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NEWS NOTES

Area recovering from Hurricane Beryl

Power outages, Fallen Trees bring the community to a halt for days

Schedule Changes due to Hurricane Beryl

POSTPONED:
 All Together For The Community, hosted by Aldine ISD and Lone Star College East Aldine, set for July 15. To be rescheduled.

CANCELLED:
 Movie Night at East Aldine Town Center, Friday July 12 movie Million Miles Away

CANCELLED:
 All committee meetings of the East Aldine District in the month of July.

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
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JULY 12
A MILLION MILES AWAY

JULY 19
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JULY 26
GHOSTBUSTERS - FROZEN EMPIRE

Come and have a good East Aldine time!

Harris County and Southeast Texas were dealt a surprise last week, when Hurricane Beryl turned northerly and swept through the Houston area.

The result was widespread power outages, flooded streets, fallen trees blocking streets and power lines. The community and their activities came to a stop, and with a slow response from Centerpoint Energy, the lack of power and services lasted for most of the week.

Many private and government entities distributed food, water, and ice to those who otherwise did not have access to basics.

Precincts 2 and 3 opened community centers for cooling centers, and organized food and



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FALLEN TREES DAMAGED HOMES, CARS, AND POWER DISTRIBUTION LINES.

water distribution on several occasions in Crosby, Channelview, Aldine and elsewhere.

Centerpoint Energy was widely criticized for a slow response, and even a week later almost 500,000 customers were without power. Originally, over two million homes and businesses lost power on Monday, July 8 when the storm came through the area in the morning hours.

Authorities said at least 8 persons died from various causes, including fallen trees, extreme heat, and one HPD officer drowned driving to work.

Elderly were especially vulnerable to life threatening conditions. With no power for days, food spoiled, homes were extremely hot with no air conditioning, and high-rise buildings often had no elevator service.



PRECINCT 2 WORKERS WERE KEPT BUSY ALL WEEK, REMOVING FALLEN TREES AND KEEPING THE STREETS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE ARMANDO WALLE, AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND VOLUNTEERS, DISTRIBUTE WATER AND FOOD SUPPLIES AT THE NORTHEAST ALMENDAREZ COMMUNITY CENTER AFTER THE HURRICANE BERYL.

Harris County Deputy Killed during search for Suspect who Pistol-Whipped Little Caesars Employee

HOUSTON – After a Blue Alert was issued to the public for a man believed to be tied to the shooting death of a Harris County deputy Wednesday night, the man was finally taken into custody. The arrest was confirmed by Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.



Deputy Fernando Esqueda

Ronald "Ronnie" Palmer Jr., 44, was wanted by the Harris County Sheriff's Office for his involvement in 28-year-old deputy Fernando Esqueda's death.

following Palmer's arrest, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez paid his respects to Esqueda, the five-year veteran deputy whose life was tragically cut short.

young man taken far too soon, a hero. He was the true crime fighter that always was go, go, go. [He] just loved serving and protect[ing] the people," Sheriff Gonzalez said.

It happened a little before 10:15 p.m. when deputies learned of an aggravated assault at a Little Caesars on Wallisville Rd. in northeast Harris County.

Responding officers learned the attacker, identified later as Palmer,

How to get FEMA assistance after damage from Hurricane Beryl

WASHINGTON — FEMA disaster assistance is now available to Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties for individuals and families who suffered damage related to Hurricane Beryl from July 5-9. If anyone suffered damages and does not live in one of the declared counties, we ask to please document the damages, contact their insurance company and their local officials.

Residents who sustained storm-related property damage and reside in one of the eligible counties should register with FEMA.

Apply Online
 --Apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov and in Spanish language at DisasterAssistance.gov/es. This is the fastest way to apply if they have access to a smart phone or a computer.

Apply with the FEMA App
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--Call FEMA's toll-free helpline at 800-621-3362. --The helpline is open 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time with language translation available.

--FEMA operators can help in English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic and any other languages, as needed.

Apply in person at a Disaster Recovery Center

--Visit any Disaster Recovery Center, for locations and hours, go online to fema.gov/drc.

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Social Media (FB/IG/X) Flyers

Blog Other _____

Website _____

HOW DO YOU SEARCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT?

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COMMUNITY WATCH

HCSO Deputy Killed,

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Photo Showing the Suspect identified as Ronald 'Ronnie' Palmer Jr., 44.

went into the restaurant to pick up a pizza but was upset because the order was incorrect.

Palmer then reportedly shouted at workers before taking a gun out and pistol-whipping an employee and taking off.

Palmer's car was later found on Italian Cypress Trail by deputy Esqueda, who was working undercover. Investigators say he may have had radio issues but was on the phone with another deputy before he was reportedly attacked and then shot.

By the time additional officers arrived, they noted Esqueda's patrol car was riddled with bullet holes.

