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NORTHEAST NEWS



State Representative Walle was one of about two dozen speakers opposing the TCEQ permit.

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NEWS NOTES

Concrete Plant withdraws expansion plan Yellow Jacket Readymix notifies TCEQ

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Protests effective; future plans unknown

By Anne Marie Kilday

East Aldine residents who had launched verbal fireworks against the proposed expansion of a concrete batch plant in their neighborhood had plenty extra to celebrate on July 4.

A day earlier, residents received a letter from the plant operator, Yellow Jacket Readymix LLC, that it was withdrawing a request to add a second concrete silo to the facility.

On June 12, more than 75 local residents, including members of the Green Forest Civic Club, noisily protested the proposed expansion at a hearing conducted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which considers such permits. The residents had also conducted a block walk to inform their neighbors of the issues.

The company had sought TCEQ permission to add the silo at 2219 Hartwick, between Aldine Westfield Road and Halls Bayou. The facility sits close to several private



Aldine Residents, members of the Green Forest Civic Club, and others who spoke at the TCEQ hearing to oppose the Yellow Jacket Readymix Application.

homes.

Selina Valdez, president of the civic club, said the company's withdrawal of its expansion plan was great news for East Aldine.

"I am just delighted. We are just thrilled," Valdez said. "This is a testament to what the community can do together, when our voices can be heard."

As concerns about air pollution forced some major cities to scale back Independence Day fireworks displays in favor of drones or laser shows, residents of north Harris County and

other parts of Texas are fighting a different source of air pollution: the proliferation of concrete batch plants near where people live. The plants are a source of air pollution, dust and noise. Truck traffic in and out of the industrial facilities often adds to the problems.

The plants, often located in predominantly minority and/or poorer communities, became an issue during the recent regular session of the Texas Legislature.

The staff of the Sunset Advisory Commission,

which reviews state agencies' performance, criticized the TCEQ's oversight of air, land, and water pollution.

Many residents of the East Aldine area and members of Air Alliance Houston testified in Austin to the Sunset Commission, playing a significant role in the review process.

"I am very grateful to all the residents who participated in the public hearing," Valdez said of the permit hearing. "The Green Forest Civic Club and its members have performed a real service to ev-

erybody in East Aldine."

She said residents will continue to monitor air pollution issues in East Aldine.

Valdez also thanked public officials, including State Rep. Armando Walle and State Sen. Carol Alvarado, as well as Harris County Attorney Chris Menefee, for being partners in the effort to make TCEQ more accountable to neighborhoods potentially affected by proposed projects by private industries.

During the legislative session, lawmakers decided to require the agency to notify state legislators when new permits are being sought within their districts. That way, state representatives and senators can notify their constituents about proposed new facilities.

In many cases, permit requests had been filed at the TCEQ without any notice to surrounding neighborhoods.

"The TCEQ's authority must be expanded to allow it to block companies from putting multiple polluting facilities in the same neighborhoods," Menefee told the Texas Tribune.

— by Anne Marie Kilday

East Aldine District dedicates JFK on JFK Statue with official ribbon cutting ceremony



SCULPTOR DAVID ADICKES SPEAKS, AT THE DEDICATION OF HIS JFK ON JFK STATUE.

The East Aldine Management District on Thursday, June 29th dedicated an 18-foot-tall bust of the late President John F. Kennedy on JFK Boulevard.

Millions of visitors every year will potentially see the public installation — it's called "JFK on JFK" — at the intersection of Aldine Bender Road and JFK Boulevard.

"I am honored to be here at this setting. It's by far the best one I've ever seen for any of my sculptures," said legendary sculptor David Adickes, 96, at the dedication ceremony today for the JFK On JFK project of the EAMD. His larger-than-life busts and statues are iconic features through the region, including the statue of Sam Houston on I-45 in Huntsville, and busts of the U.S. Presidents visible on I-10 in downtown Houston.



At center, Sculptor David Adickes is ready to cut the official ribbon, along with East Aldine Art Council chairman Carlos Silva, and Executive Director Richard Cantu. Others helping with the ceremony are East Aldine board members, arts council members, and residents and special guests of the district. The JFK sculpture is on display day and night at the intersection of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and Aldine Bender Road.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Suspect Charged, Wanted in Fatal Shooting at 11960 Airline Drive

Charges have been filed against a suspect wanted in the fatal shooting of a man at 11960 Airline Drive about 2:30 a.m. on June 12.

The suspect, Oscar Reynoso Sierra, 31, is charged with murder in the 208th State District Court. He is not in custody. A 2018 booking photo of Reynoso Sierra is attached to this news release.

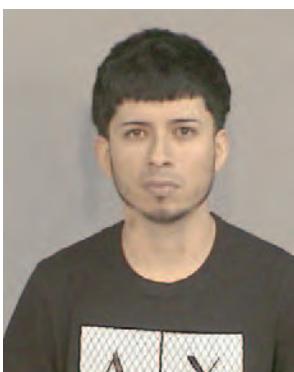
The victim is identified as Celestino Alvarado, 19.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives K. Persad and L. Gonzales reported:

Officers responded to a report of a shooting in an apartment complex parking lot at the above address. Upon arrival, they found Mr. Alvarado inside a tan SUV that had crashed into several other vehicles in the parking lot. Responding Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced Alvarado deceased at the scene. He had suffered a gunshot wound.

