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# NORTHEAST NEWS



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# International Arts Festival set for May 17

## Celebrating the Diverse Cultures in East Aldine at Town Center

EAST ALDINE – The District will host their second annual International Arts Festival on Saturday, May 17 from 3pm to 7pm, at the Town Center. This will be a showcase for the Multi-cultural nature of the District, taking full advantage of the many ethnicities that live or work in the area. The Festival is free, and will have all types of art, from performing to dancing, to visual and participatory, and meditation and poetry.

Event Coordinator Emily Erreguin and marketing manager Monica Campos have planned a full evening of art, dance, displays, classes, games, and more. The Astros Literacy Launcher Bus will be a special part of the event, they said and will include free books.

The event schedule includes a jazz ensemble from MacArthur High School. Later look for the Soaring Phoenix CRCT Dragon & Lion Dances.

There will be Polynesian Dancers from the Young Audiences of Houston, who will perform at the Town Center Amphitheatre stage. They will perform a special song by Musiq, entitled “Monument,” the song of the Spirit of East Aldine sculpture.

There will also be Live Mural Artists working all evening.

Local as well as city-wide groups will participate. There will be face painting, arts and crafts booths, moonwalk, train rides for the kids, and food trucks and more. There will be a giant Rubiks Cube, to challenge all



The Dragon Dance, as performed at last year's International Arts Festival.

those who want to put it together. And don't miss the giant piano and pinpress.

The High Meadows Public Library will be present, with favorite activities such as Makey-Makey Piano, Power Tiles, Button Making, and Cosmo Robots.

A great Family Event, only in East Aldine District!

In commenting on the International Art Festival, Monica Campos said “Join us for an extraordinary celebration of creativity and culture at our International Arts Festival on May 17th! We invite you to this vibrant event where we will kick off the festivities with an incredible lineup of performances and attractions.

Get ready to tap your

feet to the rhythmic beats of the MacArthur High School Jazz Ensemble and be mesmerized by talented dance performers. Witness the talent and live artistry of PTech students. And don't miss the Astros Literacy Launcher Bus, where you can dive into the world of books and imagination.

It's a fun-filled evening packed with arts, culture, and community spirit. Come one, come all, and let the East Aldine District Town Center be your canvas for a special time of pure artistic bliss. See you soon!”

Sponsors of the free event include the East Aldine District, Aldine ISD, Lone Star College-EA, HCSO, BakerRipley, and the East Aldine Arts Council.

## NEWS NOTES

### Pct. 2 Love Letters to Pct. 2 Project Planning May 8

Commissioner Adrian Garcia Presents LOVE LETTERS TO PCT 2 Public Art Project.

Stakeholder Engagement Meeting, Thursday, May 8 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Deputy Almandarez Community Center, 10918 1/2 Bentley Street, Houston 77093.

Help shape our next public mural: Share what you would love to see painted on the wall. Your voice will inspire the mural.

For info, email: manny.parra@pct2.hctx.net.

### Mural Unveiling May 8 at East Aldine Recycle Center

The East Aldine District will hold a ribbon cutting to unveil their new Public Murals at the District's Recycle Center. Remarks by EAAC chairman Carlos Silva.

11:00am-12:00pm at 2789 Hopper Road, 77093. Due to limited space, by invitation only.

### Election Results: HC WCID #74 \$30m Bond Issue Defeated

This Bond Issue was requesting \$30m for Water, Sewer, & Drainage Systems. Passage would have resulted in a Tax Increase.

VOTE:  
For: 36 (33%)  
Against: 73 (67%)

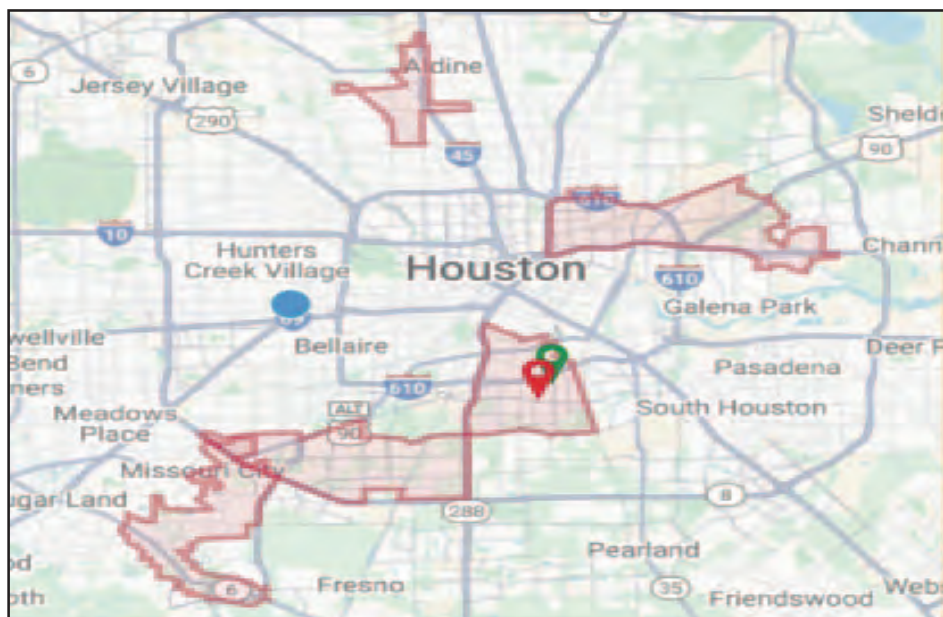
# METRO expands Curb2Curb service

On-demand services adds 2 new zones

By Anne James/METRO

HOUSTON — Houston's public transit expanded services in two communities this month. “Curb2curb” transit was expanded in the Kashmere and Sunnyside neighborhoods, and also exists in the Acres Homes area. The new routes join the 314 Hiram Clarke, 344 Acres Homes, and 363 Missouri City routes.

