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NORTHEAST NEWS



Artist Guadalupe Hernandez designed the new Sculpture for the Town Center Roundabout.

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NEWS NOTES

New Sculpture to enhance EAD Town Center

MONTH OF JULY Movies on the Green at East Aldine

Every Friday Night in July, 8:30pm at the Amphitheater. Free Popcorn & Snowcones. Just bring a blanket or chair. Enjoy.
 JULY 7 - PUSS N BOOTS
 JULY 14 - JURASSIC WORLD
 JULY 21 - MINIONS
 JULY 28 - GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

Lone Star College-EA "Enrollment Breeze"

Tuesday, July 11 - 12pm to 6pm
 Friday, July 28 - 10am to 2pm
 Saturday, August 12 - 10am to 1pm.
 LoneStar.edu/LearnMore. 346-378-7503.

The Arts Council of the East Aldine District has proposed a new landmark sculpture, to be installed in the Roundabout in front of their HQ Office building.

Carlos Silva, chairman of the Arts Council and board chair of the District, has described the sculpture as a "culturally important piece of art that will be here for generations to come." He has solicited a proposal from artist Guadalupe Hernandez, collaborating with a design firm MetaLab, to prepare a detailed design and budget. The estimated cost of the piece has been set at \$315,000.

At the East Aldine Management District board meeting last month, the project was approved and instructed the Arts Council to proceed. The vote was 4-3, with some dissension from Director Zarzoza,



Eye Level view of the Sculpture and Roundabout. The Obelisk would be made of perforated metal panels, and internally illuminated.



Aerial view of the Sculpture and Roundabout.

who thought more input from the community was needed before approval.

Chairman Silva described the project:

Guadalupe has proposed an absolute custom "one-of-a-kind" sculpture that will tower above the roundabout 30' into the air. This tower will be seen from Aldine Mail

Route.

This dramatic and captivating sculpture will not only serve to embellish the roundabout but also mark the future entrance to Keith Weiss Park from Town Center and more so be the CENTER of the entire TC/KWP complex.

The 9 independent panels (3 on each side) will

contain content that WE on the Council will help inform. The basis of which is East Aldine's "past-present-future"

Keep in mind this will not be a static sculpture but will be illuminated from within creating a lantern effect whereby nighttime viewing will see the warm glow of the papel pic-

ado motif and the images contained therein.

The style, the artist, the color, all are very representative of the CULTURE and current makeup of East Aldine. A strong and proud predominantly Latino/Mexican heritage.

See **ROUNDAABOUT SCULPTURE**, page 2

East Aldine enjoys July Movie Nights



The East Aldine District has provided summer entertainment during the hot month of July at the Town Center amphitheater, as seen in the photo above, taken on July 7th. The next movie is July 21 at 8:30pm, and will show "MINIONS, The Rise of Gru." The District provides free popcorn and snowcones. Viewers are encouraged to bring chairs and a blanket for the grass seating.

In addition to movies, the District also is co-sponsoring the Diaz Music Institute's Salsa Fest on Saturday, July 22 at 6:00 pm. The concert features Calle Swing, and is free.



ABBOTT TO SIGN PROPERTY TAX RELIEF BILL

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today released a statement on the Texas Legislature's passage of historic property tax cut legislation during Special Session #2:

"I made a promise to Texans during my campaign that the State of Texas would use at least \$13.5 billion from our historic budget surplus to provide substantial relief to property taxpayers across Texas. Today, we will deliver even more with over \$18 billion in property tax cuts. The Texas House and Senate fulfilled our promise with an agreement that delivers a comprehensive, long-lasting solution to increasingly burdensome property tax bills. I thank my partners in the Texas Legislature for coming together to honor the best interests of hardworking Texans who want to own their property—not rent it from the government. I look forward to signing this legislation into law to provide Texans with the largest property tax cut in Texas history."

Speaker Dade Phelan on the Passage of Property Tax Legislation

AUSTIN, Texas – Texas Speaker of the House Dade Phelan today issued a statement following the passage of the House's \$18 billion property tax relief package:

"I am thrilled to announce the overwhelming passage of the House and

Senate's omnibus property tax legislation. The passage of this \$18 billion package is a testament to the unwavering commitment of Texas leaders to address the concerns of taxpayers and provide sig-

See **TAX RELIEF**, page 2

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Diaz Music Institute
Presents

East Aldine Salsa Fest

Sat., July 22, 2023 @ 6 PM

FEATURING
CALLE SWING

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Roundabout Sculpture,

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Lupe is partnering up with METALAB, a firm that has done some amazing architecture and public art projects in the city and all over the country. FUN FACT: Meta Labs was the design firm that created the Pavilion structure at the award winning James Driver Park!! I have met with those guys and they are absolutely top-notch. We are in tremendous hands!

This is a BOLD sculpture that if completed will be a point of pride for not only this Council but for ALL of East Aldine residents, students, and workers. It will become a BEACON lighting the way for generations to come!

To think that a field trip to True North inspired us by a work by Guadalupe in "La Pesqueria" and to have the chance to bring to life a truly massive East Aldine specific piece of art for all to see should be something we as the visionaries of this community should take great joy in."

The artist, Guadalupe Hernandez, has made the following statement about this project:

"This project aims to create a dynamic and culturally significant sculpture inspired by the artistic tradition of Papel Picado in Mexico. The sculpture will serve as a prominent landmark, distinguishing the Aldine Management District as a unique and captivating destination within the Houston area. By incorpo-

rating local cultural elements, the artwork will contribute to the district's identity, establishing a strong sense of place that resonates with the community.

