HOUSTON, TX 77037
832-927-5410



Take Pride in our Community
Keep it Clean

Keep East Aldine COVID Safe



0 6

You can read the Northeast News current and back issues on our website: www.nenewsroom.com

CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Colossians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who hid 100 prophets in a cave when Jezebel was trying to kill them? Obadiah, Achan, Rachel, Joseph
3. In Revelation 21:1's vision, what will not exist in the world to come? Sky, Mountain, Sea, Darkness
4. What's the only animal/creature in the Bible that tells a lie? Serpent, Camel, Donkey, Dove


5. In which book is the phrase "The nations are as a drop of a bucket"? TITLE: None, Genesis, Isaiah, Romans
6. Which city was famous for its fallen walls? Derbe, Jericho, Corinth, Capernaum

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Obadiah, 3) Sea, 4) Serpent, 5) Isaiah 40:15, 6) Jericho Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

PSALM 119:9-13



© 2023 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

Bonding Against Adversity


Helping Others Help Themselves

Our "Immigration, Integration, Education" Programs

Citizenship Workshops, Community Engagement, Citizenship Classes & Parenting Programs

Mariana Sanchez, Director
Call: 281-799-9076
Text: 832-906-4214
marianas@baatexas.org

BAA offers online citizenship applications & virtual review. Start your citizenship application @ WWW.CITIZENSHIPWORKS.ORG/PORTAL/BAA



Church Page Sponsors

If you would like to be a Church Page Sponsor, please call 713-266-3444

ALDINE FAMILY HOPE CENTER
4700 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston, 77039
(Next to Hambrick Middle School)

After School Program Summer Program GED & ESL
Resource Center Resale Shop Counseling
Senior Program Food Pantry Computer Classes
Family Activities Teen Job Training Sports

281-449-4828 www.aldineyouth.org

First Baptist Church North Houston
Where Jesus Has the Priority And Everyone is Welcome

Sunday Service Schedule: Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.
AM Worship - 10:50 a.m.
Children's Church - 10:50 a.m.
PM Worship - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: All Ages - 7:00 p.m.

4422 Lauder Road, Houston, TX. 77039 281-449-7201

THE FRUGAL FROG

CALL 713-266-3444 TO REACH 30,000 READERS

TRACTOR WORK TRACTOR WORK TRACTOR WORK

Tractor, Dozer and Backhoe Services

Call or text for Free Quote.

JOE FLANAGAN
832-530-0054

10-4T


SERVICES SERVICES

TEJAS TRANSMISSIONS
Houston's Only Standard & Automatic Specialists

FREE Computer Diagnostics
Quality Work! Since 1997 BBB Rating A+

Full 12 Mo. Or 12,000 Mile Warranty
"We Will Honor Other Shops Coupons"
Se Habla Español
225 Aldine Mail Route, 77037
281-931-9300

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



CABLE TV HELP WANTED HELP WANTED

DIRECTV - Every live football game, every Sunday - anywhere - on your favorite device. Restrictions apply. Call IVS - 1-866-712-8312

NEWSPAPER MARKETING/SALES PERSON
Position available for AD SALES representative. Experience helpful but not necessary. Possible to work from home. Suitable for Part Time, or Full Time. Commission plus. Send letter of interest to GRAFIKSTAR@aol.com or call 713-252-8000

MARKET PLACE

When you call these Advertisers, this Newspaper receives a referral fee, whether you purchase or not. You can help the Newspaper by calling with an inquiry. THANK YOU.

FREE INTERNET

Qualify today for the Government Free Internet Program

YOU QUALIFY for Free Internet if you receive Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC.



maxsip CONNECTS

CALL TODAY (888) 573-0497

Bonus offer: 4G Android Tablet with one time co-pay of \$20

ACP program details can be found at www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-consumer-faq

Consumer Cellular

SWITCH & GET \$25

Off First Month of New Service!
USE PROMO CODE: GZ590

EXACT SAME PREMIUM COVERAGE
As the Major Carriers for Up to Half the Cost

AWARDED BY J.D. POWER 13 TIMES IN A ROW
"#1 in Customer Service among Value MVNOs."