METRO added these two zones for curb2curb service that can be booked the phone and by



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The service is available from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. The one-way fare is \$1.25. The vehicles are ADA-accessible.

“Access to transit is one of the major challenges we are working to address,” said Board Chair Elizabeth Gonzalez Brock in an emailed news release. “The expanded service is part of our larger plan to advance equitable and reliable

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# Houston Grand Opera to entertain this summer at County Libraries

## Programs aimed at young children, families; Aldine Library on schedule

Houston Grand Opera to Offer Free Summer Programming for Children-Company teaching artists to bring music, storytelling, and creative activities to community spaces city-wide

HOUSTON—May 1, 2025—Houston Grand Opera (HGO) announces plans to present a series of free, family-friendly summer programs designed to engage and inspire young audiences. The company's teaching artists will travel to community centers and public spaces throughout Houston, offering music, interactive storytelling, and enriching



A MUSIC PERFORMANCE AT LAST YEARS PROGRAM OF OPERA AT THE LIBRARIES.

activities that introduce children to the magic of opera and the performing arts.

“Every child in Houston deserves the chance to experience the wonder of opera,” says HGO General Director and CEO Khori Dastoor. “By bringing these programs into libraries, community centers, and public spaces, we're removing barriers and creating joyful, welcoming experiences for families throughout the city. As a parent myself, I've seen firsthand how moments like these can light a spark in a child's imagination. We cannot wait to share our art form with Houston families this summer.”

HGO's Summer Schedule: Free Programs for Children

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COMMUNITY WATCH

House Fire at Burress Street near the Airline Drive Area; Multiple alarms

Houston Fire Department reports a House Fire on April 12, 2025, at 12:49 p.m. on Burress St. at Airline Dr. 77022. There were No reported injuries. The fire resulted in \$150,000 in estimated damage.

The Cause is Under investigation. Firefighters arrived on scene to find a 1-story house totally involved in fire with two nearby exposures. They began an attack on the fire while protecting the two nearby homes. The house was ventilated, and a primary search was completed. Crews extinguished the fire and secured the utilities.

A gas-fed fire was noted in the corner of the main structure and the Gas company was requested. HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. 52 personnel responded to this incident, including firefighters from Stations 30, 15, 31, 34, 9, 12, 39, 58, 67, Heavy Rescue 11, Rehab 8 and 42.

House Fire in The East Little York / Homestead Area; \$150,000 damage

Houston Fire Department reports a House fire on April 10, 2025, at 1:37 p.m. at 10400 block of Caxton St. 77016.

There were No reported injuries. Damage was estimated at \$150,000 in estimated damage.

The cause is Under investigation, but (appears to be accidental).

Firefighters arrived on scene to find fire and smoke coming from a 1-story house and made an offensive attack. They forced entry and controlled the fire. The home was ventilated, and the utilities were controlled. HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. 40 personnel responded to this incident, including crews from Stations 15, 34, 45, 32, 43, 56 and 30.

Fatal Shooting at 12300 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male found at 12300 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) service road about 10:40 a.m. on Thursday (March 27).

The identity of the victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant C. Duncan and Detective W. Elliot reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a report of a deceased male in the parking lot of an abandoned business at the above address. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the male deceased. He had suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

At this time, there is no known motive or suspect(s).

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

PET MATTERS In Memory of Susan Hoffman



TripsWithPets.com offers new Travel Assistant Service

Stress-Free Moves with Pets:

TripsWithPets Launches New Travel Assistant Service

Youngsville, NC — Moving is one of life's most stressful events — and adding pets into the mix only increases the challenge. TripsWithPets.com is easing the burden with its new (and free) Travel Assistant service, helping pet parents find pet-friendly hotels along their moving route and final destination.

The service is designed for those traveling with big dogs, multiple pets, or cats — groups often restricted by traditional hotel pet policies. TripsWithPets does the legwork by providing lodging options that welcome ALL pets, so families can focus on their move instead of worrying about accommodations.

"We understand how overwhelming moving can be — especially when you're trying to find places that will welcome all your pets," said Kim Salerno, CEO and Founder of TripsWithPets. "Our goal is to take that weight off your shoulders and make the journey smoother for

you and your furry family."

Pet Parent Pain Points:

- 82% of families moving with pets experience increased stress
• 65% dread finding pet-friendly accommodations
• 67% regret trying to book hotels "on the fly"
• 88% prioritize their pets' comfort when planning a move

In addition to the free Travel Assistant service, pet parents can also search and book pet-friendly accommodations directly at TripsWithPets.com.

About TripsWith-Pets:

TripsWithPets.com is the trusted source for booking pet-friendly accommodations across the U.S. and Canada. For over 15 years, the platform has provided resources, travel tips, and personal assistance to help pet parents plan trips with ease.

Through its PAWS (Partners for Animal Welfare Series) initiative, a portion of every booking supports 501(c)(3) animal welfare

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

Tuesday Bilingual Story Time & Craft/Hora de cuento con manualidades Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 11:00am-11:45pm

You're invited to attend Story Time every Tuesday at 11 am. Story Time is a great way for children to build early literacy skills with stories, rhymes and songs. Parents are encouraged to participate by sitting with children and singing (and learning!) new songs. The last half hour is craft time! Children of all ages are welcome!

Estás invitado a asistir a tiempo de cuentos cada martes a las 11 am. Tiempo de cuentos es una excelente manera para que los niños desarrollen habilidades de alfabetización temprana con libros, rimas y canciones. Animamos a los padres a sentarse con los niños y canten las canciones con nosotros. ¡La última media hora es tiempo de manualidades! ¡Los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos!

