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NORTHEAST NEWS

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East Aldine Arts Council tours “Periwinkle” art installation Council considers various artists for its Public Art Initiative

By Monica Campos
 East Aldine District

The East Aldine Arts Council had an incredible field trip to see the City Place Public Art Program in Spring! We were truly inspired by the immersive artwork “Periwinkle” created by The Color Condition.

During our exploration, we also brainstormed on ways to bring more art into East Aldine! We believe in the power of art to transform communities and enhance our neighborhood’s vibrancy.

Save the Date: Our next EAAC committee meeting



is on July 10th at 11 AM. We’d love to have you there!

To learn more and RSVP, email us at info@aldinedistrict.org

ABOUT PERIWINKLE

The City Place Public Art Program makes its official debut with an immersive, site-specific piece entitled Periwinkle from Dallas-based creators The Color Condition. Working with a vivid color palette, pattern and movement, The Color Condition has designed Periwinkle as a series of fantastical realms inspired by childhood games (Candyland), characters (Peter Pan) and literature (“Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” and “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”). Intertwining the extraordinary and the everyday, it seeks

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NEWS NOTES

East Aldine MOVIE NIGHTS in July on the Green

Join the East Aldine community for Free Movies on the Green in July. Movies are on Fridays, and start at 7:30pm. Popcorn and Snowcones provided, just bring a blanket or chair and sit on the amphitheatre green for a great Hollywood movie.

Movie Cosplayers (costumed) welcome and encouraged.

- JULY 5 **WONKA**
- JULY 12 **A MILLION MILES AWAY**
- JULY 19 **BARBIE**
- JULY 26 **GHOSTBUSTERS - FROZEN EMPIRE**

Come and have a good East Aldine time!

Pct. 2 honors Lisa May at Red Hat ceremony

NORTHEAST – The East Aldine community and Precinct 2 held an event last May 30 to honor Lisa May for her service to the East Aldine community and the Almdarez Northeast Community Center.

State Representative Armando Walle made the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation and made a brief talk.

Walle said “I was delighted to give remarks for the inaugural Red Hats Chapter Luncheon in North Houston celebrating Lisa May. Lisa has been a longtime advocate for seniors and worked at the Harris County Precinct



State Representative Armando Walle presents Lisa May with a Certificate of Appreciation for her service.

Two Darren Almdarez Center for many years. She is loved by many for her tire-



Friends and members of the Red Hat Chapter gathered for the ceremony honoring Lisa May for her service to Pct. 2 East Aldine and the Almdarez Community Center.

less and selfless work. Thank you Esmeralda Cervantes for inviting me to participate.”

Post Office raises Stamp Prices

Stamp prices will rise in a fortnight as the United States Postal Service is set to increase prices across its services.

The price of first-class Forever stamps will increase from 68 cents to 73 cents on July 14, an over 7% increase. Prices for all services will rise over 7.5%.

The price hikes are part of the USPS 10-year “Delivering for America” plan intended to stabilize the Postal Service financially. Forever stamps were 55 cents when the plan was introduced in 2021.

First class mail accounted for over 30% of postal revenue in 2023 and the plan is expected to generate \$44 billion in additional revenue by 2031.

USPS changes prices on more than stamps

The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters will rise to 28 cents from 24 cents.



Post office box rental fees will not change and the cost of postal insurance would decrease by 10%.

The price of international postcards and international 1-ounce letters will increase by 10 cents each, from \$1.55 to \$1.65.

Drainage Project completed



Precinct 2 announces the completion of the \$3.4 million High Meadows and Fairgreen Subdivision Drainage Improvement Project. This project includes new storm sewer pipes and inlets, additional drainage systems, an extra outfall, and the replacement of half of the roadway and associated driveway. ABOVE, Commissioner Garcia and Ruben Salazar help at the ribbon cutting last month.

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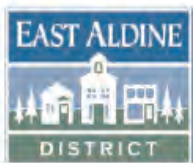
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HOW DO YOU SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT?

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23 women receive their certification thanks to Harris County Precinct 2 Train2Empower program



This month, we congratulated 23 Train2Empower participants who reached a new milestone in their careers! All of the participants in this group happened to be women, with many being mothers, making this particularly noteworthy as we celebrate Women's History Month. Train2Empower, a program of Precinct 2's Workforce Development Division, offers free credentials classes for in-demand skills in various industries. In this group, participants took classes to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and a Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)

Houston fraudster heads to prison for possessing counterfeit identities, checks and credit cards

HOUSTON – A 43-year-old man has been sentenced for possessing counterfeit or unauthorized access devices, announced U.S. Attorney Alamdar S. Hamdani.

Wade Zollinger pleaded guilty Nov. 13, 2023.

U.S. District Judge George C. Hanks Jr. has now ordered Zollinger to serve 63 months in federal prison to be immediately followed by three years of supervised release. In handing down the sentence, the

court noted it had a duty to issue a fair sentence on behalf of Zollinger's victims.

At the time of the plea, Zollinger admitted to fleeing from law enforcement in a stolen vehicle. They apprehended him and located numerous counterfeit identification documents. These included credit and debit cards, personal checks belonging to others, counterfeit U.S. currency as well as counterfeit U.S. currency plates used for the manufacture of currency. They also found

multiple ledgers detailing the personal identifiable information of others.

