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NORTHEAST NEWS

RODEOHOUSTON OPENING DAY



Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Mascot HOWDY, Judge Lina Hidalgo, and Rodeo Chairman Pat Mann Phillips at HAT TOSS day.

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Walle moderates SB4 “Know Your Rights” Forum

Senate Bill may take effect by March 5

EAST ALDINE – About 50 persons interested in the legal and safety aspects of the new Border law SB4, met last Thursday evening at the East Aldine District headquarters to hear a presentation by several groups involved in helping immigrants to this country.

The meeting was hosted by State Representative Armando Walle, who has been a vocal critic of the new law. He has stated that it is discriminatory, will lead to racial profiling, and cause hardships to families such as his that are split between members with citizenship and those who are not citizens, but travelling legally across borders.

Helping present infor-



Sarah Cruz of the ACLU and State Representative Armando Walle presented information about SB4 and answered questions from the audience at the meeting in East Aldine.

mation on the subject were representatives from several organizations, namely Sarah Cruz of the ACLU, Kevin of the Workers Defense Fund, and Cesar Espinoza of F.I.E.L.

In addition, attorney Juan Aguirre was present to give an example of a court hearing on immigration status, and what transpires when a person is detained.

Cruz made a detailed presentation of “rights” of citizens and immigrants, and how SB4 affected them. She mentioned that there are actually 3 versions of SB4, and final implementation and legality are still being worked on by law enforcement and the courts.

She pointed out that this is not only a local and Texas problem, but that 2/3 of the U.S. population live within 100 miles of a border, on all 4 sides of our country, and must deal with this.

Cruz spoke in detail about actions immigrants should take if stopped in your car; if asked about your immigration status by a law enforcement officer; if arrested by police; and/or if taken into

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Judge, Sheriff join “Hat Toss” Day at RodeoHouston

Kicks Off Rodeo Season and a New Tradition

Harris County, TX, February 22, 2024, Harris County, TX, February 22, 2024, Judge Hidalgo along with County officials welcomed the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to NRG Stadium by tossing the hat over to Rodeo officials during Harris County’s First Ever “Hat Toss Day.” This new tradition signals the start of the iconic event here in Houston and Harris County and an unofficial kick-off to Rodeo season.

Judge Hidalgo, Rodeo Chairman Pat Mann Phillips and Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez also made history by becoming the first Harris County riders of the rodeo’s newest Carnival ride, the Joker 360.

“I am so excited to kick off a new tradition for rodeo season, Harris County Hat Toss Day, where we officially welcomed one of our prized tenants, the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, to Harris County’s NRG Stadium. Harris County and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo have such a special relationship and the rodeo means so much to our community. I think we can all remember the first time we came to the rodeo and just being in awe of how impressive it is and how much it brings our community together. Going forward, the opening day of Cookoff will always be Harris County Hat Toss Day,” said Judge Lina Hidalgo.

Press event attendees included:

Lina Hidalgo, Harris County Judge

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Yee-Haw RODEOHOUSTON Opens Feb. 27!

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials released the entertainment lineup for the 2024 Rodeo season, scheduled for Feb. 27 – March 17.

“The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is proud to bring such a wide range of musical genres to the RODEOHOUSTON stage,” said Chris Boleman, Rodeo president and CEO. “We’re welcoming 10 new entertainers who will make their debut on the star stage, as well as many fan-favorites from a variety of genres from our country roots, to EDM and hip-hop.”

Some of these artists have special connections to the Rodeo including 50 Cent. In 2023, his Champagne, Le Chemin du Roi Brut won the Rodeo Uncorked!® Grand Champion Best of Show honors and was auctioned off for a record-setting \$325,000. A true Houston icon, Bun B debuted on the rap scene in 1992, and over the past two years, he has had dozens of guest appearances during his performances at RODEOHOUSTON. This year, Bun B has another incredible lineup of guest artists who will join him on the star stage.

As for the Jonas Brothers, they will be returning to RODEOHOUSTON for the first time in over a de-

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The following entertainers will perform on the RODEOHOUSTON stage in NRG Stadium, Feb. 27 – March 17.

Tuesday, February 27 – Blake Shelton Opening Day presented by Texas Capital Wednesday, February 28 – Carly

Pearce Armed Forces Appreciation Day presented by Crown Royal Thursday, February 29 – for KING + COUNTRY Friday,

March 1 – 50 Cent Black Heritage Day presented by Kroger Saturday, March 2 – HARDY Sunday, March 3 – Ivan Cornejo Monday,

March 4 – Hank Williams Jr. First Responders Day presented by BP America Tuesday,

March 5 – Oliver Anthony-Wednesday, March 6 – Jelly Roll Community Day presented by TC Energy Thursday, March 7 – Luke Bryan Volunteer Appreciation Day

Presented Phillips 66 Friday, March 8 – Major Lazer Saturday, March 9 – Lainey Wilson-Sunday, March 10 – Los Tigres del Norte Go Tejano Day presented by Fiesta Mart Monday, March 11 – Whiskey Myers Tuesday,

March 12 – Bun B Wednesday, March 13 – Nickelback Thursday, March 14 – Zac Brown Band Friday, March 15 – Jonas Brothers Saturday, March 16 – Brad Paisley Sunday, March 17 – Eric Church

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RodeoHouston opens,

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cade. We are thrilled to welcome back longtime supporters of the Rodeo, Brad Paisley, Hank Williams Jr., Zac Brown Band and for KING + COUNTRY. Los Tigres Del Norte will return to RODEO-HOUSTON to perform on Go Tejano Day, presented by Fiesta Mart, on Sunday, March 10. 2024 will be memorable for country star Luke Bryan as he performs for the 10th time on the iconic star stage in NRG Stadium. The Rodeo is thrilled to showcase both Lainey Wilson and HARDY before they begin their own tours later this year. And award-winning artist, Eric Church will close out the 2024 Rodeo on Sunday, March 17.

