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NEWS NOTES

Walle Seminar April 23 "Know Your Rights"

Seminar on interactions with immigration enforcement will be held Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the East Aldine District Office, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive. RSVP is encouraged via email at District140.Walle@house.texas.gov.

Gift of Joy Blood Drive April 25

Community Blood Drive, at East Aldine Amphitheatre. Saturday, April 25. WALK starts at 7:00am, PILATES at 9:00am, and HEALTH FAIR/BLOOD DRIVE from 9:00 to 1:00pm. Free Family Fun, Free Yoga Mats, Tee Shirts & Gifts. See Information on Page 8 of this newspaper. Pre-Register at: tinyurl.com/GiftsofJoy-0426.

2025-2026 AEF Scholarship Recipients Ceremony



GRADUATING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY AT M.O. CAMPBELL CENTER.

By Jermani Atkinson
 AEF Director

ALDINE — The Aldine Education Foundation held its 2025–2026 Scholarship Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 18, at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, awarding more than \$490,000 in

scholarships to graduating seniors.

The ceremony recognized recipients of multiple scholarships, including the McArthur and Avalos P-TECH scholarships sponsored by the East Aldine Management District.

Following the ceremony,

students participated in a reception where they connected with scholarship donors, discussed their academic goals, and shared their future plans. Recipients also submitted thank-you letters and confirmed their college plans to help ensure timely distribution of scholarship funds.

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AEF Board Member Rose Avalos presents scholarship.

Lauder Basin Phase 2 set to begin Construction

ALDINE — Construction on the Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin – Phase 2, Compartment 2 Project Begins Soon.

Construction crews will be accessing the site at Miranda Street and Maximilian Street. Residents are urged to respect all warning signs.

About this Project
 Phase 2 of the Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin consists of two dry-bottom compartments. Phase 2, Compartment 1 was completed in Q2 2025. Compartment 2 is expected to provide approximately 260 acre-feet of additional stormwater

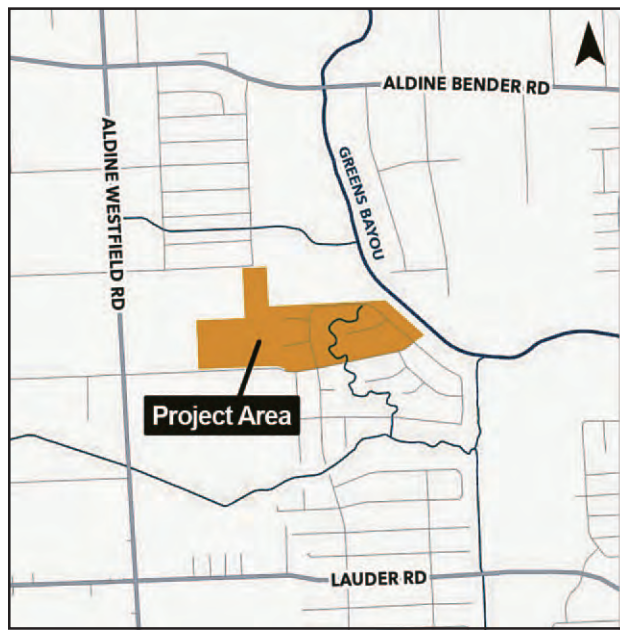
storage — that is roughly the equivalent of 260 football fields covered in one foot of water. A stormwater detention basin temporarily holds stormwater during heavy rain events to help reduce the risk of flooding in the area.

Learn more about this project Funding

- The 2018 Bond Program is expected to contribute approximately \$5.5 million towards construction.

- This project is receiving funding up to \$24.9 million through the Com-

Continued. See LAUDER BASIN TO START CONSTRUCTION, Page 8



State Representative Armando L. Walle was briefed by Dr. Tina Peterson, Executive Director of Harris County Flood Control District regarding the flood prevention projects in HD140 along Halls & Greens Bayous. One project on which he secured \$18M from state budget will be complete at the end of 2026 and another \$15M project is set to be completed in 2028. Both are storm water detention basins. He said "We have worked hard to secure these funds and will continue to use all efforts to do same next session. Proud of this work. We deliver," said Walle.

Brittney Griner to join Conn. Sun, then Relocate to Houston

HOUSTON - Ten-time WNBA All-Star Brittney Griner is finalizing a seven-figure deal to join the Connecticut Sun, sources confirmed to ESPN on Friday.

The move comes as the Sun prepare for their final season in Connecticut before the franchise's relocation to Houston in 2027. Griner, 35, is a Houston native and played collegiately at Baylor.

The terms of the agreement are unknown. Sun sideline reporter Terrika Foster-Brasby first reported the deal.

Griner will join a team that is building around a young core, including Connecticut draftees Leila Lacan, Saniya Rivers and Aneesah Morrow, as well as recently acquired players Diamond Miller and Aaliyah Edwards.