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR 855-821-6277

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. New service activation on approved credit. Cellular service is not available in all areas and is subject to carrier limitations. Every 25¢ off your first month's bill must be used by August 31, 2023 and expires 8:59 PM on that date. The offer is for new and existing customers, and not for activation only or an account service. Offer is good for \$25 off your first month's bill and is subject to carrier limitations. See website or store for restrictions. Offer not available for cash. See us for details and to see if you qualify for this offer. All other conditions are determined by their respective manufacturers. Photos are for illustrative purposes only. © 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

POSITION AVAILABLE POSITION AVAILABLE POSITION AVAILABLE

EAST ALDINE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MARKETING SPECIALIST

We are hiring!

MARKETING SPECIALIST POSITION OPEN

Responsible for managing, coordinating, and administering marketing and branding efforts on behalf of the East Aldine Management District, served by Hawes Hill & Associates LLP, in accordance with the district's approved Service and Improvement Plan. The Marketing Specialist reports to and works under the general supervision of the district's Executive Director.

Salary range: \$65,000 - \$80,000 annually, depending on qualifications and experience. Benefits include health, basic dental, life and disability insurance, SIMPLE IRA retirement plan, vacation.

Visit our website to learn more and to apply: aldinedistrict.org

EAST ALDINE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
c/o HawesHill & Associates LLP

7-2T

CLASSIFIED WORD AD FORM
NORTHEAST NEWS

DEADLINE 12:00 NOON THURSDAY

Call 713-266-3444

\$18.00 (20 WORDS) 2 WEEKS

Place one word per box				
				18.00
18.50	19.00	19.50	20.00	20.50

GREAT VALUE • GREAT RESULTS

NO. OF WORDS IN AD: _____ NO. OF WEEKS TO RUN: _____
\$ AMOUNT PER WEEK: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT: _____
DESIRED CLASSIFICATION HEADING: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CHECK or VISA MASTERCARD AM EX

CREDIT CARD NO.: _____ EXP. _____
NAME ON CARD: _____ SEC. NO. _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE: _____

MAIL TO 5906 STAR LANE, HOUSTON, TX 77057, or EMAIL: nenewsroom@aol.com, or FAX TO 713-977-1188 or CALL 713-266-3444

LEGAL NOTICES APPEAR IN THE NORTHEAST NEWS, HIGHLANDS STAR CROSBY COURIER, AND THE NORTH CHANNEL STAR.

CALL 713-266-3444

24-4T

Business Directory

SHOP LOCALLY -- Save Time & Money

SCREENS AND SHADES

Beat the Heat!

Exterior Solar Screens and Insect Shades

Free Estimates

832-247-4581

UPHOLSTERY & AWNING

Tapiceria PRAT

Upholstery & Awning

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

RAPHAEL PRAT

2021 Aldine Mail Rt. Suite 902
Houston, TX 77039

281-590-7562

01-4T

VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION

House Vehicle Inspection Station

Monday-Friday 8am-6pm

Gladys House-El

713-742-6995 gladys.house@gmail.com

3621 Hurley St. Houston, TX 77093

CARPET DEPOT

3621 Hurley Street Houston, Texas 77093

Office: 713-742-6995
Fax: 713-742-6997

Email: Gcarpetdepot@aol.com
www.affordablecarpetdepot.com

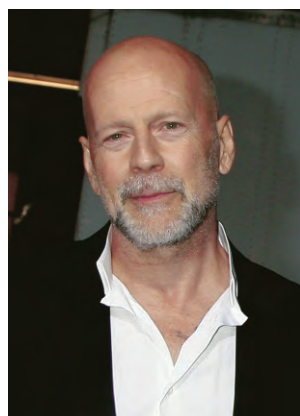
Gladys M. House

(Take 59 North & Exit Tidwell)
Hurley is the first street before Tidwell!