Half of the 2024 RODEO-HOUSTON entertainer lineup will perform on the star stage for the first time: Carly Pearce, 50 Cent, HARDY, Ivan Cornejo, Nickelback, Oliver Anthony, Jelly Roll, Major Lazer, Lainey Wilson, Whiskey Myers and Together, the 20 acts have a total of 56 Academy of Country Music Awards, 47 Country Music Association

awards, 17 American Music Awards and 15 GRAMMY® awards.

INDIVIDUAL RODEO TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale at rodeohouston.com Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, in two waves, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Wave 1 tickets for Feb. 27 – March 7 performances.

Wave 2 tickets for March 8 – 17 performances.

(The Online Waiting Rooms will open at 9:30 a.m. for Wave 1 and 1:30 p.m. for Wave 2. Customers in the Waiting Room will be randomly selected to enter the store to purchase tickets at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

A place in the Waiting Room does not guarantee tickets.

Ticket prices start at \$25, plus a \$4 convenience fee.

Individual Rodeo tickets can be purchased online at rodeohouston.com.

All tickets will be delivered electronically via AXS Mobile ID Delivery; please

allow 48 hours for delivery.

To access your purchased tickets, download the rodeohouston app and login with the email used to purchase tickets.

About the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo promotes agriculture by hosting an annual, family-friendly experience that educates and entertains the public, supports Texas youth, showcases Western heritage, and provides year-round educational support within the community. Since its beginning in 1932, the Rodeo has committed more than \$600 million to the youth of Texas and education. The 2024 Rodeo is scheduled for Feb. 27 – March 17. The 2024 World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, presented by Cotton Holdings, is scheduled for Feb. 22 – 24. For more information, visit rodeohouston.com and follow @RODEO-HOUSTON online via Facebook, X (Twitter), Instagram and YouTube for all the latest news.

Judge Hidalgo at the Rodeo,

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Ed Gonzalez, Harris County Sheriff
Ryan Walsh, CEO/Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation Executive Director NRG Park

Pat Mann Phillips, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Chairman of the Board

Dr. Chris Boleman, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, President & CEO
Howdy, Rodeo Mascot

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a co-tenant in the 1.9 million-square-foot NRG Stadium, the largest and most expensive rodeo and football facility ever built. The ro-

deo has been held at NRG Stadium since 2003. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Wanted for Hit & Run Fatality on Laura Koppe Road

Reward of up to \$5,000 leading to the charging and/or arrest



Houston, TX - Crime Stoppers, in collaboration with the Houston Police Department's Vehicular Crimes Division, is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect involved in a Hit and Run – Failure to Stop and Render Aid incident.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at approximately 10:13 a.m. In the 4100 block of Laura Koppe Rd. in Houston, Texas. The victims, who were traveling northbound, were struck by a vehicle, identified as a white Chevrolet Silverado, traveling westbound. Despite the collision, the suspect fled the scene on foot without offering any

assistance to the victims.

Video surveillance footage captured the suspect fleeing, aiding in the investigation. The victims sustained minor injuries and were promptly transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to

the charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

Apartment fire in Greenspoint area

Houston Fire Department reports an Apartment Fire in The Greater Greenspoint Area, on February 18, 2024, at 4:33 a.m.

The building was located at 802 Seminar Dr. 77060. There were no reported injuries.

Damage amounted to \$100,000 in estimated

damage. The cause is under investigation.

Firefighters arrived on scene within six minutes to find fire coming from the second floor of a vacant apartment building. They made an attack on the fire and protected the courtyard exposures. The fire was

extinguished, and the hot spots were put out. HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. 27 personnel responded to this incident, including crews from Stations 34, 64, 74, 84, 30 and the Aldine Fire Department.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

Blind Date with a Book - all of February

Join us every day of February at the library where you can grab an unknown wrapped-up book with a description on the front to check-out and read!

Immunization Event

Do you need your Flu or Covid Booster? Aldine Library and Harris County Public Health is hosting a FREE immunization event! Visit the library Meeting Room between 1 pm and 5pm on Monday, February 26th. Vaccines will be available for adults and children.

Bilingual Storytime

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, Feb. 27, 11-12pm

English Computer Class

Learn computer basics by practicing on our PC's with Instructor Nyla! We will learn about using web browsers, google apps, Microsoft suite, keeping your information safe online, and MUCH more! Join us for a weekly class on Tuesdays from 11:30am - 12:30pm!

Basic Computer Class Registration preferred!

*Important- Instructions are in English. Google account is required (Though we can help you make one if you don't have one already)

Class format: In-person, in the computer lab at the Aldine Library.

Are Books Good?

Help us decide once and for all whether books are good. Ms. Gage and Ms. Nicole will read stories out loud, provide snacks, and vote on how good the stories actually are. For this series, we'll be reading fairy tales, myths, and modern retellings to see which ones are best! Tuesday, Feb. 27, 5-6pm. This program is best for ages 10 - 18.

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Pre-registrese aqui: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy> luego presentarse a la clase para tomar evaluación de nivel.

Nivel 2- Intermedio-Jueves- 5:00 pm a 6:45 PM: Cloud Computing- Google workspace + Office 365 (Spanish - computer class)

Computación en la nube: Aprenderá sobre los servicios y como usar Google (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms). Como usar: Microsoft Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Además, cubriremos otras aplicaciones como: Canva, Box y otras apps gratuitas. El enfoque general de las practicas de computación serán para uso en empleos y de uso personal.

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* requerirá una cuenta de gmail.com y outlook.com para acceder a las aplicaciones y programas gratuitos de la internet.