Further investigation identified the suspect as Reynoso Sierra and he was charged last Friday (June 30).

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Oscar Reynoso Sierra is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.



Oscar Reynoso Sierra

Fatal Motorcycle Accident at 9300 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating the fatal crash that occurred at 9300 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) about 6 a.m. last Friday (June 23).

The deceased male is identified as Paul Darks, 24.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant L. Ross and Officer L. Ho reported:

The male was operating a red Honda CVR 1000 motorcycle at a high rate of speed northbound on the freeway at the above address. He failed to maintain a single lane and struck a green pickup truck and then a white 18-wheeler with a tractor-trailer. Paramedics pronounced the male deceased at the scene.

The drivers of the green truck and the tractor-trailer did not stop to render aid and left the scene.

Anyone with information on the identities of the two drivers is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072.

Fatal Shooting at 8806 Mesa Drive

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 8806 Mesa Drive at 10:25 p.m. on Tuesday (June 27).

The identity of the victim, 21, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant K. Meek and Detective G. Zavala reported:

HPD patrol officer responded to a shooting in the parking lot of a restaurant at the above address and found the victim unresponsive with multiple gunshot wounds. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

According to a witness, he and the victim were eating in the restaurant parking lot. When the victim went back to the restaurant for condiments, he was shot multiple times by an unknown male suspect. The suspect is described only as an unknown black male.

Anyone with information 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.



AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Babies, Kids, Teens, and Adults - win prizes for reading! Also earn prizes for attending programs! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program on Beanstack: <https://hcpl.beanstack.org/reader365>. You can also register in person at the library.

Every day, All month
This summer we want to focus on Kindness/Friendship/Unity. Let's get together as a community and **make a mural**. Each participant will be given a post-it to **create a mini piece of art**. Just ask at the front desk.

Toddler Time
We'll read stories, sing songs, and use our hands (for fingerplays) to help toddlers build their early literacy skills. This program is appropriate for children ages 18 months to 3 years old. **Monday, Jul. 10, 11:30am - 12pm.**

Summer Reading Program Movie Monday
Join us for an entertaining, team spirit-themed movie! **Monday, Jul. 10, at 2pm.**

TEENS MAKE IT!
Stimulate your creativity by using yarn and canvas to make art. Make a portrait, a landscape, or something weird and random, whatever you want! All materials are provided courtesy of the Friends of the Aldine Branch Library Extraordinaire (FABLE). Teens Make It! is on **Monday, July 10th for teens ages 12-18** at Aldine Branch Library.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME/ TIEMPO DE CUENTOS BILINGÜE

You're invited to attend Story Time every Tuesday at 11 am. Story Time is a great way for children to build early literacy skills with stories, rhymes and songs. Parents are encouraged to participate by sitting with children and singing (and learning!) new songs. Children of all ages are welcome! **Tuesday, July 11, 11am**

¡Estás invitado a asistir a tiempo de cuentos cada martes a las 11 am. Tiempo de cuentos es una excelente manera para que los niños desarrollen habilidades de alfabetización temprana con libros, rimas y canciones. Animamos a los padres a sentarse con los niños y canten las canciones con nosotros. ¡Los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos!

NAVEGANDO SU SMARTPHONE (ESPAÑOL)

Martes, 11 de julio, 5pm - 6:45pm
El espacio es limitado. Pre-regístrate aquí: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy>
Nota Importante- Necesitará traer su teléfono inteligente para la práctica.

Navegando la interfaz Grabando/viendo videos, y fotos
Comandos de su teléfono (Tap, double tap, Tap and hold, drag, swipe left/right)
Ajustes basicos (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, resolución de pantalla, etc.)
*** Importante-** Necesitará traer su teléfono in-

teligente para la práctica., **5pm - 6:45pm**

KIDS CRAFTS

Let's get creative! Join us at 6 pm every Tuesday for our weekly summer crafts at Aldine! (Don't forget, this is a great opportunity for kids to work on essential life skills like sharing, reading instructions, cutting, gluing, and working in a group.) **Tuesday, July 11, 6pm.**

PARA LOS NIÑOS

Each workshop includes learning activities to use at home related to the theme of the week. For parents and children ages 8 and younger (and siblings too!) **Wednesday, Jul. 12, 11:00am - 12:30pm.** Cada taller incluye actividades de aprendizaje para usar en casa relacionadas con el tema del taller. Para padres y niños menores de 8 años (y hermanos también!) **Miércoles, 28 de junio, 11:00am - 12:30pm.**

DACAMERA - FRIENDLY DEBATE

DACAMERA'S Music Encounters provide hands-on experiences that directly engage students by using music as a catalyst for learning cores subjects including science, language arts, math, and social studies. **Today's program:** Two musicians share facts and opinions about their instruments and perform for participants. Participants respond with a debate about which they prefer. Best for kids in 4th-5th Grade. **Wednesday, July 12, 4:30 - 5:30pm.**

TEEN THURSDAY

Teen Thursdays at Aldine Branch Library are a fun, safe environment for teens ages (12-18) to hang out after school! Join us as we play games, watch anime, and hang out! **Thursday, Jul. 13, 3:30 - 5:30pm.**

LEARN YOUR SMARTPHONE'S INTERFACE

Thursday, July 13, 5pm - 6:45pm.
Space is limited. Pre-register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy>
*** Important-** Bring your smartphone to do the hands-on
Basic commands (Tap, double-tap, Tap and hold, Drag, Swipe Left/Right, Pinch)
Recording/viewing videos and photos
Basic settings (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, G5, LTE, connections, SD cards, etc.)