Shortly thereafter, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Zollinger's residence and recovered additional evidence of the same type.

Secret Service conducted the investigation with the assistance of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Grace Murphy and James Hu prosecuted the case.

Distributing Water and Supplies after last month's severe storms



Carol Alvarado
5 days ago

The BakerRipley facility in East Aldine District has been working overtime to assist residents with food, water & supplies. While we were there today we were happy to help unload a truck full of water from Harris County Precinct 2! Thank you to Adrian Garcia.



AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

WE WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3. WE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4, AND RE-OPEN FRIDAY JULY 5 AT 1PM.

Movement Monday

Children engage in physical activities paired with reading and singing. This program not only focuses on improving physical health but also enhances early literacy skills in a fun and interactive way. Recommended for children ages 2-5 years Program is in English and Spanish. Encouraged to bring your own water.
Monday, July 1, 11 - 11:30am
Houston Grand Opera - Opera Cat!

Houston Grand Opera is thrilled to bring you the Storybook Opera performance of "Opera Cat" by Tess Weaver. Children in grades Pre-K-2nd will enjoy storytelling by an opera singer.
 Here's how the story goes:
 The reigning diva of Milan, Madame Soso, has a cat named Alma who secretly loves to sing. When Madame develops laryngitis on opening night, guess who steps in to save the day?
Are Books Good?
 Help us decide once and for all whether books are good. Ms. Gage and Ms. Nicole will read adventure stories out loud, provide snacks, and vote on how good the stories really are. Attending this program will also earn you points towards your next Summer Reading Program prize!
Tuesday, July 2, 3-4pm.

Cómo sacarle provecho a su nuevo smartphone! (Taking new students)
Tuesday, July 2, 5 - 6:45pm
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Important- Instructions are in Spanish language. Software: Chrome OS, Office 365, and Google apps are all in English language.

Tween Spark: Embroidery /Cross Stitch

Embroidery and Cross Stitch are more than your grandmother's hobby. Learn with Ms. Gage about the basics of these thread-based art forms, and you'll be making pixelated Pokemon sprites (or whatever your heart desires) on scraps of fabric in no time! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 6th-9th graders. **Wednesday, July 3, 4:30 - 5:30pm.**
Hip-Hop Xpression Dance Camp
 Experience the magic of M.F.A Jarell Howard Rochelle's hip-hop class at the Aldine

Branch Public Library! Join this street dance sensation, seen on So You Think You Can Dance, TED, and PBS's Blackademics, for a 45-minute extravaganza of hip-hop Xpression with moves and grooves. Open to all tweens and teens (10-up,) this class will transport you back to the '80s with hits from Paula Abdul, Boyz II Men, and New Edition – a dance party for both kids and adults alike! In this class, kids AND parents are encouraged to dance!
Saturday, July 6, 3-4pm.

Passport Services

Do have plans to travel out of the country? You need to get your passport in order! 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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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!

Help keep East Aldine clean...

Toss it into the can. It's a neat idea.

Keep East Aldine COVID Safe

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Aldine ISD Partners with Hobby Center for Performing Arts to Inspire Fifth Graders

In a remarkable initiative set to benefit over 4,000 fifth graders annually, Aldine Independent School District (ISD) has partnered with the Hobby Center for Performing Arts for the ExxonMobil Discovery Series. Running from September 23rd to February 25th, this series offers Aldine's fifth-grade students the chance to experience live theater, music, dance, and more, performed by talented Houston-based artists and arts organizations. This partnership marks Aldine's inaugural year with the program, promising a transformative educational experience that is both enriching and accessible. Expanding Horizons through the Arts, this partnership is founded on the strong belief that exposing students to the arts during a key developmental stage can greatly expand their horizons. Through live performances, students are empowered to think beyond their everyday environment, fostering creativity and critical thinking. This initiative presents an educational opportunity that surpasses traditional classroom learning, allowing students to gain valuable insights into different cultures and historical contexts, thus enhancing their overall educational experience.

Breaking Barriers to Arts Access

One of the standout features of this program is its accessibility. Offered entirely free of charge, the Hobby Center covers all costs, including bus transportation, ensuring that logistical and financial barriers do not impede participation. This comprehensive approach aligns with the Hobby Center's strategic goal of deepening education and community engagement. By including bilingual performances, the program ensures that language barriers are minimized, making the arts accessible to all students regardless of their primary language. Aldine's Director of Performing Arts, Refugio Rodriguez, champions this partnership, believing that breaking barriers and limitations for performing arts students is essential to academic success and personal growth, stating, "We only know what we are exposed to."

"By taking our students out of the classroom and placing them directly into a setting where all elements of the arts are



Hobby Center is the driving force in the performing arts ecosystem and will extend to Aldine's 5th graders this fall.

present will allow them to witness firsthand the possibilities of the arts at the highest level. Direct interactions with the cast and crew will give our students the opportunity to hear and see not just the artists but all of the persons involved in making the performance possible. Students will see that each person involved was just like them and that through hard work, determination, success, and fulfilling careers, they are possible in the arts," said Rogriguez.

