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## **BACK TO SCHOOL** School started July 13 at four **Aldine ADSY campuses**

Regular School Classes start Thursday, August 10

ALDINE - The Aldine ISD has begun the 2023-2024 school year with its Additional Days School Year (ADSY) program at four campuses. Harris Elementary, Smith Elementary, Vines Primary and Ermel Elementary welcomed students on their first day of instruction on Thursday, July 13.

Students at these four schools will attend classes for 210 days during the 2022-2023 school year, while staff will attend eight days of professional development for 216 days, a news release from the district said.

After its pilot launch of ADSY at Vines Primary and Ermel Elementary in the 2021-2022 school year, the district moved to expand the program to include Harris and Smith.

Smith Principal Ida Carter said. "We are thrilled to bring the opportunity of carrying the momentum of each school year through to the next for our students while also applying innovative learn-



ing practices that will equip our students with the tools, they need to be successful in life.'

According to Aldine ISD, the program offers a number of benefits for students, staff and families, including:

--Increased achievement and growth opportunities for Hispanic and African American learn-

--More recess and brain breaks during the school day for students, with more class time directed at their individual needs and working on projects with

--Additional time for

staff to collaborate (including small-group time), plan for students' needs and participate in professional development.

--More time for families to hear about their child's progress, see what their students are learning and creating, and connecting with their respective cam-

"I am thrilled that Aldine has chosen to keep this initiative in place and expand it to additional schools," said Ermel Elementary Principal Erik Torres. "The additional instructional time, projectbased learning and whole child approach we implemented between last school year and this year has been instrumental in our student's growth."

IMPORTANT DATES:
Teachers Report Aug 1
First Day of Classes Aug 10
Thanksgiving Break Nov 20-24
Holiday Dec 16-Jan 3
Classes Resume Jan 4
Spring Break Mar 11-15
Last Day of Classes May 30
Last Day for Teachers May 31

## **HCC** appoints Ford Fisher **Interim Chancellor**

HOUSTON - The Houston Community College (HCC) Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Margaret Ford Fisher, Ed.D., as the college's interim chancellor at a special meeting today.

Dr. Ford Fisher will take the reins of HCC, effective Sept. 1. She was the sole finalist following a national search that concluded in late June.

"I am greatly honored to serve as interim chancellor, and for the trust of our esteemed trustees," Dr. Ford Fisher said. "I am deeply invested in advancing student success and diligently working with our great faculty and staff to provide life-changing education for our students and our community."

Dr. Ford Fisher is the inaugural president of HCC Online College, the seventh HCC college established in February 2018. HCC Online College was recognized by Newsweek as "One of America's Best Online Colleges" in 2022 and 2023.

As the president of Online College, Dr. Ford Fisher's team established more



MARGARET FORD FISHER HCC INTERIM CHANCELLOR

than 60 fully online degree programs, and more than 70 hybrid programs with an annual enrollment that exceeded 62,000 students. Prior to holding the Online College presidency, she served as president of HCC Northeast College for 20 vears.

A long-time educator, Dr. Ford Fisher is the author of more than 50 publications and four books, including the first book focused on dual credit, High School Students Earning College Credit: Guide to Creating Dual Credit Programs (1996), which bolstered dual credit enrollment across the country and received national and international acclaim.

Dr. Ford Fisher received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and master's degree in the Teaching of English at Wichita State University. She also received her doctorate in Education Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Houston.

"The Board of Trustees and I believe Dr. Ford Fisher's accomplishments, qualifications and willingness to serve will be critical to advancing the Board's expectations," said Board Chair Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary.

ABOUT HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Houston Community College is composed of 14 Centers of Excellence and numerous satellite centers that serve the diverse communities in the Greater Houston area by preparing individuals to live and work in an increasingly international and technological society. HCC is one of the country's largest singly accredited, open-admission community colleges offering associate degrees, certificates, workforce training and lifelong learning opportunities.

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# **NEWS**

#### Back-2-School First Day of Classes:

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**GALENA PARK** AUG 9 WED SHELDON AUG 9 WED CHANNELVIEW AUG 16 WED

DAYTON AUG 9 WED BARBERS HILL AUG 16 WED

#### **B2S Sales Tax** Holiday Aug 11-13

Avoid paying the Texas Sales Tax (8.25%) on every purchase for school supplies, on August 11,12, and 13 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). Savings includes clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks any item priced below \$100. Complete list of exempt items is at www.TexasTaxHoliday.org.

#### **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

WORI D 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.



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### **COMMUNITY WATCH**

## Robbery, carjacking, shooting in Humble results in chase that ends at **Haverstock Hills Apartments in Aldine**



Officers from the Harris County Sheriff's office, Humble Police Department, DPS watch as suspect surrenders with hands on head, as we walks down stairs from an apartment at Haverstock Hills Apartments on Aldine-Bender Road in Aldine.

HUMBLE — A man and woman charged with a slew of crimes on Thursday, including robbing and shooting a woman at Costco and then leading deputies on a high-speed chase, have been identified.

Darien Robertson, 23, and Garineisha Richard, 24, were identified by the Harris County District Attorney's Office as the suspects charged. Richard has been charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, and Robertson has been charged with evading and felony aggravated assault.

Richard is behind bars at the Humble City Jail and Robertson is at the Harris County Jail.

At about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, a woman was loading groceries into her car outside a Costco in Humble when the suspects allegedly went up to her. grabbed her purse out of the front seat, and shot

The woman, according

tenant, is now out of the hospital.