Asian Snack Showdown Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Description White rabbit vs Hi-chew. Shrimp chip vs seaweed. Have you ever tried any of these snacks? If you've never had them before, you are totally missing out. Get a taste of Asian American and Pacific Islander culture - We'll have a small sampling of different snacks for you to try! Vote for your favorite one! Which snacks will be the victor?

\*while supplies last. Ingredient list will be available for allergy questions.

Conejo blanco vs. Hi-chew. Chips de camarones vs. algas. ¿Has probado alguno de estos snacks? Si nunca los has probado, te estás perdiendo algo increíble. Descubre la cultura asiático-americana y de las islas del Pacífico. ¡Te ofrecemos una pequeña muestra de diferentes snacks! ¡Vota por tu favorito! ¿Cuál será el ganador?

\*hasta agotar existencias. La lista de ingredientes estará disponible para preguntas sobre alergias.

Dungeons and Donuts Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Description Join us for role-playing and board games, no experience needed! Come and try out some games in a beginner-friendly environment. Donuts will be provided!

Wednesday Tween Spark: Origami Wednesday, May 6, 2025, 4:30pm-5:30pm

A single piece of paper can become anything from a flower to a crane to a frog. Let's get together and practice the Japanese art of paper folding. Snacks will be provided.

This program is best for 6th-9th graders

Basic Computer Classes Thursday, May 8, 2025, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

A NEW COMPUTER CLASS IS STARTING! Thursdays from 5 pm - 7 pm.

Join a Digital Navigator from Harris County Universal Services at the Aldine Library for a 6 week computer basics course. Classes are FREE and no registration is required. Starts May 1 to June 6th.

You can also get help with using technology, finding free or low-cost internet services, devices, digital training, adult education programs, or

workforce programs. Office hours are on Thursdays from 2 pm-7pm. Bilingual help is available. Drop on by or Make an appointment at 713-755-5000 or getinternet@harriscountytexas.gov

Ology: Games Thursday, May 8, 2025, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Description What makes airplanes fly? Does the shape of the plane really matter for flying? Find out by racing paper planes! Join Ms. Gage to find out what plane flies best

Saturday Crafty Corner Saturday, May 10, 2025, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Description Join us at the Aldine Library for a special crafty corner celebration of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage with a Stitch themed Craft. \*Recommended for ages 10+.

Zine Workshop Series

Saturday, May 10, 2025, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Description Join us at the Aldine Branch Library for a monthly series on zine-making! This workshop will be led by an accomplished local writer, poet and teacher.

What's a zine? Pronounced "zeen", it is typically a small-circulation self-published work of original or appropriated texts and images. No registration required! Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring magazines, comics, newspapers, etc.

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

High Meadows Branch Library UPCOMING EVENTS MAY 1-MAY 12. Includes schedule for May 1-12 and contact information for Luis Arredondo.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS. Includes details for Tuesday Bilingual Story Time, Asian Snack Showdown, Dungeons and Donuts, Wednesday Tween Spark: Origami, Basic Computer Classes, and Zine Workshop Series.

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

# Avalos P-TECH School Senior Earns Prestigious Gates Scholarship

Avalos Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School senior Daniel Garner has been named a 2025 Gates Scholar, earning one of the nation's most prestigious and competitive scholarships. For Daniel, the award is more than financial relief – it validates a journey defined by culture, community, and quiet determination.

Daniel, a mix of Black and Filipino heritage, was raised in a Hispanic neighborhood in Aldine. He credits this multicultural environment for shaping his resilience and instilling a strong sense of pride in his diverse identity. "Growing up between two rich cultures taught me adaptability and pride in where I come from," he said. "I'm motivated by the responsibility to build a life that honors my roots while paving the way for others like me."

Daniel's passion for education was ignited in elementary school. He always saw it as the path to creating a better future. "It felt like the first real step toward doing something meaningful with my life and giving back to people and humanity," he shared.

His path led him to Avalos P-TECH School, where he enrolled without fully understanding the opportunity. "It quickly became one of the best things that happened to me," Daniel said. "It challenged me academically and personally, gave me a head start in cybersecurity, and thanks to my mentors, teachers, and friends, the experience helped me grow into a more confident, capable leader."

Daniel's leadership is evident in his roles mentoring younger students in the Chick-fil-A Academy and organizing volunteers for events like the East Aldine Tree Lighting. "Those experiences taught me that leadership isn't about being in charge – it's about helping others step into their strengths," he said.

His journey to the Gates Scholarship began with a conversation with Briseida Sánchez, a 2024 Avalos



graduate and Gates Scholar. She encouraged him to apply, and Daniel soon found himself reflecting deeply as part of the application's essay process. After advancing to the semifinal round, he completed an interview that challenged him to "speak confidently and stay true" to himself.

When he received the award notification, disbelief turned to relief. "Knowing my family wouldn't have to worry about how to pay for college lifted a huge weight off my shoulders," he said. "After everything we've been through, all the sacrifice and hard work has finally paid off."

Daniel will attend Texas A&M University as a general engineering major and plans to explore fields such as robotics, electronics, or mechanical engineering. "I want to build and design solutions that make everyday life better for real people," he said. "Whether it's affordable robotic limbs or tools for students with learning differences, I want my work to have purpose."

But the road hasn't been without obstacles. Daniel has faced self-doubt, imposter syndrome, and the challenge of balancing school with family responsibilities. "There were times I questioned if I belonged in certain spaces," he said. "But I kept showing up and reminded myself that progress is still progress, even when it's not perfect." His story

shows what is possible when perseverance and self-belief can overcome any obstacle in the path of education.