This partnership is a strategic opportunity to encourage fifth-grade students to consider the performing arts as they transition to middle school. This early exposure can create pathways for academic and personal growth. Studies support the positive impact of arts education; for instance, according to Americans for the Arts, students with high arts participation and low socioeconomic status have a dropout rate of just 4 percent—five times lower than their peers with low arts participation. Moreover, students who take four years of arts and music classes score, on average, over 150 points higher on the SAT compared to those with minimal arts education. The strategic goals of the Hobby Center align closely with those of Aldine ISD. Both organizations are committed to expanding artistic programming, developing and sustaining infrastructure, and strength-

ening Houston's performing arts ecosystem. The Hobby Center's dedication to removing barriers and providing high-quality arts education complements Aldine's objectives of fostering an environment where students can thrive both academically and personally.

A Vision for the Future

Thanks to Proposition C, Aldine ISD has plans for the construction of an Education and Performing Arts Center. This partnership with the Hobby Center provides a head start for the district's fine arts department, aiming to impress upon young minds the importance and impact of the performing arts. The program is expected to reach more than 4,000 fifth graders annually, making a significant contribution to the cultural and educational development of Aldine ISD students. This partnership marks a new chapter for Aldine ISD, demonstrating a strong commitment to arts education and community involvement. By providing students with these unique and enriching experiences, Aldine ISD and the Hobby Center for Performing Arts are paving the way for a brighter, more culturally enriched future for all.

For more information about the Fine Arts department, please visit <https://www.aldineisd.org/about/departments/teaching-learning-department/fine-arts-department/>



This partnership will deepen education and community engagement initiatives.

Davis HS Aviation Program Announces Partnership with United Flight Systems

Aldine Independent School District (ISD) is proud to announce a new partnership with United Flight Systems, a renowned aviation school with over 35 years of experience, to launch the Davis Aviation Program. This collaboration will introduce Aldine students to the world of aviation, providing them with unparalleled opportunities to pursue careers as pilots.

A Legacy of Excellence in Aviation Training

Many airline pilots began their careers at United Flight Systems, and now Aldine ISD students will have the chance to join this prestigious list of aviators. United Flight Systems boasts one of the largest facilities at Hooks Airport, featuring a 15,000-square-foot hangar equipped with numerous amenities essential for running a top-tier flight school. These include individual classrooms for each instructor and pull-through parking, ensuring that students never have to manually move a plane. United Flight Systems values the power of aviation and education. Owner and operator Bobby Doss, along with Vice-President Jay Robinson, both have strong ties to education and are dedicated to helping all Aldine ISD student pilots achieve success in their aviation studies. Jay Robinson emphasized the importance of this partnership, stating, "Partnering with Aldine allows us to do anything we can to get the youth involved in aviation and be the potential starting point for an aviation career. It is important to us."

The 5-S System: A Foundation for Success

With this new partnership, it is crucial to establish the 5-S system in the upcoming school year. Jay Robinson elaborated, "Everything we do is built on our 5-S system, which sets United Flight Systems apart:

1. Safety: Ensuring the highest standards of safety in all operations and training programs.
2. Students: Prioritizing the needs and success of each student pilot.
3. Staff: Maintaining a team of highly qualified and dedicated instructors.
4. School: Creating a supportive and effective learning environment.
5. Self: Encouraging personal growth and responsibility among students and staff alike.



With United Flight Systems' extensive experience and commitment to education, Aldine ISD students will receive top-notch training and support.

This partnership marks a significant milestone for Aldine ISD, opening up new pathways for students interested in aviation. The Davis Aviation Program will provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to pursue successful careers as pilots, setting them on a trajectory towards a bright and promising future. With United Flight Systems' extensive experience and commitment to education, Aldine ISD students will receive top-notch training and support, positioning them for success in the competitive field of aviation. This collaboration not only enhances the educational opportunities available to Aldine students but also contributes to the growth and development of the aviation industry by nurturing the next generation of skilled pilots.

As Aldine ISD and United Flight Systems embark on this exciting journey together, the sky is truly the limit for the Davis Aviation Program students.

AISD Board VP Paul Shanklin Completes Yearlong Development Program with TASB Leadership Class of 2024

AISD Board Vice President Paul Shanklin recently concluded a yearlong development program with the Leadership Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Class of 2024. Completing the program earned Shanklin the Master of Trustee designation, one of the highest designations recognized by TASB.

Shanklin was one of 33 other professional school board members selected from across the State of Texas, representing districts of all sizes. He was also the sixth AISD board member to participate in the program. The TASB selects trustees based on a number of factors such as how well they demonstrate leadership with their local school board and community.

"This program offered me insights on ALL the issues surrounding Public Education in the State of Texas," said Shanklin. "I highly recommend it to any and all School Board Trustees in the area and State. I am truly humbled and honored to be part of this program."

School board members constructed Leadership TASB to provide experienced board trustees with enhanced leadership training and opportunities to

serve Texas public school students better. The one-of-a-kind program aims to engage education leaders, give insight into issues, activities, and site visits. The yearlong program consisted of five sessions lasting two to three days, wrapping up in June at the Summer Leadership Institute in Fort Worth, TX.

Each leadership cohort allows board trustees to work with other board members in the state by developing a professional network and relationships. In addition to strengthening leadership skills, the program also offers board members strategies for engaging with community members, identifying issues in public education, and better understanding of board governance in Texas.