Griner, a 6-foot-9 center, is a six-time All-WNBA and seven-time All-Defensive team selection, two-time Defensive Player of the Year, eight-time blocks leader and two-time scoring champion.

Prior to last season, she had spent her entire career with the Phoenix Mercury, who drafted her No. 1 in 2013. She helped them win a championship the following year.



Brittney Griner during a women's basketball quarterfinal round game against Australia at 2020 olympics

Last year was the start of a new era for Griner as she left Phoenix to join the Atlanta Dream. She registered a career low in minutes (20.8), points (9.8), rebounds (5.2) and blocks (1.2) and was

Continued. See BRITNEY GRINER FINALIZING RETURN MOVE TO HOUSTON, page 2

Texas House Democrats Who Walked Out Over Congressional Map Fined Over \$8,000 each

TEXAS - Texas House Democrats who staged a walkout in August over a new congressional map gerrymandered in favor of Republicans will be charged over \$8,000 apiece in penalties, a GOP-led panel decided Friday.

Democrats avoided the Capitol for two weeks in August to protest the new congressional map that Texas Republicans redrew, at the request of President Donald Trump, to hand the GOP up to five additional seats in this year's midterms. Their absence meant the Texas House lacked the quorum necessary to conduct business, forcing the chamber to a halt. The Legislature approved the map after Democrats, many of whom decamped to Illinois and other states, returned to Austin.

House rules allow lawmakers to be fined \$500 for each day they miss while the House is in session, if the absence was "for the purpose of impeding the

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Texas State Rep. Armando Walle was one of the Democrats fined by the GOP-Led Panel.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Suspect fatally shot after traffic stop on Airline Dr.

A Suspect was fatally shot after struggle with an HPD sergeant during a traffic stop in north Houston.

HPD says the sergeant suffered minor injuries; the suspect was found nearby and later pronounced dead.

According to the Houston Police Department, the sergeant and the suspect were traveling southbound on Airline Drive around 1:30 a.m. last week, when a traffic stop was initiated near the intersection with Tidwell Road.

The driver pulled into a parking lot, and investigators say the suspect got out of the vehicle before the sergeant approached. The sergeant attempted to detain the suspect, but police say the suspect resisted and a physical altercation began. During the struggle, both fell to the ground and the sergeant's weapon discharged.

Police say the suspect then ran from the scene and was located nearby with multiple gunshot wounds. First aid was provided, but the suspect was taken to a hospital and pronounced deceased. The sergeant suffered minor injuries and is expected to recover.

HPD said no weapon has been found at this time. Internal Affairs, HPD's Special Investigative Unit, and the Harris County District Attorney's Office are investigating.

Fatal Hit and Run on I-45 Frontage Road

HOUSTON – Crime Stoppers of Houston and the Houston Police Department's Vehicular Crimes Division are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for a fatal Hit and Run – Failure to Stop and Render Aid.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at approximately 6:00 a.m., Rudy Thomas Jackson was walking in the 4700 block of the North Freeway in Houston, Texas, when he was struck by an unknown vehicle. Moments later, a second vehicle also struck Mr. Jackson and fled the scene without stopping to render aid.

Mr. Jackson suffered severe injuries and was tragically pronounced deceased.

For the family of Rudy Thomas Jackson, the pain of this loss is compounded by unanswered questions. They are asking for the community's help in identifying the individual(s) responsible and bringing them to justice.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the location and arrest of the suspects featured. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous. **Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.**

All cases/warrants are active at the time this post was created and is subject to change. Crime Stoppers of Houston is not making any legal claims that this is the most current legal status.

HPD CASE #353455-26

Sun franchise relocates to Houston with Brittney Griner

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two-time scoring champion.

Prior to last season, she had spent her entire career with the Phoenix Mercury, who drafted her No. 1 in 2013. She helped them win a championship the following year.

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rebounds (5.2) and blocks (1.2) and was coming off the bench by the end of the season.

Griner has also had an illustrious international career, including as a three-time gold medalist with USA Basketball.

She missed the 2022 campaign after being wrongfully detained in Russia for nearly 10 months.

