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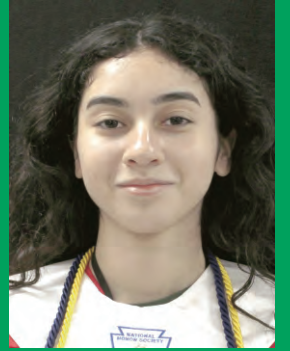
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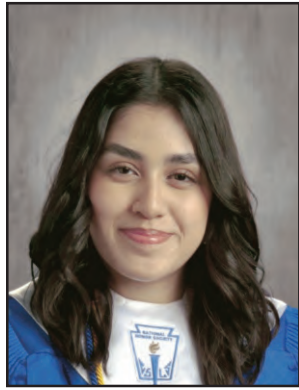
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Aldine ISD students graduate this week

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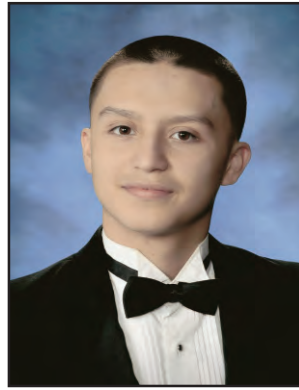
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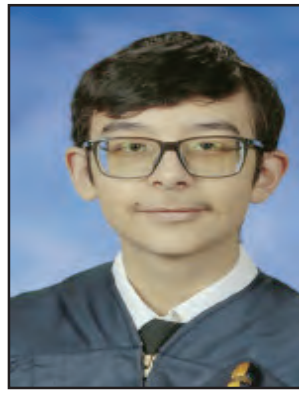
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VALEDICTORIAN
VICTORY EC HIGH SCHOOL



VERONICA HERNANDEZ
SALUTATORIAN
VICTORY EC HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2024 Graduation Schedule

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
May 29	5 p.m.	Avalos High School
May 29	7:30 p.m.	Nimitz HS
May 30	5 p.m.	Blanson HS
May 30	7:30 p.m.	Aldine HS
May 31	9 a.m.	MacArthur HS
May 31	11:30 a.m.	Hall Success Academy
May 31	2 p.m.	Eisenhower HS
May 31	5 p.m.	Carver HS
June 1	9 a.m.	Davis HS
June 1	11:30 a.m.	Victory HS

All graduations to take place at: M.O. Campbell Educational Center
1865 Aldine Bender Rd, 77032

Memorial Hermann and Aldine ISD move ahead with HEAL partnership



Aldine ISD and Memorial Hermann representatives at a ceremony to announce the partnership for the HEAL (Health Education And Learning) program on Tuesday, May 21.

Officials from Aldine ISD and Memorial Hermann gathered on Tuesday, May 21 to celebrate their partnership in the HEAL (Health Education and Learning) program that will begin at the start

of the 2024-25 school year.

The program, will be phased in over four academic years, will serve approximately 760 students at capacity. It is part of a first-of-its-kind \$250 mil-

lion initiative led by **Bloomberg Philanthropies** that is connecting health and education systems to create new

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PET MATTERS

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Harris County Pets has many dogs and cats for adoption during National Pet Month

HOUSTON –Spring and summer bring many great things, including homeless dogs, cats, or unwanted puppies and kittens. Many are being brought to Harris County Pets (HCP), pushing the shelter past its capacity. During National Pet Month, HCP needs people to adopt or foster and rescue groups to help us in our effort to provide forever-loving homes for adoptable pets. Thanks to the generosity of the Bissell Pets Foundation, adoption fees are waived until May 15.

HCP is nearly 300 animals past its capacity with 690 animals! Up to 40% of animals brought to the shelter are surrendered by owners for various reasons. Although not all animals may be adoptable due to different circumstances (elderly, feral, sick, aggressive, or injured), many shelter animals would make great pets for individuals and families.

All animals adopted from HCP located at 612 Canino Road, Houston, TX 77076, are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped. Pet

ownership requires an investment of time and money, so when adopting a pet, please consider:

- Selecting a pet that is suited to your home and lifestyle. Do you have time to walk your dog? Would an older pet be more suitable than an active kitten or puppy?
- Avoiding impulsive decisions when selecting a family pet.
- Owning only the number of pets that you can provide for appropriately.
- Ensuring that the pet is properly vaccinated, identified and registration is up to date.

Check out the wonderful animals waiting to find a loving forever home at countypets.com. If you cannot adopt a pet, consider volunteering at our shelter. Volunteers are needed to facilitate adoptions, socialize, and foster animals. For more information, email volunteer@countypets.com or call 281-999-3191.

Mayor Whitmire, State Rep. Walle criticize conditions at Airline Drive apartment building after storm

A senior living apartment complex in the Airline district is accused of abandoning its vulnerable residents after a severe weather outbreak in Houston on Thursday, May 16.

During an update on the recovery following Thursday's deadly storm in Houston, Mayor John Whitmire spoke about an issue that was brought to his attention.

Whitmire said the city was informed about an assisted living facility, Independence Hall on Burrell Street, whose management allegedly abandoned those living at the facility after the storm hit Thursday. (Management has denied this at a later date).

Houston Firefighters responded and immediately transported at least two people to the hospital on Sunday, according to Fire Chief Samuel Pena.

"They haven't had energy, they haven't had food, their insulin has been ruined," Whitmire said. "We were notified of this and I can't begin to tell you the response was so impressive by Houston Fire, Houston PD, the Health Department, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, all the stakeholders ran to Independence Hall and that's where I'm



Houston Mayor Whitmire, at news conference with State Rep. Walle and Fire Chief Pena, discuss conditions at the Independence Hall Apartments.

headed at the conclusion of this press conference."

Whitmire said they are going to hold the management accountable.

"We're going to hold the management responsible. If they want to do business and be licensed in the state of Texas in the City of Houston, they're going to have to care for their clients," he said.

The mayor visited the site on Sunday evening alongside State Representative Armando Walle, Houston Fire Department Chief Samuel Pena and acting Houston Police Chief Larry Satterwhite. The building is in Rep. Walle's district.

top ten Female Dog Names

1. Bella
2. Lucy
3. Molly
4. Daisy
5. Maggie
6. Sophie
7. Sadie
8. Chloe
9. Bailey
10. Lola


Source: DogTime.com



top ten Male Dog Names

1. Bailey
2. Max
3. Charlie
4. Buddy
5. Rocky
6. Jake
7. Jack
8. Toby
9. Cody
10. Buster

Source: DogTime.com



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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY CLOSURES: The library will be **CLOSED Monday May 27**. The library will re-open, **Tuesday, May 28 at 10am.**

Houston Ballet - Dance to Learn
DANCE TO LEARN is a movement integration program that approaches academic curriculum from a kinesthetic perspective. Houston Ballet teaching artists work together with teachers to create lessons that address TEKS in multiple subject areas while building Social Emotional Skills. For Preschool aged kids. Limit: 15-20 kids. **Tuesday, May 28, 11am-12pm.**

Aprenda Computers & Job Skills
Limited space/ Espacio limitado
Pre-regístrate aquí: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy> luego presentarse a la clase para tomar evaluación de nivel.