Maintenance tips auto-upload to cloud?

HARRIS COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION

Are you registered to vote? Do you have questions about the process but never had an opportunity to ask? Well, here is your chance! A representative from Harris County Elections Administration will be on site at the Aldine Branch Library to get you registered. They will also be able to answer any questions you have as well. Don't delay, register today! Your vote is your voice! **Thursday, Jul. 6, 1pm - 5pm.**

¿Está registrado para votar? ¿Tiene preguntas sobre el proceso pero nunca tuvo la oportunidad de hacerla? ¡Aquí está su oportunidad! Un representante de la Administración de Elecciones del Condado de Harris estará presente en la Biblioteca Sucursal de Aldine

para registrarlo. También podrán responder cualquier pregunta que tenga. ¡No se demore, regístrese hoy! ¡su voto es su voz! **Jueves, 6 de julio, 1pm - 5pm.**

ROBLOX FRIDAYS

Join us every Friday for Roblox Fridays! Compete against your friends in a variety of games. May the best player win! For ages 9-13. **Friday, Jul. 14, 4:30pm.**

SUMMER SPANISH LEARNING CLUB

¿Donde está la biblioteca? Want to learn what that means and more? Join our Summer Spanish Learning Club! This program is meant for beginner and intermediate Spanish language learners. A Spanish speaking staff member will be there to help you learn. Meets **every Saturday at 10 am - 11 am this summer. Saturday, Jul. 15, 10am.** See you there! You can record 5 points in Beanstack for every time you participate in the Summer Spanish Learning Club

CRAFTY CORNER - FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Let's make friendship bracelets to celebrate unity and kindness! If you made a Shrinky Dink charm last month, you can bring it to add to your bracelet! This is a family event, we ask parents attend with their children. **Saturday, July 15, 1pm - 3pm.**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? We are looking for adult volunteers to help with tasks and programs at the library as well as volunteers to teach English language classes, citizenship classes, or computer classes in person and virtually. Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library, call 832-927-5410, or click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qSzMSpiaTL>.

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, photos, copies, and required people present with them to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Aldine ISD Students Honored at Annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development Event

Atlanta, Ga. (Grassroots Newswire) June 28, 2023 - The following local career and technical students were recognized for excellence at the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 21-22. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants who met a threshold contest score. The Skill Point Certificate represents workplace readiness in the occupational specialty and students can add the certificate to their employment portfolio as an indicator of proficiency.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 110 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 650 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year. All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored on Fri-

day night, June 23 at the SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena.

The following students are Skill Point Certificate recipients from your area:

* From Texas: Rafael Perales, from Houston and a student at Blanson CTE High School (Houston), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in CNC 5-Axis Milling Programmer.

* From Texas: Andrew Mondragon, from Houston and a student at MacArthur High School (Houston), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Telecommunications Cabling.

"More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

About SkillsUSA
SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of the skilled trades. It's a stu-

dent-led partnership of education and industry that's building the skilled workforce our nation depends on with graduates who are career ready, day one. Representing nearly 380,000 career and technical education students and teachers, SkillsUSA chapters thrive in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide. SkillsUSA's mission empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. That mission is accomplished through the SkillsUSA Framework of Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics, which is integrated into classroom curriculum. Through Framework instruction, students develop the character-shaping leadership skills - teamwork, communication, professionalism and more - that successful careers and lives demand. At the same time, students hone their high-level technical skills against current industry standards in more than 130 skilled trade areas, from 3-D Animation to Welding. The result? Focused, confident and highly skilled graduates who are ready to work, ready to lead and ready to make a difference in our schools, workplaces and communities. A vital solution to the skills gap, where more in-demand skilled trades positions are available than qualified professionals to fill them, SkillsUSA has served over 14 million difference-making members since 1965. To learn more, visit www.skillsusa.org.

Aldine ISD Schools to Host Annual Update Open Labs for Parents in July and August; First Event is July 12

The Annual Update, required by the majority of Aldine ISD families to complete for the 2023-2024 school year, opens online on July 10. The labs will offer parents/legal guardians needing assistance in completing the online requirement.

Why is it Important to Complete the Annual Update for Your Student Every Year?

- Update Address (if applicable)
- Update Contact Information of Parents/Legal Guardians
- Update Student Medical Concerns
- Ensure School to Family Communication
- Give Specific Parental Desires and Request
- Provide Emergency Contact Updates/Changes
- Ensure Notification of Any Updated Bus Route Information
- Ensure Schools Receive Maximum Funding for School Meals for all Students

Visit AldineISD.org/HAC and log into the HAC system to access the online Annual Update form or visit your child's school.

ALDINE
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Aldine ISD families with returning students to the 2023-2024 school year can visit any Aldine campus to complete the online required Annual Update, which will be available online starting July 10 on several selected dates in July and August. The Annual Update Open Labs will assist families in English and Spanish.

Annual Update Open Labs

Parents can visit any campus website for specific hours of open labs. Annual Update Open Labs will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday, July 12
- Wednesday, July 19
- Wednesday, July 26
- Wednesday, August 2

All Aldine ISD parents/legal guardians must complete the Annual Update to ensure student, family, and emergency contact information is accurate and current. Completing the Annual Update will also allow parents to request bus transportation. It will ensure your student receives any additional resources they may qualify for.