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| 20 APR | 11:30 AM FABLES AND FUN | 11:30 AM CLASES DE COMPUTACION |
| 21 APR | 11 AM TODDLER TIME | 3 PM GAME ZONE |
| 22 APR | 12 PM FUTURE U | 12 PM ESL/ CITIZENSHIP REGISTRATION |
| | 3 PM TOON CAFE | 3:30 PM KRAFTY KIDS |
| | 5PM AVENTURAS EN LECTURAS | 6 PM CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP |
| 23 APR | 3:00PM TEEN LOUNGE | 4 PM EXCEL BASIC |
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IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DATES

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

WIGGLE WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, April 22,
11:00am-12:00pm
Description
Come Move and Groove with Us!
Join us for a fun-filled session of reading, singing, and playful movement! It's the perfect way to introduce toddlers to the joy of books and reading while building important motor skills. Through music, movement, and play, we'll help support your child's growth in a joyful, engaging way—because play is essential to every part of toddler development! Ven a moverte y bailar con nosotros! Están invitados para una divertida sesión de lectura, canto y movimiento lúdico! Es la manera perfecta de introducir a los niños pequeños al placer de los libros y la lectura, a la vez que desarrollan importantes habilidades motoras. A través de la música, el movimiento y el juego, apoyaremos el crecimiento de tu hijo de una manera divertida y atractiva, ¡Porque el juego es esencial para cada etapa del desarrollo infantil!

TOGETHER TIME THURSDAY -FAMILY PROGRAM
APRIL 16 - Collage Poetry
APRIL 23- Rock Art
APRIL 30th- Watercolor
Programa familiar en el que cada semana tiene un tema diferente para pasar tiempo juntos y tener tiempo planificado como familia. No se requiere inscripción. Jueves de Tiempo Juntos - Programa Familiar
16 DE ABRIL - Poesía

en collage
23 DE Abril - Arte en roca
30 DE Abril - Acuarela

TEEN CLUB
Thursday, April 23,
5:00pm-6:00pm
Description
Join us every Thursday for a fun hour full of crafts and workshops. Relax, have a snack in a safe and welcoming space!

HOMEWORK HELP/AYUDA CON TAREA
Thursday, April 23,
5:30pm-6:30pm
Description
Looking for homework help? Come on in to your local library to find the resources you need for success! Aldine Library will offer a quiet space for teens and kids on Thursdays @ 5:30 PM. Librarians will be on hand to provide assistance.
Harris County Public Library offers a variety of free resources, including computers, printers, and access to special research websites available with your library card.
Note: Librarians will not do the homework nor can we guarantee any grades; this program is here to offer assistance answering questions.

BILINGUAL STORY TIME & CRAFT / HORA DE CUENTO Y MANUALIDADES
Tuesday, April 28,
11:00am-12:00pm
Description
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.
Last half hour is craft

time!
Children of all ages are welcome.
Están invitados a nuestro 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.

BOOK BUDDIES
Tuesday, April 28,
4:30pm-5:15pm
Description
Do you have a child in kindergarten through 3rd grade who loves stories—or one who could use a little extra reading support? Harris County Public Library's Book Buddies is a FREE, fun-filled literacy program that pairs enthusiastic, trained teen volunteers (Big Buddies) with younger readers (Little Buddies) for 10 weeks of reading adventures! Begins: Tuesday, Feb 17th | 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM Feb. 17 - April 28 (Excluding March 17th) @ Aldine Branch Library
Each week, your child will build confidence, make a new friend, and discover the joy of reading in a supportive, one-on-one setting.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



Carver High Theatre Students Shine: 21 Advance to Nationals, and Earn City Honors

It has been a semester to remember for the Carver High School Theatre Department.

From national competition qualifiers to a City of Houston proclamation to a prestigious board recognition, Carver's theatre students and directors have spent the spring collecting honors that reflect years of dedication — and a program that continues to set the standard for excellence in Aldine ISD.

1 National Qualifiers

Carver High School theatre students recently competed in the Texas Thespians Virtual Thespy Competition, a statewide individual event that gives students an additional opportunity to earn national recognition. The virtual competition took place in January 2026, and Carver delivered an exceptional showing.

All six students who submitted virtual entries earned Superior Ratings, qualifying them for national competition. Combined with qualifiers earned at the Texas Thespians State Festival in November 2025, Carver now boasts 21 national qualifiers this school year — three of whom qualified in more than one event.

Virtual Thespy Competition — National Qualifiers

(* Denotes students who qualified in two events)

- Contrasting Monologues — *Amare Haywood
 - Prop Construction — Gia Thomas
 - Solo Musical — Hailey Gonzales
 - Solo Musical — *Johnny Kelley
 - Solo Musical — Roma Velado
 - Stage Management — *Niya Kelly
- Note: Carver HS provided the Virtual Thespy Competition results.