They saw that he had been critically wounded by gunfire, according to Sheriff Gonzalez. Officers said they rushed him to LBJ Hospital by a private vehicle, where he almost immediately died from his injuries.

Palmer's vehicle was tracked to a neighborhood

near the first crime scene, and neighbors recalled being on edge as the search for Palmer intensified.

"We were worried that, at any time, everybody was in danger," neighbor Tomas Macedo tells KPRC 2.

It's currently not clear what Palmer's connection is to the home where he was arrested, but Sheriff Gonzalez said it may belong to an acquaintance. He is only believed to have been at the home for about two hours before being arrested and was likely moving around before that, Gonzalez said.

As deputies surrounded the home and prepared to move in to make an arrest, Gonzalez said Palmer called investigators and said he was ready to come out. He was then seen on his knees with his hands up surrounded by tactical officers before being taken into custody.

The Houston Police Department also offered a heartfelt message to its fellow law enforcement offi-

cial in mourning.

"Our hearts go out to the deputy's family, friends and colleagues during this difficult time," HPD said. "The Houston Police Department stands with the HCSO family, honoring the deputy's bravery and sacrifice."

Palmer has been charged with aggravated assault related to the attack at Little Caesars. He was later charged with capital murder as well.

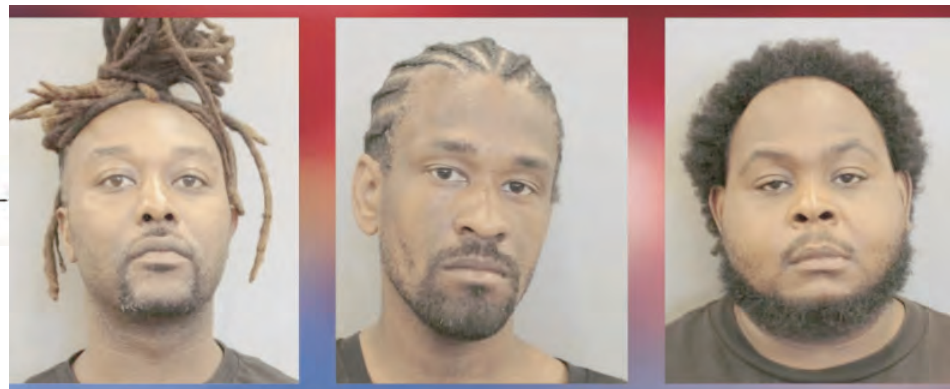
Investigators are still looking into whether anyone may have helped Palmer hide from authorities.

Records revealed that Palmer has faced misdemeanor charges in the past, but he hasn't been arrested in Texas in nearly 20 years, with his last arrest dating back to 2005.

Now that Palmer is in police custody, the neighborhood is breathing a collective sigh of relief.

--With KPRC

Three caught breaking into Fiesta grocery store that lost power during Beryl



Dorian Young (left), Brandon Martin (middle), and Samuel Austin (right) (HPD)

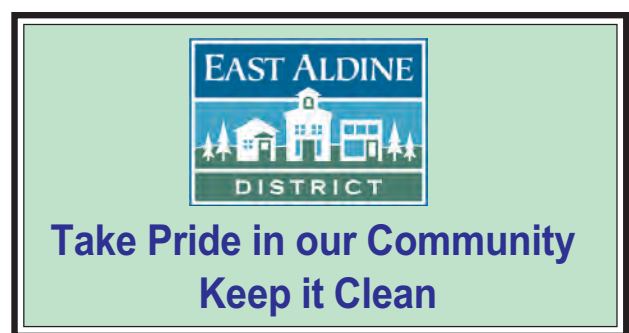
Three men have been arrested after breaking into a Fiesta Mart grocery store on Mesa Drive, that was without power in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl.

Dorian Young, 33, Brandon Marsh, 34, and Samuel Austin, 25, have been charged with felonies, including burglary of a building.

It is unclear whether these charges were upgraded because the store was impacted by Beryl at the time of the burglary.

The burglary happened around noon back on Monday, July 8, in the immediate aftermath of the storm. However, the arrests and charges were not announced by Houston

Police Department until Saturday morning.



Marina Flores Sugg
17 hours ago · 🌐

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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!

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

The Police & Community Partners for Volunteering to Aid in Hurricane Beryl



Police & community partners for volunteering to meet the needs of the community during the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl. @AldineISD is grateful for your partnership Adrian Garcia!