After the shooting, Robertson and Richard allegedly took off in a car that had been previously stolen and ended up at a Waffle House on Will Clayton Parkway. Police say Richard got out of one stolen car and into another, using that second one to ram into officers' patrol vehicles who were responding to the scene.

Moments after the robbery, investigators said a Flock LPR camera notified an officer of a stolen vehicle traveling westbound on W Townsen Boulevard. The stolen vehicle was then reportedly seen by a tow truck driver at the Waffle House on Will Clayton Parkway just off US Highway 59. Police said the female suspect exited the original vehicle and then entered another vehicle in the parking lot and ordered the driver out.

Once the driver exited

to an Humble police lieu- her vehicle, investigators said the female suspect used the new stolen vehicle to ram into responding officers that had just arrived at that scene.She was arrested there.

It was later found that the vehicle the male and female were in had just been stolen at gunpoint and HCSO had already been looking for it.

Investigators said the male suspect fled into Montgomery County and turned around at Roman Forest, evading officers until he bailed out at the Haverstock Hills Apartments. The suspect then entered an apartment where he remained for a short time before surrendering to officers.

Robertson had been out on two felony bonds when this allegedly took place. There was a warrant out for Richard's arrest as she was said to be violating her probation.

They are both due in court on Friday.

## Two dead in Fatal **Shooting at 7301 Jensen** Drive; suspects flee

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a woman and a man at 7301 Jensen Drive about 8:25 p.m. on Thursday (July 13).

The identities of the female, 19, and male, 25, victims are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives K. Amri and K. Hale reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call in a parking lot of the apartment complex at the above address. Officers found the female victim unresponsive, suffering from a gunshot wound. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced her deceased.

Officers learned the male victim suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was transported, via personal vehicle, to a local hospital where doctors pronounced him deceased.

The suspect(s) fled the scene in a red Nissan Altima. There are no known suspect descriptions

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.

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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:/ /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. 24, 11:30am - 12pm.

#### Summer Reading Program Movie Monday

Join us for an entertaining, team spirit-themed movie! Monday, Jul. 24, 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

25, 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 senterse con los niños y canten las canciones con nosotros. ¡Los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos!

#### Navegando la interfaz de Office 365(Español)

Martes, 25 de julio, 5pm -6:45pm El espacio es limitado. Pre-

registrese aquí: https:// <u>forms.office.com/r/</u> 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 inteligente para la práctica. 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 25, 6pm.

#### **YOGA & MINDFULNESS** Join Ms. Ospina this morning

for a relaxing yoga workshop for the family. Her main focus is to bring mindfulness practices integrated with the arts. Come by and help create safe spaces for expression and healing. This is a children's program. Parents are welcome to participate. Wednesday, July 26, 11:30am -12:30pm.

#### 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 26, 12:30am - 12:00pm

\*Email account required to access this free app

### **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. 27, 3:30 - 5:30pm.

### ALDINE PUZZLE RACE

Do you have puzzle skills? Join the Aldine Puzzle Race and see if you can be the first to complete a 100 piece puzzle and win a trophy! Register at the front desk or give us a call at 832-927-5410. Space is limited to 8 individual participants. Thursday, July 27, 4pm.

#### Navigating Office 365 on your smartphone Thursday, July 27, 5pm -

6:45pm. Space is limited. Pre-regis-

here: https:// forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy\* Important- Bring your smartphone to do the hands-on

Basic commands (Tap, doubletap, Tap and hold, Drag, Swipe Left/Right, Pinch) Recording/viewing videos and

Basic settings (Wi-Fi, Blue-

tooth, G5, LTE, connections, SD cards, etc.) Maintenance tips auto-up-

load 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. 27, 1pm -

¿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, registrese hoy! ¡su voto es su voz! Jueves, 27 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. 28, 4:30pm.

#### SUMMER SPANISH LEARNING **CLUB**

¿Donde está 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

#### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE** PRACTICE

Are you learning English and would like to practice your conversation skills? Are you a native English speaker who would like to help come more fluent? Join us for some easy-going conversation with friends over coffee and games or puzzles! This is NOT a class. This is just for experience. Saturday, July 1 & July 29, 2pm.

### Adult Volunteers Need-

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 here: https:// forms.office.com/r/qSzMS-<u>piaTL</u>.

### 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! 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.hcpl.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.

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## HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY

High Meadows Branch Li-

brary: 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 ener-

getic and fun for all. ¡Historias, canciones, rimas y más! Este cuento es enérgico y divertido para todos.

### Storybook Opera

Monday, July 24, 2 pm Children's Program / Programa para niños

Amazing bilingual storytime performed by an opera singer from the Houston Grand Opera.

Increíble cuento bilingüe interpretado por un cantante de ópera de la Houston Grand Opera.

#### 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,

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

and movement.

#### Krafty Creations / Creaciones artesanales Every Tuesday, 11:30 am

Children's Program / Programa 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

ióvenes.

Celebrate all things anime and manga. Celebra todo lo relacionado

### The Art Thing / Hagamos

con el anime y el manga.

Every Wednesday, 3 pm Teen Program / Programa

iónenes This program is for teens/young adults looking to make quick and incredible pieces of art!

:Este programa es para adolescentes / adultos jóvenes que buscan hacer obras de arte ráp-

#### idas e increíbles! Sip & Paint / Pintando y be-

biendo Monday, July 24, 6 pm Adult Program / Programa

Enjoy mocktails and paint your very own masterpiece with us.

Disfruta de cócteles sin alcohol v pinta tu propia obra maestra con nosotros.