Importante: Instrucciones son en Español y las aplicaciones (Windows, Office 365, Google apps) son todas en Inglés

Retro Video Game Night

Come play the games from your childhood on the Gamecube, Wii, SNES and more! We have Mario Kart double dash, we have Mario Kart... the first one? We have Wii sports AND Just Dance! It's gonna be a (mario) party!!! Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 - 7:30pm.

Teen Volunteer Orientation

"Do you need volunteer hours for school or scholarships? Do you want to gain work experience, but aren't sure where to start? Volunteer at Aldine Branch Library and join us for one of our mandatory volunteer orientations. During this orientation, you'll learn the responsibilities of volunteers and how to work side by side with library staff to serve the Aldine community. Wednesday, Feb. 28, 3:30pm - 5pm

Teen Thursdays

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, Feb. 29, 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Lego Night

LEGO building can be fun and creative! Children of all ages are welcome to join us.. We'll provide the LEGOs and you can create whatever your imagination can come up with. We look forward to seeing you! Happy Building! Thursday, Feb. 29, 5-6:45pm

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Citizenship Preparation Class

Gain all the necessary information required to apply for US citizenship and take the citizenship test with confidence! This class will be taught in English. This session will be on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. Register online (<https://tiny.cc/aldinecitizenship>) or in person to save your place. Instructor: Marta Cuadrado.

Coffee & Conversation

Are you learning to speak English as a second (or third or fourth, etc.) language and would like to practice speaking English in a casual, low-stress environment? Join us for Coffee & Conversation where you can have conversations with native English speakers as we do fun activities! Saturday, Mar. 2, 2-3pm

Adult Volunteers

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 for the holidays? You need to get your passport in order NOW! Current routine processing is estimated at 6-8 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 2-3 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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Library Program Specialist
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Know Your Rights Forum in East Aldine,

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custody by officials.

She spoke to rights that everyone has by the Constitution, including refusal to unreasonable search of car or home; and the right not to answer questions other than name, drivers license, date of birth, and insurance information.

Cruz said that immigrants can defend against prosecution for illegal entry with 3 reasons: lawful entry; seeking

asylum; and DACA status. However, there is No defense for Reentry, and heavy jail sentences could be issued.

She mentioned that immigration enforcement is not allowed in public schools, churches, and healthcare facilities.

Representative Walle pointed out that there is no official training for officers or magistrates on how to enforce SB4. He added that most law en-

forcement officers don't want the extra work of immigration enforcement in addition to their other duties.

A hearing was held in Texas courts on February 15 regarding the legality and scope of SB4, and a ruling has not yet been issued. It is possible that some or all of SB4 will be limited, but as of now the law is scheduled to go into affect March 5th.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Aldine HS Alumna Stars in 'Tina: The Tina Turner Musical'



"I had incredible music teachers and drama teachers. And we put on small choir productions for other students. That began to create a path to where I am today."

GIGI LEWIS
ACTRESS, SINGER, AND DANCER
TOURING IN "TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL"



Houston native Gigi Lewis came through her hometown in the national tour of Tina: The Tina Turner Musical last month at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

The musical tells the story of Tina Turner, the iconic superstar known for her big voice, presence, and drama in her relationship with husband Ike Turner. Across her more than 50-year career, she sold over 100 million records worldwide, shattered records and barriers, won 12 Grammy Awards, was the first Black woman to be featured on the cover of Rolling Stone, and acted in Mad Max Beyond Thunder Dome, among many other accomplishments.

Lewis hit the road with Tina in October, taking on the roles of Alline and

being part of the ensemble. She also understudied the role of Tina.

For those unfamiliar with Alline Bullock, she was Tina's sister, an Ikette, and manager of the Ikettes. She wrote songs for Ike and Tina.

Road to Broadway Lewis lauds the incredible music and drama teachers she had and the opportunities to participate in choir productions.

She also credits her parents, especially her dad, for helping to teach her the craft of singing. From the age of about 5 or 6, she says, her father, a singer himself and a preacher, would sit down and sing to her all the time. She began mimicking him, and he would offer her tips.

On Having Performed in Her Hometown

Lewis is grateful that her friends and family

saw her sing, dance, and act.

"I just felt so supported by the people who've reached out and came to see me. My teachers. My principal. My dream was always to be on that big stage, so having people see me doing what I always said I'd do — that makes me teary-eyed."

Local Media Press

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article CultureMap Houston, written by Molly Beretto. Read how Lewis honed her craft playing gigs in Houston while studying at Prairie View A&M University, working at a cruise line, and nailing the audition for a spot in Tina.

The Tour After hitting Houston, the tour just completed a run in Nashville, TN, and will begin playing in Naples, FL.

New Thorne Stadium on Schedule to be Completed by July



According to Chief Operations Officer Fred Washington, the construction of the new Thorne Stadium is on track and will be completed by July.

"The project is on schedule with a projected substantial completion in July so that it will be ready for the start of the 2024 high school football season," Washington said. "From an operations perspective, we are excited to have the Thorne project kick off the significant improvements that will take place across the district. We are confident Thorne Stadium will be a beautiful

facility providing a first-class experience for our student-athletes, performing arts students, and fans.

Dre Thompson, executive director of athletics, said the district will host three scrimmages in the new Thorne Stadium before the 2024 high school football season starts. The first weekend of the 2024 season will be the weekend of Aug. 29-31.

Once construction is completed, the multipurpose stadium will continue hosting various events yearly. The stadium has been designed as a state-of-the-art facility that

will enhance the student and community experience. It will have a new press box, concession stands, restrooms, a new football field, concrete bleachers and platforms, and a front entrance on the stadium's west side.

One of the unique features of the new Thorne Stadium will include customized LED lights on the west and east sides of the stadium that can be used to highlight the hosting team's colors.

The stadium will have a capacity of 10,000 with two tiers of seating.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Jan. 20, 2023.