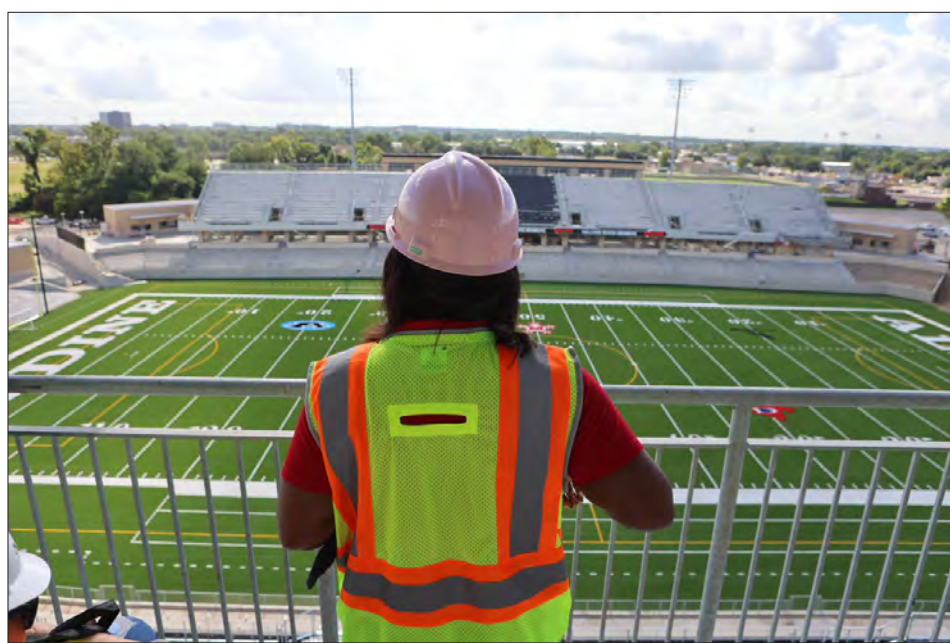
La Promesa Triumphs at 2024 Educators Rising National Conference!



1st Place all Around for La Promesa at the 2024 Educators Rising National Conference! Congrats to our CTE Education teacher, Mrs. Zuniga, and our 8 students who competed in Washington, D.C. from June 28-July 1. We're so proud of:
- Biany Sanchez Silva, Diana Arellano, Brianda Almaguer, & Yaquelin Melendez: 1st place in JV Inside Our Schools-Spanish
- Douglas Ruiz, Ceyli Miranda, & Dulce Najjar: 1st place in Varsity Inside Our Schools-Spanish
- Kevin Rodriguez Lara: 1st place in Children's Literature K-3 Spanish JV
Principal Flores, Mr. Brogee, and the entire La Promesa staff are incredibly proud of all their hard work and accomplishments!

Aldine ISD Board Members Tour New Thorne Stadium Ahead of August 29th Debut

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and board members had an amazing visit and tour of the NEW Thorne Stadium! We're excited to see the final makeover on August 29th for the first game of the year. Will you be there to witness it?




BOARD MEETING Update

Due to the recent weather conditions, the Aldine ISD board meeting has been re-scheduled. The new date is July 30. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this time.

For more information and updates, visit the Aldine ISD website or contact the district office.

Thank you for your cooperation.




School Board Meeting Rescheduled
July 30, 2024

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OPINION PAGE

LETTERS To The Editor

Shame on Centerpoint

Day 5 and nothing yet. Nothing worse than having a generator that keeps acting up . Guess it doesn't really matter anyways if you run out of money to fill it up. Who's got money to keep buying gallons and gallons of gasoline? We sure don't.

I see lots of Centerpoint trucks everywhere, but not a lineman in sight here. Am I upset at the lineman? NO I'M NOT. I'm upset about the fact that we receive electricity from a company that has always half-assed their obligations to their customers and would rather pay hundreds of thousands to their CEO and other folks who can't even get a pre-plan together in the event of a major outage like this.

I've called to request tree trimming and other maintenance around lines dozens of times, only getting results maybe a couple of times when precautionary measures should be taken by Centerpoint ON THEIR OWN.

I feel so bad for all our neighbors, especially our elderly and disabled and those with chronic illnesses, who have to suffer in this dreadful heat. Not everyone is going to stand in miles long lines for food or a case of water. Some can't afford to fill up their vehicles because they're spending what they have to fill up generators.

What do we do? Sit and wait in heat. At this point don't know whether to laugh or cry. This is absolutely pathetic. Shame on Centerpoint.

Signed/ Ruben A. Salazar

Shame on the Chronicle for not monitoring Centerpoint progress

Kudos to the Houston Chronicle editorial board for their comments on Centerpoint's lack of transparency, preparedness and utter failure in responding to Hurricane Beryl.

The editorial points out many recommendations that were made in 2009 (in the wake of Hurricane Ike) that were, apparently, not adopted. But, wait, 13 years ago?

My question is: did Houston's only newspaper follow up with preparation, resiliency and transparency to see whether ANY of those steps were taken? The editorial mentions one recommendation — followed up by NPR!

I get it! Following the Public Utility Commission is mind-numbing (and butt-numbing) work. Where was the Houston Chronicle in the last 13 years???