The sculpture will not only depict the area's history but also provide a vision for its future. To ensure its durability and longevity, the artist team will work with MetaLab to ensure the sculpture will be constructed using quality, weather-resistant materials. Laser-cut aluminum panels will be painted with a three-coat industrial paint system, showcasing intricate designs. These panels will be securely mounted onto a steel frame, anchored to the ground to withstand various weather conditions and guarantee safety.

Tax Relief Bill,

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nificant relief from the burden of escalating property taxes.

"I want to express my gratitude to the Lieutenant Governor for his productive negotiations on this matter, to State Representatives Will Metcalf, Morgan Meyer, and Charlie Geren for their relentless work to get these bills over the finish line, and to all the members who voted to give Texas property owners the largest state property tax cut in this nation's history. Their dedication and leadership have been instrumental in making this historic achievement possible, and Texas taxpayers will be the winners because of it."

Highlights of the \$18 billion tax cut legislation include:

- Over \$12 billion will be spent on reducing the school property tax rate for all homeowners and business properties.
- Every homeowner who homesteads

their home (approximately 5.7 million homeowners) will get a \$100,000 homestead exemption.

— Non-homesteaded properties, valued at \$5 million and under, including residential and commercial properties, will receive a 20% circuit breaker on appraised values as a 3-year pilot project.

— In counties with a population of 75,000 or more, three members will be added to the Central Appraisal District board of directors, to be elected in non-partisan elections. This change aims to bring diverse perspectives and accountability to the decision-making process.

— Legislation will also include savings on the franchise tax for small businesses. After the Governor signs the bill, it will still need approval from the voters in the general election in November, since it requires a Constitutional amendment to become law.



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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://hcupl.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. 17, 11:30am - 12pm**.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM MOVIE MONDAY
Join us for an entertaining, team spirit-themed movie! **Monday, Jul. 17, at 2pm**.

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 18, 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!

Smartphone's interfaz y Google Workspace (Español)
Martes, 18 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 básicos (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, resolución de pantalla, etc.)
*** Importante**- Necesitará traer su teléfono inteligente 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 18, 6pm**.

CANVA APP - OVERVIEW & INTERFACE
Learn to use Canva free app. Basic interface navigation, creating a simple presentation from templates, learn how to share your

creations with others and popular social media all free!

Come join us and have fun!
Wednesday, July 19, 12:30am - 12:00pm
*Email account required to access this free app

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. 19, 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!) **Miercoles, 19 de junio, 11:00am - 12:30pm**.

HENRY THE HIP-HOP HIPPO
Anti-Bully - Henry is a positive Hippo surrounded by negative jungle animals. Henry turns the jungle's attitudes around by staying positive and influencing the animals with a dance challenge. All the animals turned their negative attitudes into positive attitudes by dancing and being active. Make sure you always keep a positive attitude even when others don't and you too can be happy, active & positive like Henry the Hip Hop Hippo. Perfect for **children K-3rd grade. Wednesday, July 19, 4:30pm - 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. 20, 3:30 - 5:30pm**.

LEARN YOUR SMARTPHONE'S INTERFACE
Thursday, July 20, 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. 20, 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 registrarlos. También podrán responder cualquier pregunta que tenga. ¡No se demore, regístrese hoy! ¡su voto es su voz! **Jueves, 20 de julio, 1pm - 5pm**.

ALDINE BLOOD DRIVE
Successful donors will be eligible for an electronic gift card.
The Gulf Coast Regional Blood

Center will be here for a blood drive. **Friday, July 21, 12pm - 4:30pm**
To register, please visit: https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/368936

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. 21, 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

MIX IT UP! WITH MAD SCIENCE OPERATIONS
Join the Aldine Branch Library and Mad Science Operations for a STEM presentation! Kids will learn how to mix solutions with common household elements! This program is for ages 6-11 and limited to 25 participants. **Saturday, July 22, 2-3pm**.

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 you have plans to travel out of the country soon? Get on the ball and make sure you get your passport in order NOW! Current routine processing is estimated at 13 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 9 weeks. You can make an appointment for passport services at Aldine Branch - <https://www.hcupl.net/services/passport-services>.
Our passport hours - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm - Appointments required. 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.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY

This week's programs at High Meadows Branch Library:

Escape Room
Saturday, July 15, 1 pm
All Ages Program / Todas las Edades
Think you have what it takes to solve the puzzles before time runs out? Test your abilities with friends and family!
Registration required. Limited time slots available

¿Crees que tienes lo que se necesita para resolver los acertijos antes de que se acabe el tiempo? ¡Pon a prueba tus habilidades con amigos y familiares! *Se requiere registro. Horarios limitados disponibles*

Fables and Fun / Fábulas y Diversión
Every Monday, 11:30 am
Children's Program / Programa para niños
Stories, songs, rhymes, and more! This storytime is energetic and fun for all.

¡Historias, canciones, rimas y más! Este cuento es energético y divertido para todos.

Mad Science
Monday, July 17, 2 pm
Children's Program / Programa para niños
Explore physical and chemical changes throughout this fun children's show. Follow our friend Eggbert on his egg-citing journey while witnessing the wonders of air pressure, indoor firework shows and a huge bubbling potion using dry ice!

Explora los cambios físicos y químicos a lo largo de este divertido espectáculo infantil. ¡Sigue a nuestro amigo Eggbert en su viaje de citas de huevos mientras presencias las maravillas de la presión del aire, los espectáculos de fuegos artificiales en interiores y una enorme poción burbujeante con hielo seco!