Aldine ISD Trustees Approve Three Campus Closures

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved the closure of Conley Elementary School, Sammons Elementary School, and Gray Elementary School at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year to optimize its highest-quality facilities and continue providing Aldine students with the best educational choices and experiences. Students will be rezoned to the closest schools.

Additionally, there will be a revision to the boundaries of Lewis Middle School and Teague Middle School to send students to Stovall Middle School and Aldine Middle School.

"These decisions were made after careful review and evaluation of information," said Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "I believe these schools will maximize the use of the campuses and continue to fulfill our mission of providing a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares our students



for college, career, and life success."

Decisions were based on data that included facility utilization and condition, financial data, family choice, and academic outcomes. The district does not anticipate any staff reductions and will work to find placement for those staff members impacted by the change.

"We are not eliminating people," said Superintendent Goffney. "We are eliminating positions and closing campuses to offset

unnecessary costs so we can compete for talent. Attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and administrators to prepare our students for success is more essential than ever, and that comes with a price tag. The closure of these campuses means we get to keep what matters most in Aldine: our people."

Aldine ISD will work closely with campus leaders to ensure a smooth transition for students and staff to the new facilities in the upcoming school years.

Aldine ISD Student Earns Texas Theatre Scholar Award



The award recognizes theatre students who demonstrate high academic success.

District student Chacen Cloud from Nimitz High School recently earned the Texas Theatre Scholars Award from Texas Thespians for the 2023-2024 school year.

The initiative, launched in 2022-2023 from the Texas Thespians Advocacy Network, recognizes and honors high school theatre students who demonstrate achievement in theatrical performance, exhibit high academic success, and outstanding citizenship.

To be designated as a Texas Theatre Scholar, a student must be enrolled

in school, be a member in good standing with their campus theatre department, actively participate in theatrical programs during the designated school year, and earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Students with a 3.5 cumulative GPA become Vice President's List Scholars, and students with a 4.0 GPA are awarded the President's List Scholar distinction.

Honorees must also have fulfilled any additional local criteria required by their theatre program and exhibit behavior and good moral character, which brings honor to the campus theatre department, school,

and community.

Texas Thespians, an affiliate chapter of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA), is the largest chapter in the nation, with more than 500 troupes representing more than 16,000 middle and high school students. Texas Thespians offers educational festivals, workshops, and competitions for students, as well as conferences and professional development for teachers and administrators. As an affiliate of the International Thespian Society, Texas Thespians follows the national model for promoting excellence in theatre education and student achievement.

Davis High to Present Musical 'A Super Soul Revue' on Feb. 22



Davis High is presenting its musical comedy, A Super Soul Revue, this week. The revue celebrates Black history, with the audience enjoying performances that include music, acting, and dancing from the Falcon players, Dazzlers, and singers.

Davis High School Auditorium Thursday, February 22, 2024: 6:30 p.m. Admission is FREE.

The whole family and community are invited to come and enjoy this evening of fun, celebration, and a musical journey through the '70s.

A Super Soul Revue cen-

ters around 17-year-old Shavonne, 16-year-old Trevor, 14-year-old Reign, and 15-year-old Bobby are cousins. They visit their Uncle Archie and Aunt Pam in Houston, Texas, for the Mayes Family Reunion. The Mayes Family is quite adventurous. The "too cool" cousins are there for the weekend with their parents and aunts and uncles. They are excited to spend time with their favorite Uncle Archie and Auntie Pam Mayes. Uncle Archie was a renowned musician who played for some of the best bands and singers during the '70s. Aunt Pam was highly

sought after in the '70s. She was considered a triple threat because she could sing, dance, and act. They met during the Soul of the '70s Summer Funk Fest, where they fell in love. They traveled the country with some of the hottest bands and artists. Their adventures led to getting married on the road and collecting lots of stories and memories to tell about life and music.

The musical is a production of a Davis HS Theatre Department, led by Cliff D. Alexander. The revue was written and arranged by Roenia Thompson, assistant theatre director.

Davis, Nimitz Boys Qualify for Class 6A State Basketball Tournament

The Davis High School Falcons and Nimitz High School Cougars have qualified for the Class 6A boys' State Basketball Tournament.

Davis will take on Grand Oaks in bi-district on Tuesday (Feb. 20) at 7 p.m. at Humble High School.

Nimitz will face off against Willis on Tuesday (Feb. 20) at 7 p.m. at Summer Creek High School.

If both teams win, they will advance to the Area Round of the 6A playoffs.

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OPINION PAGE

OPINION By BILL KING



Debating Relative Degrees of Senility

Last week in a press conference, President Biden confused Mexico with Gaza and said he had recently spoken to François Mitterrand, who has not been the president of France since 1995 and died in 1996.

On Sunday, I was on a television panel discussing the two incidents with a Biden supporter and Trump supporter arguing over which gaffe was worse.

The American people have certainly not missed the awful choice they are likely to face in November. Polling has consistently shown 60%-75% do not want to see a Biden-Trump rematch.

As of now, Biden is clearly coming out on the short end of the cognitive stick in voters' minds. But he is much more in the public's view now because of the various international hot spots and his inexplicable border policy.

I think we should be wary of relying too much on the polling at this time to predict what will happen in November. One can imagine all kinds of events between now and the election that could sway the independents who will decide this race.

Regardless of the outcome in November, the dysfunction of the two-party system will never have been on a grander display than in this trainwreck of an election.

In his 2020 book, The Storm before the Calm, George Friedman predicted that after a tumultuous decade, there will be a historic reset of the American political landscape in 2028.

Most Americans are not actively engaged in politics. They are too busy making a living, caring for their families, coaching youth sports, attending their place of worship, and the myriad other activities that make up their daily lives.

But as Theodore Roosevelt once observed, "The American people are slow to wrath, but when their wrath is once kindled it burns like a consuming flame."