Deadline

The deadline to complete the Annual Update is August 9, 2023.

Who Needs to Complete the Required Online Annual Update

It's Time to Complete the Required Online Annual Update for the 2023-2024 School Year!

One Vital Reason to Complete the Annual Update: Communication Between Families and Schools

The Annual Update ensures parents and legal guardians verify or update important information – home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, a student's health/food allergies, and emergency contacts – to stay connected to their child's school.

Visit AldineISD.org for details.

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Aldine ISD Partners with Reading with a Rapper for Summer Enrichment Program

On Thursday, June 22, Aldine ISD hosted an event with Reading with a Rapper at Jones Middle School, as part of an ongoing initiative to improve reading literacy amongst the students, through the various summer enrichment programs offered by Jones Middle School.

Reading with a Rapper is an organization that encourages students to develop their skills in both reading and writing, through a focus on creative approaches. For this particular engagement, the students were tasked with writing poems, songs or pieces with personal connections, along with accompanying illustrations.

Several of the students volunteered to recite their writings to the class, while also explaining the reasoning behind their illustrations. These same writings and illustrations were used to decorate the walls



of the room, in conjunction with multicolored lights and album covers created by the students in the session.

The event ended with a Q&A, in which the students were able to ask BuddieRoe, the artist working with the organization, questions about hardships in the music industry, challenges he has faced and words of wisdom he can offer. Throughout the responses, the

common aspects that were continuously instilled into the students were the importance of education and self belief, in both your abilities and your dreams.

These are the types of creative programs that Aldine looks to highlight throughout the district. Finding creative and receptive approaches to instilling a love for learning is a goal that both Reading with a Rapper and Aldine ISD both share.



Families with Returning Students to Aldine ISD for the 2023-2024 School Year: Families with students actively enrolled at any Aldine ISD school on the last day of the 2022-2023 school year, even if they will be changing campuses for the new school year

Families with New Students who registered online before July 1, 2023, will need to complete the Annual Update.

How You Can Complete the Annual Update

Parents/legal guardians of returning students can log in to the Home Access Center (HAC) system by visiting AldineISD.org/HAC. Click the Home Access Center Login button. They need their HAC account username and password to access the Annual Update online form. If they do not have a HAC account, they can then click the "Click Here to Register for HAC" link at the bottom of the HAC system site.

Please Note: A parent/legal guardian will need to complete one Annual Update per Aldine ISD student in their family.

You Will Need a HAC Account to Access the Required Online Annual Update

It's Time to Complete the Required Online Annual Update for the 2023-2024 School Year!

2 Critical Reasons to Complete the Annual Update:

- Impacts School Funding**
The state uses the data to determine how Title I Funds are allocated to school districts. Title I Funding includes free school meals, assistance in a disaster, and much more.
- Free Student Meals**
Aldine ISD participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows eligible schools to provide meal services to all students at no charge, regardless of economic status. The CEP uses direct certification data and does not rely on annual household applications used in the past to determine free and reduced-priced lunches availability.

Visit AldineISD.org for details.

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As a reminder, through a parent's/legal guardian's HAC account, they use the tool to track their student's schedules, grades, attendance, academic history, and more information. Families can learn more by visiting the HAC webpage.

Need Help Creating a HAC Account or Completing the Annual Update

Families can contact (call, email, or visit) any Aldine ISD school about their hours to provide assistance.

OPINION PAGE

Sylvia R. Garcia
CONGRESSWOMAN | TX-29



Extreme Heat Resources and Tips

These past few days, we've seen record-breaking heat across TX-29 and the Houston area. I want to ensure you're well-prepared with the best resources and information to navigate these temperatures safely.

I've compiled reliable local resources – including community cooling centers – in this e-newsletter to help you during this heat wave. If you plan on traveling to a local community center, I highly recommend checking the center to ensure they are still open and ready to receive you. Please remember to stay properly hydrated!

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger due to heat, please call 9-1-1. Please continue reading below and share this with a friend who may find it helpful.

Local Resources

- Ready Harris– Sign up for disaster updates and resources.
- CenterPoint Energy – Check on power outages and estimated time of repair.
- Texas Emergency Helpline – Dial 211 to request disaster assistance.
- NOAA's National Weather Service heat danger chart.

Cooling Centers

- (Operating Hours for Centers):
Monday - Wednesday 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. | Tuesday - Thursday 8 A.M. – 9 P.M. | Friday 8 A.M. – 12 P.M.
- Felix Baldree Community Center, located at 13828 Corpus Christi Street, Houston, TX 77015
 - Hardy Community Center, located at 11901 West Hardy Road, Houston, TX 77076
 - North East Harris County Community Center, located at 10918 1/2 Bentley Street, Houston, TX 77093
 - Pep Mueller Community Center, located at 14750 Henry Road, Houston, TX 77060
 - East Harris County Activity Center, located at 7340 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, TX 77505
 - Magnum-Howell Community Center, located at Doss Park Rd, Houston, TX 77038
 - Martin Flukinger Community Center, located at 16003 Lorenzo Street ChannelView, TX 77505
 - Leonel Castillo Community Center, located at 2101 South Street Houston, TX 77009



OPINION
By Senator Boris Miles
State of Texas Legislature

The End of Affirmative Action in College Admissions

Today, the US Supreme Court ended affirmative action in colleges and universities. The ruling is egregious and a slap in the face to minorities all over this country. The reasoning cited by Chief Justice Roberts in the majority opinion is disingenuous, disrespectful and shows a complete ignorance of the horrific history of systematic racism perpetrated by this nation's institutions.