CALL 713-266-3444 to place your Business Card in our Directory. Thousands of Readers in this area will see your message.

celebrity extra by Dana Jackson

Q: How is Bruce Willis doing since he was diagnosed with a neurological disorder? I've enjoyed his work ever since seeing him in "Moonlighting," with Cybill Shepherd. — P.I.



Bruce Willis

A: It's hard to believe it's been 38 years since Bruce Willis debuted as charming P.I. David Addison Jr., opposite his boss, former model Maddie Hayes, played by Cybill Shepherd. The two quarreled both on screen and off, but their chemistry was a hit with viewers, making the show last five seasons.

Willis went on to be a mega movie star in the "Die Hard" franchise, among other films, but last March, it was announced that he was retiring from acting at age 67 after being diagnosed with a cognitive disorder called aphasia. Sadly, in February of this year, his wife, Emma Heming Willis, announced that his condition has progressed and that they now have a more specific diagnosis: frontotemporal dementia. Fortunately, he has a wonderful support system that includes his ex-wife, actress Demi Moore, and their children, along with his two daughters with Emma.

Q: I only recently start-

bit off. This should feel kind of like something's a little wrong here." His instincts were right, and it led to him winning an Emmy Award for Outstanding Original Main Title Theme Music. Before being hired for "Succession," he already had an excellent reputation in the industry, having earned Oscar nominations for three different movie scores: "Moonlight," "If Beale Street Could Talk" and "Don't Look Up."

The fourth and final season of "Succession" returns to HBO on March 26. In the meantime, you can hear more of Britell's creations with the Disney+ series "Andor" and in the upcoming live-action film "Mufasa: The Lion King."

Q: What happened to Taylor Kinney on "Chicago Fire"? Did he leave the show? — G.M.

A: On a recent episode of the hit NBC series "Chicago Fire," it was mentioned that Taylor Kinney's character, Lt. Kelly Severide, had gone to Alabama for arson investigation training.

Off-screen, the actor has chosen to take a hiatus from the show for personal reasons. He's still in the credits, though, and Capt. Tom Van Meter (Tim Hopper) assured Chief Boden (Eamonn Walker) that Severide isn't "planning a transfer." Kinney has been with the show since 2012, so hopefully, he just needs a little R&R and will return before the season ends.

Send me your questions a t NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Henry Cavill has left the Netflix series "The Witcher," for the new four-part spy film franchise "Argylle," with Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, John Cena and Samuel L. Jackson. Cavill will also star in director Guy Ritchie and producer Jerry Bruckheimer's next film "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare" (opposite "Baby Driver's" Eiza Gonzalez), which charts Winston Churchill's and "James Bond" creator Ian Fleming's secret WWII combat organization. "Enola Holmes 2" also hit Netflix recently, and Cavill will be back to play Superman again.

"12 Years a Slave" Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o, currently headlining "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," has found "A Quiet Place" for her next film. Considered a spin-off, not a sequel to "A Quiet Place: Day One," is based on an idea from creator, star and director of "A Quiet Place" John Krasinski — who won't be starring in it when it opens in March 2024.

"The Fabulous Four" — Susan Sarandon, Bette Midler, Sissy Spacek and Megan Mullally — are lifelong friends who reunite in Key West for Midler's wedding. Aussie director Jocelyn Moorhouse begins shooting next year in her home. Spacek currently stars with Dustin Hoffman in "Sam & Kate."

International film superstar Catherine Deneuve (age 79) is best remembered for "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" (1964), Roman Polanski's "Repulsion" (1965) and "Viva Maria!" (1965), with George Hamilton and French mega-superstar Brigitte Bardot. Even though she's never stopped working in her native home of France, she's making an international comeback in "Bernadette" as former French first lady Bernadette Chirac, wife of 1995 French president Jacques Chirac. I met Deneuve when she and Bardot toured 26



Lupita Nyong'o in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"

theaters in New York with "Viva Maria!" in 1965. They attracted mob scenes, and people were fainting and going mad over her and Bardot who, despite being French movie stars, commanded crowds equal to Liz Taylor and Richard Burton.