Martes - 5:00 pm a 6:45 PM:
Habilidades Esenciales de computación (Computer Essential skills class)

- Aprenderá a como obtener las habilidades esenciales sobre: Navegación con Windows, navegación por Internet e interface, tipos de navegadores, consejos de seguridad, correo electrónico e interface, y otros temas relacionados a la tecnología con enfoque para empleos y uso personal en un nivel para principiantes.

Importante: * Se determinará sus nivel de habilidades en uso de tecnología con una evaluación en la computadora durante su primer día de su asistencia.

* 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
Join us from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Classroom area for a night of reminiscing on our favorite videogames! If you beat Librarian Nyla, you could win a free book! This is a teen and adult program. **Tuesday, May 28, 6:30-7:30pm.**

Container Gardening with Texas A&M Agrilife

Join us for this series of programs to learn about growing food on your own, even if you live in an apartment! Get all the lessons and supplies for container gardening thanks to Texas A&M Agrilife. Texas A&M Agrilife is uniquely positioned to improve lives, environments and the Texas economy through education, research, extension and service. **Tuesdays at 5pm, May 7 - June 25.**

Summer 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. Note: To volunteer in the summer, you must have availability for at least one of our pre-selected shifts. Please contact us for more information. **Wednesday, May 29, 3:30 - 5pm.**

Tween Spark: Japanese Alphabets
Join Ms. Gage to learn about the three (3) alphabets used in Japanese and common phrases to start you on your language-learning adventure! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 6th-9th graders. **Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 - 5:30pm.**

ESL Summer Session Registration
Join our ESL program on Thursdays at 10:30 AM to improve your English language skills. These courses are free of charge, so don't miss out on this opportunity.

This registration event is for the 2024 Summer cycle of English language learning. Those interested **MUST** attend the registration session on **May 30 between 10:30am and 12:30pm** to register and take an assessment. Once you have registered, you will be able to attend classes being held on **Thursdays at 10:30am starting June 6, 2024.**

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, May 30, 3:30-5:30pm**

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, May 30, 5-6pm**

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

Summer Reading Kick-off!
Start your summer at Aldine Library, where we host a summer reading sign-up party. Grab a bite to eat and meet the Friends of Aldine Library during this family-friendly event for all ages. **June 1, 1-3pm.**

What to look for when shopping for your next device
Are you thinking of upgrading or buying a new laptop or PC? What to look for when shopping for your next computer? This class session will cover hardware specs, types of computers, ways to buy at a better price, and more.

This class is currently Offered in a hybrid format through Google Meets and in-person. Register <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy> to get a link to connect to class or come in-person (please allow 2-3 business days to receive a link)

Level: Basic
Join us in person or online!
*Note: This class is a series of sessions about applied technology for job skills and personal enjoyment.

Requirements for online participants:

1. A laptop/ Chromebook (for online participants)
2. A link to Google Meet/ Teams to connect to class
3. Ability to log in to Gmail account or Outlook account
4. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy>
5. Wait (up to three business days) for an invitation to join class <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy>

Passport Services
Do 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 most Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents, check/money order, and required people present with them to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

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NOTE: Comm. Garcia has to reschedule visit to GFCC that was planned for May 30.

GREEN FOREST CIVIC CLUB MONTHLY MEETINGS

Hello, East Aldine Residents. Please mark your calendar! Monthly meetings of the Green Forest Civic Club **Last Thursday** of the month @ 6:30 p.m. 2909 E. Aldine Amphitheater Dr. 77039 At our meetings, you will receive in-person updates from elected officials, law enforcement officers, and service providers and organizations about issues, concerns, and events having to do with East Aldine. Also receive advice and assistance on any issue you may be having. Our meetings are open to the public. For additional information, contact Selina Valdez @ 832-416-0964 or at greenforestcc1983@gmail.com or on our FaceBook page: Green Forest Civic Club. We look forward to seeing you!

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

9th Annual Physical Education Show Highlights PE Programs Across District



Students for Vardeman Primary School kicked off the 9th annual Aldine ISD Physical Education Show on May 6

Drumming, dancing, tennis, teamwork, and much more were displayed on Monday, May 6, at the M.O. Campbell Education Center during the 9th annual Aldine ISD Physical Education Show. Thirteen Aldine ISD campuses exhibited various activities promoting physical activity as essential to being a healthy, lifelong learner.

More than 600 students, proud family members, teachers, and Aldine Executive Leadership members

showed their support for the hard work the teachers and students put into their performances.

The district's youngest performers at Vardeman EC/PreK/K School started the night with activity stations, followed by the Conley Cougars cheer team and LADS step team, and the evening concluded with a show-stopping performance by students from Garcia Middle School.

"The Physical Education Show could not hap-

pen without the support of the Athletics Department and the incredible physical education teachers who work with the students each day, showing them the positive impact physical activity has on health," said Kenneth Hernández, Aldine ISD's coordinator of health and physical education.

The 10th Annual Physical Education Show is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2025.

Conley, Gray, and Sammons to Hold Closing Events on May 18 and May 21

Conley Elementary School, Gray Elementary School, and Sammons Elementary School will hold closing ceremonies for present and past students to say goodbye to their beloved campuses.

Conley Elementary School

Conley will hold a "Farewell Luau" on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Conley alums are invited to attend to commemorate Conley's past and present students and staff. Participants are asked to bring memorabilia to share with their fellow Conley alums and present students.

The Luau will be held outdoors, so attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and tents. Parking will be limited. An adult must accompany children. Refreshments, food truck items, and photos will be available for purchase. Conley Elementary School is located at 3345 West Greens Road.

Sammons Elementary School

Sammons Elementary School will also hold its farewell celebration on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be a come-and-go cele-



bration. This event is also open to Sammons alums, present students, and staff. Attendees are also asked to bring their Sammons memorabilia to share with past and present students. An adult must accompany children. There will be several vendors at the event for attendees to choose from. Sammons Elementary School is located at 2301 Frick Road.

Gray Elementary School

Gray Elementary will hold a "Graymanji" celebration on Tuesday, May 21, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the school. Again, Gray alums and present students and staff are invited to

attend and share their memories of Sammons Elementary School. There will be games, prizes, food, music, and a bounce house. Gray Elementary School is located at 700 West Road.

In February of 2024, the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved the closure of the three schools at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year to optimize its highest-quality facilities and continue providing Aldine students with the best educational choices and experiences. Conley, Gray, and Sammons students will be re-zoned to other Aldine ISD schools.

Aldine HS Soccer Player Fernanda Alvarado Selected to Play in All-Star Game

Aldine High School soccer player Fernanda Alvarado has been selected to play in the Senior All-Star Game on the Region 2 girls' team.

The game will be played on Saturday, May 11, at the Blossom Athletic Center in San Antonio.

Alvarado and her Region 2 teammates will take on the Region 1 girls team at noon on May 11 on the East Field.

Alvarado is the fourth Aldine High School soccer player invited to play in the Senior All-Star Game.

Her coach at Aldine High School is Mark Kuehl.



Aldine High soccer player Fernanda Alvarado has been selected for the Senior All-Star Game

Performing Arts Students, and Student-Athletes Recognized at May 21 Board of Trustees Meeting



Performing arts students, and student-athletes recognized at May 21 Board of Trustees meeting

The May 21 Board of Trustees meeting spotlighted the many accomplishments made by Aldine ISD Performing Arts students and student-athletes during the 2023-24 school year.