Daniel said he draws strength from those who believed in him before he believed in himself – especially his parents, mentors, teachers, and friends. "Their belief helped shape mine, which has made all the difference," Daniel said.

His advice to younger students hoping to follow a similar path is simple and powerful: "Start before you feel ready. No one is going to hand you a moment. You have to create it. Be kind, but protect your peace. Your background is not a weakness. It's your power."

Outside the classroom, Daniel is an avid writer and coder. His journals are full of reflections and poems, and he volunteers his technical skills with COSMO, a nonprofit startup supporting animal rescue shelters. "I work with a small team to build tools that help shelters run smoothly and reach more people," he said.

Whether programming, writing, or sketching new ideas, Daniel is driven by curiosity and creativity. "I'm always learning – through code, creativity, or simply paying attention to the world around me."

As a Gates Scholar, Daniel looks forward to giving back and paying it forward. "This isn't just my win," he said. "It's ours." --By Leticia Fehling

# Aldine ISD, UHD, and Lone Star College Launch Cybersecurity Degree Pathway With 2+2+2 Program



AISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, UHD President Dr. Loren Blanchard, UHD Provost Dr. Deborah E. Bordelon, and Chancellor of Lone Star College System Mario K. Castillo, J.D. (l-r), sign the memorandum of understanding (MOU) on April 29, 2025.



In attendance with the Aldine ISD group were (l-r) Lizette Garza, Office of Transformation executive assistant; Dr. Dawn Ayers-Rodriguez, chief of accountability, assessment, and analytics; Chief of Schools Dr. Javier Villarreal; Chief Human Resources Officer Marcia Herrera; Aldine ISD Board Member Dr. Viola M. Garcia; Superintendent Goffney; AISD Board Member Connie Esparza; Chief Communications Officer Sheila Adams; Avalos P-TECH School Principal Stephen Heady; and Chief Transformation Officer Adrian Bustillos.

A new partnership between Aldine ISD, Lone Star College, and the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) is creating a direct path to a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity for high school students – and removing common barriers along the way.

On Tuesday morning, district and college leaders signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at UHD to mark the launch of the 2+2+2 Cybersecurity Pathway. The innovative program allows students to earn a high school diploma, associate degree, and bachelor's degree through a seamless academic experience supported by all three institutions.

"We believe in building bridges, not roadblocks," said Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "This partnership gives our students a powerful opportunity to advance their education and careers – especially in a high-demand, high-wage field like cybersecurity."

The program will begin at Avalos P-TECH School, where students can pursue a cybersecurity pathway

in partnership with Lone Star College. Students can earn a cybersecurity AAS degree. Students will not only graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree, but also be able to then transition directly into UHD's cybersecurity program to complete their bachelor's degree.

The idea began last spring when the leaders of Aldine ISD, UHD, and Lone Star College met to discuss a shared vision for student success. State Rep. Armando Walle helped initiate the conversation, highlighting the growing demand for cybersecurity professionals and the need for stronger connections between education and industry.

"Our goal is to provide additional choices and opportunities for students," said Dr. Adrian Bustillos, Aldine ISD's Chief Transformation Officer. "We want our students to continue their academic journey in cybersecurity and have access to real-world internships and support along the way."

The 2+2+2 model aligns with Al-

dine ISD's Portrait of a Graduate. This vision prepares students to be critical thinkers, effective communicators, and responsible citizens. The framework calls for bold, systemic partnerships that ensure students graduate college, career, and military ready (CCMR) – and thrive in a global workforce.

"This partnership shows what's possible when K-12, higher education, and policymakers come together to break down silos," Goffney said. All three institutions are also working to provide "concierge services" – personalized guidance to help students navigate each phase of the program.

The long-term vision includes expanding the 2+2+2 model to additional fields beyond cybersecurity.

"We're optimistic this is just the beginning," Bustillos said. "We believe this model can be replicated and scaled to create an even greater impact for our students and their futures."

The program's first cohort will begin in the upcoming school year.

# Aldine ISD Shines at Citywide Chess Tournament With Top Team and Individual Finishes

Aldine ISD students made all the right moves at the Scholastic Houston Chess Association Tournament on April 26, hosted at Impact Leadership Academy. With nearly 300 students competing citywide – including 160 students from 16 Aldine campuses – teams across the district delivered standout performances at every level.

"The students' success at the citywide chess tournament has not only bolstered their confidence and positive outlook, but also filled us all with pride and inspiration," said Betzabel De La Rosa, Aldine ISD's district chess coach. "Chess is an equalizer, and the students have built lifelong cherished memories through their involvement in the chess program."

In the tournament, 1 point is awarded for every victory, .5 for a stalemate or tie, and 0 for a loss. These results reflect the hard work, discipline, and leadership our students are developing through chess," said De La Rosa. "Chess continues to grow in Aldine, and we're so proud of what our teams accomplished."

One highlight came from Jesús Valadez, an Avalos P-TECH student who earned fifth place individually out of 262 participants. Jesús began playing at Carmichael Elementary School in third grade, where he was coached by De La Rosa and Jorge R. Salazar. The longtime chess enthusiast won four of five rounds – all participants played five rounds – and helped propel his school to a top-five finish.

The tournament was particularly meaningful for campuses like Avalos P-TECH, Grantham Academy, and Plummer Middle School – schools that do not yet have formal chess coaches but were still able to participate under Coach De La Rosa's guidance. Avalos P-TECH School had four students, but they collectively walked away with 11 victories.

Through the support of the Advanced Academics Department's dedicated chess coaches, Aldine ISD's chess program continues to thrive, offering elementary to high school students opportunities to compete in local, state, and national events. Beyond the trophies, chess fosters critical thinking, focus, sportsmanship, and confidence – skills that translate far beyond the chessboard.