Affirmative action was created to address the racial inequities in college admissions. This program opened the door of opportunity to students of color with greater access to higher education and a path to pursue their dreams. This decision turns back the clock on efforts to create student bodies that reflect our diverse state and nation.

The ending of this historic program is part of a broader trend at the state and national level to suppress and oppress diverse perspectives. In our home state, the governor signed into law SB 17, prohibiting Texas colleges and universities from establishing and maintaining Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) offices. If our institutions of higher education are unable to consider race in admissions and no longer have a DEI office to encourage a diverse workforce, what will happen to the diversity on our college campuses, from the student body to the faculty and staff? THERE WILL BE NONE!

The actions by extremists from all levels of government are targeting people of color and seeking to dismantle the progress that we have made since the Civil Rights era. They are AFRAID. Enough is enough! Diversity has been our greatest strength and education is the greatest equalizer. We should be striving to ensure that education and diversity go hand in hand so that future generations have an opportunity to succeed. I remain committed to ensuring that student bodies at the universities in Texas reflect the diversity of our great state.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Senate Passes Tax Bill as Second Special Session Begins; not final

The Texas Senate on the first day of the Legislature's second special session unanimously passed a tax bill last Wednesday that increases the homestead exemption and includes a pay hike for teachers, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The first special session ended with the Senate and House unable to agree on how to provide property tax relief.

The Senate bill provides a \$2,000 pay increase for teachers in urban districts over the next two years, and a \$6,000 hike for teachers in rural areas. It increases the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan are set to meet in an attempt to come to agreement on the property tax issue, after Patrick texted the best way to resolve debt differences between House and Senate versions would be to meet face-to-face.

"They have responded; we're looking forward to a meeting. ... Whenever that is, I believe we can get this resolved quickly," Patrick told the Statesman.

During the first special session, the House passed its version of a property tax package on the first day and immediately adjourned for the remainder of the 30-day session.

THREE DIE DAILY IN STATE DUE TO DRUNK DRIVING

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation are again urging Texans to drive sober, as drunk driving deaths increased again last year to 1,162 — an average of more than three people a day. The agency is spearheading a Faces of Drunk Driving campaign, highlighting families whose lives have been adversely affected by a drunk driver, such as Monse Montoya, who lost her mother and father when a drunk driver ran a stop sign and T-boned her parents' car.

Last year, 26% of all traffic deaths in Texas involved a drunk driver.

"Numbers can sometimes feel abstract," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "But these are real people whose lives were either lost or forever altered by someone's deci-

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

WEEVILS MAKING POSITIVE IMPACT ON GIANT SALVINIA

Giant salvinia presents a major threat to Texas lakes, forming dense carpets of foliage on water surfaces that can expand very rapidly and make boating, fishing and swimming nearly impossible. Now, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists say there are encouraging signs that giant salvinia weevils are effective in controlling the invasive species.

Giant salvinia invaded Texas waters in 1998 in the Houston area. It was found in Toledo Bend Reservoir later that year.

It is now found on 36 Texas lakes and numerous rivers, creeks and marshes. With the spread to more lakes in recent years, TPWD has worked to attempt to establish weevil populations in colder portions of the state while continuing stockings to augment or rebuild existing populations in areas more hospitable to weevils.

The weevils are more tolerant of low temperatures than previously believed, according to TPWD, and continue to be effective at reducing the spread of giant salvinia.

Boaters are urged to clean, drain and dry boats and gear before traveling from lake to lake in order to prevent the spread of all invasive plant species.

SNAP BENEFITS FOR STORM VICTIMS

Victims of the mid-June storms that caused numerous power outages and subsequent food losses can apply for replacement benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a

dozen Texas counties.

Those counties include Camp, Cass, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Ochiltree, Panola, Titus, Upshur, and Wood.

"For families that have been impacted by the recent storms, these replacement food benefits will help provide some peace of mind," said Michelle Alletto, with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

SNAP recipients with food lost or destroyed during the storms can apply by July 14 by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting option 8.

NEW LAW COULD BOOST STUDENT MATH SKILLS

A new Texas law recently signed by Gov. Greg Abbott requires school districts and charter schools to automatically enroll fifth graders who score in the top 40% on state math tests to be placed in advanced math classes, KUT reported. The result could be more equitable access to advance math classes, advocates say.

"This will have a huge impact," Kristen Hengtgen, a senior policy analyst with The Education Trust, said. "The sheer numbers of students who will be identified for advanced math in Texas and in the country is so exciting."

The Education Trust is a nonprofit that promotes education equity.

Parents will be able to opt their children out from advanced math classes if they wish.

DURING HEAT WAVE, SOLAR POWER CRUCIAL TO GRID

The "heat dome" that settled over much of the state during June has pushed electrical demand to new highs. One key component in keeping the grid from overloading is the increase in solar panels, which have grown more than sixfold since 2019, according to the Texas Tribune.