Texas Thespians State Festival — National Qualifiers (November 2025 State Event)

(* Denotes student who qualified in two events)

- Contrasting Monologues — Tre'Veon Green
- Costume Design — Ashlyn Jack
- Duet Musical — Cedric Miller and *Trinity Jones
- Ensemble Acting — Dakarai Smith, Kaylee King, Jeremiah Barber, Na'Leeyah Tatum, and Rheagan Thompson
- Lighting Design — London Myles
- Playwriting — *Trinity Jones
- Solo Musical — Ka'Sean Francis
- Solo Musical — David Gipson
- Solo Musical — Sannia Bell
- Solo Musical Theatre Dance — Kenneth Jordan
- Two-Person Scene — Allen Hampton and Johnny Kelley
- Two-Person Scene — Amare Haywood and Niya Kelly



"Way to go, Panthers!" said head theatre director Roshunda Jones-Koumba. "Our students have worked incredibly hard to reach this level, and I'm proud of the way they continue to grow as performers, leaders, and storytellers. These recognitions are a reflection of their commitment and the support they receive from our Aldine community."

A Student Leader for Texas Thespians

Carver sophomore Allen Hampton has been selected to serve as a Texas Thespians Student Leader Ambassador — a competitive, statewide role recognizing students who exemplify leadership, academic excellence, and a commitment to advocating for theatre education.

Hampton's term began Feb. 14, 2026, and runs through May 31, 2027.

Student Leader Ambassadors promote public awareness of the value and impact of theatre education by encouraging and empowering students across Texas to use their voices to champion their programs.

City of Houston Proclaims March as Theatre in Our Schools Month

In a recognition that extends beyond the campus and into the community, the City of Houston issued a formal proclamation declaring March as Theatre in Our Schools Month — highlighting Carver High School's contributions to the theatre community.

Special appreciation was extended to Councilwoman Alejandra Salinas for her support, Aldine ISD Board Member Angela Williams for presenting the proclamation, and the Collaborating Voices Foundation and Kathy Tatum for helping make the moment meaningful.

Students Na'Leeyah Tatum, Allen Hampton, and Niya Kelly were also recognized for their leadership in bringing Theatre in Our Schools Month to life.

A Season of Excellence

These spring honors build on an already remarkable year for Carver Theatre — including a first-place finish at the Zone, District, and Bi-District rounds of the UIL One-Act Play competition, and are advancing to the Region One-Act Play contest with Porgy. And the recent announcements on earning 35 nominations in the Tommy Tune 2026 Awards competition for its production of The Wiz and being named a finalist in two categories.

Together, these accomplishments reflect a program that is not just performing — it is leading.

Aldine ISD congratulates the students, directors, and supporters of the Carver High School Theatre Department on a season of extraordinary achievement. Their dedication, talent, and commitment to excellence continue to elevate the #AldineStory and showcase what's possible when students are given the opportunity to shine.



A Message From Superintendent, Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

Dear Aldine Community,

On April 1, I quietly marked a milestone — 18 years as a superintendent.

Three districts. Countless students. Thousands of educators who gave everything they had. And one unwavering conviction that public education has the power to change the trajectory of a life — because it changed mine.

I share this not to focus on me but to provide perspective. Eighteen years of spring semesters have taught me something important: no time of year compares to now in a school district. The energy is electric. The stakes are real. The heart of our Aldine community beats loudest in April.

This momentum is fueled by the many stories that define our district, stories that embody what it means to be in full stride.

The People Who Make It All Possible This month, we have paused — as we

should — to celebrate the dedicated educators and staff who unite to hold our schools together in ways that often go unnoticed. They are an essential and cherished part of the #AldineStory.

We celebrated our paraprofessionals on April 1. These patient, dedicated professionals show up every day to support our most vulnerable learners. We recognized our school librarians on April 4. They are champions of curiosity and literacy who open worlds through books. From April 6–10, we honored our assistant principals — our MVPs — for the invisible heavy lifting they do each day. They keep our campuses moving.

And congratulations to our April Customer Service Award winners — Evelyn Evans of Ogden Elementary and Claudia Ruiz of Marcella Elementary — recognized for going above and beyond for our Aldine families every single day.

To every one of you: Aldine ISD sees you. We are grateful to you. This #AldineStory is yours, too.

Our Students Are Shining

From the stage to the track to the classroom — our students continue to shine, excelling at the highest levels and filling us with pride as they represent our community.

Carver High School theatre had an incredible season. The department earned 35 nominations and finalist honors in the 2026 Tommy Tune Awards. Students across the district advanced to compete in the International Thespian Festival in June, the national event for middle and high school students. Meanwhile, six Aldine ISD theatre programs competed in

UIL One-Act Play. Carver advanced to the Area competition with Porgy. Davis, Nimitz, MacArthur, Eisenhower, and Aldine High all earned individual and technical honors along the way.

In the visual arts, Blanson CTE students Alexandra de León and Stephanie Leiva earned National Scholastic Gold Medals. Their work ranks among the top student artwork in the country, selected from over 335,000 entries. Schools held GT Expos to showcase our gifted and talented students' research and creativity. Art students at Impact Leadership Academy worked with muralist and Aldine ISD alum Carlos Mendoza. Together, they brought their creativity to life in the community.