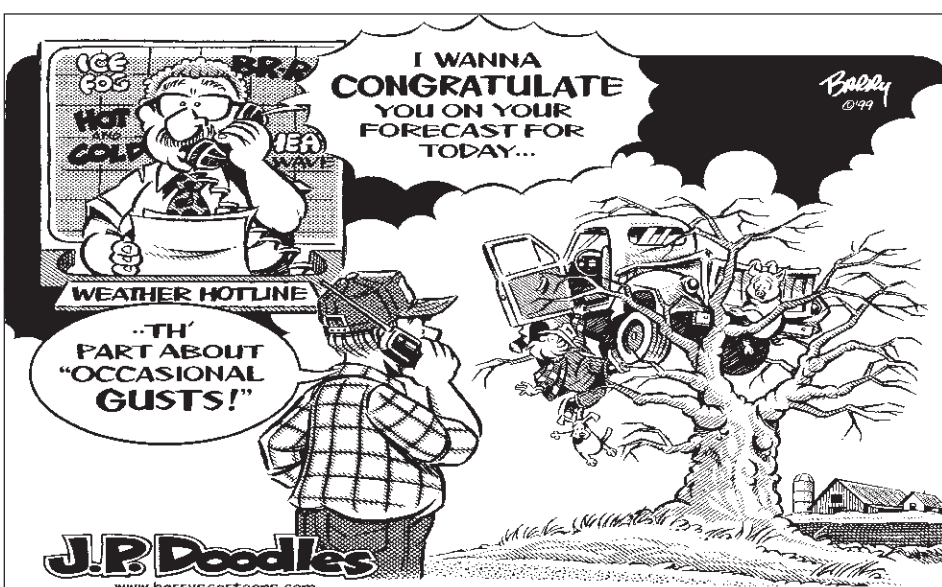
Oh, but it's so boring ! Yep, it sure is!! Until the lights go out and consumers are then asked to pay billions for repairs that could have been prevented (at least in part) by proper management and storm preparedness.

Centerpoint is NOT the only Houston institution that failed this city.

That's my opinion and I am sticking to it!

/Signed Anne Marie Kilday

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Proposed Fed Rule Would Protect Workers From Extreme Heat

A year after a new state law ended mandatory water breaks in Texas, a proposed federal rule would protect millions of workers from the risks caused by extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported.

The rule would require employers to create plans to prevent heat injuries and illnesses and ensure workers get access to drinking water, rest breaks and control of indoor heat. It would apply to all employers whose businesses are under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Last year, Texas legislators passed House Bill 2127, which barred cities and counties from passing ordinances that go farther than state law in a number of areas, including labor regulations. That measure eliminated ordinances in Austin and Dallas that mandated water breaks for construction workers, The Tribune reported.

"Greg Abbott tried to take rest breaks away from everyday Texans, but now we're one step closer to securing heat protections for all Americans on the job," U.S. Rep. Greg Casar, D-Austin, said last week. "Employers can adopt OSHA's proposed rule and protect their workers today."

The proposed rule still has to go through the regulatory approval process. It likely will face opposition from industry groups.

AG'S OFFICE MUST COLLECT FINES FROM ITS BOSS

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton owes the state of Texas more than \$11,000 in fines for filing late campaign finance reports, and the office he heads is now charged with collecting the money, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The Texas Ethics Commission referred Paxton's unpaid fines to the attorney general's office in April, according to public records. Paxton is not the only elected official who owes the state for campaign violation fines. Hundreds of candidates and elected officials together owe the state more than \$700,000. His office has declined to sue to collect the unpaid fines, according to the Chronicle.

The executive director of Common Cause, a watchdog group, called the situation a clear conflict of interest.

"If I didn't pay a parking ticket and incurred a fine as a penalty, most Texans would find it absurd if I also got to review my fine and have a role in deciding whether any action should be



taken to collect that fine," Anthony Gutierrez said.

The office has only filed one lawsuit against a public official who owes ethics fines since September 2023.

ABBOTT'S BORDER WALL DECADES AWAY FROM COMPLETION

The state-funded border wall announced by Gov. Greg Abbott three years ago is proceeding at about a half mile a week, The Tribune reported. At that rate, completion of the wall along the state's 1,254-mile border will take about 30 years and cost around \$20 billion to complete. Thus far, 34 miles of wall have been completed at a price tag of about \$25 million per mile.

State lawmakers thus far have approved more than \$3 billion for the wall, out of the \$11 billion allocated for the border crackdown known as Operation Lone Star. The remainder of the money has gone to sending state troopers and National Guard soldiers to the border, as well as transporting migrants to Democrat-controlled cities outside of Texas.

Some Republicans are expressing concern about the rising costs of the wall.

"I am, too, concerned that we're spending a whole lot of money to give the appearance of doing something rather than taking the problem on to actually solve it, and until we do that, I don't expect to see much happen," state Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood.

Abbott's office did not respond to a request for comment.