During the yearlong program, Shanklin, and other Trustees participated in convention sessions and training, and heard from nationally recognized speakers and experts in education. The Leadership TASB class was also given the opportunity to present their team's findings on a year of research on five critical issues facing Texas public education.

Shanklin was appointed to fill the unexpired term of

Dr. Alton Smith in December of 2014. He is an attorney and was an adjunct professor at the Houston Community College Southeast Campus, where he taught American and Texas Government. Mr. Shanklin has countless years of public service experience. He is the General Counsel for the United States Tennis Association-Texas Section, a life member of the Houston Tennis Association, and the United States Tennis Association. He serves as an Executive Board Member for the Center for the Professional Development of Teachers at the University of Houston-Downtown, he's on the Board of Directors for Dress Up Houston which provides clothing for the needy, and a member of the Houston Bar Association's Speakers Bureau where he discusses social and legal trends in schools and civic organizations. He sings and performs with "NightCourt," a group of Houston attorneys that raises money for free legal services. He is employed by Harris County Precinct 4 in Government Affairs. He has volunteered in Aldine schools and has been a resident of the Aldine community for 25 years.

You can read the Northeast News current and back issues on our website: www.nenewsroom.com

OPINION PAGE



Rep. Walle Co-Hosts Summer Feeding Kickoff to Combat Child Hunger



June has been a busy month in House District 140 for the Office of Rep. Armando Walle! Rep. Walle kicked off the summer with a Summer Feeding Kickoff festival at Escamilla Elementary in partnership with Aldine ISD and No Kid Hungry Texas.

Last Session, Rep. Walle collaborated with other lawmakers to successfully expand the state's free breakfast program to ensure every child that qualifies for a reduced-price meal can now get breakfast at no cost.

Any Texan can text "FOOD" to 303-303 or visit the Texas Department of Agriculture's website to find a summer feeding site near you.

AT&T Partners with HD 140 to Host Student Laptop Giveaway



Earlier this month, Rep. Walle, in collaboration with AT&T and Compudot, hosted a special event to distribute refurbished laptops to students in House District 140 at Assumption Catholic Church.

Rep Walle was proud to facilitate the distribution of 100 laptops to households that did not previously have a working computer.

IN THE DISTRICT

Disaster Recovery Efforts Continue



FEMA Updates

Local, state and federal recovery efforts are still underway following the May 16 derecho storm. There are still five FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) open in Harris County.

Harris Central Appraisal District

Home and business owners may be eligible for a temporary tax break on their properties. The Texas Tax Code allows a qualified property that is at least 15% damaged by an event in a declared disaster area is entitled to receive a temporary exemption on a portion of the appraised value of the property.

Debris Pickup

Residents have until June 30th to report debris for pickup. Harris County expects all debris operations to be completed by mid-July.



"...FOR LIGHT & LIBERTY GO TOGETHER." -Thomas Jefferson

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Accidental Visitors



Last night, my husband, Peter, and I went to see the play "Come From Away." I read about it last year, waited for the day tickets were available, and bought the very best cheap seats I could buy.

I love going to the theater more than almost anything, so you might be surprised to learn my husband is not much of a theatergoer. I've learned, over the years, if I ask him months in advance, he imagines the date will never come and agrees to go with me—and that's what he did when I asked him last December about this show.

The cheap seats were very close to the front, but way to the side, so I could see around the edges of the stage—which I don't mind a bit. I like seeing the actors just as they make their entrance.

The play is the story of how, on 9/11, 7,000 airline passengers were diverted to an island off the coast of Newfoundland. Years earlier, before planes could fly all the way across the Atlantic, they used to stop and refuel in Gander, Newfoundland.

And the people of Gander—about 2,000 of them—stepped up to host all these accidental visitors.

They cooked and provided new clothes. They invited these strangers into their houses and bought them drinks. They organized a barbecue, and even urged their guests to become honorary Newfoundlanders.

I think we need more stories like this. Fred Rogers said, when talking to children about disasters, "Look for the helpers." Gander and the surrounding communities became helpers to these strangers—

At the end of the show, the audience stood up in unison. Standing ovations are a peculiar thing. Some people will stand for everything. Most people will be embarrassed into joining them.

There were a lot of people in the theater, so perhaps it is presumptuous for me to say, but I have to believe we were all, in some way, thinking how much we need that spirit of coming together and helping one another and supporting each other even if—especially if—the folks we are supporting are strangers to us.

I thought about what a great idea it was to write a play about a town that was helpful. It was such a simple idea, yet so absolutely right.

"Aren't you glad we went?" I asked Peter on the way out. He said he was. He said it might be the best play he had ever seen, which—coming from Peter—meant a lot.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Electric Demand Could Nearly Double by 2030

The chief of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas told state lawmakers recently that the state's power demand could nearly double in just six years.

ERCOT chief executive officer Pablo Vegas told lawmakers the grid operator has sharply increased its prediction of power demand in coming years.

"All of that is putting together a picture of a very significant, different demand growth that is forcing us to really re-think how we're looking at planning to make sure we can meet those needs and continue to deliver on the expectations of all Texans," Vegas told lawmakers.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said the Legislature should "take a close look" at data centers and crypto operations.

"We want data centers, but it can't be the Wild, Wild West of data centers and crypto miners crashing our grid and turning the lights off," he wrote.