On the competition front, Aldine High School FCCLA students are headed to state. Our Nimitz Cougar Unified Track team is state-bound for the second straight year after winning first at Area and Regionals. Students from across the district headed to the Texas State History Day competition, with one student heading to the state competition for her sixth time.

On the Athletic Fields

Our student-athletes have been remarkable. The Nimitz varsity girls and Davis varsity boys claimed the District 14-6A Track and Field Team Championships. Eisenhower girls and Nimitz boys earned runner-up honors. An impressive 83 student-athletes — 44 boys and 39 girls — qualified for the 6A Area Track and Field Championships. This event takes place today, April 16, at College Park High School in The Woodlands. Go Aldine! Additionally, the Aldine HS girls' tennis team and the MacArthur boys' team claimed District 14-6A Tennis Championships. Fourteen student-athletes are headed to the UIL Region 2 6A Tennis Championships in Waco on April 20–21.

And to our baseball, softball, and soccer student-athletes still competing — we celebrate your efforts and cheer you on.

Choices and Opportunities — Built Into Every Classroom— In Aldine, we believe every student deserves access to high-quality learning experiences that open doors. This month, three powerful program spotlights reminded our community just how many doors we are opening.

The HEAL Program at Nimitz High School prepares students for real-world healthcare careers by equipping them with hands-on skills in a mock hospital, rehabilitation spaces, and CTE classrooms, thereby increasing their readiness for medical professions. Impact Leadership Academy builds future leaders through mentorship, community engagement, and purposeful learning, resulting in students demonstrating improved confidence and leadership abilities. The Aldine Young

Women's Leadership Academy empowers young women to lead, succeed, and envision futures without limits, as students gain enhanced leadership experience, self-advocacy, and ambition.

I was also honored to attend the MacArthur JROTC Military Ball alongside Commissioner Garcia. He delivered an impactful keynote and shared apprenticeship opportunities for graduating seniors. The discipline, leadership, and service commitment these students showed filled me with pride.

We also celebrate Ogden Elementary Principal Gregory Castille, whose statewide leadership award in deaf education reflects the inclusive, student-centered culture we are building across every campus in Aldine ISD.

Earlier this month, my administration team visited Spence Elementary and Hill Elementary — and I want to say directly to those campus communities: the learning happening in your buildings is extraordinary. Every classroom we walked into reminded us why we do this work.

Coming Up

Our Festival de Primavera (Spring Festival) is this Saturday, April 18. It is a free, family-friendly event at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center. The event is now expanded to celebrate all of Aldine ISD's emergent bilingual families. Come out, bring your family, meet award-winning authors, and connect with resources available to you. All means all in Aldine. This event reflects exactly that.

Spring is also the season of beginnings. Our PreK Expo and Enrollment Fair invited families to explore what an Aldine ISD education looks like from the very start. If you know a family with a child ready for PreK, tell them: we have a place for them.

Our Choice Schools are also hosting the 3rd Annual Creative Pursuit Art Showcase and Trashion Fashion Show — a celebration of student creativity, self-expression, and sustainability that is not to be missed.

And yes — prom season has officially begun! Aldine High School kicked things off on April 10. To our students: you only get these moments once. Enjoy every one of them.

In Full StrideApril is the month when everything we have built all year comes into view. STAAR testing is underway — and I want every student to know that we believe in you, we have prepared you, and we are with you every step of the way.

Keep running your race, Aldine.

I am so proud of you. With Aldine Pride, Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney-Superintendent of Schools

OPINION PAGE



Sheriff Ed Gonzalez comments on Justice Served in Almendarez murder trial

By Sheriff Ed Gonzalez
Today, justice was served.

A Harris County jury has returned a guilty verdict on capital murder charges in the 2022 shooting death of our brother, Harris County Sheriff's Office Deputy Darren Almendarez.

Deputy Almendarez was off-duty, leaving the store with his wife Flor, when he courageously confronted three individuals attempting to steal the catalytic converter from his truck. He paid the ultimate price for stepping up to protect what was his—and what belongs to all of us.



To the jury members who listened carefully and delivered this verdict: thank you. Your service helped ensure accountability for a senseless act of violence that took one of our own.

To the prosecutors, detectives, witnesses, and every member of law enforcement and the justice system who worked tirelessly on this case over the past four years—thank you. Your dedication honors Deputy Almendarez and the badge he wore with pride.

Darren, we remember you. We miss you. And today, we stand a little taller knowing your sacrifice was not forgotten.



Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of April 27, 2026.