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Americanisms graphic with quote: "Live each day like it's your last, 'cause one day you gonna be right." — Ray Charles



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Federal Judge Appears Skeptical of New Border Law

A federal judge is expected to rule quickly on the constitutionality of a Texas law about to go into effect that institutes new state penalties for illegal border crossings.

The Austin American Statesman reported the U.S. Justice Department sued the state over the law set to go into effect next month.

An attorney with the Texas attorney general's office argued the state's immigration law should be seen as necessary because of increased illegal immigration.

"I will try to get my decision out as quickly as I possibly can," he said, noting that however he rules, it will be appealed.

PAXTON, CORNYN TRADE BARBS OVER AID BILL

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton escalated their feud last week, after Cornyn backed a \$95 billion aid package to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.

"Unbelievable that @JohnCornyn would stay up all night to defend other countries borders, but not America," Paxton posted on X, formerly Twitter.

Cornyn quickly responded. "Ken, your criminal defense lawyers are calling to suggest you spend less time pushing Russian propaganda and more time defending longstanding felony charges against you in Houston, as well as ongoing federal grand jury proceedings in San Antonio that will probably result in further criminal charges," he wrote on X.



PAINFULLY SLOW ROLLOUT OF BROADBAND FEARED

Texas is due to receive \$3.3 billion in federal funds for expanding broadband internet, but internet providers in rural areas are worried the money won't be used efficiently.

The Texas Tribune reported a relatively new state office is trying to build a staff to oversee the work, noting earlier federal funding programs have seen limited success because many companies underestimated the costs.

"We want to make sure that there's a responsible allocation of these dollars," said Rusty Moore, COO of Big Bend Telephone Company in Alpine.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed by President Joe Biden in 2021 provides \$42.5 billion nationwide for broadband access and aims to connect 2.5 million households in Texas.

DEMOCRATS PROPOSE BILL TO CONNECT TEXAS TO NATIONAL GRIDS

Two Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives plan to introduce legislation that would require the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to connect to major electric grids outside of Texas.

tion in clean energy production.

"Over 10 million Texans needlessly lost power, hundreds of people died, and there were these mass power outages that we all knew could have been avoided," Casar said in a news conference last week.

Nearly all of Texas is served by the state's stand-alone grid system, except for parts of East Texas, El Paso and the upper Panhandle.

NONMEDICAL VACCINE EXEMPTIONS AT RECORD LEVELS

Vaccine exemptions for non-medical reasons hit record levels among Texas schoolchildren last year, the Chronicle reported, with 3.24% of Texas kindergarteners receiving an exemption.

The exemptions are part of the "post-pandemic momentum behind anti-vaccine messaging," the story said. A number of bills were filed during the 2023 legislative session to restrict education regarding vaccines and access to vaccines.

"I'm looking at the unintended consequences that lawmakers aren't necessarily thinking about because they want to get their win and move on," said Rekha Lakshmanan, chief strategy officer at The Immunization Partnership.

COMPUTERS NOW SCORING STAAR ESSAYS

Written responses on the state's performance exam will most likely be scored by a computer, The News reported. The Texas Education Agency rolled out a new model for evaluating student answers on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) in December.

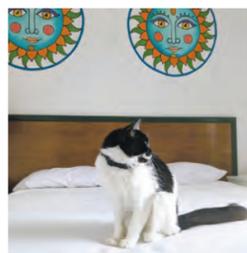
The automated scoring engine is "programmed by humans, overseen by humans, and is analyzed at the end by humans," said Jose Rios, director of the student assessment division for TEA.

TEA officials said the new test format, which includes essays at every grade level, would require four to five times the number of human scorers and cost up to \$20 million more.

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

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

A New Life for Felix



Last night was surprisingly calm, all things considered.

I told my husband, Peter, that he should not plan to get a good night's sleep. I told him this because Peter has never had a cat, and yesterday, we adopted one.

I have had several cats over the years, but my last cat, Lucy, died just a few months before I met Peter, 10 years ago. Peter has had dogs all his life and knows nothing about cats.

Felix is an adolescent. He was a stray cat, so we don't know exactly how old he is, but the kind ladies who rescued him are guessing he is about 5 months old.

"He is very relaxed," Elena said.

So after we had all the supplies we needed, they brought Felix to live with us. I could tell Daniela, who is 13 and wants to be a veterinarian, was a little sad.

"What was that?" Peter asked. Peter slept with earplugs when we are in Mexico, but the noise outside our bedroom woke him. I went to investigate. It appeared there had been some small-scale vandalism in the night.

"Oh, Felix!" I said.

Felix came running to me and bumped his head against me. Then he circled around me as I cleaned up breadcrumbs, purring all the while.

We fell back to sleep. A little later in the night, we heard meowing. It got louder and louder. Marcela and Elena rescued dogs and cats from the streets. At last count, they were caring for 11 dogs and three cats.

"Felix!" I called. "We're in here!" Felix came running. He jumped up on the bed, discovered the two gringos under the covers and started purring again.

So far, Felix seems to be happy in his new home. He has discovered that Peter keeps all sorts of interesting things on his bedside table that can be knocked off and played with in the middle of the night.

I think Felix is liking his new life. Till next time. Carrie

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SPANISH PAGE

El comandante de AISDPD, Marc Harris, se gradúa de la Academia de Seguridad Nacional



El comandante Harris posa (en primer lugar, a la izquierda, en primera fila) en primera fila con sus compañeros de clase.

El Departamento de Policía de Aldine ISD anuncia con orgullo que el Comandante Marc Harris recibió recientemente un Certificado de Graduación de los Centros Federales de Capacitación para el Cumplimiento de la Ley (FLETC) al completar la Academia de Liderazgo de Seguridad Nacional (HSLA) realizada en FLETC, Brunswick, GA.