TXDOT ASKS FOR FEEDBACK ON 10-YEAR PLAN

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking input on a proposed 10-year plan that proposes spending a record \$104.2 billion for transportation to improve safety, address congestion and improve roadways. The plan also

addresses public transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, freight and international trade, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, according to TxDOT.

The Unified Transportation Program is updated annually and serves as the agency's 10-year blueprint for statewide projects.

"Collaborating with our transportation partners and communities ensures that we continue connecting you with Texas while prioritizing safety, delivery, innovation and stewardship," said Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director.

The comment period is underway and ends on Aug. 5. To learn about different ways to comment, go to: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/utp/utp-public-involvement.html>

REPORT: WEED IS ESSENTIALLY LEGAL IN TEXAS

A Texas Monthly investigation into eight hemp dispensaries across the state found that all were selling cannabis with potent levels of THC, the psychoactive compound still considered illegal in Texas beyond low levels.

In 2018, the Farm Bill passed by Congress said cannabis plants with less than 0.3 percent delta-9 THC is considered hemp and not restricted under the Federal Controlled Substances Act. Texas adopted these standards the following year, making hemp legal in the state. That resulted in hemp dispensaries sprouting across the state.

Russell Gold with Texas Monthly told the Texas Standard that samples purchased at dispensaries across the state were sent off for testing.

"The lowest amount of THC we found was nine times the legal limit, but we actually purchased some that was 40 times the legal limit," Gold said. "And what that means is that this isn't hemp. It is marijuana by any definition."

Gold said he was unaware of any dispensary in the state being shut down for selling what is essentially cannabis.

"I mean, there are penalties because they're not supposed to, but nobody's paying attention," he said.

SHARK ATTACK INJURES 4 ON THE FOURTH AT SOUTH PADRE

Four people were injured after a shark attack on South Padre Island, the Austin American-Statesman reported. A news release from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said two people were bitten and two slightly injured when encountering the shark.

Authorities believe a single shark was behind all four incidents, occurring over two hours. Such attacks are rare, with 36 reported last year in the United States, according to the University of Florida's Shark Attack File.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Felix's Wonderful Vacation



Our cat, Felix, traveled up north with us for the first time, to visit my parents and their cat, Katie.

I was worried Felix might not like the long drive. My parents' home, while not enormous, has a basement and an upstairs, all connected by a spiral staircase, and I worried he would become distressed in this new place. There were a lot of new things he could mess with, and I worried he would knock over knickknacks or dig in the plants or hide. So I was anxious from the moment I piled Felix into his carrier.

It turns out, I was worried about all the wrong things.

Felix did not mind the drive at all. He fell asleep in his carrier and was a model passenger. When we arrived at my parents' house, I carried him in. I could have sworn that Katie was watching as we loaded everything into the house. But apparently not.

Felix immediately began to explore. This was a big house, filled with interesting things, and Felix hit the ground running, so I don't know the precise order of events. But somehow, Felix ended up in the sunporch that doubles as my mother's sewing room. He was investigating the sunroom when Katie, belatedly, discovered there was another cat in the house.

She screamed. You are probably imagining that she meowed very loudly or let out a yowl, but that would not be accurate. Katie screamed as if her little kitty throat was being cut and she was dying—right that moment.

Everyone came running. Katie was puffed up to approximately twice her normal size, and she was staring, riveted, at Felix. Felix looked surprised, but not nearly dangerous enough to have provoked a scream like that.

"They will need some time!" my mother explained. We all assumed the worst was over. Then, several minutes later, Katie returned to the sunporch, and Felix was hiding just around the corner, so she didn't discover him until she was inches from his face. There was another scream, and this time, she peed on the floor.

My father picked up Katie. My mother mopped the floor. I shooed Felix out of the sunporch. An hour passed, and Katie had almost convinced herself that Felix was gone for good. That's when he popped up from the basement, his face festooned with cobwebs.

There was a third bloodcurdling scream.

We decided they needed a time-out. There was no door to the upstairs, and so we brought up Katie's litter box from the basement and confined her to the bedroom and sunporch.

Things were quiet that night. I had gone up to bed. Suddenly, there was another scream.

"Could you come and get your cat?!" my father hollered. "Where is he?"

I ran downstairs and there was Felix, sitting in the darkened sunporch. There was a glass window in the door to my parents' bedroom, and he had been peering into the window from the dark. Katie spotted the Night Stalker and, justifiably, freaked out.

"Now you are just being mean!" I told Felix as I took him to bed. I thought he looked pleased with himself.

For the remaining two days, while Katie spent most of her time fuming in my parents' bedroom, Felix played with Mom and Dad. He was given special treats. He caught a mouse and murdered it in the bathtub. He played with all of Katie's toys. And every time Katie caught sight of Felix, she screamed.

All in all, it was a wonderful vacation—for Felix.