- ON NOW: "Bugonia" (R) — Netflix
ON NOW: "My Brother the Minotaur" (Season 1) — Apple TV
ON NOW: "The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants" (PG) — MGM+
27-April: "Disney Animation's Songs in Sign Language" (Special Event) — Disney+
28-April: "My Killer Father: The Green Hollow Murders" (Docuseries) — Paramount+
29-April: "Widow's Bay" (Season 1) — Apple TV
30-April: "Man on Fire" (Season 1) — Netflix
30-April: "Surviving My Father: The Rachel Jeffs Story" (TV-14) — Hulu
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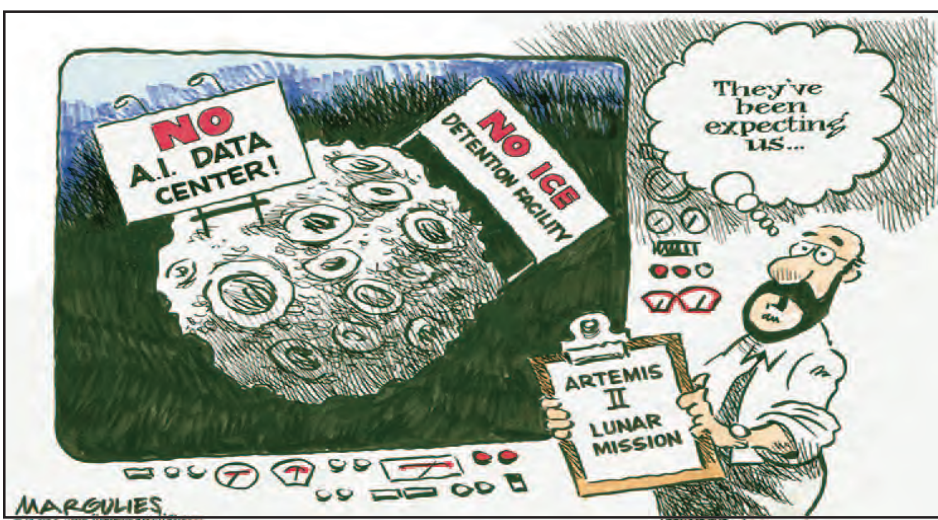
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"It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed. In this life we get nothing save by effort." — Theodore Roosevelt

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Data Centers Set to Get Billions in Tax Breaks

An exemption for the state's booming data center industry means Texas will lose \$3.2 billion in sales tax revenue over the next two years, The Texas Tribune reported.

Lawmakers say they will consider proposals to either limit the tax break or eliminate it altogether when they meet in January for the next legislative session.

"These new numbers are extremely concerning, and I will say they're unsustainable," said state Sen. Joan Huffman, chair of the Senate Committee on Finance. "I plan to look at filing legislation to either repeal the exemption or take a very close look at it and see."

The tax break was approved by lawmakers in 2014, when there were far fewer data centers and they were much smaller. If nothing changes, exemptions could reach \$1.75 billion annually by 2030.

The state already has more than 300 active data centers, with more than 100 additional projects either under development or planned.

PATRICK WARNS GOP COULD LOSE STATE HOUSE MAJORITY

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick warned last week that the GOP risks losing its majority in the state House this November and urged party unity behind the winner of the May runoff between U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Without that unity, Patrick said that state Rep. James Talarico, the Democratic nominee, could win, The Dallas Morning News reported.

House Speaker Justin Burrows said he believes the GOP will keep its majority in the chamber but agreed unity is critical.

"We've got to be on the same page," Burrows said. "We've got to be working and rowing in the same direction."

Democrats, who have not held a majority in either chamber in more than 20 years, would have to flip 14 Republican seats to achieve a majority in the 150-member House.

TEXAS COULD FACE \$700 MILLION IN SNAP PENALTIES

New federal rules designed to cut waste in the nation's food stamp program means Texas taxpayers will have to pay \$700 million more each year to participate in the Supplemental Nutri-



tion Assistance Program, or SNAP, The Texas Tribune reported. Officials with Texas Health and Human Services disclosed this to lawmakers at a recent committee hearing.

Almost 9% of the state's SNAP payments had an error, slightly better than the national rate of 11%. Texas has until October 2027 to bring the error rate down below 6%. The error rate is based on unintentional mistakes by either the agency or the client receiving the benefits that result in an overpayment or underpayment.

Nearly one-fourth of the state's population gets some type of assistance from Texas Health and Human Services.

"We are dealing today with a health care epidemic, but not from a disease or virus," said Sen Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, the committee chair. "With scandals in places like Minnesota and California drawing national attention, we, as Texans, must examine our own system and see how we measure up to other states."

COURT PAUSES SMOKABLE CANNABIS BAN, HIGHER FEES

A Travis County district judge has temporarily lifted a statewide ban on the sale of smokeable hemp products, The Texas Tribune reported. The temporary restraining order is in effect until at least April 23, when another hearing is scheduled.