### Citizenship / Ciudadania

Every Tuesday, 11 am Adult Program / Programa para adultos Prepare for the Citizenship

\*Registration required.\*

Preparece para el Examen de Ciudadania. \*Se requiere registro.\*

#### Conversational ESL / ESL Conversacional

 $Every\ Monday\ and\ Wednesday,$ Adult Program / Programa

para adultos Practice your English with this conversational class. \*Registration required.\*

Practica tu inglés con esta clase

### ESL Level 3 / ESL Nivel 3

\*Se requiere registro.\*

conversacional.

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.\*

#### **HM Community Health Fair** / HM Feria Sobre Salud Comunitaria Thursday, July 27, 2 pm

All Ages Program / Todas las

This week's programs at para adolescentes/adultos Our community partners will childhood immunizations to CoVid/Flu shots, insurance information, assistance with applying for SNAP, and much more. There will also be a free raffle every 30 minutes and door prizes.

> Nuestros socios comunitarios ofrecerán una variedad de servicios, desde inmunizaciones infantiles hasta vacunas CoVid/Flu, información sobre seguros, asistencia para solicitar SNAP y mucho más. También habrá una rifa gratuita cada 30 minutos y pre-

> mios de entrada. 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 pre-

sented 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 in-

#### \*\*\* COMING SOON \*\*\* John O'Bryant Magic Show Wednesday, August 2, 1pm

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

End of Summer Reading Par-

ty & Maker Gallery Saturday, August 5, 11 am Brooke Riedeman

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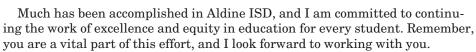
### SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

## Message From the Superintendent, July 24, 2023

Welcome back, Aldine ISD! The summer is almost over, but I hope you are refreshed and ready to start the 2023-2024 school year!

Our four campuses on the Additional Days School Year (ADSY) program returned to school on July 13. We are counting down to the first day of school at the rest of our 79 campuses on Wednesday, August 10.

This marks my sixth first day of school I celebrate in Aldine ISD. It is an honor to return to Aldine ISD and serve as your Superintendent of Schools. It is exciting and uplifting to see the work done by staff at the district and campus level to create engaging, memorable learning experiences and opportunities for all our students.



With Aldine Pride,



Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendent of Schools

## **Aldine ISD to Hold Back-To-**School Expo July 29



The 2023-24 school year is approaching in just a few short weeks, and to prepare for the first day of school, Aldine ISD's Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Department will host the eighth annual Back-to-School Expo on Saturday, July 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd.

FACE encourages all Aldine families with children in pre-kindergarten to high school to come out to this FREE event. The expo will be drive-thru style, and FACE volunteers will be handing out school supplies and backpacks while supplies last. Be sure to get out to the expo early, and take advantage of this great event FACE has put together to help all the Aldine families.

Here are a few details to note about the drive-thru event.

\*Families should enter through the Aldine Meadows Rd. entrance, behind Thorne Stadium, and be mindful of signs and volunteers directing traffic.

\*There will be a three backpack limit per car, while supplies last

A special thank you goes out to sponsors and in-kind donations from: East Aldine Management, Beasley Tires, Philippine Nurses Association of Metropolitan Houston Foundation, Children Flow, Noon Optimist Club, TAS Realty Group, Anderson Academy, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA of Greater Houston, Harris County Public Health, Camdon Graphic, Asian American Health Coalition - Hope Clinic, No Excuses Today LLC, Charm Dental, Harris County Public Health, Bailer Backpacks, Villa Serena Community, Texas Children Health Plan, Bonding Against Adversity, Aldine American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Amerigroup, State Representative Senfronia Thompson and the Aldine ISD Multilingual Department, for making this event possible.

## Aldine ISD Announces a **Number of Staff Assignments at July 18 Board Meeting**

During the July 18 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney announced several staff assignments:

\*Marcia Herrera was named Chief Human Resources Officer after serving as Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services in Sheldon ISD.

\*Ray Mondragon was named a School Assistant Superintendent after serving as Executive Director of Early Learning with Aldine

\*Dr. Terri Osborne was named a School Assistant Superintendent after serving as Coordinator of Leadership Development, Title I, and Special Projects in Humble ISD.

\*Dr. Matilda Orozco was named a School Assistant Superintendent after serving with the International Leadership of Texas School.

\*Dr. Rachel Alex was named Executive Director of Leadership Development after serving as Senior Education Specialist at Region

\*Paul Carampatan was named Director of School Administration after serving as Director of Student

Affairs with Spring ISD. \*Tiffany Freeman was named Program Director of Career and Technical Education Partnerships after serving as Director at Southern University.

\*Jonathan Castillo was named Assistant Director of Transportation after serving as an Operation Supervisor in Transportation with Klein ISD.

\*Detrick McAfee was named Principal of Plummer Middle School after serving as an Associate Principal at the Spring Leadership Academy in Spring ISD.

\*Brandy González was named Principal of Vines Primary School after serving as a Multilingual Content Specialist with Tomball

\*Dr. Joshua Nation was named Principal of Davis Ninth Grade School after serving as an Assistant Principal at Summer Creek High School in Humble ISD.

\*Miriam Acosta was named Principal at Sammons Elementary School after serving as an Assistant Principal at Bussey Elemen-

tary School. \*José Lara Collazo was named Principal at Mead Middle School after serving

as the Curriculum Assistant

Principal at that same school.

\*Greg Castille was named Principal of Smith Elementary School after serving as a Program Manager for To Educate All Chil-

\*DeeDe Burke was named an Assistant Principal at Davis High School after serving as Dean of Instruction at Christa McAuliffe Middle School in Fort Bend ISD.