Till next time, Carrie

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Photo Gallery: Area recovering from Hurricane Beryl

Power outages, Fallen Trees bring the community to a halt for days

Armando L. Walle
3 days ago

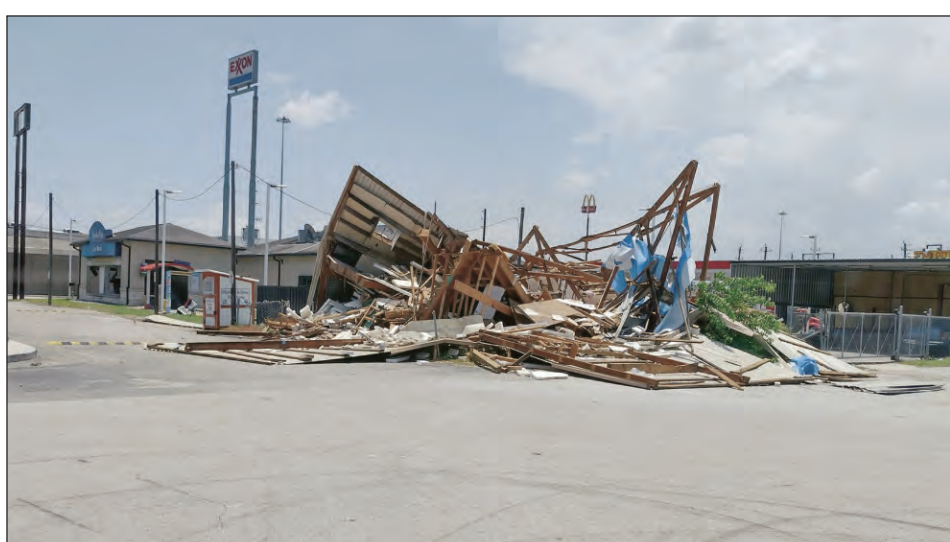
We were contacted by [Sydney Santiago](#) about her elderly neighbors who had been trapped in their home due to these large trees blocking their driveway. We reached out to Commissioner [Adrian Garcia's](#) office and they immediately sent a crew to clear the debris which took heavy equipment to do so. Appreciate the quick response PCT2 and glad Sydney reached out to help our neighbors.



CENTERPOINT LINEMAN WORKING LATE AT NIGHT



FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN JACINTO CITY



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PCT. 2 CLEARS A FALLEN TREE WITH A GRADALL



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SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THIS CAR IN ALDINE



LINEMENS' TRUCKS AT A STAGING AREA IN BAYTOWN



FALLEN TREE BLOCKS ROAD AFTER THE STORM



COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA, STATE REP. ARMANDO WALLE, AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS ASSIST FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ARMENDAREZ COMMUNITY CENTER



TREE ROOTS MUST STILL BE DISPOSED OF AFTER CUTTING AWAY THE TREE

CHURCH PAGE

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
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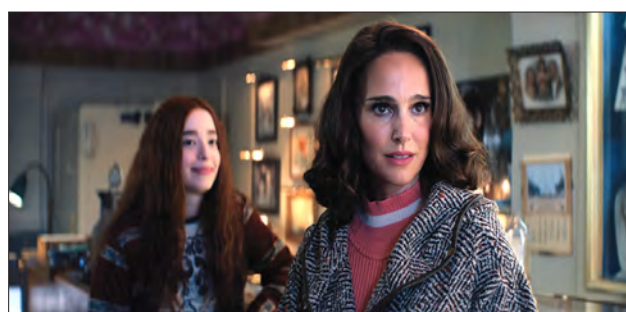
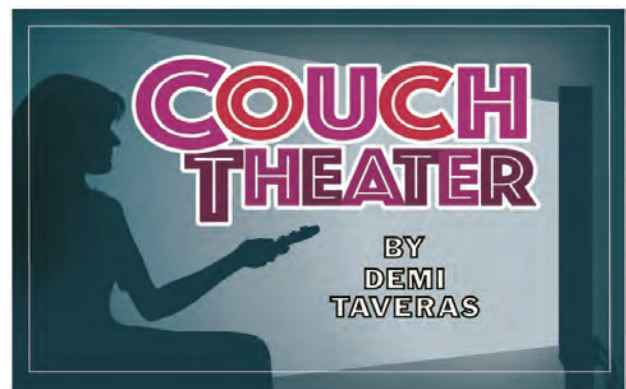
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Mikey Madison, left, and Natalie Portman star in "Lady in the Lake."