"Time and time again, we witness teams forming, friendships blossoming, and students developing a true competitive spirit," shared De La Rosa. "Through chess, they learn that their actions have consequences, what it means to win and lose gracefully, and, most importantly, how to have fun. Chess offers an outlet for students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to compete in traditional sports or activities. It is truly the sport of leaders."

### Benefits of Chess:

Enhances critical thinking and problem-solving skills: Players must plan ahead, anticipate their opponent's moves, and adapt strategies.

Boosts memory and concentration: Chess requires remembering rules, moves, and past strategies, sharpening short- and long-term memory.

Improves decision-making under pressure: Players learn to make wise choices quickly, even with high stakes.

Teaches patience and discipline: Success in chess demands careful thought, focus, and staying calm.

Encourages creativity: Players often need to think outside the box and come up with innovative strategies.

Fosters resilience and sportsmanship: Chess wins and losses teach perseverance, humility, and the value of learning from mistakes.

Promotes academic success: Studies show a positive correlation between chess and improved math, reading, and cognitive skills.

### Upcoming District Chess Tournament

Next, Aldine ISD will host its annual District Chess Tournament on May 17 at Blanson CTE High School from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., where student strategists will again showcase their talents and passion for the game. The tournament is open only to Aldine ISD students. Students can register with the chess coach on campus or email De La Rosa at [bdelarosa@aldineisd.org](mailto:bdelarosa@aldineisd.org).

District Tournament Registration Link: <https://shorturl.at/qcsGd>



Aldine ISD Team Standings

- High School Level
  - 1st Place – Eisenhower High School with 13.5 points
  - 2nd Place – Blanson CTE High School with 12 points
  - 3rd Place (tied) – Avalos P-TECH School with 11 points

- Middle School Level
  - 1st Place – Impact Leadership Academy with 18 points
  - 2nd Place – Shotwell Middle School with 13.5 points
  - 3rd Place – Houston Academy with 13 points



Impact Leadership Academy



- Elementary School Level
  - 1st Place – Kujawa Elementary School with 18 points
  - 3rd Place – Stehlik Elementary School with 15.5 points
  - 5th Place – Impact Leadership Academy with 14 points



OPINION PAGE



It's All About the Seniors!

As I wrap up another busy district work period, I wanted to share what we've been up to in the community. From protecting Social Security to expanding access to Medicaid and defending hard-earned benefits for seniors, my team hit the ground running to make sure every Texan gets the dignity and care they deserve.



Senior Tour | Social Security Day of Action

We kicked off the week with our Senior Tour in honor of Social Security Day of Action—visiting senior centers across the district to hear directly from my constituents about the challenges they're facing.

They've earned their Social Security benefits, and I'm fighting to keep offices open, services timely and accessible, and protections in place.



Partnering with County Judge Lina Hidalgo | Medicaid Day of Action

For our Medicaid Day of Action, I joined forces with Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo to bring awareness to the critical county programs that would be affected by federal cuts to Medicaid.

Together, we visited groups around the district to talk about the importance of having access to healthcare and how we must keep pushing to ensure no Texan is left behind.

From Ben Taub to L.B.J hospital, millions of families, children, seniors, and people with disabilities rely on Medicaid for the care they need. I'm fighting to protect this lifeline.



Town Hall with Congressman Joaquin Castro | Affordability Week of Action

For Affordability Week of Action, I was proud to welcome Congressman Joaquin Castro for a Town Hall. We heard directly from seniors about the fight to protect their benefits.

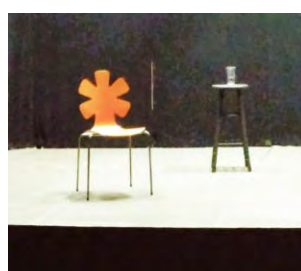
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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

An Empty Space



This week was spent with the familiar sensation that I have no idea what I am doing.

I just started rehearsals for a show about my column and the origin story for my first novel, Loon Point, that comes out next February. There is a lot of work to do before the show will be performed anywhere, but this week we took the first step.

My director, Cheryl, and I are meeting in an old church that has been converted into a community center. The room we are in doubles as a dining hall for funerals and a kitchen for the food shelf. The floors are linoleum tile, and there is the familiar smell of cooking.

We started, as all plays start, by looking at an empty space and imagining how to fill it.

"I don't think we need a chair," Cheryl said.

We had talked about having a chair, and now we had a folding chair sitting in the middle of the stage. The chair looked as if it was about to do something very important and, since I wrote the script, I knew that it was not.

"I say we get rid of the chair," Cheryl said, with more conviction.

I folded up the chair and hustled it offstage. The chair, formerly the star of the show, had been officially fired.

But Cheryl liked the hat stands I had brought and agreed we needed two of them. She liked the stool, and we added a small table—except we didn't have a small table. So we used the same old folding chair, now conscripted into playing the role of a table. (Don't worry if you are confused. I'm sure the chair was, too.)

Then we silently looked at what had suddenly turned from a dining hall into a stage. "I'd like you to read the script and move around," Cheryl told me.

This is the part I hate.

I have no natural instincts when it comes to movement. I have vivid recollections of every dance class I took as a young person. I was flexible, and classes always began with floor exercises. I would see the face of the dance teacher light up as they assumed I was a dancer, and I would dread what was coming. I would stand up and start to move, and the teacher would immediately realize they had made a mistake—I was absolutely not a dancer. In fact, I had enormous difficulty following the simplest instructions. The notion of "body memory" was alien to me. I had a bad case of body amnesia.