Vegas also recently warned the ERCOT board that new federal emission rules for fossil fuel power plants, to take effect July 8, are "exacerbating the reliability risks given forecasted load growth," The Dallas Morning News reported.

Vegas said the new regulations could lead to all 10 coal plants in Texas being decommissioned as the Environmental Protection Agency places new limits on mercury and greenhouse gas emissions.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

dicts an 85% chance for an above-normal season. It is forecasting a range of 17 to 25 named storms this year.

STAAR SCORES IN MATH, SCIENCE DECLINE

Texas student scores in math and science showed marked drops in science comprehension, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Only 34% of elementary and middle-school students met or mastered grade-level science, a drop of 5.7 percentage points from last year.

"Pandemic-induced disruptions to learning exacerbated students' difficulties in mastering fundamental math concepts," TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said. "As a result, we must keep our foot on the gas to intensify efforts in providing targeted interventions and research-based education strategies to ensure that students obtain necessary foundational skills and concepts and achieve the desired academic outcomes not only in math but across all subject areas."

More detailed results for individual districts can be found at texasassessment.gov.

SEVEN STATE HOSPITAL PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

Bolstered by \$1.5 billion in funding passed last year by the Legislature, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has announced seven new state hospital projects to serve people in need of inpatient psychiatric services.

"Texas continues working to increase access to critical behavioral health treatments for Texans in every corner of our state," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

The projects are in various stages of planning and design. They include:

Panhandle State Hospital (Amarillo): Constructing a new

state hospital to serve 75 patients in a non-maximum-security unit. Budget: \$159 million.

Lubbock Psychiatric Center: Constructing a new state hospital with a 50-bed maximum-security unit. Budget: \$121 million.

Terrell State Hospital: Constructing a 250-bed replacement hospital. Budget: \$573 million.

North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls: Constructing a 200-bed replacement hospital. Budget: \$452 million.

Rio Grande State Center (Harlingen): Expanding current facility to add a 50-bed maximum-security unit. Budget: \$120 million.

San Antonio State Hospital: Renovating an existing building to add a 40-bed maximum-security unit. Budget: \$15 million.

El Paso Psychiatric Center: Planning and land acquisition to expand the current facility by 50 non-maximum-security beds. Budget: \$50 million.

INFLUENCERS MUST DISCLOSE POLITICAL PAYMENTS

The Texas Ethics Commission will now require social media influencers to disclose if their content is a paid political advertisement, the Texas Standard reported.

The Texas Tribune previously reported that a company called Influenceable hired Gen-Z influencers to defend Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton ahead of his impeachment trial last year.

"You know, attacking the House members who had been involved in the impeachment and overall just urging the Senate to acquit him," Tribune managing editor Matthew Watkins told the Standard. "This was silently paid for by some right-wing activists and big-money people in Texas. Those influencers did not disclose that they were getting paid."

The ethics commission did not mention the company by name while voting unanimously to require disclosure in the future of paid political content.

MILITARY BASES PROVIDE \$151.2 BILLION ECONOMIC IMPACT

U.S. military installations in Texas contributed at least \$151.2 billion to the state's economy last year and supported more than 677,000 jobs across the state, according to a study by the state comptroller's office.

The state is home to 15 major U.S. military installations, as well as the Army Futures Command headquarters.

Besides the economic impact, the military bases contribute to the state's culture, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

"The installations are also vibrant and dynamic partners in the community, supporting not just business and industry but also schools, charities, youth sports and cultural events," he said.

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Fireworks are Not for Pets

Fireworks can cause injuries to pets and frighten them – Keep your pets safe this Fourth of July

HOUSTON - While the Fourth of July is a time for fireworks and celebration, it can also be a time of anxiety for many pets. The loud noises, flashing lights, and sulfur smell can cause excessive fear in pets.



shade with the windows open. The inside of the car can heat up very fast, and the consequences can be disastrous.

Pets should not be included in celebrations that involve fireworks. Fireworks can cause injuries and burns in pets as well as people. For example, pets can eat or chew unattended fireworks, causing injury and illness. Frightened pets may break leashes, jump fences, run away, or bite someone, including beloved family members. Even if your Fourth of July does not include fireworks, pets may become frightened by noises from neighborhood celebrations.

“Pets do not enjoy fireworks like humans; they can become very frightened, run away, end up in our shelter, and cause a lot of stress to pets and their owners. We encourage residents to take precautionary measures during the holiday celebrations involving fireworks,” said Corey Steele, Director of Harris County Pets. Make sure your pet is microchipped and wears current identification.”