"The Bikeriders"

"The Bikeriders" (R) — After this film was delayed by the writers' and actors' strikers, then some wishy-washiness with its original distributor, it finally released this past June and is now available to rent on streaming platforms. Jodie Comer stars as ("Killing Eve") Kathy Bauer, a regular woman in 1960s Chicago who happens upon the Vandals Motorcycle Club at a bar. Kathy becomes immediately entranced with one of the club members, Benny (Austin Butler), and marries him a whopping five weeks later. Through Benny, Kathy gets to know the club and its members intimately, learning what it takes to become a Vandal and the rewards and consequences that come with it. In a sort of documentary style,

viewers get to watch in flashback form as Kathy recounts tales about its members one by one to photographer Danny Lyon (Mike Faist). This film is full of comedy, romance, action, pure grit, and top-notch performances. What more could you ask for? (VUDU)

"Lady in the Lake" (TV-MA) — Natalie Portman is back in another achingly beautiful role for this thriller miniseries premiering July 19. She plays Maddie Schwartz, a housewife in 1960s Baltimore, who reaches her breaking point with the role she plays in her home. Deciding to reinvent her life as an investigative journalist to the dismay of her husband, Milton (Brett Gelman), Maddie starts digging into two murders that occurred in the city, which included an 11-year-old

named Tessie Fine and a bartender named Cleo Sherwood (Moses Ingram). As she gets closer to unraveling their mysteries, especially Cleo's, Maddie faces immense pressure from all ends to tell Cleo's story in a manner that recognizes Cleo's efforts in Baltimore's Black progressive agenda. Look out for more episodes of this limited series every Friday. (Apple TV+)

"Reunion" (R) — The cast is quite an interesting bunch in this comedy-mystery film out now! Starring Lil Rel Howery ("Get Out"), Billy Magnussen ("Game Night"), Jillian Bell ("The Night Before"), Nina Dobrev ("The Out-Laws"), and Chace Crawford ("Gossip Girl"), this film follows a handful of alumni from Ridgeview High School during their 20-year reunion. Hosted by Matthew (Crawford), a popular student turned wealthy hedge fund manager, the reunion kicks off and leaves a good few too drunk to leave the party. They elect to stay at Matthew's house but are horrified to find Matthew's dead body in the morning. Realizing the killer has to be one of them, the group turns into amateur detectives to figure out who became a cold-blooded murderer in the still of the night. However, once they find out that they all have motives due to their terrible high school experiences with Matthew, it makes finding the killer more difficult than they thought. (Amazon Prime Video)

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

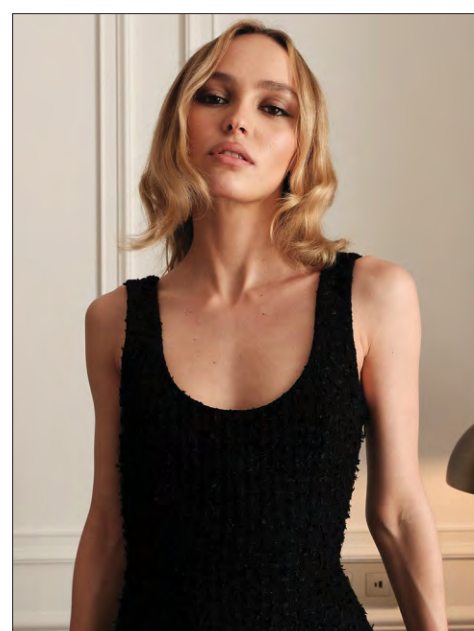
HOLLYWOOD — Eddie Murphy must be preparing an Olympic-style comeback. He started shooting "Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F" in August 2022 and wrapped in December 2022. In June 2024, he began voicing Donkey in the fifth "Shrek" film, along with Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz and Antonio Banderas, who are all reprising their roles in the franchise.

In April, Murphy shot "The Pickup" with Pete Davidson, Keke Palmer, Andrew Dice Clay and Eva Longoria for Amazon MGM Studios, and he's currently working on an album, titled "9." Where does he find the time to deal with his 10 children, spanning from ages 6 to 34?

As promised back in April, Oscar winner Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan have started shooting "Freaky Friday 2," with Chad Michael Murray and Mark Harmon reprising their roles from their earlier film. In 1971, long before "NCIS," I met Mark when he had one line in Chad Everett's TV series "Medical Center." Talk on set was that his father was the all-American, Heisman-Trophy-winning football player Tom Harmon, and because he was great-looking, he couldn't miss. They were right!

What does it say about today's movies that the top-five-grossing films so far this year have been the animated feature "Inside Out 2" (\$1.2 billion); the sci-fi film "Dune: Part Two" (\$711.8 million); "Godzilla x King" (\$569.7 million); "Kung Fu Panda 4" (\$545.5 million); and "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes" (\$394.7 million)? It says that it's tough to be an actor or be able to see movies of beauty, romance and substance!

This may be why Scarlett Johansson was Black Widow in "Iron Man 2" (2010), "The Avengers" franchise, "Captain Marvel," and her own film "Black Widow." She's been in other films such as "The Horse Whisperer" (1998), "My Brother the Pig" (1999),



Actress Lily-Rose Depp (Upcoming in "Nosferatu")

"Ghost World" (2001), "Eight Legged Freaks" (2002) and "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004). But now Johansson really wants to join the "Jurassic Park" franchise in the worst way.