Also making a comeback is Shelley Duvall, who won two Emmys, a British Academy Award, a Peabody and a top prize at the Cannes Film Festival. Duvall was unforgettable in two 1980 classics (Wendy in "The Shining" and Olive Oyl in "Popeye"). Now 73, she's been absent since 2002, and her last film was "Manna from Heaven," with Shirley Jones, Louise Fletcher and Cloris Leachman. In 2016, a talk show host who calls himself "Dr." did a hatchet job interviewing her. But in 2021, when the Hollywood Reporter profiled her in "Searching for Shelley Duvall," it created renewed interest in her career. After she completed her comeback werewolf film "The Forest Hills," Duvall admitted, "It was a lot of fun, and I'm excited to be back!" The times I partied with her, she was sweet and funny. Guess werewolves like Olive Oyl, too? (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

Comic strip 'Amber Waves' by Dave T. Phipps. Panels show a boy and girl talking about family heritage and a grandma's reaction.

Comic strip 'Tiger' by Bud Blake. Panels show a boy on a bicycle and a girl with a dog.

Comic strip 'The Spats' by Jeff Pickering. Panels show a boy and girl talking about marriage and looks.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty instructions.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a boy looking at a dog in a cage with differences to find.

March 20, 2023 Posting Date King Crossword. Includes a crossword grid and a list of clues for Across and Down.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes a grid of numbers and a list of 10 trivia questions.

1. Levi's; 2. Bamboo; 3. Camp Crystal Lake; 4. Confluence; 5. World Wide Web; 6. Thighs; 7. Carl Sandburg; 8. 'The Simpsons'; 9. Tibet; China; 10. James Monroe and his wife Elizabeth.

Lone Star College named Top Producer of Fulbright Scholars for 2022-2023

HOUSTON (Feb. 21, 2023) – The United States Department of State has recognized Lone Star College as one of the top 25 colleges and universities that produced Fulbright Scholars for 2022-2023.

“We are very proud of this noteworthy accomplishment,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. “The Fulbright Scholar Program is considered the most prestigious educational exchange program providing instructors the opportunity to continue their education and professional development through research and study in a foreign country.”

Taking it a step further, Fulbright named LSC as the only institution in the Associate/Baccalaureate category to receive two grants. This achievement underscores LSC’s commitment to hiring expert-level staff and faculty to train future generations entering an increasingly competitive workforce.

“Our faculty and staff are the most important resources at Lone Star College,” Head said. “We hire people who believe in our mission, care about students and have a passion for improving our communities through education,” said Head.

LSC serves as the host college for Community College for International Development (CCID), which co-sponsors Fulbright Program webinars with the LSC Office of Honors and International Education. This opportunity allows LSC faculty and staff to learn about these programs and how to apply successfully.

“As part of our work with Community College for International Development, we are currently planning spring webinars,



Lone Star College was the only institution in the Associate/Baccalaureate category to receive two Fulbright Scholar Program grants. Pictured from left are Claire Phillips, Ph.D., LSC-CyFair Science and Engineering Instruction Dean and John Theis, Ph.D., LSC-Kingwood Political Science Professor and Civic Engagement Director who will study in France and South Korea, respectively, to engage in international studies that will benefit LSC.

as well as working with the Department of Education to better support additional opportunities for our faculty members to research and develop curriculum abroad,” said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., LSC Associate Vice Chancellor Honors and International Education.

The 2022-2023 Fulbright Scholar Program awarded scholarships to Claire Phillips, Ph.D., LSC-CyFair Science and Engineering Instruction Dean and John Theis, Ph.D., LSC-Kingwood Political Science Professor and Center for Civic Engagement Director.

“Lone Star College continues to create numerous international initiatives through collaborative efforts such as the Fulbright Scholars program,” said Caruso.