Performing Arts Students Recognized

During the May 21 Board meeting, Chief Transformation Officer Dr. Adrian Bustillos presented the Teaching, Learning and Leading program, which highlighted the district's Performing Arts programs. Dr. Bustillos introduced Refugio Rodriguez, Director of Performing Arts, who announced a number of accomplishments Performing Arts students and groups achieved during the 2023-24 school year. Rodriguez announced that the Carver High School Theater Group advanced to State in One Act Play, where they finished fifth overall. Ivan Davidson was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. The troupe is under the direction of Directors Roshunda Jones, recipient of the NFHS Outstanding Theatre Educator Award, and Jabari Collins. The Kujawa Elementary School Choir was selected as a perform Texas Music Educators Association Performance Choir. Aldine ISD's Mariachi Program earned a first division in the Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation competition and advanced to State for the first time of the program where it received an Excellent rating.

In addition, a number of Performing Arts students from each traditional high school in Aldine ISD were introduced at the May 21 Board meeting.

Aldine High School

- Thespians – Juliette Martinez, Emily Escalante, Walter Lane, Theater Director; Dance – Destiny Ipiná, Dance Director – Gisela Rosales; Band – Gabino Medina (All-State), Laisha Arredondo (All-State), Daila Ledezma (Area), Ariel Navia (Area), Angel Arevalo (Area), Justin Rubio (Area), Jasmin Escalante (Texas State Solo and Ensemble), Oscar Juarez (Texas State Solo and Ensemble), Susannah Torres (Texas State Solo and Ensemble) and Jonathan Castillo (Texas State Solo and Ensemble), Jeremy Gray – Band Director

Carver High School

- Valeria Diaz, All-State Dancer, Brianna McCray, Dance Director

Davis High School

- Band – Angel Duenas (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Sabrina Hansana (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Gabriel Hernandez (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Dan Ho

- (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Yvonne Hoang (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Ashley Jimenez (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Richard Koy (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Alejandro Larios (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Mary Lopez (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Luniqua Louis (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Noel Martinez (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Rachel Martinez (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Jorge Miranda (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Daniel Ortiz (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Anthony Perdomo (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Edwin Portillo (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Santos Braulio (All-State Solo and Ensemble), James Slay (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Ashly Vasquez (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Angie Vasquez (All-State Solo and Ensemble) and Carlos Ventura (All-State Solo and Ensemble). Band Directors – Rod Soto, Venerson Villanueva and Josh Mistrot.

- Thespians – Brianna Emilien (Group Acting, National Thespian Qualifier and All-Star Cast), Calen Johnson (Group Acting National Thespian Qualifier and All-Star Cast), Joyous Feagin (Group Acting National Thespian Qualifier), Suyai Gallegos (Group Acting National Thespian Qualifier), Haley Griffin (Group Acting National Thespian and All-Star Cast) and Karen Singleton (Duet Acting National Qualifier). Clifford Alexander, Theater Director

Eisenhower High School

- Choir – Perlitá Gomez (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Erin Ferguson (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Logan Rouse (All-State Solo and Ensemble), Miguel Ramos (All-State Solo and Ensemble) and Meleny Escalante (All-State Solo and Ensemble). Benito Torres, Choir Director.

- Dance – Nadia Escoto (All-State Dance Team). Raeara Slusher, Dance Director

- Thespians – Madalin Carrillo Rodriguez (National Thespian) and Logan Daniel Rouse (National Thespian). Heidi Aaron Rouse Bryant, Theater Director.

MacArthur High School

- Choir – Ashley Ramirez (All-State Mixed Choir, Texas State Solo and Ensemble Qualifier and Finalist for Greater Houston NATS Signing Competition). Micah Shirado, Choir Director.

- Dance – Janelle Garcia (All-State Dance). J'Meka Allen, Dance Director.

- Band – Andres Loredo (Texas State Solo and Ensemble), Angel Gonzalez (Texas State Solo and Ensemble), Leonel Duverney (Texas State Solo and Ensemble), Emman-

- uel Lopez (Texas State Solo and Ensemble), Damian Ponce (Texas State Solo and Ensemble) and Alejandro Orta (Texas State Solo and Ensemble). James Debose, Band Director.

Nimitz High School

- Band – Cinthia Estrada-Gomez (TMEA All-State Band). Emilio Reyna, Band Director.

- Dance – Alexandria Frank (All-State Dance). Rosalee Lopez, Dance Director.

- Thespians – Chasin Cloud (National Thespian), Cesar Carreon (National Thespian), Moriah Ford (National Thespian), Chereish Johnson (National Thespian), Mercedes Diaz (National Thespian), and Stephanie Romero (National Thespian). Kimberly Ardison, Theater Director.

Student-Athletes Recognized

During the May 21 Board meeting, Executive Director of Athletics Dre Thompson recognized a number of Aldine ISD student-athletes and their coaches for the accomplishments they attained as individuals and as teams during the 2023-24 school year.

Aldine High School


- Aldine High School power lifter Brianna Ponce was recognized for becoming the first power lifter in the history of Aldine ISD to earn a state championship title. Brianna won the 165-pound un-equipped division at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association's State Tournament. She lifted 280 pounds in the squat, 140 pounds in the bench press and 355 pounds in the dead lift for a total of 775 pounds. Joining Brianna at the board meeting was her coach, Todd Polvado.

- Baseball – district champions, Johnny Toups, Coach of the Year. Present at the Board meeting were players Julio Gonzalez and Johnny Toups Jr.

- Girls Golf – regional qualifiers. Coach – George Rhoden. Golfers present at Board meeting were Aileen Guzman (THSCA Academic All-State), Melanie Oohmanzor (THSCA Academic State), Victoria Ochoa and Elizabeth Cueva.

- Boys Tennis – regional qualifier. Coach, Floyd Mayne. Golfer Brandon Trann was present at the Board meeting.

- Boys/Girls Swim Team – regional qualifiers. Coach Richard Bolduc was present at the Board meeting.



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OPINION PAGE



Storm Recovery Updates in House District 140



State Representative Armando Walle and some of the Recovery workers from Pct. 2, BakerRipley, East Aldine District, and volunteers.

Over the past few days, Rep. Armando Walle has partnered with corporate sponsors such as AT&T, Ben E. Keith, Walmart, and HEB to bring food, water, and mobile charging to constituents in need across House District 140.

Rep. Walle and his office have also worked with St. Charles Borromeo Church on Tidwell, BakerRipley, and the East Aldine District — along with Harris County Precinct 2 and the Texas Department of Emergency Management — to set up additional cooling stations in North Houston and Harris County.

BakerRipley East Aldine Campus will be open as a cooling center Tuesday, May 21, from 10am - 7pm at 3000 Aldine Mail Route Road, Houston, TX 77039.

St. Charles Borromeo Church's food pantry will be open this Saturday, May 25th, from 8am - 1pm at 501 Tidwell Road, Houston, TX 77022.

Frequently Asked Questions on Additional Resources

Who do I call to report infrastructure issues or debris?

Harris County and City of Houston residents can call 3-1-1.

Who do I call for other help or community services?

Harris County and City of Houston residents can call 2-1-1 for post-disaster support. You can also call 2-1-1 to register for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), which will ensure local emergency planners are aware of residents who may need additional assistance.