Together Time Tales / Leamos Todos Juntos
Every Tuesday, 11:30 am
Children's Program / Programa para niños
A storytime curated for literacy through books, music, and movement.

Una hora de cuentos preparada para la alfabetización a través de libros, música y movimiento.

Krafty Creations / Creaciones artesanales
Every Tuesday, 11:30 am
Children's Program / Programa para niños

para niños
Get creative with our noon kids craft program.

Sea creativo con nuestro programa de manualidades para niños del mediodía.

Otaku Outpost
Every Tuesday, 3 pm
Teen Program / Programa para adolescentes / adultos jóvenes.
Celebrate all things anime and manga.

Celebra todo lo relacionado con el anime y el manga.

The Art Thing / Hagamos Arte
Every Wednesday, 3 pm
Teen Program / Programa para adolescentes / adultos jóvenes.
adults looking to make quick and incredible pieces of art!

¡Este programa es para adolescentes / adultos jóvenes que buscan hacer obras de arte rápidas e increíbles!

HM Handmade / HM Hecho A Mano
Wednesday, July 19, 6 pm
Adult Program / Programa para adultos
Are you ready to get crafty? Join us at High Meadows as we create, repair, and personalize items that channel your artistic energy.

¿Afiicionado a el arte? Únase a nosotros en High Meadows mientras creamos, reparamos y personalizamos artículos que canalizan su energía artística.

Just Color / Coloreando
Thursday, July 20, 12 pm
Adult Program / Programa para adultos
Relax with coloring, coffee, and connecting with others in your community. For senior citizens.

Relájese coloreando y tomando café y conectándose con otros en su comunidad. Para personas mayores.

Citizenship / Ciudadanía
Every Tuesday, 11 am
Adult Program / Programa para adultos
Prepare for the Citizenship Exam.
Registration required.

Prepárate 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

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Aldine ISD Board President Randy Bates Jr. Graduates From Leadership TASB Class of '23, Earns Master Trustee Designation

Aldine ISD Board President Randy Bates Jr. recently wrapped up a year of training with fellow school board members from the State of Texas when he completed the Leadership TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) Class of 2023. By participating in Leadership TASB, Mr. Bates attained the designation of Master Trustee, the highest designation recognized by TASB.

"It was an honor to serve with fellow board members from across the state as we worked together over this last year," Mr. Bates said. "I learned a great deal from my experience and am proud to follow in the footsteps of my fellow Aldine ISD Board Members who have also participated in this program. It was a very worthwhile experience, and I am hopeful that this experience will enhance my skills as a Trustee and benefit our students."



Aldine ISD Board President Randy Bates Jr. recently graduated from Leadership TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) Class of 2023 as a Master Trustee.

Mr. Bates was one of 24 Board members from across the state who were members of the Class of '23.

Leadership TASB is a unique board development program designed to take experienced Board members to a new level of service and leadership while exposing them to various issues, people, activities, and locations during the year-long program.

Each Leadership TASB cohort focuses on finding solutions to the challenges in public education today. Trustees accepted into Leadership TASB learn and grow with other Board members, becoming part of a supportive network of school Board members aiming to expand their leadership skills and knowledge of school governance.

Leadership TASB provides Trustees from across Texas with an opportunity to become part of a network of school Board Trustees who learn and work together to enhance school governance in Texas, enabling Texas school children to be prepared for a life of work and worth.

During the yearlong program, Mr. Bates and his colleagues heard from nationally known speakers and experts in education and business addressing teamwork, Trusteeship, equity, diversity, and visionary leadership.

The yearlong program consisted of five sessions lasting two to three days. The program wrapped up in June at the Summer Leadership Institute held in Fort Worth.

Mr. Bates was elected to the Position 1 seat in November 2019. He has served as Board President for the last two years. He is an attorney with The Bates Law Firm, PLLC. Mr. Bates

earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Ohio State University's Fisher School of Business in 1977. He earned his doctorate of jurisprudence from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1981. From 1992-2013, Mr. Bates served on the Board of Trustees of the Lone Star College System. He served as board chairman for seven years and did on all of the board's committees. The Victory Center was named in his honor in 2013. An active member of his community, he served as CEO and chairman of the board of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and was a founding member of the Acres Homes Citizens Chamber of Commerce. He was awarded the Outstanding Texas in Education Award from the Texas Legislative Black Caucus.

29 JULY

M.O. Campbell Educational Center
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9-11AM

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Independent School District

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2023-2024 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

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Student Holidays	Student Grading Periods	Important Dates
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Home Access Center

Overview
From assignments and grades to scheduling and communication, staying up-to-date and in touch with students and parents is essential to student achievement.

Home Access Center provides parents and guardians with helpful information to support and guide their children through the educational process. Parents can access a convenient web portal to view their student's test scores, attendance, assignments, discipline records, and more information available anywhere and at any time.

The Home Access Center is an online information system that allows parents/guardians and secondary students access to view student information such as:

- *Daily Summary of Attendance, Schedule, Discipline Incidents, Classwork, and Student Performance Attendance
- *View Assignments Anytime, Anywhere
- *Current Class Schedule, and Dropped Classes
- *Student Information, Emergency Contacts, and Calendars
- *Discipline Records
- *Report Cards
- *Teacher Alerts, Notes, and Comments
- *Teacher Contact Information

How do I Create a HAC Account?