Solar power recently provided nearly 20% of the state's power grid needs. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas reported 16,800 megawatts of solar power could be produced on the state's grid as of the end of May. That compares to 2,600 megawatts in 2019.

"The solar we've added in the last year has been tremendously beneficial, and the solar we will continue to add will also be beneficial," said Michael Webber, an energy resources professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "Solar is such a boon for us for grid reliability."

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

"The Last Song"

I've never known much about music.

I am the oldest child, so I had no older siblings playing what was popular when I was young. My mother listened to public radio in the morning. My dad played Bach on the piano every Sunday after we got home from church. My parents sang at both services in the church choir, so Mom would make something quick when we got home, often a Swanson pot pie. I somehow got "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" mixed up in my head with pot pies, and I think of Bach's masterpiece as "The Pot Pie Song" to this day.

By the time I was a teenager, I was already behind the curve. I wasn't popular enough to be invited places where I'd hear new music. I still have not caught up.

But, in my defense, I enjoy listening to new musicians and new music. My husband, Peter, and I go to concerts in the park all summer and hear all sorts of music. Some of it we love. Some of it we're not so sure about. Sometimes Peter says, "You're looking tired. You want to go home?" And I'll say, "Yeah, maybe so."

We pack up our folding chairs and head home, still listening to the music in the distance. But most of it I like.

Last winter, I went to a concert performed by an old high school friend. I attended with two other old friends and found myself surrounded by people I'd known in high school and hadn't seen since. They were all a lot older than I remembered them—or imagined them—to be. But it was fun to be with people who knew all the words to all the songs. I thought about what a powerful thing that was, to have such a strong shared memory with a room full of people.

"Isn't it weird," my friend Andy said, "how you can remember exactly where you were when you first heard a song?"

"And exactly how you felt and who you were thinking about?" my friend Clay added. His girlfriend, Lou, nodded knowingly and rolled her eyes. I wondered what she was remembering.

"And then you stop hearing the song completely!" Andy said.

"There is some music I don't need to listen to anymore," Clay agreed. "It's burned into my brain."

I'm not sure if I remember the first time I heard most of the songs I know. But I remember songs that helped me when I was struggling with emotions that seemed too big to handle on my own. Songs tided me over. They gave voice to feelings that were either too powerful or too painful to experience in silence. Songs grounded me when I felt I might fly away or explode. Songs made sense of things, even if I couldn't explain in words what I learned from them.

They say that music resides in a different part of our brains than other memories do. Alzheimer patients who no longer remember their families can still play the piano. Musicians performing for the elderly see their faces come to life when they hear songs from their youth. Music buries itself deep within us. When we hear a familiar refrain, we feel the emotion associated with it before we even remember the tune.

The concert finished. The crowd demanded an encore. The musicians complied. The audience erupted in cheers and sang along with the last song.

I thought about what Clay said about the music being burned into his brain. In a literal sense, it was likely true.

Till next time,
Carrie

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Deputies distribute celebratory gunfire warning information



With July 4th Holiday set to be observed, last week HCSO Deputies Terry Garza, Michael Santos and Rebecca Limon distributed literature and talked with people in the East Aldine District about the dangers of celebratory gunfire. Deputy Garza said "East Aldine Deputies and I were out battling the heat, urging people that celebratory shooting is reckless and it's a violation of the law punishable up to \$4,000 fine and 1 year in jail. We were also putting report cards and flyers on cars!!" #whatgoesupmustcomedown #celebratorygunfirecankill



Lone Star College selects five Chancellor finalists

HOUSTON (July 3, 2023) – The Lone Star College Board of Trustees has chosen five final candidates in its search for a new Chancellor. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor, is set to retire August 1st.

"Lone Star College conducted a nationwide search to identify and select candidates who are ready to lead the college and continue its focus on student success and service to the community," said Michael Stoma, LSC Board of Trustees Chair. "We feel it is critically important to have a smooth transition to ensure our students, faculty and staff receive the leadership they deserve."

The five finalists are Mario K. Castillo, J.D., Lone Star College Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel; Joyce C. Ester, Ph.D., Normandale Community College President; Lonnie L. Howard, Ph.D., former Lamar Institute of Technology President/CEO; Lee Ann Nutt, Ed.D., Lone Star College-Tomball President and David Sam, Ph.D., J.D., LL.M., Elgin



Lone Star College System offices in The Woodlands

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"All five finalists have exemplary backgrounds in higher education and I look forward to learning more about each one," said Jim Cain, Ed.D., LSC Board of Trustee District 9 and Chancellor Search Committee Chair.

LSC enlisted the services of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Search to conduct a nationwide search using the criteria developed by the LSC Employee Search Advisory Committee. The organization focuses on two-year public community and technical colleg-

es to provide comprehensive search assistance, recruitment of a diverse and high-quality pool of candidates and guidance on a sound process to the Board and the college.

Each candidate will participate in a system-wide forum at the Community Building at LSC-System Office, The Woodlands and conduct campus visits. The forums will also be live-streamed via Zoom.

Visit LoneStar.edu/Chancellor-Search to view each candidate's bio, a schedule of their campus visits and Zoom links to each systemwide forum.