Who do I call to report downed power lines or gas lines?

Residents should contact CenterPoint Energy at 1-888-876-5786.

What funding is available to individuals or businesses to rebuild after the storm?

Federal aid is available through FEMA. Those who were affected can apply for assistance online or by phone (800-621-3362). Federal funds can be used for temporary funding and home repairs; low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses; or to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Affected Harris County residents may apply for U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loans online or by calling 800-659-2955.



Ice Cream, no. Toy Transformer, yes.

Mrs. Doc brought them some ice cream, but Doc and Charles weren't that interested. Charles is Doc's six-year-old grandson, and both Doc and Mrs. Doc have found it fascinating to view the world, after having been around so many years, through the fresh eyes and wonderment of a youngster.

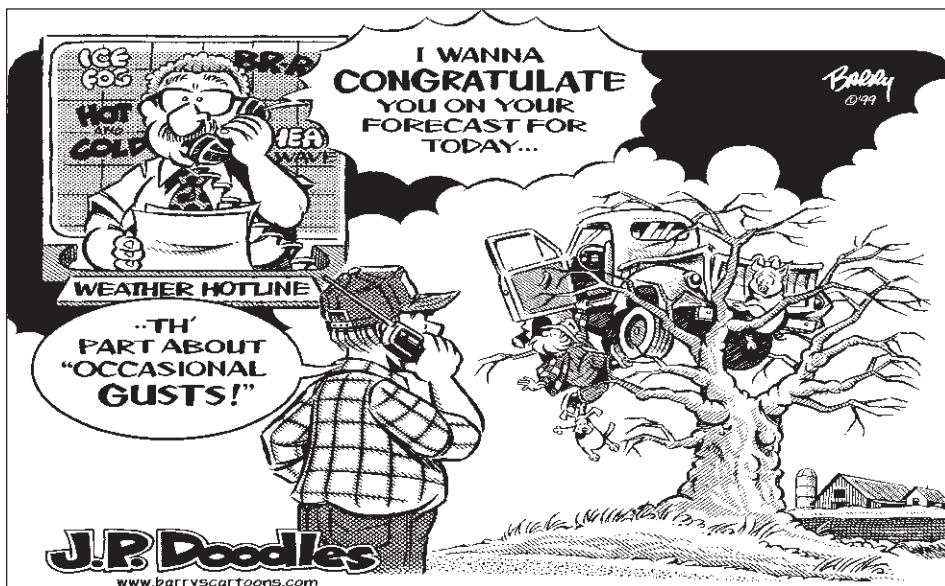
But turning down ice cream? Doc had to chuckle, because he didn't even know that was possible. But the remote-controlled toy wouldn't be denied. As Doc watched, Charles turned switches and pushed buttons and the mysterious machine changed form. It became a monster instead of a race car and walked over to scare the sleeping cat.

When the laughter finally died down, they both agreed it was worth it. Then the monster became a race car once again and shot across the floor and had a head-on collision with the leg of the couch. Charles expertly backed it away.

"You want to drive it a while, Grandpa?"

"No thanks," Doc said. "I couldn't drive it as good as you can."

And Doc knew that was true, even though Doc had been driving a car since the invention of stop signs, and Charles couldn't do that yet. But Charles, a coming first grader, held power in his hands. Someday he'd be driving a car, and Doc hoped the remote car's lessons for safety and fun would carry on through the years to come. A guy needs to be in charge every now and then.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

House Democrats Call for Education Special Session

Texas House Democrats are urging Gov. Greg Abbott to call a special session to increase public school funding, while Abbott is criticizing them for opposing legislation last year that tied increased funding to his pet project — school vouchers.

"Our public schools are the bedrock of our communities, and it's imperative we provide them with the resources they need to thrive," Rosenthal said.

A number of Texas school districts are facing funding shortages for the 2024-25 school year budgets after no additional school funding was approved during the last legislative session, when lawmakers blocked passage of a voucher bill tied to increased funding.

A Statesman analysis in January indicated that when adjusted for inflation, per-student funding from state and local sources is down by 12.9% since 2020.

RAINS SWEEP TEXAS AS HURRICANE SEASON APPROACHES

While Texans in the Houston area and throughout East Texas continue to battle the effects of torrential rains — including storms last week that killed at least seven in the Houston area and left hundreds of thousands without power — the official start of hurricane season is just around the corner, on June 1.

As Dan Reilly, a Texas-based meteorologist, told the Texas Department of Insurance, "In most of the recent years, we've had many storms before June. So, in reality, I would say hurricane season probably starts in May."

Families are urged to protect their family and property by preparing now. Here are a few tips from TDI:

- Make or update your home inventory: Take pictures or videos of each room in your home. For major items, write down the serial number, what you paid, and date you bought it. Don't forget to get a video of items inside closets and drawers. Having a home inventory is one of the best



things you can do to make sure you get the value of your claim.

- Have an emergency kit packed and ready to go: Set aside 3 gallons of water per person, enough to last three days. Also pack non-perishable food, a can opener and utensils, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and extra batteries. See a full kit list at ready.gov. Put some water and food supplies in your car too, just in case.
- Check your roof. Damaged shingles or leaks around chimneys or skylights will get worse in a storm. Have a professional secure loose shingles and check the metal flashing around openings or on roof valleys for leaks.

DEI DISMANTLING CUTS HUNDREDS OF JOBS

Leaders of the state's public universities told state senators last week that dismantling diversity, equity and inclusion programs at Texas universities led to the firing of several hundred staff members and resulted in millions of dollars in program cuts, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A ban on DEI programs was passed in 2023 by the Legislature, meaning programs that provide resources for specific races, ethnicities or gender identities are no longer allowed. Examining the extent of that compliance was the aim of last week's hearing.

The hearing also focused on pro-Palestine protests that have resulted in more than 140 arrests on state campuses.

STATE LEADERS EXAMINING THE EXPLODING HEMP MARKET

An explosion of legal hemp dispensaries across Texas is prompting increased scrutiny from Texas lawmakers, The Texas Tribune reported. Since hemp products were legalized in 2019, there has been a rapid proliferation of shops selling baked goods, gummies and smokable buds laced with cannabis derivatives that purportedly are under the legal limit for containing THC, the psychoactive ingredient.

The number of hemp retailer registrations has jumped from 1,948 in 2020 — the first year the Texas Department of State Health Services began registration — to 8,343 last year, with 7,700 active registrations received in the first four months of 2024.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick last month ordered the Senate to look into possibly banning hemp products that contain THC and tougher regulations for retailers.

NEW 'CLICK IT OR TICKET' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN TEXAS

The Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new "Click It or Ticket" campaign in hopes of improving traffic safety, the Statesman reported. Motorists are encouraged to wear their seatbelts or face fines up to \$200.

The campaign runs through June 2. Buckling up can reduce the risk of dying in a vehicle crash by up to 60%, according to TxDOT.

Nearly 1,200 people died in crashes on Texas roads last year because they were not wearing their seatbelts, TxDOT said.

WATER TREATY DISPUTE COULD MEAN AID WITHHELD FROM MEXICO

A bipartisan group of Texas lawmakers is demanding aid funding to Mexico be withheld unless that country lives up to an 80-year-old treaty requiring it send 1.75 million acre-feet of water to the U.S. every five years, The Tribune reported.