\*Karen Lucario was named an Assistant Principal at Davis High School after serving as the Lead Counselor at La Promesa.

\*Catherine Fletcher was named an Assistant Principal at Ogden Elementary School after serving as the Assistant Principal Resident Intern at Ermel Elementary School.

\*Debora Hernández was named an Assistant Principal at Spence Elementary School after serving as the Language Development Specialist at Southwest Public Schools.

\*Sabra Crawford was named an Assistant Principal at Teague Middle School after serving as the Math Instructional Specialist at Hall Success Academy.

## **Impact Leadership Academy Unveils Mascot**

#### **About Impact Leadership Academy**

Impact Leadership Academy builds on Aldine ISD's strategic plan, A New Way Forward, to give all district students access to high-quality schools and educational experiences that prepare them for school, college, career, and life. The academy is an all-boys school that opened in the fall of 2022. Impact Leadership Academy is a partnership between Aldine ISD and Prairie View A&M Uni-

Impact Leadership Academy at Wilson will serve Grades 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 in the 2023-2024 school year. The campus will eventually serve boys in Grades 1-8.

Impact Leadership Academy at Wilson was born from the district's dedication to student achievement and the belief that every Aldine student deserves to learn in a school where they feel welcomed and safe and will graduate with choices and opportunities. AISD began diving

deeper through its Black Student Outcomes initiative and identified a significant gap in its focus on black and brown male students over time. The program focuses on entrepreneurship and leadership. The male students are instilled with self-awareness, purpose, and an expanded view of the world.

"Creating the pipeline of young leaders at Impact Leadership means they will take those qualities and teachings beyond this campus and into our other schools. Our students will be guided by the leadership qualities instilled at such a young age," said Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "Impact Leadership Academy represents the promise that we have made, which is to provide choices and opportunities so that when our students cross that stage as Aldine graduates, they go on to have



#### Winning Mascot Idea

In spring 2023, Impact Leadership Academy held a student competition to create a mascot that would encompass its students' strengths, leadership, and legacy, with the winning idea coming from student Jaime Medina.

Jaime created a drawing inspired by the slang GOAT acronym — the Greatest Of

The acronym GOAT often praises exceptional athletes, musicians, and other public figures. The term GOAT can be attributed to the original GOAT himself: Muhammad Ali. In his time, the boxer was popularly nicknamed "The Greatest," which his wife then turned into GOAT for publicity in the 1990s.

The district's Office of Communications took Jaime's inspiration to turn it into a professional-looking mascot. The mascot adheres to Aldine ISD brand standards as the mascot repeats school colors and includes the gear symbol from the school's logo.

The mascot's pose with its flexed right arm is pulled directly from one of the most iconic photos of Ali after a victorious bout in the ring. The feeling depicted within the photo is what district and campus leaders want our students to feel after facing a great challenge: triumph, success, and pride. They should feel like GOATs.

The design elements lend the mascot a distinctive, modern boldness.

### Learn More about Impact Leadership Academy

Principal Jonathan Kegler shared that the academy's values include developing an identity-rich culture with academic pathways that leverage students' bilingualism and multiculturalism. The goal is for students to successfully transition to high school and post-secondary opportunities as college and career-ready individuals.

Click here to listen to the All the Things: The Aldine ISD Podcast episode from 2022, where Kegler talks about Impact Leadership Academy.

## **Aldine ISD to Implement New Multipurpose Badges for Students**

On May 16, the Aldine ISD board of trustees voted, unanimously, to approve the purchase of student ID badges that will be required to be visibly worn on campuses starting in the 2023-24 school year, in an effort to improve safety and secu-

"Providing a safe learning environment for our students and staff remains a priority for Aldi-ISD," Superintendent of Schools, Dr. LaTonya Goffney. "Aldine ISD is a large, urban school district, and safety and security measures such as these badges are more important than ever to ensure we continue to be vigilant when it comes to safety practices.'

Through the integration of the multi-purpose badges, the district will not only be able to keep students safe and accounted for through bus transportations to and from school, but it will also be able to utilize those same practices within the campuses. By requiring students to wear the badges in visible locations, staff can more easily identify possible intruders.

Along with this safety precaution, the badges are also able to keep staff informed during times of emergency. Through the use of the multi-purpose badges, and the ability to "check students in" when they go to the nurse's or counselor's office, staff would be able to quickly know where students are in the event of an emergency.

According to Aldine ISD Police Chief Paul Cordova, the Aldine PD, school administrators, and staff continue to enforce existing safety measures while exploring additional measures to ensure a safe learning environment. The Aldine ISD PD maintains several safety initiatives, including, but not limited

\*Aldine ISD Police Officers train annually for active shooters, bomb threats and any other active threat against campuses. The police department has a number of certified trainers in the department and officers also train regularly with other law enforcement agencies in our surrounding area.

\*Police officers per campus - The Aldine ISD PD has 66 full time officers. The district's secondary schools (middle schools and high schools) have one or more officers assigned to them. The department also has roving patrol units that cover the

remainder of the schools. If there is a problem on a campus, patrol officers as well as other campus officers can respond in a timely manner.

\*Perimeter security – All Aldine ISD Police officers are issued patrol vehicles and part of their daily duties is to patrol outside the campus. Secondary students and all visitors may only enter the campuses through designated entrances where there are metal detectors and a check in

\*Securing classrooms and doors - Security audits were held in the fall of 2022 to ensure that all door locks were functioning properly and any deficiencies found were addressed immediately. Doors are not allowed to be propped open at nondesignated entrances. Classroom doors are kept locked. We also have a team of safety and security specialists who perform audits on a regular basis.