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2. Song of Solomon and which other book specifically mention the "apple tree"? Genesis, Ezra, Joel, Nahum
3. What chapter of Psalms has four verses (8, 15, 21, 31) that are alike? 4, 58, 107, 133
4. From Genesis 4:26, who was Adam's youngest son? Ishmael, Cain, Abel, Seth

5. In John 11:16, who was also called Didymus? Simon Peter, Thomas, Silas, Judas
6. Which book has the longest verse in the Bible? Psalms, Proverbs, Esther, Revelation

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Prepare for the Citizenship Exam. *Registration required.*

Prepárese para el Examen de Ciudadanía. *Se requiere registro.*

Conversational ESL / ESL Conversacional
Every Monday and Wednesday, 1 pm

Adult Program / Programa para adultos
Practice your English with this conversational class.
Registration required.

Practica tu inglés con esta clase conversacional.
Se requiere registro.

ESL Level 3 / ESL Nivel 3
Every Monday and Wednesday, 11:30 am
Adult Program / Programa para adultos

Intermediate ESL classes focusing on improving English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.
Registration required.

Supérate! Ahora también tenemos clases de nivel intermedio.
Se requiere registro.

All of the programs listed are free to attend. Some programs may require registration, please see event description for details. For more information on any of the events listed above, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library. Please note - most programs are presented in English only.

Todos los programas enumerados son gratuitos para asistir. Algunos programas pueden requerir registro, consulte la descripción del evento para obtener más detalles. Para obtener más información sobre cualquiera de los eventos mencionados anteriormente, llámenos al 832-927-5540 o pase por la biblioteca. Tenga en cuenta que la mayoría de los programas se presentan solo en inglés.

*** COMING SOON ***
Storybook Opera
Tuesday, July 24, 2 pm

Sip & Paint
Tuesday, July 24, 6 pm

Community Health Fair
Thursday, July 27, 2 pm

Back to School Bash featuring Pops with Cops
Thursday, August 3, 2 pm

End of Summer Reading Party & Maker Gallery
Saturday, August 5, 11 am

Brooke Riedeman
Branch Manager
High Meadows Branch Library
Harris County Public Library
4500 Aldine Mail Route
Houston, Texas 77090
832-927-5552

PET MATTERS
In Memory of
Susan Hoffman

BARC will waive Adoption fees for "Empty the Shelters" drive

HOUSTON – BARC, the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, and BISSELL Pet Foundation, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness, are excited to announce that they will be teaming up with MetLife Pet Insurance for the foundation's upcoming "Empty the Shelters" adoption event. From July 6 to July 31, BISSELL Pet Foundation's Summer National "Empty the Shelters" will occur at more than 335 shelters in 44 states with pets available for adoption, including BARC Houston. With the shared goal of helping pets find and stay in loving homes, this collaboration will save lives by expanding the foundation's reach to include more shelters across the country and allow BARC to completely waive adoption fees during this summer's campaign.

For this upcoming campaign, BARC Houston will once again waive adoption fees for all cats and dogs. To help ensure another successful campaign, BARC will also be extending its adoption hours by opening its adoption center Mondays throughout the campaign, when we have traditionally been closed. Interested adopters can visit BARC's Adoption Center at 3300 Carr St. any day from June 6 - 31 from noon to 5 p.m. to take advantage of the Empty the Shelters campaign and our waived adoption fees. All interested adopters can find more details online at www.houstonbarc.com.

Since the 2016 inception of BISSELL Pet Foundation's "Empty the Shelters," nearly 158,000 pets at 669 animal welfare organizations in 49 states and Canada have received second chances. An average of 1,200 shelter pets are adopted each day during each quarterly national event. Through this partnership and continued support, the foundation is looking forward to reaching more pets in more shelters and communities during this upcoming event.

"We are excited to team up with MetLife Pet Insurance to offer 30 days of pet insurance at no cost to the adopter,

as well as the opportunity to purchase an annual pet insurance policy, which could make a difference in helping adopters deal with their pet's unexpected illness or injury," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "Veterinary costs add up quickly, and too often, pet owners forgo care or surrender their beloved pets when they can't afford treatment. This collaboration could help to enable more pets in more communities to be adopted through 'Empty the Shelters' and can help facilitate adopters seeking treatment to keep their pets healthy and in their new homes."

BARC is excited to once again partner with the BISSELL Pet Foundation to offer completely waived adoption fees through another Empty the Shelter Campaign. More than 1,000 BARC animals found their forever homes in our Fiscal Year 23 campaigns, and BARC hopes to help continue this success by opening its adoption center on Mondays throughout the campaign.

BISSELL Pet Foundation and BARC Houston urge families to do their research about the pet they are interested in adopting, as well as adoption requirements. For more information on adopting or donating to "Empty the Shelters," visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters as well as www.houstonbarc.com.

About BARC

BARC, the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, takes in more than 25,000 animals annually regardless of behavior, breed, or medical condition. BARC works each day to improve Houstonians and their pets' health and safety by pioneering programs such as low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter services, mobile adoptions, transfer/rescue partnerships, and community outreach.

Visit www.houstonbarc.com or www.facebook.com/BARCHouston for more information.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

Panel 1: GOING GOLFING WITH THE FELLAS. BE BACK LATER.
Panel 2: LAST WEEK I WAS AT SIX. TODAY I HOPE TO GET THAT NUMBER DOWN TO FOUR.
Panel 3: WELL, WISH ME LUCK!
Panel 4: YOUR DAD MEASURES HOW WELL HE PLAYS BY HOW MANY BALLS HE LOSES.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

Panel 1: LIKE MY NEW SUNGLASSES, TIGER?
Panel 2: THESE GLASSES CUT DOWN THE GLARE.
Panel 3: LOOK, HUGO, I FOUND A QUARTER!
Panel 4: THERES A SHINY BALL POINT PEN!