To create a HAC account, you must be listed as the student's guardian in the school records, provide a current email address and home address. If you need to be designated as a guardian please contact the registrar at your child's school before registering for a HAC account. If you need to update your email address or contact home address, please send an email to HomeAccessCenter@aldineisd.org for assistance.

To register a new HAC account, you will navigate to the Aldine ISD webpage, select Parents/Students > Parent Resources > Home Access Center or visit the site directly at <https://hac.aldineisd.org/HomeAccess>. There you will find instructions describing how to create a HAC Account.

OPINION PAGE

OPINION

By Jim Mills "Diamond Jim"

Missing the Old Times and Old Values

I grew up in the Houston Gardens area off of Homestead Rd, and I never once questioned my Father's income. It was never a discussion. I ate homemade meals consisting of meat, potatoes, and vegetables - (which were not an optional choice). No vegetables, no dessert!!!

I grew up during a time when we mowed lawns, pulled weeds, babysat, and helped neighbors with chores. We, by no means were given everything we wanted. I went outside a lot to play, run with friends, play hide and seek, or went bike riding. I rarely just sat inside. Bottled water was unheard of. If we had a soda, it was in a glass bottle(and a treat) , and I didn't break the bottle when finished. We saved it . After school, I came home, changed clothes and did homework and chores, before going outside or having friends over. We would play for hours. We had to tell our parents where we were going, who I was going with, and be home before dark, or when the streetlights came on.

You LEARNED from your parents instead of disrespecting them and treating them as if they knew absolutely nothing. What they said was LAW and you did not question it and you had better know it! I watched what we said around our elders and neighbors because I knew if I DISRESPECTED any grown-up, we would get a real telling off or whooping, it wasn't called abuse, it was called discipline! I held doors, carried the shopping, and gave up our seat for an older person without being asked.

You didn't hear swear words on the radio in songs or on TV. Saying

"Please and Thank you", were part of our daily vocabulary! And, every day in school, we pledged our allegiance to the United States of America.

The world we live in now is just so full of people who hate and disrespect others.

Consider Re-posting if you're thankful for your childhood. I will never forget where I came from and only wish children and people nowadays had half the chance at the fun and respect for real life we grew up with! And we were never bored! Miss those days tremendously.



ain't doin' nothin' else

It was Windy Wilson's turn, unofficially, of course, to pick a coffee counter topic of learned truth and everlasting beauty. We sorta took turns without keeping score.

"Ya know," said the old camp cook, "Been thinkin'." We gave him a second or two. Didn't work. "About what, Windy?" said Doc.

"bout leisuratively activities. You know, what to do when you ain't doin' nothin' else." We grinned and sipped. Good topic, Windy. This works.

"I like to read catalogs," said Herb. "You can get all kinds of ideas in them. Don't much care, really, what kind of catalogs, either. So what if I don't know a thing about wrist watches? I can always learn."

"With me," said Doc, "it's fly fishing. When I've had a hard day with lots of patients, I just want to go down to Lewis Creek and whip the surface film into a froth. Doesn't even matter if I catch anything or not."

"I hear ya," said Dud. "It's a little different with me. Working on writing that mystery ("Murder in the Soggy Bottoms") takes it outa me, you know? So I like to spend my leisure time reading things other guys wrote. After about an hour of reading what some other poor soul suffered through, I'm ready to go fishing with Doc."

Doc looked over at Windy, who had initiated this topic, but strangely seemed content to sit there and listen to the leisurely ideas of others.

"What about you, Windy? How do you unwind?"

"Well, Doc, glad you asked. Them kids was on their way home from school jest t'other day and I come crosst 'em when they wasn't payin' too much tension. And I could see they hadn't figured out anythin' leisure, you know? So I told 'em 'bout my sure-fire way to relax. What I do is set down on the front porch and think about fun stuff while I pick scabs off the neighbor's dog."

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

"Not Impossible"

I have always relied upon my cousin Dane.

We grew up together. I'm a year older, but he's the closest in age of my many cousins. Our families went camping together and bought a cabin up north together, and I've gotten into the habit of asking Dane for help whenever I've needed it, because Dane is the kind of guy who can be relied upon.

Dane works as a stage rigger, and he's the road manager for a band, so he has to know a lot about a lot of things. He understands electrical gadgets of every kind. He knows how audio systems and lighting work. He is quiet and mechanical and practical and laid-back. His garage is the tidiest I've ever seen, with a tool of every kind, all neatly labeled.

He's the kind of guy who sits back in a room and listens to everyone trying to solve a problem and, after they've exhausted themselves trying to figure something out, he'll say, "You know, what you might try is..." And whatever he suggests, it will be exactly the right thing to do.

Because I have always relied on Dane, I didn't think I could be surprised if someone said that Dane had come around to lend a hand. But last week, I was surprised.

My husband, Peter, and I were up visiting my parents while my sister, her husband and her son were on their way to California, camping along the way. My niece, Isabelle, is taking summer classes at the university and working at Target, so she stayed behind to watch the pets.

Isabelle called one night right before dinner. "Did you hear what happened with the camper?" she said, a little breathless. "No!" "What happened to the camper?" my mother wanted to know. "It came right off the hitch! While they were on the freeway!"

"Oh, no!" my mother said. "It did! But the chain caught it."

I tried to imagine careening down the highway with a pop-up camper attached to the back of the car with only a safety chain. It sounded awful.

"But they got off to the side of the road to fix it. Then you'll never guess what happened." "What?" my mother and father and Peter and I all wanted to know.