Los asistentes de la Clase #18 incluyeron ejecutivos de las fuerzas del orden público de las agencias de policía y alguaciles estatales, locales y territoriales.

El HSLA es un programa de desarrollo profesional y capacitación en liderazgo de dos semanas para ejecutivos de las fuerzas del orden. Es el resultado de la colaboración entre FLETC y la Asociación Nacional de Alguaciles. Algunos de los temas tratados fueron el lider-

azgo en una crisis, el arte de la percepción, el liderazgo ejemplar, la inteligencia emocional y la ética en el liderazgo.

FLETC tiene una misión vital: capacitar a quienes protegen nuestra patria. FLETC es el principal proveedor de capacitación básica y avanzada en materia de aplicación de la ley para las agencias federales de aplicación de la ley y un importante contribuyente a la capacitación avanzada para oficiales y agentes de aplicación de la ley estatales, locales e internacionales.

Desde su creación en 1970, FLETC ha capacitado a más de un millón de agentes de la ley y, en promedio, FLETC capacita a más de 70,000 oficiales de aplicación de la ley cada año. FLETC colabora con más de 95 organizaciones asociadas federales y expertos en

aplicación de la ley en todo el mundo.

El comandante Marc Harris nació en Houston, Texas, y asistió a las escuelas del Distrito Escolar de Aldine. Se graduó de Aldine High School en 1993 y vive en el distrito. Poco después de graduarse de la Academia de Policía de North Harris en 1999, Harris comenzó su carrera en la aplicación de la ley con el Departamento de Policía de Spring ISD. Luego se unió brevemente al Departamento de Policía de Humble ISD antes de firmar con Aldine ISD en 2001. Fue ascendido a cabo en 2007, supervisando la patrulla del turno de noche. En 2015, fue ascendido a Sargento Administrativo y ahora tiene el rango de Comandante con 25 años de experiencia en la aplicación de la ley.

El comandante Harris

cuenta con la certificación Master Peace Officer de la Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, obtuvo una licenciatura en Administración de Justicia Penal en 2012 y un máster en Administración Pública en 2014 por la Bellevue University. Ha completado con éxito el entrenamiento de supervisión de la Trilogía LEEDA del FBI y recibió el Premio de la Trilogía FBI-LEEDA por Comando y Liderazgo Ejecutivo. Gestión y supervisión del Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT). Las asociaciones profesionales de la comandante Harris incluyen la Organización Nacional de Ejecutivos Negros de las Fuerzas del Orden (NOBLE, por sus siglas en inglés) y la Asociación de Policías Municipales de Texas (TMPA, por sus siglas en inglés)

Las chicas de Nimitz Avanzan a los Playoffs de Baloncesto de la Ronda 6A del Area



Las Lady Cougars de la Escuela Secundaria Nimitz han avanzado a la Ronda de Área del torneo estatal de baloncesto femenino de Clase 6A.

Las Lady Cougars, bajo la dirección de la entrenadora en jefe Kendra Venzant, derrotaron a The Woodlands, 61-54, en dos distritos y se enfrentarán a Klein Oak el jueves 15 de febrero en la Ronda de Área.

El juego de la Ronda de Área comenzará en la Escuela Secundaria Davis de Aldine ISD a las 7 p.m.

Si las Lady Cougars ganan, se enfrentarán a la ganadora del partido Westfield-Cypress Lakes, programado para el viernes de febrero en Waller High School.

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About PugHearts of Houston

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How many chosen men of Israel did Saul take with him to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David? 12, 100, 200, 3000
3. From 1 Samuel 3, whose voice did Samuel think it was when he first heard God calling him? Jonathan, Saul, Ahiah, Eli

4. The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any ...? Tongue, Knife, Two-edged sword, Wit
5. From Genesis 26, where did Isaac stay when there was a famine in the land? Gerar, Endor, Sychar, Lydda
6. What insect was a plague on the Egyptians? Wasp, Locust, Flea, Cockroach

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) 3000, 3) Eli, 4) Two-edged sword, 5) Gerar, 6) Locust
 Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...Those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

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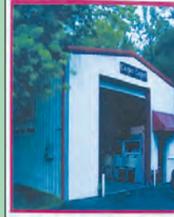
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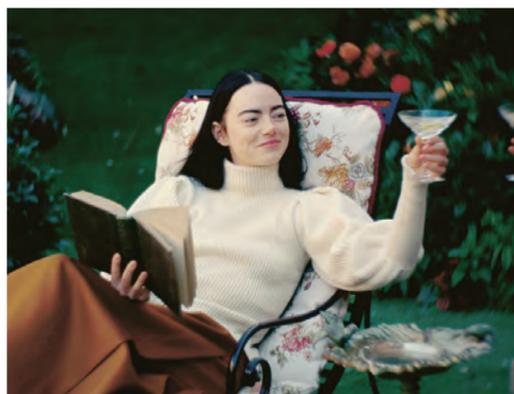
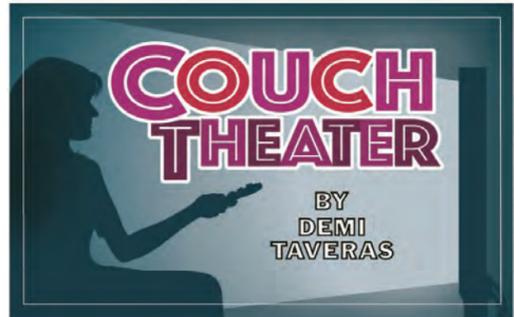
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Emma Stone stars in "Poor Things."