"The most effective procedure we can all exercise is to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviors immediately to law enforcement," said Chief Cordova. "These badges add an extra layer of protection to our campuses, and I am pleased that our board of trustees voted to have these on our campuses."



### ★ OPINION PAGE ★

## OPINION

By Dean Ridings CEO America's Newspapers

## Local Newspapers are Good for Business

It's no secret that recent years have been tough on small businesses and on newspapers. A bipartisan bill, the Community News & Small Business Support Act, that has been introduced in Congress would offer relief to both newspapers and local businesses. For too many newspapers, help can't come soon enough. Economic challenges have resulted in too many communities seeing their local newspapers being forced to lay off staff, cut back on publication days or – worse yet – close. On average, two newspapers are closing each week. That hurts local businesses and residents in the long (and short) run. However, despite the challenges, what remains true is that local newspapers make a difference in their communities

But, don't just take my word for it. Let's look at the numbers and why America's Newspapers has been pushing for the Community News & Small Business Support Act to be introduced.

A recent national study of 5,000 Americans over the age of 18 was conducted by the independent research firm Coda Ventures for America's Newspapers, and provides compelling evidence of the importance, relevance and vitality of today's newspapers in the American media landscape.

Readers told us that their local newspaper makes a difference. The study shows that 79 percent of Americans read/use local news "to stay informed" about their cities, counties and communities. They also said they rely on their local paper to feel connected to their community, to decide where they stand on local issues, to find places and things to do, to talk with people about things happening in the community, because they find it enjoyable/entertaining and to be a better citizen.

And, contrary to popular belief, readers across all age groups turn to local newspapers and their digital products to stay informed about their communities.

Readers also told us they need more local news from their community paper. As one survey respondent in California said, "Our paper keeps getting smaller. I would like to see more news items, what's happening in town, what's new in politics, etc. And they need to be quicker to respond to breaking news."

All of that takes a committed, local staff – something the legislation introduced by Congresswoman Claudia Tenney (NY-24) and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (WA-1) will help to make happen.

So, what would this legislation mean to your local community?

Local businesses with fewer than 50 employees would receive a five-year non-refundable tax credit of up to \$5,000 in the first year and up to \$2,500 in the subsequent four years based on their spending level with local newspapers and local media. Our study showed that six out of 10 American adults use newspaper advertising to help them decide what brands, products and local services to buy. Newspaper readers also are almost twice as likely to purchase products from a number of important advertising categories than non-newspaper readers, including: automobiles, trucks and SUVs; home furnishings; home improvement products and services; and home services like pest control, plumbing, heating, etc.

With this legislation, we expect to see more businesses being able to afford to advertise to consumers, which – in turn – helps communities thrive.

For local newspapers, a five-year refundable tax credit would help them hire more journalists to bring you more news! It's a win-win for local communities. Newspapers would receive a tax credit to be used for the compensation of journalists. The credit would cover 50% of journalists' compensation in the first year and 30% of compensation (up to \$50,000) in the subsequent four years. This tax credit would only be available to local community papers with fewer than 750 employees and, if they don't invest in their newsroom, they don't get the credit.

And these tax credits are only available to local newspapers. National newspaper outlets are not eligible.

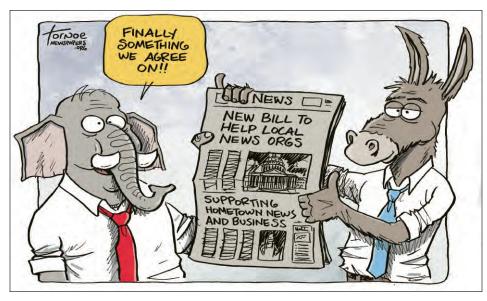
The importance of local newspapers and local business is the reason Reps. Tenney and DelBene introduced the legislation. We are most grateful for their support.

We need your support, as well, to encourage legislators to enact this legislation. Please contact the offices of your senators and representatives in the U.S. Congress and encourage them to add their support to this legislation. These tax credits aren't permanent; they will sunset in five years. But, these critical five years will allow the newspaper industry the time needed to address the challenges that it is facing from Big Tech, which often uses newspapers' content without compensation, as well as other technological and market challenges. Visit www.usa.gov/elected-officials for the contact information for your legislators.

More local reporting means more access for hometown news that citizens like you rely on. And stronger newspapers mean stronger advertising vehicles for local businesses.

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## Tax-relief Plan Headed to Governor

Proponents are calling it the "biggest property tax cut in Texas history." Both chambers of the Texas Legislature passed an \$18 billion package during the second special session, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

If signed as expected by Gov. Greg Abbott, the bill raises the homestead exemption to \$100,000, with an additional \$40,000 exemption for owners 65 and older. It also dedicates more than \$12 billion to lower school property taxes.

Agreement on a tax cut plan took months of haggling between competing plans in the House and Senate. After House Speaker Dade Phelan and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick met, a plan began to fall into place.

"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," Abbott said in a statement following the passage of the tax plan.

The Legislature adjourned after passage of the bill in the House. Another special session is likely in the fall to address Abbott's bid to enact a school voucher plan.

## ABBOTT AIDE NAMED INTERIM ATTORNEY GENERAL

A longtime aide to Abbott was named as the second interim attorney general, replacing John Scott, who served in the role a little over a month. Angela Colmenero has been serving as Abbott's deputy chief of staff. Previously she worked in the attorney general's office for nearly a decade

"John Scott faithfully executed his duties as the interim Attorney General of Texas, and I thank him for his leadership in stepping up to serve his fellow Texans in this role," Abbott said

Ken Paxton was suspended from that position after being impeached on 20 counts by the House and awaits a trial in the Senate on Sept. 5.