"Dane came and helped them get the camper back on." This made no sense at all.

My sister and her family were in Nevada. Dane lives approximately 1,800 miles away. "Dane?"

"Dane! He said he saw them pulled off to the side of the road and he stopped to help."

I talked to Dane a little later on. "You helped my sister with her camper—in Nevada?"

"Yup. About 30 miles out of Reno."

"How does that happen? What are the odds of that?"

"I dunno. I was driving back from the show, and I saw this camper pulled off the side of the road and I thought that looked like your sister, so I stopped."

"You realize what the odds against something like that happening are? If you read that in a novel, you'd say it couldn't happen."

"Well, it's not impossible, I guess."

That was all Dane had to say. He helped them back onto the road and headed off in the opposite direction. I thought how lucky it was to have someone as helpful as Dane show up exactly when he was needed—as Dane is apt to do.

"That's crazy," I told Isabelle when I next saw her. "It is crazy," she agreed.

But not impossible, as Dane pointed out.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



House Democrat's Tax Plan Would Help Renters

Texas House Democrats unveiled a \$20.9 billion plan for property tax relief that drops tax rates, increases the homestead exemption, gives annual rebates to renters, and includes pay raises for teachers, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The newest proposal comes as the Legislature continues wrangling over the issue in the second special session this year.

The bill, proposed by Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, is a combination of previous proposals with the added wrinkle of providing benefits for renters, who do not directly pay property taxes. The proposal also would raise the state's per-student funding to public schools by \$1,000 and give a permanent annual raise of \$4,300 for teachers.

"Our effort is one that recognizes that you can't talk about property taxes without talking about public education," Bryant said of his proposal to raise the state's basic allotment for school funding by \$1,000.

The Senate has already passed a proposal to increase the homestead exemption to \$100,000 and give a \$2,000 pay hike for teachers in urban districts and a \$6,000 increase to teachers in rural districts over the next two years.

PAXTON WON'T TESTIFY AT IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Attorney General Ken Paxton won't testify at his upcoming impeachment trial in the Senate, according to his lead defense attorney, Tony Buzbee.

"We will not bow to their evil, illegal, and unprecedented weaponization of state power in the Senate chamber," Buzbee said. The Senate could still try to force Paxton to testify, but Buzbee's statement makes it apparent the defense would fight those efforts, the Statesman reported.

The House impeached Paxton in late May on 20 counts of misusing his office and other alleged crimes. He was immediately suspended from office pending the trial, which is set for Sept. 5. The rules adopted by the Senate give Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick as presiding officer the "power to compel



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

the attendance of witnesses."

Paxton was indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015. In 2020, several whistleblowers in his office claimed he had abused his powers to assist Austin developer Nate Paul, who was charged in June with eight felony counts of making false statements to lenders.

TXDOT SEEKS INPUT ON \$100 BILLION PLAN

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking public input on a proposed 10-year, \$100 billion transportation plan. The Unified Transportation Plan for 2024 is the agency's road map to developing projects across the state.

"It's important to work with our transportation partners and hear from the public to guide transportation improvements that address congestion and enhance safety," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said.

Projects included in the plan seek to ease congestion and improve connectivity. They address all types of transportation, including aviation, rail, freight, maritime and public transportation. The public comment period ends on Aug. 7. To weigh in, go to txdot.gov and click on the public input link.

STATE GETS \$60 MILLION FROM FEDS FOR GRID

The federal government is providing \$60.6 million to the Texas Division of Emergency Management to help utilities strengthen the state's power grid, the Texas Tribune reported. The grant program is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in late 2021.

"These grants will help

modernize the electric grid to reduce impacts of extreme weather and natural disasters while enhancing power sector reliability," U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm said in a statement.

State emergency officials will decide how to use the money. Possibilities include improving how power-producing equipment performs in extreme heat or cold, or trimming trees near power lines.

Since Winter Storm Uri caused widespread outages in 2021, other storms have also caused power crises. An ice storm in late January and early February sent tree limbs crashing into power lines, particularly in Austin. In June, severe storms swept through East Texas, again knocking out power lines.

A total of \$2.3 billion will be distributed by the Department of Energy across the nation to address power grid reliability issues.

NEW AREA CODE PROPOSED FOR HOUSTON AREA

The four area codes serving the greater Houston area — 281, 346, 713, and 832 — will run out of available numbers in about two years, prompting the Public Utility Commission of Texas to take public comments regarding a proposal for a fifth area code to be added by the North American Planning Administrator.

Counties affected include Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto, and Waller. The phone numbers of existing customers would not be affected, and customers in the current area codes already have to dial all 10 digits to place local calls.

To make a public comment, go to this link: https://tinyurl.com/44scxf5s.

SAHARAN DUST BRINGS HAZY SKIES TO STATE

Dust from Africa's Sahara Desert is once again sweeping across Texas, making for hazy skies, pretty sunsets and a reduced chance of tropical storms forming in the Atlantic, according to KXAN-TV.

The waves of dust are caused by thunderstorms kicking up dust from the desert and sending it several thousand feet in the air, where easterly winds blow it across the ocean and, eventually, into the southern United States.

The dusty air plumes suppress tropical cyclone formation and also slow down the intensity of the storms that do form.

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Honoring a Hero



Widow of Vietnam veteran
Kathy Lyerla

Kathy Lyerla remembers the call that prompted a sigh of relief from her husband just days before he took his last breath. Precinct 2's Veteran Services Officer, Cassie Gibson, notified Lonnie "Gino" Lyerla that he was approved to receive full veterans' disability benefits. The Vietnam veteran was in hospice care having just been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer three months earlier.