Inconsistent water delivery from Mexico has exacerbated water shortages that affect South Texas farmers.

"Farmers and ranchers across South Texas remain under continued financial strain and could suffer a similar fate as the sugar industry, should Mexico continue withholding water," the lawmakers wrote in a Friday letter to House and Senate appropriators.

Mexico blames drought conditions on its side of the border for not being able to deliver water as required by the treaty. It also claims the use of floating buoys in the river by the Abbott administration to deter migrants violates the treaty.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Multiplication Tables

10x10 multiplication table grid

I never learned my multiplication tables. Not really.

To this day, if you ask me, "What is six times nine?" out of the blue, with some urgency, I will panic. (Please don't do this.)

The troubles started when I was transferred from one math class to another in the third grade. I now understand that this was some sort of promotion from lower math to higher math, but it did not feel like that at the time.

Almost immediately, I realized everyone around me was privy to some secret code I didn't know. It was called the multiplication tables, and I couldn't imagine how they all knew it, but I clearly didn't, and this was a source of enormous shame.

Only many years after the fact, I figured out that I had been transferred right after everyone had been drilled on the multiplication tables. The lower math class had not gotten to it yet. The higher class was finished with it. I was terrified.

I had no idea what was going on and, instead of actually learning the multiplication tables, I spent the next three years trying to hide my ignorance. In fact, as time passed, I became increasingly convinced this was knowledge I would never acquire and the best I could hope for was to escape detection.

I once talked to my mother about this. "I tried to help you with your multiplication tables," she said. "Don't you remember?"

Perhaps I do—vaguely. But I remained convinced that what I might be able to do at the kitchen table could never be replicated in real life—especially if someone shouted, "What is six times nine?"—which is exactly what my fourth-grade teacher did, in front of the class.

I had gone up to her to ask a question. Instead of answering it, she replied with this very loud non sequitur. Predictably, I had no answer.

"Don't come up here asking me questions until you've learned your multiplication tables!"

You can rest assured I never asked another question in the fourth grade.

Today, I can still remember that awful fear. "How can everyone in the room know something that makes no sense to me?"

In retrospect, it seems so unnecessary. Shouldn't someone have known that I hadn't been taught this? I moved from the class next door, not from Finland. I'm guessing no one ever thought learning multiplication tables could be so daunting and intimidating. Although I've gone on to do reasonably well in math, I still would not like a pop quiz.

This memory bubbled up to me the other day as I made preparations to do some performances of my writing after a long time away from performing. There is a lot I don't know. Some things have changed. Many things I never knew. There are acronyms I do not know and a lot of people talking and writing about stuff I've never heard of. I feel a familiar urge to hide under my desk.

I remember that feeling of being convinced there was this world of secrets I did not know, and I've been reminding myself there is a very good chance that there is no secret. And then reminding myself, if I don't know something, I can always just ask.

I'm trying to do what I should have done in third grade. I'm walking right up to people and saying, "I have no idea what you are talking about. Will you please explain this to me?"

And, so far, no one has looked at me and said, "What is six times nine?"

Till next time, Carrie

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New HEAL Program with Memorial Hermann Hospital as Partner,

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CTE high schools in 10 urban and rural communities across the country. HEAL is supported by an initial \$31 million investment from Bloomberg Philanthropies. Students will be able to choose one of five in-demand pathways. Those pathways are:

- Nursing
- Physical and Occupational Rehabilitation
- Medical Imaging
- Pharmacy
- Non-Clinical Medical Administration

HEAL will offer work-based learning (in a hospital and clinic setting) and classroom-based experiences, which will include guest lecturers, workshops and mock hospital simulations. Additionally, HEAL will include a Memorial Hermann Mentorship Program starting in the ninth grade and continuing one year after graduation. Volunteer opportunities will begin in the ninth grade and employment opportunities will begin in the 11th grade. Also, a Summer Infusion Program beginning with eighth graders will enhance their knowledge and skills in professionalism with stipend opportunities in the 11th grade. HEAL graduates will also have a guaranteed, priority interview at Memorial Hermann for pathway positions.

At the celebration, officials from Aldine ISD, along with a student who will be part of the first HEAL class, and Memorial Hermann delivered remarks.

Chief Transformation

Officer Dr. Adrian Bustillos, who coordinated the program on behalf of Aldine ISD along with Memorial Hermann personnel, said he was excited for what HEAL will mean for Aldine ISD students.

“Thank you for joining us as we celebrate a new and exciting chapter in the partnership between Aldine ISD and Memorial Hermann,” Dr. Bustillos said. “We are deeply grateful to our Memorial Hermann partners, whose unwavering support and collaboration have been instrumental in creating a curriculum and learning environment where our students will thrive. Connecting students to their career interests through career readiness and trade exposure is critical to student success and families.”

Aldine ISD Board of Trustees President Dr. Kimberley Booker said the HEAL program will provide AISD students with opportunities for good paying careers.

“Aldine ISD has been working on numerous projects to increase students’ access to high-quality schools and programs and HEAL is one example of the direction we are moving forward with,” she said. “It has shown significant promise to increase students’ access to high-quality schools and programs. I am proud to share its success with you today. This is a huge moment for the district.”

Dr. Booker then introduced Ariana Guzman, who will be a member of the inaugural HEAL class. She will participate in the

Medical Imaging pathway beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

Ariana is currently an eighth-grader at Teague Middle School. She said she has always wanted to work in a profession where she can help others, and HEAL will provide that opportunity for her.

“Since I can remember, I have always had a passion for helping people and doing what I can to make their day better,” Ariana said. “I’m excited to take a big step towards entering my career. I’m excited about the new courses I’ll be able to take, and I’m excited that I get to follow my passion. Making sure I am as prepared as I can be is important to me and getting a head start in the field I want to go into is important to me and that is what HEAL offers. I will be able to get real experience towards a career field I have always wanted for myself, and when I do walk that graduation stage, HEAL will be what gave me an early advantage.”

Bryan Sisk, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive, delivered remarks on behalf of Memorial Hermann. Sisk thanked Aldine ISD for working with Memorial Hermann to make HEAL a reality and said HEAL is just the start of things to come.

“HEAL is a new way to collaborate,” Sisk said. “HEAL has the opportunity to open doors to so many other pathways. This is a monumental shift and this is just the beginning. What we learn here, we can teach to others.”

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney delivered closing remarks. She thanked Memorial Hermann for its partnership with Aldine. Dr. Goffney added HEAL can mean so much to Aldine ISD students.

“Connections, collaborations and partnerships, it’s what makes the world go round,” Dr. Goffney said. “Our organizations’ challenges are huge, too big to do it alone. It is a blessing that our visions and goals align perfectly, allowing us to join forces and make significant progress. Our Aldine and Memorial Hermann teams, through their collaborative efforts, have been diligently ensuring that every detail and resource is available to our students. Memorial Hermann’s expertise in healthcare and wellness is instrumental in the success of the HEAL program. We are deeply grateful to our partners at Memorial Hermann for their invaluable collaboration. Your expertise and support are instrumental in the success of the HEAL program, and we couldn’t have done it without you. I extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners at Memorial Hermann for their invaluable collaboration on behalf of everyone in Aldine. This is truly an exciting time in Aldine as we continue to transform the lives of our students and communities.”