Here are a few tips to keep your pet calm and safe this Fourth of July:

- Leave your pets at home. Do not bring pets to the party. They may become frightened and run away or cause injury to themselves and others.
- Keep pets indoors and mask outside noise. Bring pets inside, away from loud noises. Turn on the television or radio to mask the noises. A quiet place, such as a carrier in the house, may provide your pet with a sense of security and comfort. Never leave pets unattended, even in a fenced yard.
- Make sure all pets are wearing current and correct identification. Pets should always have on proper identification tags in case they run away or get lost. This will be very helpful to local authorities as they try to reunite you with your pet.
- Talk to your veterinarian before the holiday for help and advice on keeping your pet safe and calm. If your pet trembles, drools, or displays other distressful behaviors during fireworks or thunderstorms, talk with your veterinarian.
- Do NOT leave pets in a car at any time, even if you are in the

Every stray animal brought to Harris County Pets Resource Center is scanned twice upon intake for a microchip; their photos are uploaded immediately to CountyPets.com to reunite lost pets with their owners.

top ten

Most Peaceful Dogs

1. Japanese Chin
2. Bolognese
3. English Toy Spaniel
4. Shih Tzu
5. Pug
6. Sussex Spaniel
7. Clumber Spaniel
8. Basset Hound
9. English Bulldog
10. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Source: BrainSharper

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DPS Reminds Texans of Vehicle Safety Inspection Changes

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds Texans of upcoming changes to the state’s Vehicle Safety Inspection Program that will eliminate most vehicle safety inspections. House Bill 3297, which was passed by the 88th Legislature and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in 2023, abolishes the Vehicle Safety Inspection Program for non-commercial vehicles.

While comprehensive vehicle safety inspections will be eliminated for all non-commercial vehicles, Texans whose vehicles are registered in emissions counties will still be required to have emissions tests.

Beginning January 1, 2025, non-commercial vehicles will no longer need a vehicle safety inspection prior to registration. However, all non-commercial vehicles in the state will be subject to a \$7.50 inspection program replacement fee. This fee will be added to your total when you register your vehicle with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Emissions tests are required in major metropolitan areas, including Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris and Montgomery counties; Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant counties; Travis and Williamson counties; and El Paso County. Bexar County will be added to the list of counties requiring emissions tests in 2026.

New vehicles (those of the current or preceding model year on the date of purchase) purchased in Texas that have not been previously registered in Texas or another state are required to pay an initial inspection program replacement fee of \$16.75 to cover two years.

Commercial Vehicles
All commercial vehicles in all counties will still be required to obtain a passing vehicle safety inspection. Because they will be required to pay for that safety inspection, commercial vehicles will be exempt from the inspection program replacement fee.

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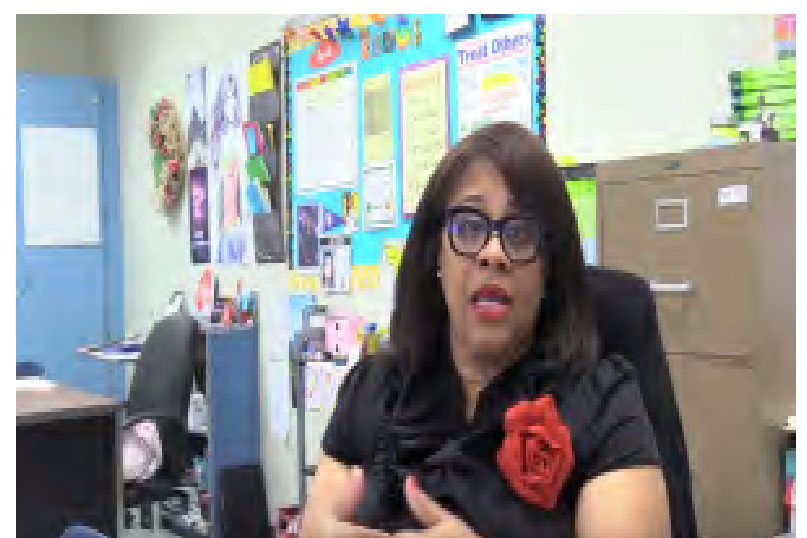
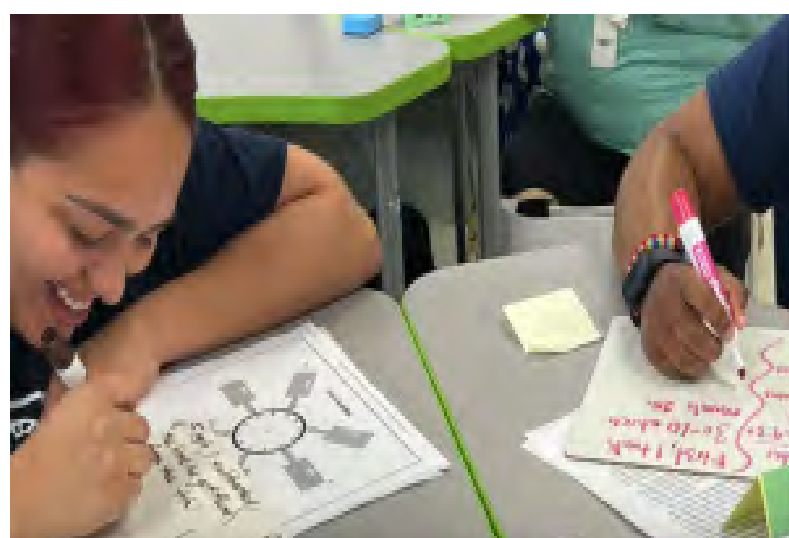
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Los departamentos de Educación Especial y Multilingüe de Aldine ISD serán los anfitriones de la Conferencia Anual de Equidad Educativa y Diversidad Estudiantil (SEED) los días 8, 9 y 12 de julio de 2024.

El tema de este año, Crecer para brillar, simboliza nuestro compromiso con el crecimiento continuo y la mejora de nuestras prácticas docentes. Se anima a todos los profesores a aprovechar estas oportunidades.