Panel 5: ANP A NEW BASEBALL CARD!
Panel 6: HEY, TIGER...
Panel 7: WANNATRY WEARING MY NEW SUNGLASSES FOR A WHILE?
Panel 8: ...AND MORONS.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Panel 1: THE UNIVERSE IS MADE UP OF PROTONS, NEUTRONS & ELECTRONS.
Panel 2: ...AND MORONS.
Panel 3: ...AND MORONS.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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ACROSS

- Ego
- Curved line
- Easy targets
- Geometric calculation
- "The Matrix" hero
- Conspiracy
- Elephant's ancestor
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- Rice recipe
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- Cancel
- Where Gauguin painted
- Football filler
- Milky gem
- Large dogs
- Portrayal
- Yale grad
- Humdrum
- Apple product
- Game caller
- Continental currency
- "Roots" author Haley
- Corn concoction
- Jazz great
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- Reply to "Shall we?"
- Tropical tree
- "Casablanca" role
- Pot covers
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- Swimming pool sound
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- Winter ailment
- Distant
- HBO rival

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- America's uncle
- Historic time
- Guitar expert Paul
- Nabob
- Tennis champ Murray
- Old Olds
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Trivia Test Answers
1. Peanut; 2. Rutherford B. Hayes; 3. Julie Andrews; 4. Four; Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune; 5. Missouri; 6. Three; 7. Mount Olympus; 8. Carthage; 9. Insulin; 10. An animal with irregular patches of two colors, usually black and white.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut is used in a satay?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the first president to have a telephone in the White House?
- MOVIES: Which actress won an Oscar for her role in "Mary Poppins"?
- ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have rings?
- LITERATURE: The novels "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" are set in which U.S. state?
- TELEVISION: How many seasons of "Star Trek" were produced for television?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the highest mountain in Greece?
- SCIENCE: Which plant produces the world's hottest pepper?
- ANATOMY: Which hormone regulates blood sugar?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a piebald?

Solution time: 23 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

EAST ALDINE'S MOVIES ON THE GREEN

FRIDAY 8:30PM SHOWTIME
JULY 14

EAST ALDINE AMPHITHEATER
2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre

POPCORN & SNOWCONES
JUST BRING A BLANKET / CHAIR
PALOMITAS & RASPAS
TRAIGA UNA COBIJA / SILLA

JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION

coming soon
21ST - MINIONS - RISE OF GRU
28TH - GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

Rated PG-13
some violence and language

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Make the summer count:

LSC-University Park offers summer courses to help fast-track academic goals

HOUSTON (July 5, 2023) - It's not too late to seize the summer! Lone Star College-University Park (LSC-University Park) encourages current and prospective students to fast-track their education and get a head start on their academic pursuits with summer courses.

The 2023 Summer II session kicks off on July 13. With a wide array of courses available, the summer curriculum is a gateway for learners seeking to accelerate their studies and earn additional course credits ahead of the Fall 2023 semester. Students can take advantage of summer courses for top academic transfer programs, core credit courses, continuing education options, and workforce development opportunities. LSC-University Park offers face-to-face, online, or hybrid classes so students can tailor their learning experiences and style to align with their unique preferences and schedules.

"Education is a journey that never takes a vacation," said Dr. Seelpa Keshvala, Executive Vice Chancellor of Lone Star College and LSC-University Park acting President. "Summer courses offer an incredible opportunity for students to progress their academic careers swiftly and effectively. By providing a range of course options and study formats, we ensure that our students can align their education with their individual needs and preferences. At Lone Star College-University Park, we're committed to fostering an environment that celebrates convenience, accessibility, and, most im-



Don't let summer slip by – enroll in summer courses today. Lone Star College-University Park offers a broad range of academic programs this summer for anyone wanting to jump start, continue or complete their education.

portantly, the academic success of our students."

For those planning further ahead, registration is also open for the Fall 2023 semester, which starts August 28, 2023. With over 70 study programs available, the campus caters to a broad spectrum of academic interests and ambitions.

To register or request more information about the summer and fall semesters, please visit LoneStar.edu/StartUP, call 281.290.2600 or email UPAdvising@LoneStar.edu. Academic advisers can assist students with questions about course selection, degree plans, or registration.

Established in 2012, Lone Star College-University Park has been recognized as one of the fastest-growing and most innovative higher education institutions in the

country. The college is devoted to impacting the community's prosperity and upward mobility through student success. LSC-University Park's expert and compassionate faculty and staff provide students with holistic and immersive education and training in disciplines and industries that meet current and future workforce needs.

Located on the grounds of the former Compaq Computer Corporation and Hewlett Packard's world headquarters, LSC-University Park's facilities include the Center for Science & Innovation, the Energy & Manufacturing Institute, Learning Innovation Labs, and the Geology Rock Wall. It is also home to the University of Houston-NW Downtown, Lone Star Corporate College, iSchool, and YMCA Children's Academy.

MAP OUT YOUR FUTURE!

Register today, multiple class options to choose from.

LONE STAR COLLEGE
LSC-NORTH HARRIS

Fall classes begin August 28.
LoneStar.edu/LearnMore