"Poor Things"

"POOR THINGS" (R) — The second most-nominated film (11 nominations) for this year's Academy Awards is finally available to rent on Feb. 27! Emma Stone (who has already secured a Golden Globe win for Best Actress this year) transforms into Bella Baxter for her second feature film with director Yorgos Lanthimos ("The Favourite"). Bella is a young woman in Victorian London who gets resurrected by a mad scientist (Willem Dafoe) following her suicide. But even after the experiment successfully revives her, Bella's brain and body aren't synchronized, so she navigates the odd world around her in an almost childlike state as she begins an entirely new, empowering chapter in her life. Mark Ruffalo,

also nominated for Best Supporting Actor, co-stars as Duncan Wedderburn, along with appearances from Ramy Youssef, Jerrod Carmichael and Margaret Qualley. (Amazon Prime Video)

"THE COLOR PURPLE" (PG-13) — Almost 40 years after Steven Spielberg and Quincy Jones collaborated to bring Alice Walker's 1982 novel to life, a new musical adaptation of "The Color Purple" hailing from the producers (and Oprah Winfrey) hit the big screen once again and is available now for viewers to stream on their small screens. The 2023 version features quite a talented cast to tell Celie's profound and heartbreaking story, including Fantasia Barrino, Taraji

P. Henson, Danielle Brooks, Colman Domingo, Halle Bailey and many more. "American Idol" winner Barrino takes on the role of Celie in her feature film debut, while Henson portrays jazz singer Shug. Even though some controversy ensued about the film's subpar working conditions, which were rightfully pointed out by Henson, she also stated that she hopes the focus remains on "this beautiful film." (Max)

"BEAUTIFUL WEDDING" (R) — The sequel to the rom-com "Beautiful Disaster" has arrived, although it's a bit unclear who really wanted it since the first film received terrible reviews. Alas, director Roger Kumble persisted to continue bringing Jamie Mcguire's "Beautiful" book series to life. Dylan Sprouse and Virginia Gardner reprise their roles as Travis Maddox and Abby Abernathy, respectively, picking up right where the first film left off. Travis and Abby wake up after a crazy night in Vegas to find out that they are now newlyweds, even though they've only just begun dating. At first, they try to accept the situation, even jetting off to Mexico for their honeymoon with some friends. But as their honeymoon drags on and the two face their first challenges as a couple, Travis and Abby start contemplating an annulment. Will these two make it in the end? See for yourself! The film's out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — It's not a good sign when multiple cast members of a movie appear on every talk show to promote their film. "Argylle" stars Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bryan Cranston and Ariana DeBose hit them all — morning and night. One reason may be because the \$200 million film has received mixed reviews from 33% of the top critics on Rotten Tomatoes, and its success or failure may determine the fate of the next two films in the spy trilogy.

In 2015, Cavill starred in a film version of the hit spy TV series "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," with Armie Hammer and Alicia Vikander (who won an Oscar the following year for "The Danish Girl"). The film cost \$75 million and only grossed \$110 million. Many have hoped Cavill would be the next James Bond, but he probably won't be considered anymore now that he's done "Argylle" and Guy Ritchie's next two films — an untitled action film that has already been completed and "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare," with Alex Pettyfer, Henry Golding, Cary Elwes and "Reachers" Alan Ritchson.

In 2022, Ariana DeBose won an Oscar as Anita in Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story," a role that also won Rita Moreno her Oscar. It was originally created on Broadway by the late, great Chita Rivera, who passed away on Jan. 30. DeBose, proving to be multitalented, has completed two more films: the superhero epic "Kraven the Hunter" due Aug. 30, opposite Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Russell Crowe, and her first top-billed film — the supernatural-horror film "House of Spoils," in which she plays a chef.

Amazon MGM Studios will release "I Am: Celine Dion," which follows the singing superstar from her diagnosis with Stiff Person Syndrome through the first year of her journey trying to live an open, authentic life despite her illness. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Celine Dion.



Ariana DeBose ("West Side Story")

"Dune" was divided into two films, with "Dune: Part Two" scheduled to drop on March 1. The second part stars Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Austin Butler and Florence Pugh. "Dune: Part One" cost \$165 million and grossed \$402 million. Now word comes that there'll be a "Dune 3" based on Frank Herbert's second novel "Dune Messiah."

When asked if she'd sign on for a third film, Zendaya proclaimed, "I mean of course. Anytime Denis [Villeneuve] calls, it's a yes from me, at least." Chalamet agreed, stating: "I think we're all super-enthusiastic about that." (His "Wonka" film has already passed \$600 million.)

(Spoiler alert ahead!) Even though Butler has completed "The Bikeriders" (due June 21) and the recently released Apple TV+ series "Masters of the Air," don't expect to see him in "Dune 3," except maybe in a flashback. Just like "Elvis" had left the building, Butler has left Arrakis! (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

ENTERTAINMENT

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King Crossword

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The Spats



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

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes two panels of a cartoon and a list of differences to find.

- ACROSS: 1 Not so hot? 5 Dog tags, e.g. 8 Quick look 12 Antioxidant berry 13 French vineyard 14 Impetuous 15 Dungeon's quality 17 Actress Rae 18 Small batteries 19 Detroit hoopster 21 Like a neglected lawn 24 Coop group 25 Within (Pref.) 26 Foppish behavior 30 Caustic cleaner 31 Loud 32 Dean's list stat 33 Writer Steel 35 Three- sloth 36 Barn birds 37 Travesty 38 "Jane Eyre" author 41 Tofu source 42 Chicago's Mayor Lightfoot 43 Hanging loosely 48 Location

Grid for King Crossword with numbers 1-53 indicating starting points for words.