Following Dr. Goffney’s remarks, attendees watched as the HEAL sign was unveiled on the front wall of Nimitz Ninth Grade School.



Lone Star College awarded 11,236 degrees and certificates during its commencement ceremonies held May 9-18. Pictured is Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSC chancellor, who spoke at the college’s first Spanish Commencement Ceremony.

Lone Star College confers over 11,000 degrees at annual commencement

HOUSTON (May 22, 2024) – Lone Star College held graduation ceremonies May 9-11 for all eight colleges and its first Spanish Commencement Ceremony May 18. The college awarded 11,236 degrees and certificates, nearly a 16% increase over spring 2023.

“Commencement is a celebratory time for Lone Star College to watch graduates walk across the stage and into their futures,” said Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSC chancellor. “Watching our new alumni share smiles, hugs and happy tears with their families and Lone Star College employees underscores the college’s mission of offering quality educational opportunities that change lives.”

Of the 11,236 degrees and certificates, LSC awarded 264 baccalaureate degrees, a 44% increase over spring 2023, 9,633 associate degrees and 1,339 certifications. Notable events from this year’s commencement ceremonies include:

- LSC recognized nearly 70 Spanish-speaking graduates and their families at the first Spanish Commencement ceremony. Students received encouragement to pursue their academic or career goals.
- The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Emergency

Management program celebrated its first 13 graduates May 9.

LSC’s Commencement Ceremonies are personal celebrations for students like Mady Howard to reflect and show gratitude to their support system. Howard walked across the stage at LSC-Montgomery in the regalia that her mother, Jean Fajardo, wore when she graduated from LSC-Montgomery in 2009. Howard plans to pursue four-year degrees in accounting and ceramics.

Over 1,000 high school seniors like Jayla Palmer earned associate degrees weeks before receiving their diplomas. The LSC Early College High School program helps students earn a high school diploma and an associate degree or at least 60 credit hours toward a bachelor’s degree simultaneously.

“Early College High School through Lone Star College has provided me with advancement prospects and social skills for future educational and career opportunities,” said Palmer, LSC-Houston North Victory graduate and future Victory Early College High School graduate. “This program has helped me to further my education above the norms and get a head start on my academic journey after high school.”

SPANISH PAGE

Texas School Business destaca la iniciativa de Aldine ISD y Houston METRO: «Arte que mueve a la gente»

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La historia detrás de «Art That Moves People», una iniciativa de Aldine ISD en colaboración con Houston METRO, ha sido incluida en la edición de mayo/junio de 2024 de Texas School Business.

Art That Moves People involucra a los estudiantes en el diseño de obras de arte para las paradas de autobuses que encarnan el orgullo de su escuela y sientan las bases para un futuro rico en actividades artísticas. Este concurso anima a los estudiantes a reflexionar de forma crítica sobre cómo sus obras de arte pueden repercutir en su comunidad, creando un producto público que vincule su trabajo con el campus. Los diseños ganadores, expuestos en las paradas de autobús locales de METRO, se convierten en un elemento permanente de su comunidad, sirviendo de fuente de orgullo para la escuela y, lo que es más importante, fomentando un entorno de apoyo que nutre futuros talentos artísticos, inspirando y entusiasmando a la comunidad.

El concurso consiste en que los estudiantes diseñen obras de arte para las marquesinas de autobuses que se instalan en las paradas de METRO de su localidad, centrándose en el público diverso que se encontrará con sus obras a diario.

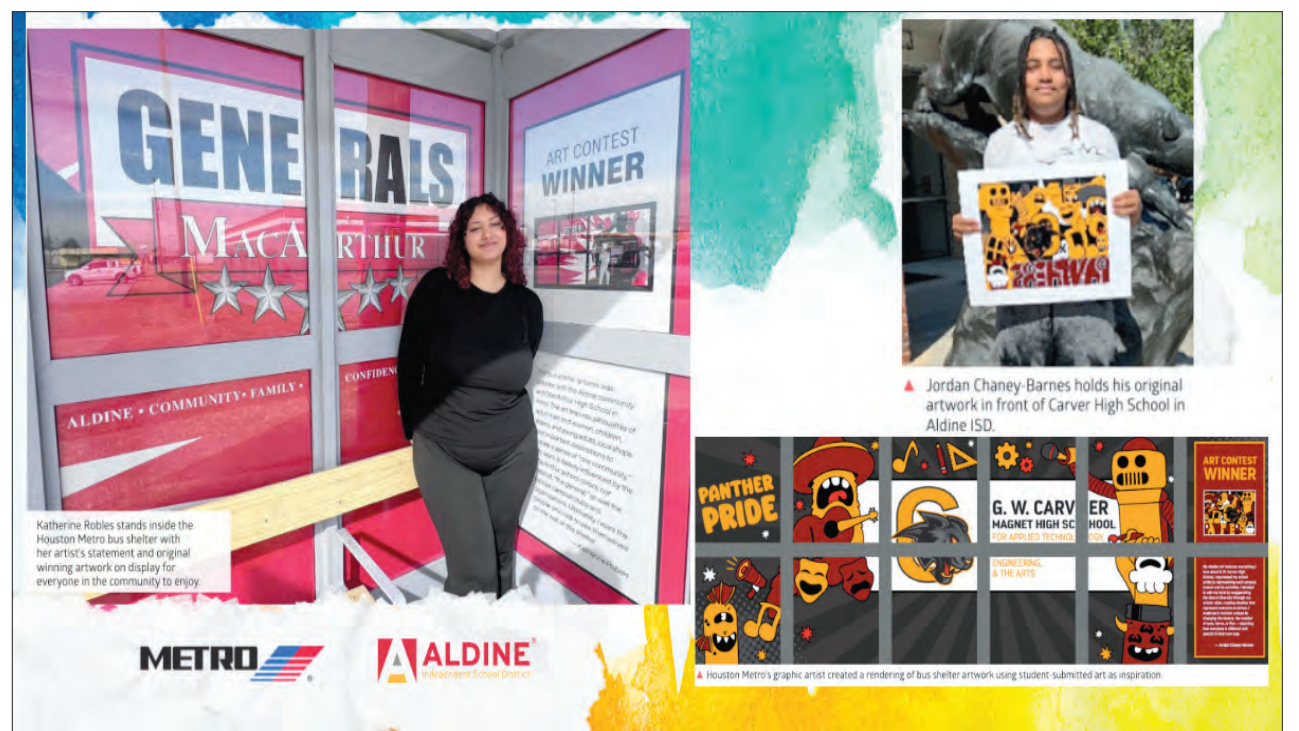
El concurso se basa en una rúbrica. El principal objetivo del proyecto es retratar la cultura de la escuela, mostrando los valores fundamentales y los puntos fuertes a la comunidad.

Un componente clave de la iniciativa de METRO y AISD, el Concurso de Diseño de Arte El Arte que Mueve a la Gente, es llevar el arte público a las partes interesadas y es un testimonio de la rica diversidad de la comunidad de Aldine. Esta iniciativa impulsada por la comunidad anima a los estudiantes a crear instalaciones artísticas que reflejen auténticamente sus antecedentes cul-

turales y experiencias personales, fomentando un sentido de pertenencia y unidad.