But I did as Cheryl asked. I read the script aloud, and I moved when I felt I should move. Cheryl took notes with a very serious look on her face (even during the parts that I hoped were funny), and when I finished, I knew a show had started.

I came home surprisingly tired. "How did it go?" my husband, Peter, asked.

I wanted to say that I felt as if the linoleum floor of the old dining hall had ceased to exist, and we'd entered a new world—yet I had returned to my old home. I felt as if I was doing the thing that was always hardest for me, a thing that could never be done perfectly, and—when it was done best—only lasted for a moment. I wanted to say I felt as if I'd taken part in a small miracle. And I had no idea what I was doing.

"It went well," I told him. Because it had.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



TEA Releases 2023 A-F accountability ratings

After a prolonged delay because of a lawsuit filed by about 100 school districts, the Texas Education Agency has released the 2023 A-F accountability ratings, indicating the share of campuses that received a passing ranking dropped by 14% from 2022.

"For far too long, families, educators and communities have been denied access to information about the performance of their schools, thanks to frivolous lawsuits paid for by tax dollars filed by those who disagreed with the statutory goal of raising career readiness expectations to help students," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

A separate, ongoing lawsuit has delayed the release of more recent ratings from the 2023-2024 school year. School performance ratings from the 2024-2025 school year are set to be issued in August.

For the 2023 school year, about half of Texas schools earned an A or B, while roughly 14% scored a D, and 7% received Fs, The Dallas Morning News reported.

To view 2023 A-F ratings for all Texas public school districts or campuses, go to Txschools.gov.

STATE INSURANCE CRISIS IS NOW HITTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Severe weather from hurricanes and other weather events has not spared the state's public schools, resulting in skyrocketing property insurance costs, the Houston Chronicle reported. Insurance costs for districts have increased by 44% statewide in the past five years, according to TEA.

The problem is particularly acute in coastal areas hit by hurricanes and severe storms. Part of the major school finance package passed by the House in April would reimburse school districts in 14 coastal counties for insurance increases above the state average.

Another bill, filed by state Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, would give districts in coastal counties a credit against recapture payments for wind and hail coverage.

"You don't want education to suffer because you're worried about getting money to cover buildings for the kids," Hunter said.

ABBOTT SIGNS TEXAS VERSION OF DOGE INTO LAW

The Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office is now set to



become law after Gov. Greg Abbott signed the measure into law last week. The state office aims to eliminate waste, fraud and corruption in state government and is patterned after the federal Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

The office will launch in 2026 with a \$10-million, two-year operating budget.

"We in Texas will now have our own DOGE, known as the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office," Abbott said. "This law will slash regulations, put stricter standards on new regulations that could be costly to businesses, and put a check on the growth of the administrative state."

The new office will also work to reduce state regulations that it considers outdated or unnecessary.

SBA ASSISTANCE GRANTED FOR NORTHEAST TEXAS COUNTIES HIT BY TWISTERS

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Abbott's request for a disaster declaration for Northeast Texas communities hit by tornadoes and severe weather earlier this month. The declaration includes Bowie, Camp, Cass, Marion, Morris, Red River, Titus, and Upshur counties.

The approval gives homeowners, renters and businesses access to a number of low-interest loans in affected communities.

Applicants can apply online at sba.gov/disaster or by calling 800-659-2955. A Disaster Loan Outreach Center has opened in Daingerfield to assist with completing applications and answering questions.

BILL CLARIFYING ABORTION LAWS CLEARS SENATE PANEL

A bill to clarify the state's abortion laws has passed out of a Senate committee, the Texas Standard reported. Some amendments have been added to address criticism from the left and right,

the report said. Senate Bill 31 is intended to clarify when doctors can legally intervene and "aligns language" between the state's three bans on abortion. It would also remove the requirement that a medical crisis be imminent before a doctor can act.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate floor for debate, specifically says a woman who has an abortion can't be criminalized "as a party, principal, perpetrator, or accomplice" to the prohibited abortion.

A companion bill in the House is still in committee.

TEXAS REPUBLICANS TRY TO REIN IN HOUSING COSTS

A poll last year indicates 90% of Texans view the state's high housing costs as a problem, one that GOP leaders hope to fix, The Texas Tribune reported.

"Young people have been boxed out of the housing market," Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said earlier this month.

While buying or renting a home in Texas is still cheaper than California and New York, rising costs could affect the state's competitive advantage. In addition, the state needs about 320,000 more homes than it has, according to an estimate from one housing advocacy group.

One approach GOP legislators are trying is to force cities to reduce lot sizes and allow homes to be built in more places, though the proposals would only apply to the state's 18 largest cities.

"The bottom line is there's no new land coming online," state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, who is behind some of the Senate's efforts, said during floor debate on one of the bills. "It's supply and demand. If there's land ripe for development, for homes, for families, no government should stand in the way."

NUCLEAR POWER IN MIDST OF A RESURGENCE

A research lab at Abilene Christian University is building the nation's first nuclear research reactor in more than four decades, The News reported. The goal is to prove that small modular reactors can be a clean, reliable source of energy.

"Our goal is to take this technology and bless the world with it," said Rusty Towell, an engineering professor at ACU who leads the university's effort to build a small nuclear reactor.

The state has signed off on supporting nuclear technology with a \$5 billion development fund. Nuclear power is seen as a way to provide stable energy while slowing climate change. Texas now has nuclear reactors at Comanche Peak, southwest of Fort Worth, and the South Texas Project, about 100 miles northeast of Corpus Christi.