Kathy believes he needed the news to rest peacefully because he knew his family would be taken care of. Now, she volunteers at Precinct 2's VV Ramsey Veterans Services Center to thank Cassie for her help and honor her husband. She's thankful and proud to be a part of Precinct 2; a community that cares for veterans and their families.

Mental Health Awareness Month



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and we're proud to announce our Access2Health Mental Health Smart Pod is open!

Prioritizing public safety

The Harris County Sheriff's Office requested approval from Commissioners Court to apply for a grant from the United States Department of Justice to purchase virtual reality training equipment to better prepare personnel for responding to calls for service involving de-escalation and crisis intervention situations. The equipment will also improve the way detention staff responds to incarcerated individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

Commissioner Garcia was joined by his colleagues on the court in the unanimous vote in favor of the item. As the former Harris County Sheriff, he knows first-hand the importance of leveraging technology for training for difficult scenarios deputies face daily.

Q&A with Raul Camarillo, Precinct 2's Community Liaison



1. Describe your role in Precinct 2 and what you enjoy most about it.

I am a Community Liaison and a member of the Community Relations Team. My priority is to Engage, Educate & Empower members of the Pasadena community and assist with connecting them to the resources they need.

What I enjoy the most about my job is engaging with people in my community. I get the greatest satisfaction in

helping them find solutions to overcome the issues in their lives.

2. When and why did you decide to make Pasadena your home?

In 1999, my wife and I decided to move to Pasadena because of the school district. Our two daughters were attending a school system that was too large, and we felt that the school district in Pasadena would be a better fit for the type of learning experience our children needed. All my children graduated from Pasadena ISD schools, my oldest from South Houston HS, my middle child from Pasadena Memorial HS, and my son from Sam Rayburn HS.

3. What do you love most about the community in Pasadena?

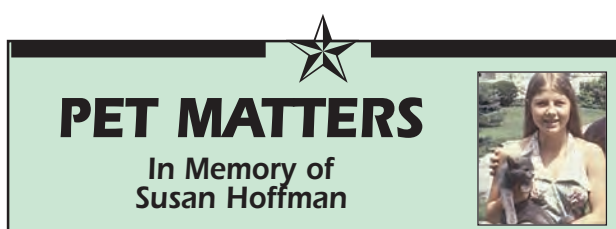
Even though Pasadena is the second largest city in Harris County, this city has a small-town feel to it because the people in this community are very friendly and resilient.

4. What has been your favorite moment or project as a community liaison for Precinct 2?

In 2021 during the COVID pandemic, our community relations department partnered with community organizations to provide rental assistance programs. We also held events in Precinct 2 communities for the public to learn about protecting their families from eviction. The three largest events were done with one of our community partners, Pueblo's Church in Pasadena. We were able to assist hundreds of households from losing their apartments and becoming homeless with these types of events.

5. What do think people may not know about Pasadena or/and precinct?

Most people don't know that the City of Pasadena has a beach at El Jardin Beach Park. Harris County Precinct 2 has the other beach at Sylvan Beach Park. Both beaches are the only free public beaches in Harris County.



Small Dog's Aggression Is a Worry

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I have a small, mixed-breed, mostly terrier named Cookie. He's a darling to me and my son, but to anyone else, he's a terror. He is a rescue, so I don't know what his early life was like or if he was properly socialized. But I'm worried about having company over because he will bark ferociously at any strangers. What can I do to stop this? — Janice L., Trenton, New Jersey

DEAR JANICE: A lack of socialization or an abusive home could be factors in Cookie's aggression. Genetics can also be at play: Some dog breeds were developed to be guard dogs or hunters and may be more aggressive if not trained well.

However, Cookie has accepted you and your son as family, and that is a positive sign. Follow these tips as you begin the process of reducing his aggression.

— Never force Cookie to meet new visitors or strangers on the street. Let him approach visitors on his own, with you supervising.

— Ask visitors (and people on the street) not to approach Cookie or try to pet him.

— Create a safe space where you can put Cookie when visitors arrive. A kennel cage with water, soft bed and favorite toys is ideal.

— If Cookie is physically aggressive (chasing or snapping), he must stay in his kennel when visitors come, and should always be leashed and wear a muzzle when walking outdoors.

Next, talk to Cookie's veterinarian about a combination of anti-anxiety medication along with a training routine. I recommend working with a trainer so you can implement effective training methods as quickly as possible. With love, training and care, Cookie can become a confident, less aggressive dog.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Please warn your readers to watch out for a new scam targeting pet owners. These despicable people look for "Lost Pet" signs and call the owner's number, claiming that they are a nearby shelter and that they've found their pet. But there's a catch: In order to get the pet back, the owner must pay the shelter using an online payment app or by sending gift cards. And here's the cruelest part: The scammers don't have their pet. They just take the money and disappear. Please sound the alarm. — Denise O., San Francisco

DEAR DENISE: Absolutely, and thank you for this alert! Losing a pet is heartbreaking. Scammers always strike when we're at our most vulnerable, and it's easy to fall for their scheme when we would do anything to get our pet back home.

More details on the rise of this scam in the San Francisco area can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/3dmntsjs>.

And here's info on a similar scam in the Rochester, New York, area that targets your phone number: <https://tinyurl.com/yt96mhn9>.