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Enlace de inscripción: <https://shorturl.at/xKYbA>
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Pharisee (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 21, to what type of tree did Jesus say, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever"?
3. From 2 Corinthians 6, what did Paul warn Christians about being "yoked" with? Debt, Unbelievers, Shame, Abundance

4. In biblical times, what was a tambourine or small hand drum called? Timbrel, Cornet, Tartu, Cymbal
5. Jonah was in the belly of the great fish how many days and nights? 2, 3, 5, 8
6. Who was the father of Michal? David, Titus, Saul, Stephen

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Fig, 3) Unbelievers, 4) Timbrel, 5) Three, 6) Saul
 "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.
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Sonoya Mizuno, left, and Dakota Johnson star in "Am I OK?"

"Am I OK?"

"AM I OK?" (R) — Led by Dakota Johnson (who hopefully appreciated this project more than her recent flop "Madame Web"), this comedy-drama follows a 32-year-old woman in Los Angeles named Lucy (Johnson). Lucy struggles greatly in her romantic life, fending off advances from her male friend, Ben, and refusing to go on dates. Upset that she still hasn't figured out who she's really attracted to, Lucy accepts help from her best friend, Jane (Sonoya Mizuno), who gently pressures her to explore her sexuality. As Lucy begins discovering this different side of herself, she experiences a later-in-life coming-of-age than we normally see depicted in film and television. Kiersey Clemons ("The Flash"), Jermaine Fowler ("Ricky Stanicky"),

and Odessa A'zion ("Sitting in Bars with Cake") play supporting roles in this film, out now! (Max) ***
"SAUSAGE PARTY: FOOTTOPIA" (TV-MA) — This new adult animated series is a follow-up to the 2016 movie "Sausage Party," starring Seth Rogen ("Kung Fu Panda 4"), Kristen Wiig ("Palm Royale"), and Michael Cera ("Barbie"). These voice actors are reprising their roles from the film, where they portrayed a variety of food items that come to life and try to keep themselves from being eaten. Picking up right where the movie left off, Frank the sausage (Rogen) and his friends have created a Foodtopia where all foods can live happily in harmony — that is, until a storm comes in and wastes away their perfect

utopia. Now at a loss on how to survive, Frank and his friends attempt to team up with humans to learn how to navigate their world. The series will consist of eight episodes and drops on July 11 for your viewing pleasure! (Amazon Prime Video) ***

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

"TRIANGLE OF SADNESS" (R) - This satirical black comedy directed by Ruben Ostlund won the legendary Palme d'Or when it first premiered at the 75th Cannes Film Festival back in 2022. It stars Harris Dickinson ("The Iron Claw") and Charlbi Dean ("Black Lightning") as model couple Carl and Yaya, who get invited to a luxury cruise thanks to Yaya's work as a social media influencer. The pair hold a deep resentment for each other, which only gets broadcasted on this cruise as they mingle with other out-of-touch, wealthy individuals. But when their ship gets attacked by pirates, Carl and Yaya are stranded on an island with a handful of other survivors from the ship, putting their relationship to its most challenging test yet. Expect the unexpected in this film full of twists and turns, the unrelenting rich, and the oppressed who are desperate to feel valued. This was also Dean's last film role, having passed away at only 32 years old shortly before the movie was released internationally. Out now. (Hulu)

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Ninety-year-old Oscar winner and former "Rat Packer" Shirley MacLaine is one of the last four living stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, along with Jane Fonda, Sophia Loren and Robert Redford. MacLaine has recently completed her 65th film, "A Family Affair," with Nicole Kidman, Zac Efron and Kathy Bates. It hits Netflix on June 28.

She's also shooting her 66th film, "People Not Places" with Stephen Dorff, in New Jersey.

Oscar winner Will Smith's comeback film (post-Oscar slap) "Bad Boys: Ride or Die" made over \$200 million during its first two weeks (against its \$100 million cost). Smith snuck into a theater showing in Baldwin Hills, California, and when patrons discovered him there, they went wild with praise for him. "Bad Boys for Life" grossed \$426.5 million in 2020, and this sequel is poised to beat it.

Chris Rock made \$40 million from two specials on Netflix because of the Oscar slap, and Smith is back from exile in only two years. Next for Smith is "I Am Legend 2" with Michael B. Jordan.

In order to leave 007 behind, Daniel Craig is sporting a new un-Bond-like, long-hair look in the upcoming "Knives Out" sequel "Wake Up Dead Man." His co-stars are Andrew Scott, Kerry Washington, Glenn Close, Jeremy Renner, Mila Kunis, Josh Brolin and Josh O'Connor. The original "Knives Out" grossed \$312.9 million, while its sequel only grossed \$15 million before dropping on Netflix. The "threequel" will probably go straight to Netflix, but we'll have to wait until 2025 to see it.

Billy Zane (of "Titanic" fame) is currently channeling Marlon Brando in the upcoming film "Waltzing with Brando," based on the nonfiction book of the same



Shirley MacLaine (Upcoming in "A Family Affair")

name by Bernard Judge. His co-stars are Jon Heder, Tia Carrere, Richard Dreyfuss and Rob Corddry, and the film was actually shot on the island Brando owned, called Tetiaroa.