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# METRO expands Curb2Curb service

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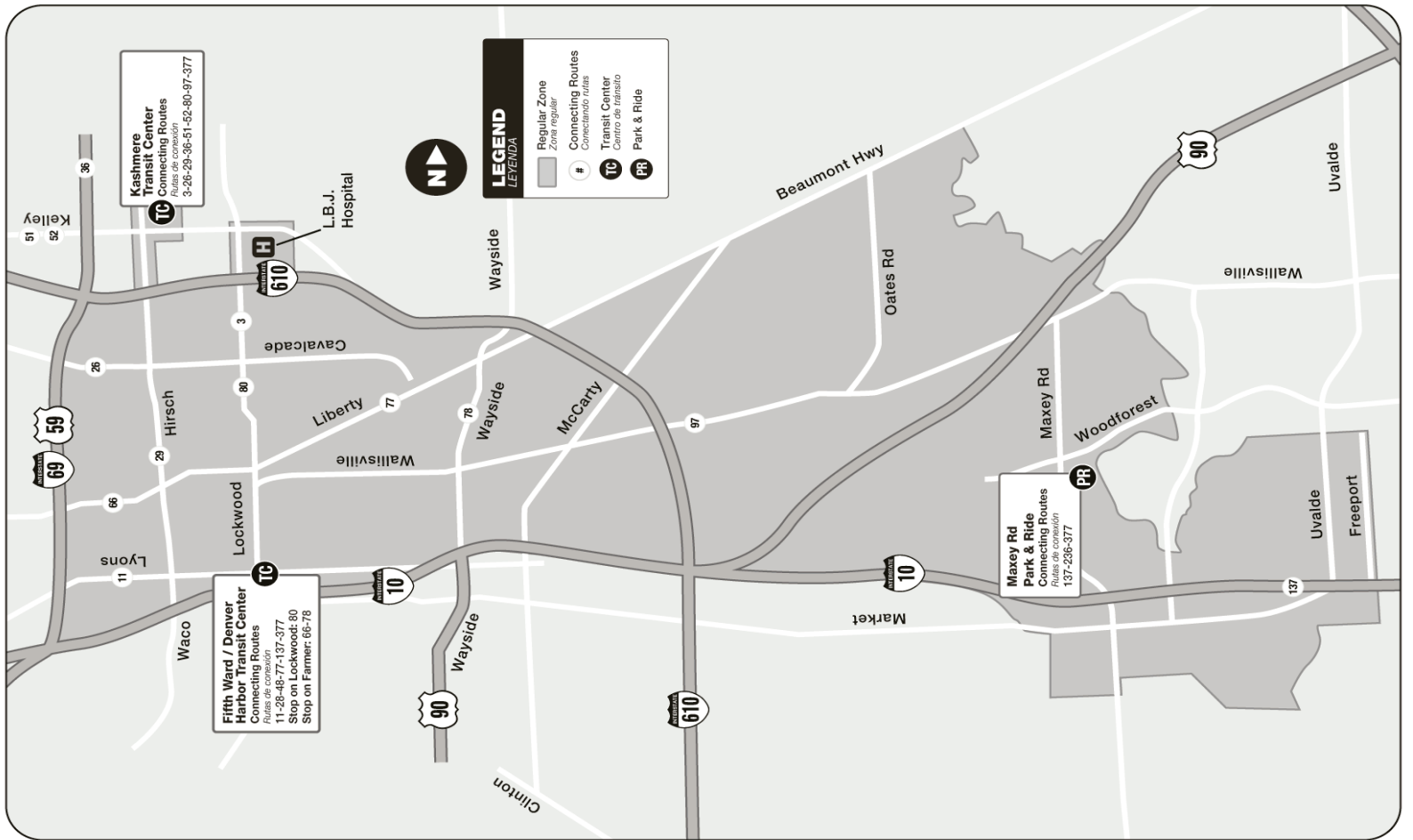
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This zone replaces the 377 Kashmere Late Night route.

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# Houston Grand Opera to entertain this summer at County Libraries

Programs aimed at young children, families; Aldine Library on schedule

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Harris County Public Library System  
 June 17 @ 11 a.m.: North Channel Branch, SBO/Maria's Magical Musical Adventure (bilingual)  
 June 18 @ 11 a.m.: Aldine Branch, SBO/Maria's Magical Musical Adventure (bilingual)  
 July 7-11 @ 11 a.m. daily: Sing! Move! Play! Camp at North Channel Branch—a week of singing, dance, crafting, and more  
 July 15 @ 11 a.m.: Aldine Branch, SBO/Three Little Pigs  
 July 21-25 @ 11 a.m. daily: Sing! Move! Play! Camp at Jacinto City Branch—a week of singing, dance, crafting, and more  
 July 21-25 @ 11:30 a.m. daily: Sing! Move! Play! Camp at Atascocita Branch—a week of singing, dance, crafting, and more  
 July 31 @ 2 p.m.: Stratford Branch, SBO/Opera Cat



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Storybook Opera (SBO), intended for grades Pre-K-2, brings children's books to life through song as HGO teaching artists present an engaging and enjoyable introduction to opera for students. This summer's featured books include:

- The Armadillo's Dream by HGO chorister Dennis Arrowsmith, about an armadillo with opera-star dreams (bilingual)
- Agua/Agüita and Fuego/Fueguito by Jorge Argueta, about water and the natural world(bilingual)
- Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon by Kat Zhang, about a student's quest to make the perfect dragon
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears, a perennial favorite
- Maria's Magical Musical Adventure, about a young girl who travels through time to meet Vivaldi (bilingual)
- Opera Cat by Tess Weaver, about a cat and her opera-diva owner
- The Three Little Pigs, a classic fable
- Westward Ho, Carlotta! by Candace Fleming, about

an opera singer who follows her dreams out West

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For more information, visit [HGO.org/Community](http://HGO.org/Community).