Phillips received the International Education Administrators (IEA) award and traveled to France in October 2022 to study global education. During her two weeks in Nantes, Angers and Paris, Phillips helped develop internationalized science courses

and built long-term relationships with partnering universities to benefit students, especially those enrolled in the Honors College at LSC.

Theis will use his Fulbright scholarship to renew his ties to South Korea, where he spent the first 18 years of his life. He will travel to Seoul later this month to observe the Korean higher education system and teach at Dankook University. During his five-month sabbatical, Theis will also conduct comparative research into college student political involvement and civic engagement.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government, designed to increase mutual understanding between people from other countries. The program enables college and university faculty members with a Ph.D. to teach and conduct research. Recipients receive round-trip transportation to the host country and funding to pay for room, board and incidental costs.

East Aldine Recycle Center opens March 22,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a desire for a place to get rid of heavy trash and keep their neighborhood looking clean.”

Residents of East Aldine have long complained about unsightly and illegal dump sites, where old mattresses, unwanted furniture and other items are piled by the road, along with used tires that can become a dangerous breeding ground for mosquitoes.

The new recycling program comes at a time when many cities and other governments are scaling back on recycling programs.

But district and East Aldine Landscape Services officials are confident that recycling – done right – will have environmental and economic benefits in an area that has been plagued by illegal sites.

“This facility will be the first of its kind,” said Selina Valdez, recycling coordinator for East Aldine Landscape Services. “We want to be successful in educating residents while raising the quality of life in East Aldine.”

Despite recent studies showing that recycling programs have faced rising costs, the 2019 Texas Legislature directed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to conduct an extensive study on recycling.

That 318-page report concluded that Texas would run out of landfill space by 2030, showing the need for certain materials to be recycled rather than buried.

“The bottom line is that the state of Texas is trying to make it possible for recycling to become profit-

able,” Valdez said.

She cites the example of North Vernon, Ind., population 7,200. The city is home to a plastic bag recycling plant, where supermarket plastic bags used across the U.S. are produced by the city’s recycling plant.

“That tiny little town produces most of the grocery bags that we use every day,” Valdez said.

Exxon Corp. has invested \$100 billion worldwide in facilities to recycle “hard” plastics that had been nearly impossible to recycle, Valdez said, and one of the first is in Baytown.

“This could become a big economic opportunity for a community like East Aldine,” Valdez said. “We could benefit from a strong and well-run recycling program.”

In 2020, a Columbia University Climate School study noted that a key problem with the recycling industry was a 2018 decision by China to ban the importation of most plastics and other materials that were not up to very stringent purity standards. The U.S. then started sending its plastic waste to other countries in southeast Asia and Africa. The eventual result was that about 70 percent of “recycled plastics” ended up in landfills or oceans.

When the market for plastics dried up, municipalities began to cut back on their recycling programs, with more than 60 cities ending curbside recycling.

The Columbia study concluded, however, that there are still many economic benefits from recy-

cling programs. According to that study, the global plastic recycling market is projected to grow by nearly \$15 billion by 2024.

The East Aldine District’s environmental effort will continue to be aided by strict enforcement of unlawful dumping, with help from the Harris County Sheriff’s Department’s nuisance abatement team.

Deputies under contract with the district recently caught two Houston scofflaws who were illegally dumping trash in Keith-Wiess Park. The men were fined for their nighttime crime.

The new East Aldine Landscape Services facility will have two dumpsters for old furniture and mattresses and two for yard waste. Another dumpster will be for disposal of old tires, which will be recycled by a separate vendor.

Cantu said use of the center will be phased in gradually, with East Aldine neighborhoods notified in staggered mailings about waste and trash that will be recycled. Use of the center will be limited to residents and not for use by building contractors or commercial enterprises.

The Recycle Center will be open by Appointments only. Call 713-454-7185 for an appointment. ID and proof of East Aldine residency will be required.

The Recycle Center will accept scrap metal, furniture, beds, tires, yard waste and more. The center is located at 2789 Hopper Road, off Foy Lane.

—By Anne Marie Kilday