- DOWN: 1 Bankroll 2 Obamacare acronym 3 Scooted 4 Japanese emperor 5 Frosts a cake 6 Hosp. workers 7 Hitchcock forte 8 Overly proper 9 Bridge position 10 Canadian gas brand 11 "Star Trek II" villain 16 Aye undoer 20 "500" race 21 Use a blowtorch 22 New Age singer 23 Genesis garden 24 Salutes 26 Prettified 27 Composer Stravinsky 28 Detail, briefly 29 Created 31 Salamander 34 Sea off Sicily

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LITERATURE: In the children's book, what is Doctor Dolittle's special talent? 2. ART: Who painted the work titled "Starry Night"? 3. FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is commonly used to make pickles? 4. MUSIC: What is pop singer Taylor Swift's favorite number? 5. MEDICAL: What is a common name for lachrymation? 6. BUSINESS: When was the Chia Pet invented? 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize? 8. HISTORY: The Aztec civilization emerged in which modern-day country? 9. TELEVISION: Who played the character Michael Scott on TV's "The Office"? 10. GEOGRAPHY: The volcano Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern-day Italian city?

Answers: 1. He can talk with animals; 2. Vincent van Gogh; 3. Cucumbers; 4. 13; 5. Tears or crying; 6. 1977 (Chita Guy); 7. Theodore Roosevelt; the Nobel Peace Prize; 8. Mexico; 9. Steve Carell; 10. Naples.



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Lone Star College Foundation celebrates student success at Donor Appreciation Lunch



Lone Star College and LSC Foundation recognized students who earned a scholarship for their winning entries in the Chancellor's Essay Contest, "How My Lone Star College Experience Has Influenced My Life." Pictured (center) with the recipients is Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSC chancellor.

HOUSTON (Feb. 23, 2024) – Lone Star College Foundation's financial investment in LSC students' educational goals leads to changed lives and brighter futures.

"Lone Star College Foundation serves as the fundraising nonprofit arm for Lone Star College to help students fulfill their academic dreams," said Nicole Robinson Gauthier, CFRE, LSC Foundation Executive Director. "We rely on the generous donations from businesses and individuals to help students earn a degree without experiencing heavy financial hardships."

LSC and LSC Foundation recognized 16 students who earned a scholarship for their winning entries in the Chancellor's Essay Contest, "How My Lone Star College Experience Has Influenced My Life," at the annual Chancellor's Donor Appreciation Luncheon Feb. 20.

"Lone Star College is humbled to hear the courageous experiences our students go through to attend classes and we will continue to offer support through Lone Star College Foundation to ensure their success," said Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSC chancellor. "Lone Star College is grateful to our community members whose generous support is helping to fund our students' dreams."

At the Chancellor's Donor Appreciation

Lunch, eight of the 16 recipients read their essays. Each LSC campus selected two students to receive the scholarship.

LSC-CyFair: Jasnoor Aulakh and Kengeli Kamuhabwa

LSC-Houston North: Kaitlynn Berrones and Lydia Kariuki

LSC-Kingwood: John Paul Marconi and Nicola Merritt

LSC-Montgomery: Jonathan Romero Galdamez and Elizabeth Maupin

LSC-North Harris: Richard Aguilar and Jolie Tran

LSC-Online: Alexandria Hays and Kaylee Lewis

LSC-Tomball: Danna Munguia and Kiara Zeferino

LSC-University Park: Alexander Jefferson and Yenany Medina

"The foundation I am building at Lone Star College will shape the rest of my education when I move on," said Alexandria Hays, LSC-Online student. "I am building time management, communication and many other skills to carry out in my career. I could not have gone to college without the help of Lone Star College and its teaching program. I am excited to see where this program takes me."

The Chancellor's Essay Scholarship is funded by Entergy Texas, a longtime LSC Foundation supporter. Recipients will use the funds to pay for tuition, books and fees.

About Lone Star College Foundation

Lone Star College Foundation impacts students' daily lives by reducing the financial barriers to a quality college education. Currently, 24,000 students have felt that impact, with over \$23.2 million awarded in scholarships and nearly \$10 million in program support since the Foundation's inception in 1991. Visit LoneStar.edu/Giving to learn more.

About Lone Star College

Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Mario K. Castillo, J.D., serves as Chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area. LSC has been named a 2023 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and recognized by Fortune Magazine and Great Place To Work® as one of this year's Best Workplaces in Texas™. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

"Fresh Start" can seal misdemeanor records

Fresh Start record sealing program expanding next month to include eligible felonies thanks to new partnership with criminal district courts

Online pre-registration for criminal record sealing and housing rights workshop begins at noon on Monday, Jan. 22.

Jan. 19, 2024 – The Fresh Start misdemeanor criminal record sealing program is expanding to include eligible felony cases thanks to a new partnership with the criminal division of the Harris County State District Courts.

Texas state law allows certain felony charges that did not result in a conviction to be sealed from public view upon successful completion of mandated requirements and waiting periods.

The new partnership will formally launch at Fresh Start on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Hester House in Fifth Ward. On-

line pre-registration is required for record sealing and launches at noon on Jan. 22: ccl.hctx.net/comcourt.htm.

"We're always looking for opportunities to better serve our community beyond the walls of the courtroom," said Judge Te'iva Bell, who serves as the administrative judge for the criminal division of the Harris County State District Courts. "We're excited for the opportunity to partner with our misdemeanor court colleagues and be part of Fresh Start."

Launched in 2022, Fresh Start helps eligible people course correct after encounters with the criminal justice system by sealing their eligible criminal records and connecting them with community resources. The program aims to help people meet their basic needs — reducing recidivism and making communities safer in the process.

In addition to record seal-

ing, the Know Your Rights Housing Workshop for Landlords and Tenants* will return for the February event. The workshop will offer 30-minute, come-and-go sessions covering topics such as contracts, expectations, landlord and tenant rights, and the eviction process. Pre-registration for the housing rights workshop is encouraged but not required: ccl.hctx.net/comcourt.htm.

"If you've only seen life from inside the four corners of your home or neighborhood, you may not know things can get better. You may not know how to go about getting there," Harris County Criminal Courts at Law Presiding Judge Shannon Baldwin said. "Fresh Start gives you a road map. We're thrilled to be able to continue expanding the program and help get more people back on track and headed in the right direction."



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