Texas hemp companies sued to block new state rules that have wiped out a huge portion of the legal cannabis market, the Texas Standard reported. The rules took effect March 31 and prevented stores from selling smokeable hemp products and vastly increased licensing fees. Smokeable products make up the vast majority of hemp sales in the state.

"I estimated that flower is

about half the market and smokeable products put together including vapes are about two-thirds of the market," said Robin Goldstein, a University of California economist who researches cannabis markets. He said the Texas market had about \$4 billion in retail sales annually.

The plaintiffs are also suing over a jump in annual licensing fees for manufacturers from \$250 to \$10,000. Retailers must now pay \$5,000 per store, up from \$150.

"These provisions function not merely as regulatory tools, but as significant economic barriers not authorized by statute," the lawsuit contends.

The suit was filed by the Texas Hemp Business Council, the Hemp Industry and Farmers of America, and eight Texas-based hemp companies.

STATE TO LAUNCH STATEWIDE FOOD PERMIT JULY 1

The Department of State Health Services will begin offering statewide operating permits for food trucks in Texas beginning July 1, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Food truck owners currently must pay each city's permitting fees to operate there, which discourages them from traveling to other places to sell their food.

"It's a hassle to take time off to go and do that where we have to stop what we're doing and lose money that day," food truck owner Eloisa Schessler, of Dallas, said.

Some cities opposed the new law, fearing they may lose control of how mobile food trucks operate in their jurisdictions. They will still be able to control where and when food trucks operate, but they will not be able to collect permit and inspection fees.

TEXAS' JOB GROWTH CONTINUES TO OUTPACE NATIONAL RATE

Texas added 40,100 non-farm jobs in January to reach 14,379,500 positions, outpacing the national growth rate by 0.6 percentage points, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Texas employers continue to spur our state's economic momentum, adding more than 40,000 jobs across a wide range of major industries," said TWC Chairman Joe Esparza. "TWC remains committed to supporting Texas' pro-growth policies and world-class talent pipeline that make Texas the best place to do business."

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the state remained at 4.3%, which is below the national jobless rate of 4.7%.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

I Love Librarians



I spent yesterday with more than 5,000 librarians.

A few were library aides, and some were library trustees. But the thing they all had in common was libraries.

I never thought much about how libraries work, probably because they work so well. No matter where I am, if I walk through the door of a library, I know more or less what to expect. The staff will be helpful. Everyone will be eager to answer any question I have. No one will be in too big a hurry to help. Everything will be pretty much as I remember it as an eight-year-old.

When I was in elementary school, I would go to my school library and get help from Mrs. Shau. She rode a bicycle to work, was endlessly patient, read stories to us in the library and recommended books. It was her ability to recommend books that I remember best.

Because I didn't know what to read as a child, I still don't know—that's the truth. Finding a book that I want to read is the hardest thing about reading, and Mrs. Shau simply removed that obstacle and let me fill my book bag with books.

Backpacks had yet to be invented when I was in elementary school. They were a genius innovation which probably would have allowed me to read even more books. When I attended elementary school, I had a blue book bag with red vinyl trim, which carried my lunch (which got smushed) and my math homework (which I never did) and my library books (which were the only thing that mattered).

I read every book Mrs. Shau recommended and came back for more. Since that day, I have loved librarians. And yesterday, I got to meet a lot of them as I signed copies of "Loon Point," at a booth my publisher hosted at one of the largest library conventions in the country.

The librarians were not there only for books. They need lots of things, as it turns out, from furniture to office supplies to inventory systems. They come to these conventions to hear interesting talks on important subjects. But it seemed to me that they liked getting free books more than anything else.

I was at the welcome reception, so the doors had just opened when I started signing free books. There were tables full of food and lots of interesting things to see, but the librarians lined up for books. I had never done anything like this, so I didn't know what to expect.

"Are you a librarian?" I would ask.

"Yes!" they almost always said—and every single one of them sounded at least a little proud.

"Oh, good!" I'd answer. And I'd sign, "I love librarians! Carrie Classon" inside their book. I don't know how many books I signed, but there was a whole shelf filled with them, and I signed until we ran out of books.

Then a romance writer took my spot, and a stack of her books were taken off the shelf, and the line of librarians kept coming.

It was over before I knew it. And I was a little sad. Because, honestly, I think I could meet librarians all day long and never get tired of it.

"I love librarians!" I told them, one after another.

"We love writers!" they told me. And I'm sure that is true. But while they might love the books we write, I don't know if it's possible for them to love writers more than I loved Mrs. Shau and a book bag full of unread books.

Till next time, Carrie

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GOP-led panel fines missing Democrat state representatives,

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Members of the Texas House Democratic Caucus at a press conference at IBEW Local 701 in Warrenville, Ill., on Aug. 4, 2025. (Photo Jamie Kelter Davis for The Texas Tribune)

action of the House.” That provision also makes them liable for costs incurred by the House sergeant-at-arms in trying to force their attendance.