«El concurso valida las habilidades artísticas de los estudiantes, fomenta una comunidad artística y proporciona una plataforma para que los estudiantes expresen su identidad cultural, haciéndolos sentir empoderados y respetados», dijo Kaileigh Newman, directora de artes visuales de Aldine ISD. «El concurso también promueve la inclusión y la diversidad, lo que permite a los estudiantes contribuir al mosaico de historias de la comunidad.»

Haga clic AQUÍ para leer el artículo completo de Newman y Bradley S. Kaplan publicado en Texas School Business (páginas 24-24) y ver ejemplos de los diseños de los estudiantes.



Katherine Robles stands inside the Houston Metro bus shelter with her artist's statement and original winning artwork on display for everyone in the community to enjoy.

Jordan Chaney-Barnes holds his original artwork in front of Carver High School in Aldine ISD.

A Houston Metro graphic artist created a rendering of bus shelter artwork using student-submitted art as inspiration.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony in 2022 of the METRO shelter with the winning design from four Eisenhower High School students – Sergio García, Héctor Baltazar, Alexander Baltazar, and Eliezar Guillén – whose design was selected by METRO in 2018.



An Aldine ISD and METRO event in December 8th 2023 for the Art That Moves People Contest showcasing the student winners from Davis 9, Hall Success Academy, Nimitz 9, and Victory Early College.



An Aldine ISD and METRO event in June 2023 for the Art That Moves People Contest showcasing the students and their winning designs from Aldine Ninth, Avalos P-TECH, Blanson CTEHS, Carver High School, MacArthur HS, and MacArthur Ninth.



CHURCH PAGE


BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 2 Chronicles 9:21, which was not among the things Solomon's ships brought to emphasize the luxuriousness of Israel? Ivory, Apes, Peacocks, Cedars
3. From Proverbs 30, what will pluck out the eyes of anyone who scorns their parents? Demons, Ravens, Doves, Quails
4. In 1 Timothy 6:10, who wrote, "For the love of money is the root of all evil"? Saint Jude, Isaiah, Moses, Paul
5. From Matthew 8, what Roman official asked Jesus to heal his servant? Marshall, Governor, Centurion, Jailor
6. Who was the father of Hosea? Uzzah, Beerli, Joash, Ahab

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Cedars, 3) Ravens, 4) Paul, 5) Centurion, 6) Beerli
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Then I heard a voice from heaven say,
"Write this: Blessed are the dead
who die in the Lord from now on."
"Yes," says the Spirit,
"they will rest from their labor,
for their deeds will follow them."
REVELATION 14:13

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Q: When is "Yellowstone" coming back for its final season? I don't watch any of the spin-offs. I'm just waiting for the original show to return. — A.W.

A: The wait is almost over for the second half of the final season of "Yellowstone," which last graced our screens in January 2023. The delay can mostly be attributed to the writers' and actors' strikes, but there was also a major dispute between the show's creator Taylor Sheridan and star Kevin Costner that most certainly was a factor. Fortunately, the Paramount Network has announced that production on the remainder of the season has begun and that you should expect to see those some time in November of this year.

There is a spin-off in the works that will continue to tell the Dutton family saga with current cast members Kelly Reilly and Cole Hauser and none other than Academy-Award-winning actor Matthew McConaughey ("Dallas Buyers Club"). The yet-to-be-named spin-off is expected to premiere on the Paramount channel in December and start streaming on Paramount+ soon after.

As for Costner, he knows who his audience is. He starred and directed the Oscar-winning film "Dances with Wolves" and has done the same for the upcoming two-part western film "Horizon: An American Saga," which recently earned a 7-minute standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival.

Q: Since Steve Carell has said he won't appear in the upcoming new version of "The Office," is he going to keep acting in movies instead? — J.S.

A: Like many versatile and talented actors in Hollywood today, Steve Carell seems to enjoy acting in a mix of series and films. Unfortunately, his last series with Greg Daniels, "Space Force," just didn't gel with audiences, and it was canceled after two seasons. Now Daniels is creating a new version of his hit series "The Office" with an all-new cast.

This leaves Carell available for more series work. First up, he's reteaming with his "Date Night" co-star Tina Fey in the upcoming Netflix series "The Four Seasons." He also just inked a deal to star in an upcoming HBO comedy series created by Bill Lawrence ("Scrubs"), which is "set on a col-



Academy-Award-winning actor Matthew McConaughey

lege campus, centering on an author's [presumably Carell's character] complicated relationship with his daughter."

Amy Gravitt, executive vice president of HBO & Max comedy programming, excitedly released the following statement: "The combination of Steve Carell and Bill Lawrence promises to be full of great laughs, warmth and charm. We're thrilled to be the home for this long overdue collaboration."

Q: Who is the actress playing Amy Winehouse in the new movie about her? Also, did she do her own singing, or did she lip-sync over Amy's vocals? — K.S.

A: Marisa Abela ("Industry") stars in the new Amy Winehouse biopic "Back to Black," directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson ("Fifty Shades of Grey"), and yes, she did her own singing. The actress took singing lessons daily for four months in order to sound like the bluesy Brit.

"Back to Black" was released in theaters on May 17 and will be available for streaming at a later date.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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HOLLYWOOD — Jennifer Aniston must've loved "9 to 5" so much that she plans to produce a reimagining of the classic 1980 comedy. Jane Fonda confirmed in 2018 that a "9 to 5" sequel was in the works with her, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton set to reprise their roles. It's taken six years to make it happen. Aniston has enlisted Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody ("Juno") to create the screenplay.

Aniston's last two films were "Murder Mystery" and "Murder Mystery 2," and her series "The Morning Show" is renewed for season four.

Jerry Seinfeld, whose film "Unfrosted" dropped on May 4 on Netflix, recently confessed that he hadn't planned who would play the Frosted Flakes spokesman Tony the Tiger. Then he got an iPhone video from Hugh Grant, who pitched himself as Tony while holding a glass of wine and sitting on a couch.

Seinfeld's writing partner, Spike Feresten, explained, "We were just stunned on how homemade his audition was — and how good it was. Here's Hugh Grant at 8 o'clock at night before he goes to bed, crushing the lines." After Grant signed up, a lot of other people started falling in: Melissa McCarthy, Amy Schumer, Max Greenfield, Christian Slater, James Marsden, Jack McBrayer, and Jim Gaffigan as Kellogg.

This is surprising when you remember Grant trashed his role as the Oompa Loompa in "Wonka," complaining, "I couldn't have hated the whole thing more." He was inconvenienced by the motion capture technology that he had to endure to play a little Oompa Loompa. He also had to wear a special suit to catch his movements, which he said "was like a crown of thorns." Then why did he do it?

"I have lots of children, and I need the money," he confessed. (Grant has five children with two women out of wedlock.)

In addition to playing Tony in "Unfrosted," Grant's got "Bridget Jones:



Jennifer Aniston in 'The Morning Show'

Mad About the Boy" and the horror thriller "Heretic" coming soon.

Both Julie Andrews and Anne Hathaway have been saying for a while that they wanted to revisit "The Princess Diaries." The first film (released in 2001) grossed \$165.3 million, and the second (released in 2004) grossed \$134.7 million. (Both were directed by the late, great "Happy Days" producer Garry Marshall.)

Andrews said, "It's quite a long time since the two "Diaries" were done ... but sometimes it's best to leave a good thing alone. ... There was dialogue about it. Nothing was ever realized. ... I'd be very happy if we did do another one, but I don't expect to."