If you're contacted by someone claiming to have found your lost pet, always use caution. Look for these red flags:

— The person claims you need to pay a fine to get your pet back, using an online payment service or gift cards.

— The scammer says they need to send you a Google verification code.

— The scammer refuses to send you a photo of your pet.

Here's what to do next:

— Call a friend and get their perspective. It's hard to think clearly when you're upset.

— Call the scammer's number back. If they don't answer, or it's a wrong number, it's a scam.

— Report the scam call to the local police department. They can't recover your pet, but they can alert others in your community.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Corinth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 11:18, who was accused of "having a devil" because he did not drink? Mark, John the Baptist, Paul, Josiah
3. In Exodus 15:21, who sang a patriotic song after the crossing of the Red Sea? Zipporah, Delilah, Miriam, Dinah

4. From Judges 1:23-25, which Canaanite city did spies find the entrance to? Ai, Sardis, Colossae, Bethel
5. In Acts 12:21-23, what ungodly ruler was struck down by an angel? Herod, Ehud, Jehu, Abner
6. Eve's name appears in the book of Genesis how many times? 0, 2, 13, 21

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John the Baptist, 3) Miriam, 4) Bethel, 5) Herod, 6) 2 (Gen 3:20, 4:1)
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From left, Teyonah Parris, Jamie Foxx and John Boyega star in 'They Cloned Tyrone.'

'They Cloned Tyrone'

'THEY CLONED TYRONE' (R) - John Boyega, Jamie Foxx and Teyonah Parris play quite the stylish trio in this comedy-mystery film described as 'Friday' (1995) meets 'Get Out' (2017). Boyega (the 'Star Wars' sequel trilogy) portrays drug dealer Fontaine, who gets killed by his rival, but wakes up the next day in his bed unharmed. Attempting to get to the bottom of this peculiarity, Fontaine finds his way to a government laboratory with the help of Slick Charles (Foxx) and Yo-Yo (Parris). The trio then discovers that, within this laboratory, the government has been secretly experimenting on the Black population within their neighborhood, which means it's up to them to bring this government conspiracy to light. Premieres July 21. (Netflix)

on the 2003 novel of the same name by Tom Holt, this fantasy film follows two interns, Paul and Sophie, as they're hired by the organization J.W. Wells & Co. The firm, headed by CEO Humphrey Wells, claims to be behind those coincidental moments in life that we think of as "serendipitous." Paul, however, is tasked by Humphrey to find a portable door somewhere around the firm that can magically take one wherever they wish to go. But little does Paul know that once he finds the door, he'll also unleash the hidden, villainous motivations of the firm. Christoph Waltz, Patrick Gibson and Sophie Wilde star in this film reminiscent of the "Harry Potter" and "Fantastic Beasts" franchises. Out now. (Prime Video)

'MY ADVENTURES WITH SUPERMAN' (TV-PG) - In this animat-

'THE PORTABLE DOOR' (PG-13) - Based

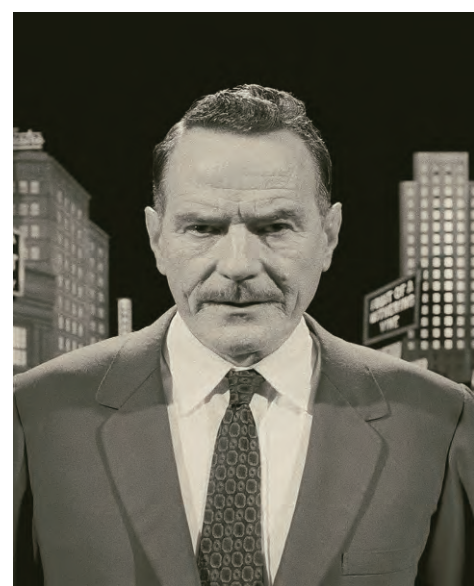
ed series produced by Warner Bros. and DC Studios, the humble origin of one of the most popular superheroes of all time takes the spotlight. Jack Quaid ("The Boys") voices Clark Kent just as he's beginning to build up his superhero identity. Meanwhile, Clark breaks stories at a newspaper, the Daily Planet, alongside a pixyish Lois Lane (Alice Lee) and photographer Jimmy Olsen (Ishmel Sahid). Critics have given the show positive reviews for maintaining a character-driven story and creating a more relatable, younger Superman - in contrast to the confident, undefeatable Superman fans are normally used to watching. The first three episodes are out now, with new episodes releasing on Fridays. (Max)

'SPACE ODDITY' (PG-13) - Alex (Kyle Allen) is the son of a farmer who has his sights set far away from Earth - on Mars, to be exact. Eyeing an opportunity to travel to the Red Planet in 10 years on a one-way ticket through a private space program, Alex secures life insurance for the trip, but unexpectedly forms a rare connection with his insurance agent, Daisy (Alexandra Shipp). As Daisy and Alex spend more time together, Alex realizes his far-out dream might not be all it's cracked up to be, and his efforts might be better focused here on Earth. Although it might be heartwarming for its romantic aspects, this film could have been better focused - on the believability of its plot, characters and overall message. Kevin Bacon and Madeline Brewer co-star in "Space Oddity," premiering July 21. (Hulu) (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD - Ryan Reynolds and Kenneth Branagh are starring in the AppleTV+ action-adventure film "Mayday." Reynolds was able to make script changes to "Deadpool 3" (due May 3, 2024), with Hugh Jackman, but due to the writer's strike, he's no longer allowed to contribute writing changes during filming. Reynolds has already completed "IF" ("Imaginary Friends") for director and star John Krasinski, along with Steve Carell, Matt Damon, Emily Blunt, Maya Rudolph, Vince Vaughn, Sam Rockwell and Jon Stewart - due May 24, 2024.