In 1989, I encountered Brando at South African singer Miriam Makeba's opening at the Cocomat Grove nightclub in the Ambassador Hotel. I asked Brando if he'd smile for my camera. He asked, "Why?" I told him that I'd never seen a photo of him smiling, which made him smile. Inside the club, I shot photos of him with Eartha Kitt and Jane Russell, and he showed my lens a lot of teeth, saying, "See? I'm smiling!" Those photos were seen around the world, which made me really, really "\$mile!"

The delightful Emma Thompson has Hugh Jackman, Nicholas Braun, Nicholas Galitzine and Molly Gordon as her co-stars in the comedy "Three Bags Full: A Sheep Detective Movie." The film is about her flock of friends who must solve the murder of a sheep shepherd (Jackman), and it isn't due until February 2026. They're calling them "a baaaaad A-list ensemble cast!"

ENTERTAINMENT

July 8, 2024 Posting Date

Amber Waves

Comic strip by Dave T. Phipps. Panel 1: 'THIS STINKS. MY DAD TOOK ME TO HIS BARBER TODAY FOR A HAIRCUT.' Panel 2: 'I LOOK RIDICULOUS. EVERYONE IS GOING TO TOTALLY MAKE FUN OF ME.' Panel 3: 'MOM, LOOK AT ME. YOU ARE ALWAYS SAYING TO "BE POSITIVE." WELL...?' Panel 4: 'IT WILL BE NICE AND COOL IF IT GETS HOT OUT.'

Comic strip by Bud Blake. Panel 1: 'I DON'T EVEN WANNA TALK TO YOU, HUSO!' Panel 2: '-AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SIT WITH YOU AT THE MOVIE' Panel 3: 'I'LL SIT UP IN THE BALCONY, YOU SIT DOWN-STAIRS' Panel 4: 'AND I'M GONNA GET MY OWN CANDY AND YOU GET YOURS'

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panel 1: 'SAME WITH THE FOREIGN- AND NO SHARING' Panel 2: 'I'LL BUY MY OWN TICKET AND YOU BUY YOURS.' Panel 3: '-AND WE'LL MEET RIGHT HERE AFTER THE MOVIE'S OVER'

Comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panel 1: 'MARRIAGE ISN'T FOR EVERYBODY...' Panel 2: '...MEN, FOR INSTANCE.'

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. Includes difficulty level: Moderate. © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF. Two panels of a man in a hat looking at a car. Instructions: Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Shape of grille is different. 3. Belt is higher. 4. Arm is moved. 5. License plate is smaller. 6. Cap is different. © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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41 Draw forth
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51 Yarn
52 — loss
53 Shade

King Crossword

King Crossword grid with numbers 1-55 indicating starting positions for words.

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1 Traditional tales
2 Victor's cry
3 Nuisance
4 Hooded snakes
5 Some Oklahoma natives
6 Texter's "Incidentally"
7 Waist-length jackets
8 Part of Hispaniola
9 Stately tree
10 Sports fig.
11 Aussie hopper
16 Octet count
20 "Terrific"
23 Booty
24 Perry's creator
25 Color worker
26 Long story
27 Footnote abbr.
28 Arizona river
29 Shriner's cha-peau
32 Optimistic
33 "Get what I'm sayin'?"
35 Garden buzzer
36 Actress Brennan
38 Specter
39 Ball VIP
42 Grouch
43 Speck
44 Russian ruler
45 Ignited
46 Kimono sash
47 Martini liquor
49 Young bloke

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MUSIC: What is a didgeridoo?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby swan called?
3. HISTORY: What is the name of the treaty that ended the Revolutionary War?
4. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
5. SCIENCE: What does a hertz measure?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is most of the toilet paper in France?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented by coulrophobia?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the first character to be added to Morse Code since WWII?
9. LITERATURE: What is the term for a section at the end of a book that concludes what has happened?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president turned down offers to play professional football after college graduation?

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1. A wind instrument used by Australia's indigenous people. 2. A cygnets. 3. The Treaty of Paris. 4. Barcelona. Spain. 5. Frequency. 6. Pink. 7. Fear of clowns. 8. The @ symbol (2004). 9. An espionage. 10. Gerald Ford.

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Únase a nosotros para disfrutar de una oportunidad única y privilegiada, ya que numerosas organizaciones ofrecen diversos recursos e información adaptada a nuestras familias y a la comunidad de Aldine. Este es un evento al que debes asistir.

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EA Arts Council tours Periwinkle installation,

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to bring a new dimension of wonder to the urban core's waterfront Plaza abutting the Houston City Place Marriott and adjoining City Place Park, span-

ning its main bridge. The Color Condition is a collaboration and experiment between Sunny Sliger and Marianne Newsum. The two met through

their association with The Shamrock Studios in Dallas, Texas. They were inspired in 2010 to join their efforts by a mutual love of COLOR, PATTERN AND MOVEMENT.



ABOVE, colorful streamers adorn a pedestrian bridge over a spillway and lake, and mimic the rippling water falling over the edge of the dam.

AT LEFT, the Arts Council members pose for a Selfie under one of the colorful canopies that is part of the Periwinkle Art installation at City Place in North Harris County.

Acompáñenos **GRATIS** Join us! **FREE**

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