Dame Julie Andrews, who turns 89 on Oct. 1, has, of late, done the voice of Lady Whistledown in "Bridgeton," and Marlena in "Minions: The Rise of Gru." She and daughter Emma Walton Hamilton have written 35 children's books, for which they've also recorded the audiobooks. At this stage, I'd rather read Julie Andrews' uncensored diaries. You know that everything hasn't always been supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Panel 1: 'THE HAPPY MONKEY JUMPED UP AND DOWN AND FROM THIS TREE TO THAT TREE.' Panel 2: 'LOOKING DOWN HE SAW MR. HIPPO AND SAID WITH A GRIN "LOOK AT ME, LOOK ..."' Panel 3: 'ZZZZ' Panel 4: 'GRANDPA, THE OBJECT IS TO PUT ME TO SLEEP.'

Comic strip by Bud Blake. Panel 1: 'THERE! NEAT AND CLEAN!' Panel 2: 'LET'S GO TO MY HOUSE AND REST' Panel 3: 'HEY, MOM! WE CLEANED UP OUR CLUBHOUSE!' Panel 4: 'WHY DID YOUR MOM GIVE YOU THAT FUNNY LOOK?'

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panel 1: 'I SLEPT LIKE A LOG LAST NIGHT...' Panel 2: '... I WOKE UP IN THE FIREPLACE.'

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. Difficulty: Moderate.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a man and a woman on a tennis court. Instruction: 'Find at least six differences in details between panels.'

May 27, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

King Crossword grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Annoyed state, 6 Suitable, 9 TV schedule abbr., 12 Road reversal, 13 Cornfield noise, 14 "— the Walrus", 15 Idaho's capital, 16 Minor complaint, 18 Vehicle's capacity, 20 Intends, 21 German pronoun, 23 "... — quit!", 24 Unravels, 25 Second in command, 27 Fighting, 29 "Already?", 31 Unparalleled, 35 Track horse, 37 Continental currency, 38 Nepal's neighbor, 41 D-Day vessel, 43 — de-France, 44 Sole, 45 Litter container, 47 Without a sound, 49 Aromas, 52 Ornate vase, 53 Bit of physics, 9 Leg bone, 10 Pleasantly warm, 11 Make — of (bungle), 17 "Peter Pan" author, 19 Swiss money, 21 Hosp. hook-ups, 22 Corp. boss, 24 Summer cooler, 26 Spinach-eating sailor, 28 German sausage, 30 Granola grain, 32 Man of La Mancha, 33 Web address, 34 Fair hirer, in ads, 36 Boosler of comedy, 38 Chef's hat, 39 Accustom, 40 Lose a starting contest, 42 Letter-shaped hardware, 45 Coagulate, 46 "Garfield" dog, 48 Cravat, 50 Ske-daddle, 51 CIA operative.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 10 questions on TV, Geography, History, U.S. States, Food & Drink, Movies, Entertainment, Anatomy, Literature, and Geology.

Answers for King Crossword and Trivia Test. King Crossword solution time: 26 mins. Trivia Test answers: 1. Greenlade Community College; 2. Bolivia and Paraguay; 3. Appomattox Court House, Virginia; 4. Alabama; 5. Dessert of ice cream and coffee; 6. "The Princess Bride"; 7. Allison; 8. Pineal gland; 9. "A Song of Ice and Fire"; 10. Gold.

HCC and Qualcomm partner to help aspiring inventors receive patents

HOUSTON – Houston Community College (HCC) and Qualcomm Inc. of San Diego, Calif., the world's leading wireless technology innovator in semiconductors, software and services related to wireless technology, are collaborating to support and foster a more inclusive patent ecosystem for inventors and innovators.

Qualcomm is enabling HCC students who wish to take The Inventor's Patent Academy (TIPA) to help underrepresented inventors learn about intellectual property, the patenting process and how to work with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

An online course already took place in November with 20-plus participants through the HCC's Office of Entrepreneurial Initiatives.

"The program was a wonderful way to learn the process of applying for a patent," said Carola Medina, a participant. "Carlyn Burton, our instructor, was a great presenter who clarified many complex issues (in) the patent process."

Qualcomm and Invent Together – an alliance of universities, nonprofits, companies, and other stakeholders – created the academy to provide the tools and knowledge inventors need to obtain patents and give insight



into the patent system. The classes feature actual inventors, patent holders, patent practitioners and experts.

Taking the class is free of charge. It is divided into three 2 to 3-hour learning modules and is presented in short, digestible lessons that can be completed at one's own pace. Instructors teach how to patent inventions and prepare for potential challenges on a patent-seeking journey, with particular attention to systemic barriers that affect historically underrepresented inventors.

"Qualcomm has long championed strong patent rights because we know the personal, national and global transformative power they bring," said Sudepto Roy, Qualcomm vice president of Engineering and Regional Strategy and Engagement lead. "We were motivated by the belief that everyone can in-

vent, that every inventor can learn to patent, and that strong patent rights empower individual inventors to transform the world."

Learn more about the HCC TIPA program and register at: <https://hcc.idloom.events/HCC-TIPA..>

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After the Storm Clean-up and Health-Safety Tips

Hidden dangers include safety hazards and bacteria that may cause diseases

HOUSTON—Last night's sudden storm was devastating for many Harris County residents. As people move into recovery mode, please remember to take precautionary measures to stay healthy and avoid injury and illness. Be aware of things that can pose health and safety risks.

- Protect your health during clean up.
- Dress for safety: Wear gloves, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, eye/ear protection, boots, and insect repellent to avoid mosquito bites.

If you lost power:

- Identify and throw away food that may not be safe to eat.
- Throw away food that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- Throw away any food that has been at room temperature for more than two hours.
- Throw away food that has been in a non-running refrigerator for four hours or more.
- Thawed food that contains ice crystals or is 40 degrees F or below can be refrozen or cooked. Refreezing these foods will be a quality (not safety) issue.
- Throw away canned foods that are bulging, opened, or damaged.
- Do not feed spoiled food to your pets since they may get sick just like people do.

If you are using a generator:

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Place generators more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.

Heat safety

Despite the storm, hot weather continues to affect our community and can cause heat-related illness. Cool spaces and staying hydrated are the main defense from extreme heat.

- If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over windows, close the blinds, and use fans to cool rooms.
- Drink a lot of water (even when you are not thirsty). By the time you realize you are thirsty, your body's water supply is already lower than it should be.
- Do not drink alcohol and avoid drinks with caffeine.
- If your heart begins to pound, if you become lightheaded, confused, weak or faint, stop all activity and seek immediate medical assistance.
- Pets can also suffer from excessive heat. Ensure your pets have adequate drinking water and a shady resting place.
- Never leave children, older adults, or pets unattended in a vehicle, even if the windows are cracked open.

Additional health safety tips

- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and clean, warm water for 20 seconds (sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice). If not possible, use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Empty any containers that may hold stagnant water to avoid mosquito breeding.
- Pace yourself during clean up. Decide which tasks are most important so you do not become overwhelmed.
- Check your GPS for any road closures due to fallen trees or debris due to the storm.
- Be careful around loose or lost pets. Frightened animals are more likely to bite if approached or handled.

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