Meanwhile, Branagh stars in "Oppenheimer," which opens July 21, and he's completed the third film in his trilogy based on Agatha Christie's works, "A Haunting in Venice." Releasing in theaters Sept. 15, the film also stars Tina Fey, Michelle Yeoh and Jamie Dornan.



Bryan Cranston as The Host in 'Asteroid City'

Dick Clark Productions has produced many award shows over the years, so buying the Golden Globes from the almost-defunct Hollywood Foreign Press Association (who barely escaped a diversity scandal that lost their telecast for a year) was a good move. Their 310 voting members will vote on the awards, but will not be involved in the telecast.

Audiences are finally seeing Carrie Fisher's last film "Wonderwell," which she completed seven years ago, six weeks before her sudden passing in December 2016. The film co-stars Rita Ora and Vincent Spano. It was released digitally on June 23.

On the heels of Bruce Willis' forced retirement due to frontotemporal dementia (his last two films ever were released earlier this year), Pat Sajak announced his retirement after 40 years of "Wheel Of Fortune."

And following "Spider-Man" Tom Holland's year off from filmmaking comes word from "Breaking Bad" Emmy winner Bryan Cranston, who announced that he'll take time away in 2026 when he turns 70. "I am not retiring," Cranston cautioned in an Instagram post.

"What I'm going to do is hit the pause button. ... First, it will allow me to spend time with Robin (my beautiful wife of 34 years now). ... Secondly, it gives me a sort of 'reset' in my career. ... Exploring a more expanded life experience will give me the chance to replenish my soul and prepare for whatever roles I may be afforded in a more authentic way."

Until then, Cranston has his turn in "Asteroid City," which hit theaters on June 16. He's also in the first film in the "Argylle" trilogy, co-starring Henry Cavill, Sam Rockwell and Bryce Dallas Howard, which will release on AppleTV+ at an undetermined date. And he wrapped the drama film "Everything's Going to Be Great," with Allison Janney, which is looking for a release to theaters. Typically, actors, especially in England, are always claiming to retire out of the game - until the next offer comes.

One star who'll probably never call it a day is Harrison Ford, whose "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" dropped June 30. In addition to his fifth Indiana Jones film, "Captain America: Brave New World" is due July 26, 2024, and both Paramount+'s "1923" and AppleTV+'s "Shrinking" have been picked up for a second season. The word "retirement" may never escape Ford's 80-year-old lips.

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Lone Star College-University Park announces Art Show winners



LSC-University Park's 2023 Juried Student Art Show winners selected. Pictured (Left to Right) jurist Hugo Perez, Audrey Sommer, Noi Carrasco, Emma Reyna, Magda Knop, and Professor Kari Breitigam

HOUSTON – Having celebrated its first juried art show since the COVID shutdowns, Lone Star College-University Park (LSC-University Park) is buzzing with excitement over the diverse talent and creativity of its students.

“It’s been wonderful having student artwork in our halls again,” said Kari Breitigam, LSC-University Park Professor of Art. “Because it is a competitive exhibit, there’s always a lot of excitement surrounding the juried art show. This show is essential not only to celebrate the skills and creativity of our students but also to provide them with the experience of the juried exhibition, preparing artwork to be gallery-ready, experiencing a competitive jurying process, and hearing from an art professional from our city.”

LSC-University Park student, Emma Reyna, was one of the featured artists, with four works selected for the show.

“Having four of my artworks on display is a huge milestone!” said Reyna. “It is really exciting to see my own works displayed alongside all of the others. I really enjoy being a part of the art community at Lone Star and connecting with people who have similar interests and passions.”

Over 70 entries were

submitted by LSC-University Park students and judged by Hugo Perez, a first-generation Salvadoran American and local multidisciplinary artist. In addition to choosing 30 art pieces to showcase, Perez also selected four award winners.

Best of Show:
Magda Knop, “Fata Morgana,” acrylic pigment

Awards of Merit:
Noi Carrasco, “George Harrison, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and Ringo Starr,” oil and acrylic

Emma Reyna, “The Lament,” mixed media on paper

Audrey Sommer, “Bird Watching,” pen and ink

This year’s art show promises to be just one milestone in a series of achievements from LSC-University Park art students.

“I dream of seeing myself working in my own studio in the future and inspiring others,” said Reyna. “I’d love to be able to sell my works and have more on display. As long as I am working creatively, I will feel like I am fulfilling my purpose and doing what I enjoy.”

Winners of the art show were announced during the opening reception and



LSC-University Park student Emma Reyna receives a merit award for her mixed media artwork, “The Lament.” Reyna has four art pieces featured in the 2023 Juried Student Art Show.

juror talk on Wednesday, April 12; each winner will also receive a studio art scholarship from the college.

If you want to view the Student Art Show, it is located in the Division of Arts & Humanities Art Gallery in building 12.1 through May 5, 2023.

“LSC has given me many opportunities to showcase my work as well as learn so many new skills,” said Reyna. “I was able to use oil paints for the first time which is something I’ve always wanted to do. I have definitely been able to broaden my artistic abilities. My professor, Kari Breitigam, has been such a wonderful teacher! I love exchanging thoughts and ideas with my peers because it makes me feel more inspired to create.”



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