Scott told the Texas Tribune that he will "return to working as a consultant, attorney and board member for a broad variety of companies." He previously



served as Abbott's secretary of state before returning to the private sector.

## SECOND HEAT WAVE MEANS RECORD DEMAND ON GRID

The second heat wave of the summer means the state's power grid is breaking records for demand almost daily, the Houston Chronicle reported. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas is forecasting several thousand megawatts of excess supply, with demand late last week exceeding 84,000 megawatts. ERCOT manages the power grid serving about 90% of the state, except for part of East Texas and the El Paso area.

Excessive heat warnings have been issued for much of the state, with heat index values topping 117 degrees around the Houston area. Much of the state is also experiencing triple-digit temperatures with high humidity.

The latest heat wave is baking much of the Southwest, with all-time record highs expected in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Palm Springs, California.

### DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO EXPAND

A hotter and drier June for much of the state means 45% of the state may slip back into drought conditions, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of June, about a fourth of the state was in drought, a marked reduction from winter conditions, thanks to ample rainfall.

"The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service anticipates that drought will expand to cover most of central, southern, and West Texas by the end of September," Wentzel wrote.

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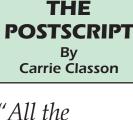
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## "All the Flowers"

I was reluctant to come back from Mexico this spring, knowing it would still be cold and wet and cloudy. But I'd gotten used to looking for pretty things while in Mexico. I wanted to share the festivals and the art and the colors. I'd been taking pictures and sharing them on Facebook so my friends and family could see a little bit of the world that surrounded me.

Then I got back up north, and it seemed like everything had turned to gray.

"This is not a reason to stop taking pictures!" I thought.

However, the recent

switch to El Niño weather

conditions typically bring

cooler and wetter-than-nor-

mal conditions this fall and

FIRST CASE OF WEST NILE

**VIRUS REPORTED THIS YEAR** 

have confirmed the state's

first case of West Nile virus,

occurring in Dallas Coun-

ty, according to the Texas

Department of State Health

through mosquito bites.

Most people do not get sick,

but about 20% develop

symptoms such as head-

aches, fever, muscle and

joint aches, nausea and fa-

tigue. Less than 1% of those

infected develop more seri-

ous symptoms, including

to be aware that there are

many diseases transmitted

by mosquitoes found in Tex-

as." said DSHS Commis-

sioner Jennifer Shuford.

"Most of these diseases

cause mild illness but in

rare instances diseases like

dengue or Zika can cause

severe illness. We've even

had a locally acquired case

of malaria in Texas this

year, which underscores the

importance of taking pre-

cautions to prevent mosqui-

when outdoors to wear long

sleeves and pants, apply in-

sect repellent, remove

standing water in yards,

such as in plant pots, and

buckets. The state had 41

cases of West Nile disease

last year with seven deaths.

**STATE SLIPS IN BUSINESS-**

An annual ranking of the

most business-friendly

states in America has al-

ways included Texas among

the top five, but not this

year, the Texas Standard

reported. The latest rank-

ings in CNBC's report had

the state coming in sixth,

behind North Carolina, Vir-

ginia, Tennessee, Georgia

dertaken since 2007. Busi-

ness reporter Erica Greider

with the Houston Chronicle

cites several factors, includ-

ing the electric grid, which

averages about 20 hours a

year without power on av-

erage in the state — third

worst in the country. Other

possible factors are quality

of life issues, such as the en-

"It could be that maybe

there's an element of, you

know, the state's been

coasting on its laurels be-

cause we've been so used to

this growth and success

that it's become a little bit

less of the top line issue,"

Greider told the Standard.

Gary Borders is a veter-

an award-winning Texas

journalist. He published a

number of community

newspapers in Texas dur-

ing a 30-year span, includ-

ing in Longview, Fort

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The study has been un-

and Minnesota.

FRIENDLY RANKINGS

DSHS urges people

to bites."

"It's important for people

The virus is transmitted

Public health officials

winter.

Services.

death.

And what I meant was that it was no reason to stop looking for beautiful things. My time in Mexico had trained me to be on the lookout for things that were interesting and lovely, and to share those things with others. I said it was for my friends and family, but it was really me who benefited most. I noticed more. I remembered more. I appreciated things more deeply when I took a picture.

So, I decided I would continue.

It was slow going at first. The first spring flowers poked their heads through the mud, and I took a picture. It didn't look like much on a gray day. But when I later looked at the little purple flowers up close on my computer, I saw details I hadn't noticed earlier, and I realized that, tiny as they were, they had a powerful beauty.

Then spring came in earnest. Suddenly, there were so many flowers to photograph, I started posting several photos a day. Every day, I walked by beautiful gardens and discovered new things that had emerged overnight.

Then it got very hot, and all the spring flowers withered and finished.

"Well, that was fun while it lasted," I thought.

But within a few days, the hardier summer flowers started making an appearance, undaunted by the heat. I saw enormous thistle flowers blooming, and the first sunflower burst open. There were hollyhocks and hostas and lilies in profusion. I kept taking picture.

And here's the funny thing. I never really noticed flowers before.

My mother and sister are avid gardeners. Both of my grandmothers were. I have always been the black sheep in a family of gardeners—and I still am. I don't enjoy digging in the dirt. I don't have a green thumb. It always feels like work to me, and reading a book always sounds like more fun.