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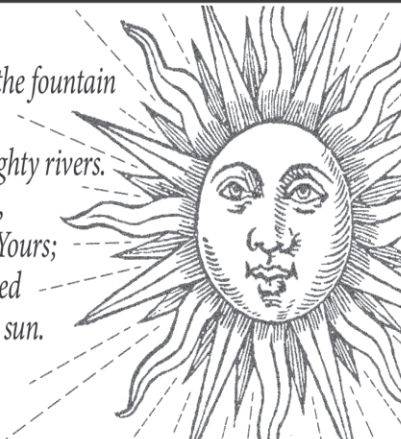
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Romans 11, which tribe did Paul describe himself as a member of? Benjamin, Rome, Barnabus, Tarsus
3. What's the "Decalogue" another name for? Ark of Covenant, Holy Grail, Ten Commandments, Last Supper

4. In which "Garden of" did Adam and Eve live? Everest, Eden, Heaven, Paradise
5. From Romans 5:6, Paul noted that Christ died for the ... Believers, Unbelievers, Righteous, Ungodly
6. What was Adam made of/from? Eve's rib, Earth's dust, Ray of light, Fig leaf

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Benjamin, 3) Ten Commandments, 4) Eden, 5) Ungodly, 6) Earth's dust  
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Jacob Elordi stars in 'The Narrow Road to the Deep North.'

'Death of a Unicorn.'

'DEATH OF A UNICORN' (R) — Jenna Ortega ('Beetlejuice Beetlejuice') and Paul Rudd ('Only Murders in the Building') team up to play a father-daughter duo in this fantastical horror-comedy film.

(Amazon Prime Video) 'COMPANION' (R) — This sci-fi thriller is a mind-bending one led by scream queen Sophie Thatcher ('Heretic') and Jack Quaid ('Novocaine').

this revelation will lead Iris to do ... (Max) 'THE FOUR SEASONS' (TV-MA) — This eight-episode miniseries out now to binge is comprised of a stacked cast that is sure to make this your new favorite series.

'LOVE HURTS' (R) — Following the success of a 2023 award season campaign that landed him a Golden Globe and an Oscar for his work in 'Everything Everywhere All at Once,' Ke Huy Quan was signed to utilize his action skills to lead a classic action-comedy film for Universal Pictures.

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Oscar winner Jessica Chastain is headed back to movie theaters in a big way! Her most recent film 'Dreams,' opposite Rupert Friend, received high praise at the Berlin Film Festival in February, but it still needs a distributor in the United States.

She's also preparing for Rob Savage's horror film 'Incidents Around the House.' The story involves a haunting from the perspective of a young girl, whose family is targeted by an entity she calls 'Other Mommy.'

Recent 'Maestro' Oscar nominee Bradley Cooper has chosen his next film: a comedy co-starring Will Arnett, Laura Dern and Sean Hayes, called 'Is This Thing On?'

Also missing for a while was former 'Entourage' series star Jeremy Piven. He was last seen in 'Sweetwater' (2023), a biographical sports film about basketball great Nat Clifton.

Obviously concerned about his thinning hair, he sought help from the HairClub for Men. He must have been very pleased with the results because he's now the spokesman in their TV ads!

I can't even count how many times I watched 'Jumanji' (1995). Robin Williams was superb in it. Apparently, the sequels have crushed its \$262.8 mil-



Jessica Chastain (Upcoming in 'Dreams')

lion grosses. 'Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle' (2017), which starred Dwayne Johnson, Jack Black, Kevin Hart, Karen Gillan and Nick Jonas, pulled in \$962.5 million. Then in 2019, 'Jumanji: The Next Level' earned \$801.7 million.

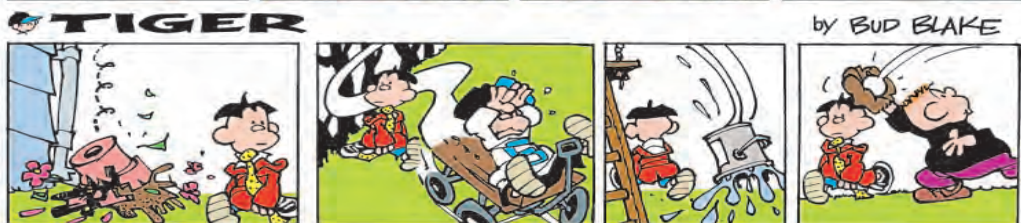
Surprise, surprise, there is another sequel in the wings! 'Jumanji 4' is scheduled to be released on Dec. 11, 2026. At this time, the principal actors are negotiating their (higher?) salaries, but no one's been signed as of yet.

No doubt 'Jumanji 4' will be finalized soon, especially after the success of 'A Minecraft Movie,' a film based on the sandbox game Minecraft that allows players to explore a vast open world, build, and dig for treasure.

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HOCUS-FOCUS comic strip by Henry Boltinoff. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

May 5, 2025 Posting Date King Crossword

King Crossword grid with ACROSS and DOWN clues.

Answers for King Crossword. 1. Wyoming; 2. Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division; 3. James Thurber; 4. 52; 5. 'Cheers'; 6. 1952 in Salt Lake City, Utah; 7. Six; 8. James Madison; 9. Valentina Tereshkova; 10. A platypus or pugle.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 1. U.S. STATES: Which state is last, alphabetically? 2. MOVIES: What does the acronym S.H.I.E.L.D. stand for in movies about Marvel characters?

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# international ARTS FESTIVAL

## Spirit OF EAST ALDINE

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2025

PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE



Join us **EVENTOS GRATIS**  
ACOMPÁÑENOS  
SATURDAY ~ SÁBADO

**may 17**  
3PM UNTIL 7PM »

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BRING A CHAIR ~ TRAIGA UNA SILLA

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