"I'm such an enormous fan of the franchise," she admitted. "It's one of the first films I remember seeing in a movie theater. It was life-changing. It was mind-blowing. ... I've been trying to get into this franchise in any possible way for over 10 years. ... I'll do anything for it." Her prayers have been answered, and she'll headline the upcoming seventh film with Jonathan Bailey and Mahershala Ali, due on July 2025.

Filmmaker Robert Eggers ("The Lighthouse") has already picked out our Christmas present! He's giving us "Nosferatu," a gothic tale of obsession between Lily-Rose Depp and a vampire (Bill Skarsgard) who is infatuated with her, causing untold horror in its wake. Sounds like a merry time for all of us! How did the Hallmark Channel miss this one?

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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July 15, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

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- Gambling game
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- Tummy muscles
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- Slightly
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- Pro Bowl stats
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Answers

King Crossword

Weekly SUDOKU

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Earth's equator runs through how many countries?
- MOVIES: Who plays the character Morpheus in "The Matrix"?
- MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek hero was dipped in the River Styx as a baby and made almost invulnerable?
- EXPLORERS: Which English explorer claimed Australia for Great Britain?
- HISTORY: Which two Native American leaders fought Gen. George Custer's troops at the Battle of Little Bighorn?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with the July birth month?
- LITERATURE: Which poem begins with the line, "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary"?
- ANATOMY: Where is the smallest skeletal muscle in the human body located?
- INVENTIONS: What medication, originally used to treat eye muscle spasms, later became a success in reducing facial wrinkles?

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Allen Poe; 9. Middle ear — the stapedius; 10. Botox.
6. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull; 7. Larkspur and water lily; 8. "The Raven" by Edgar
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Pioneering Woman Engineer Establishes Scholarship at HCC

Patsy S. Chappellear fund to provide \$1,000 to student recipients

HOUSTON (June 21, 2024) – In a heartening act of philanthropy, Patsy Chappellear recently donated \$30,000 to the Houston Community College (HCC) Foundation. The fund, named the Patsy S. Chappellear Engineering Endowed Scholarship Fund, will provide scholarships of \$1,000 each year to qualified HCC engineering students.

While Chappellear has a commitment to fostering educational opportunities for all students, she has a personal connection with engineering students. She's a retired chemical engineer, who worked for Shell Oil, and retired from Hudson Engineer Corporation, where she served as a senior project and process engineer.

Chappellear was born in Burnet, Texas in 1931. She moved around Texas with her parents after her father's job fell victim to the Great Depression and he had to chase work wherever he could find it, doing carpentry and selling insurance and washing machines.

She credits her parents with fostering the need and desire for a good education.

"My daddy quit school in the seventh grade to work on the farm and my mother quit in the eleventh grade because she didn't have shoes to wear, so I came from a very poor background," she said. "My parents were determined to make sure that



Ms. Chappellear (center) with Hodges (l) and HCC Foundation President Karen Schmidt (r).

their children were educated. So, I was very fortunate to have strong family support."

When she graduated from Rice University, she was only the fifth woman to receive an engineering degree from the university. She went on to serve as a senior research associate in Rice's department of chemical engineering for more than 20 years.

Northwest College President Zachary Hodges said this donation will provide opportunities for students who strive for excellence but are sometimes unable to begin or continue their education because of financial reasons.

"Thanks to Patsy's generosity, our engineering students will have the chance to achieve their academic and personal aspirations, without having to be concerned about finances," Hodges said. "It aligns perfectly with our HCC Foundation's mission to provide a qual-

ity, accessible and affordable education to the diverse population of students we serve."

The Houston Community College Foundation supports HCC in its efforts to attract and educate Houston-area students with the desire and the dedication to learn, including many non-traditional students and those facing barriers to higher education.

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Lone Star College/Avalos PTECH student receives multiple scholarships

NORTHEAST (June 24, 2024) – Have you ever dreamed it was possible to be awarded over \$2 million in scholarships and financial aid? For one Houston-area student, this dream is a reality.

Born and raised in Houston, Briseida Sanchez is a recent graduate of Avalos Pathways in Technology School who, as a Dual Credit student, also earned her Associate of Applied Science Degree for Paralegal Studies from Lone Star College-North Harris. At just 17, the first-generation student has not only been awarded the money she needs to attend the university of her choice, but she also has her pick of 18 schools.

"I got automatic admission to the University of Houston, Texas A&M, the University of Texas at Austin, Vassar College, and Colgate University," Sanchez shared. "Ultimately, I decided to commit to the University of Pennsylvania."

Sanchez's immediate plans are to learn about as many areas of law as possible so she can decide which area she would like to practice in the future. Her goal is to give back to the community and give them a voice by being their advocate. For now, Sanchez is determined to do her best and take one day at a time.

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