But it turns out that I love flowers far more than I knew. I love the shapes and the colors and the varieties and the seasons. I love how some will take over for a while, commanding attention, and then they fade and something new comes to the fore.

And I know that none of it happens by accident. I now appreciate gardeners and gardening in a way I never have in my life.

"What's this called?" I ask when I post a photo. "Isn't this beautiful? Does anyone know its name?" And someone always does, and I learn something new and appreciate these flowers even more.

I will never be a gardener, and that's OK. Not everyone is a musician or a writer or an actor, but we all get to enjoy the music and the books and the plays they create.

I am now an avid fan of gar-

dens. And, whenever I get a chance to see the folks responsible, I make sure to let them know.

"I've been watching your garden all summer," I tell them. "I took pictures!"

So far, they all seem very pleased.

Till next time.





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## SUMMER PET CARE

By Allan Jamail

July 18, 2023– Dog owners in Texas are being watched more closely now with the extreme heat wave bearing down on pets. Dogs must have free easy access to fresh cool water and must get at least one ounce of water per pound in normal temperature conditions. Dogs outside or going walking needs more, and on hot days, water bowls kept outside should be poured out regularly and replaced with cool water placed in the shade.

According to animal experts temperatures between 80-90 degrees means your dog is a lot hotter than a human because of the dog's hair. If a dog must get outside with those temperatures it should never be for long periods of time and then it should only be in the shade and have plenty of cool fresh water. Dog owners sometime fail to realize the pavement temperatures is hot on the dogs paws exactly as it would be on their own bare feet.

Dog must have adequate shelter from the outside elements, which means a sturdy shelter and not a cardboard box. With enough room that allows the dog while in the shelter to stand erect, sit, turn around and lay completely down in a normal position. Dogs must be allowed to have shade from direct sunlight and or getting over heated and have an area which allows the dog to avoid standing in water and exposure from animal waste (urine and or feces).

A dog collar must be of a comfortable band width of material (not a chain) specifically designed for dogs that doesn't choke or interfere with its normal breathing or swallowing. Harnesses must be made out of materials specifically designed to fit comfortably.

Texas law forbids dog owners or those in custody of a dog to leave a dog outside unattended unless they have adequate shelter from inclement weather as, wind, rain, severe cold or hot weather, access to fresh food and water, and are not leashed (tethered) by a chain, weighted chain or object, or other unsuitable restraints. It also specifies that the length of an outdoor restraint must be at least five times the dog's length measured from the nose to the base of its tail or never shorter than ten feet.

The law does not apply to a dog left



Isaiah Jamail with Bloo, a 2 year old Golden Retriever. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

unattended in an open-air truck bed that's not exposed to harsh weather providing it's only for a reasonable time necessary for the person responsible for the dog to complete a short temporary task. Nor does the law prohibit a person from walking a dog on a hand held leash on a surface that's not too hot for its paws.

Isaiah Jamail, a college student and son of parents Al Jr. and Rachel Jamail of Crosby make sure their pet dog Bloo is kept healthy and never exposed to high temperatures or freezing temperatures.

Isaiah said, "Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance."

"The outdoors exposes dogs to the elements. Dogs may need extra brushing and bathing to stay clean and healthy," Isaiah said.

Call your local law enforcement agency any time you suspect an animal's basic needs are not being met. Phone numbers to keep in your cell phone for reporting any crime: Houston Police – 713-884-3131, Harris County Sheriff Office 713-221-6000, Jacinto City Police – 713-672-2455, Galena Park Police – 713-675-3471, Constable Pct. 2 Jerry Garcia - 713-477-4070, Constable Pct. 3 Sherman Eagleton - 713-274-2500.







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...O Lord my God, You are very great:

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

who cover Yourself with light as with

a garment, who stretch out the heavens

like a curtain. He lays the beams of His

upper chambers in the waters, who makes

the clouds His chariot, who walks on

the wings of the wind, who makes His

angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

PSALM 104: 1-4 1

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Ruth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Whose last words were, "O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes"? Zimri, Paul,
- 3. From Proverbs 18:8, "The words of a talebearer are as "? Truths, Wounds, Answers, Serpents

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4. Who assumed if Isaac died that God would be able to bring him back to life? Rebekah, Esau, Abraham, Jacob 5. From Genesis 25:1, who was Abraham's second wife? Keturah, Abigail, Vashti, Candace

6. Who was the famed brother of Lahmi? John the Baptist, Herod, Goliath, Paul

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Samson, 3) Wounds, 4) Abraham, 5) Keturah, 6) Goliath

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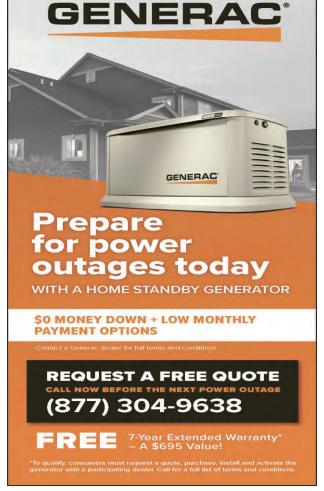
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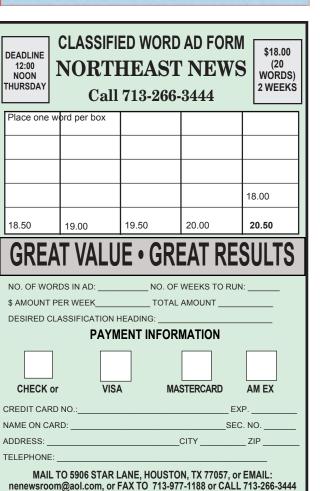
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## by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Is Disney bleeding out? Disney+ has drastically lost subscribers, and their stock value has dropped. Their last four recent releases have underperformed.

"Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania" (released on Feb. 17) only grossed \$476.1 million against a \$200 million cost, despite Paul Rudd being named as People magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive" back in 2021. Meanwhile, "Ant-Man and the Wasp" (2018) grossed \$623 million against its approximated \$200 million cost. "The Little Mermaid" (released on May 26) grossed \$547.5 million against its \$250 million cost. (The original 1989 animated version cost only \$40 million and grossed \$235 million.) "Elemental" (released on June 16) has only grossed \$311.7 million against its \$200 million cost, and "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" disappointed over the Fourth of July weekend, grossing \$302.4 million against a \$300 million cost.

Come Sept. 15, we'll get the third Agatha Christie adaptation from Kenneth Branagh — "A Haunting in Venice" (with Branagh, Tina Fey and Michelle Yeoh). Nov. 22 will bring the animated "Wish," which features the voices of Chris Pine and Ariana DeBose. "The Marvels," starring Brie Larson and Samuel L. Jackson, is due on Nov. 10, and "Next Goal Wins," with Michael Fassbender and Elisabeth Moss, opens on Nov. 17.

Looking ahead to next year, a new liveaction "Snow White," starring Rachel Zegler, Gal Gadot, Martin Klebba and Andrew Burnap, comes out on March 22, 2024. "Captain America," with Anthony Mackie (as Captain America) and Harrison Ford, drops on July 26, 2024. "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" is due on May 24, 2024, and a live-action prequel of "The Lion King," starring Seth Rogen, escapes on July 5, 2024. Not the most exciting or inventive slate, but Disney has found that tried and true is their safest bet.

Has war been declared between the Hallmark Channel and the Great American Family network yet? It appears Great American Family has poached

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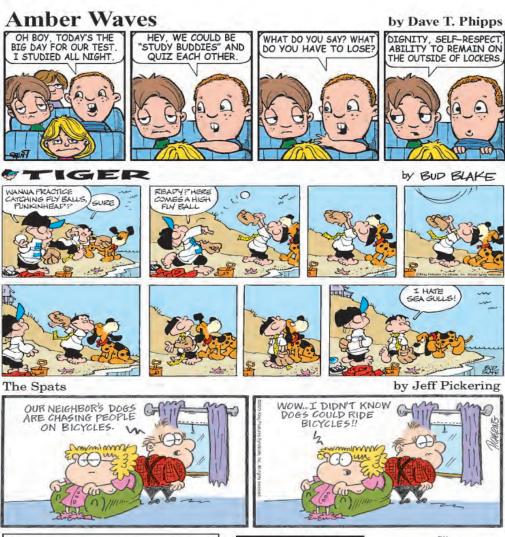
Hallmark bread talent Candace Cameron Bure and made her an executive at Great American. Danica McKellar, Jen Lilley, Jessica Lowndes and Trevor Donovan are among others who've joined Bure. Both stations ran Christmas movies in July nonstop, and while Great American has 21 new holiday films slated to start in October, Hallmark promises 40 new holiday films in October. In addition, Great American picked up the Hallmark series "When Hope Calls" for its second season and hired Lori Loughlin, who was dropped from Hallmark as a result of the college scandal that gave her jailtime, to star in "Fall into Winter," which premiered this past January. While the stars are nonexclusive, Great American is tying up their schedules with so much shooting that they won't have time for Hallmark films.

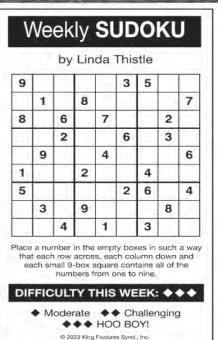
Happy birthday to the legendary producer Norman Lear, who turns 101 on July 27. The creator of "All in the Family," "The Jeffersons" and "Maude," among others series, has left a deeper impression on us than "King Lear!" (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

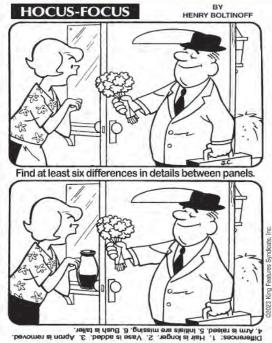


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## test by Fifi Rodriguez

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line, "Big Brother is watching you"?

HISTORY: Who was the second president of the United States?

5. WEATHER: What is a cloud shaped like a flying saucer called?

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Pictured, left to right, are Thomas Robertson, LSC-North Harris Career Technology Instructional Dean; Gabriel Cardenas, LSC-North Harris Manufacturing Technology Program Director; Vicente Moreno, J&H Machining and Welding Owner and Bennie Lambert, Ph.D., LSC-North Harris Acting President.

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"Lone Star College Foundation appreciates companies such as J&H Machining and Welding for their generous donations that help to alleviate some of the financial burdens that our students might face," said Nicole Robinson Gauthier, CFRE, LSC Foundation Executive Director. "These funds can potentially motivate individuals to start or complete their college education."

J&H Machining and Welding is a local business that specializes in welding repair. The company donated funds to LSC Foundation to encourage more students to

chining and welding industry.

"We would like to see more educated and welltrained individuals enter this fast-growing industry which can offer them a stable career," said Vicente Moreno, J&H Machining and Welding Owner. "We hope our donation will help current students fund their education and encourage others to enroll in these critical programs."

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