The final bill for most Democrats who broke quorum landed at \$8,354 each—exceeding the annual \$7,200 salary lawmakers receive as members of the Texas House. The fine includes \$6,000 for their absence over 12 days and \$2,354 in expenses sustained by the Department of Public Safety in trying to secure their presence, such as by dropping in on lawmakers’ homes across the state and trailing Democrats for a day after they returned to the Capitol.

The House Administration Committee tallied that 53 Democrats would be responsible for \$421,890 in sum. The panel, made up of six Republicans and five Democrats, approved the fines on a party-line vote.

Democrats on Friday pushed to reduce or strike the penalties entirely, arguing that walkouts were a constitutionally sanctioned legislative tool of the minority party and framing the fines as a partisan and draconian response.

“The power to compel attendance is not the power to punish dissent,” said Rep. Armando Martinez, D-Weslaco, a member of the administration committee who did not participate in the walkout. “Nor is it to distort the Constitution’s design and convert a protected structural safeguard into a sanctioned offense.”

Committee Vice Chair Sheryl Cole, D-Austin, offered five motions to cut down the penalties, each of which were defeated 6 to 5 by the panel’s Republican majority. She first moved to scratch out all penalties “on the ground that the committee has not accorded those members the due process required.”

Democrats had demanded Republicans produce itemized receipts and records supporting the reported sum borne by law enforcement. They emerged from the closed-door portion of the hearing arguing that the accounting process behind the fines was inconsistent, lacking transparency and riddled with errors.

“There’s no certain number, because you’ve given us uncertain evidence and there’s uncertain documentation,” state Rep. Cassandra Garcia Hernandez told The Texas Tribune after testifying to the committee. “The lack of due process was really frustrating.”

She said that despite asking for receipts supporting the fines in August, Democrats did not receive any records until a

few days ago, when the panel’s Republicans provided a 300-page packet of records from DPS and the House sergeant-in-arms that Democrats complained was difficult to evaluate without more time. Garcia Hernandez and other Democrats also said DPS leaders admitted at the hearing there were possible errors in the accounting and acknowledged records showing inconsistent documentation by officers of their efforts to round up lawmakers.

“Records provided by DPS don’t even show that they were legitimately trying to secure absent members during the relevant time period,” Cole said at the hearing. “None of the documents are tied to efforts to track down specific members, so we have no way of knowing what was expended on which members.”

Some Democrats saw their penalties reduced or struck before Friday’s hearing after successfully arguing that their absences from the Capitol during the walkout should count as excused. Rep. Salman Bhojani, D-Eules, was in Pakistan for half of the quorum break attending to a sick family member and saw his fine cut, and Rep. Claudia Ordaz, D-El Paso, saw her penalties struck entirely as she was undergoing in vitro fertilization treatment.

The maximum penalty was ultimately \$1,000 less than the original total House Republicans had quoted Democrats in August. House Administration Chair Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, said he dropped two Sundays from the \$500-a-day tally because the House was not in session.

Beyond their due process arguments, Democrats lamented that Republicans’ pursuit of the penalties would contribute to a more partisan and divided political environment.

“Not only is [our politics] more divisive, but it’s becoming also more vindictive,” said Rep. Vince Perez, D-El Paso, in describing his testimony to the committee. “Democrats, at the end of the day, lost this battle. We put up a fight and we came back and we lost, and we went on to other business. And I asked the committee: Really, what does it serve to continue to impose these or be rigid about these financial penalties when Democrats have already lost this issue?”

Rep. Joe Moody, an El Paso Democrat on the administration panel, condemned the partisan rhetoric from Republicans, some of whom have argued for maximizing the punishment to deter future walkouts.

“The members whose fines that we’ve considered today are colleagues and friends,” he said. “They’re not political ideas, and they broke quorum because they believed it was the right way to stand up for their districts. Some of the rhetoric around this has been incredibly over the top, which makes zero sense for tactics as old as politics itself.”

House rules prohibit lawmakers from paying the fines using campaign funds, meaning Democrats will have to pay them out of pocket. Before the hearing Friday, a spokesperson for House Democrats’ campaign arm said their read of state law was that lawmakers could use their campaign cash to reimburse themselves for the fine. A spokesperson for the campaign group said it was raising money to support every Democrat’s reelection, adding, “What they choose to do within the bounds of applicable law when the campaign committee makes campaign disbursements is up to them.”

After the hearing, Rep. James Talarico of Austin, the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate and a member of the Texas House Administration Committee, blasted out a fundraising email from his Senate campaign, saying, “there is something deeply wrong in this state if the majority party is trying to punish representatives for speaking up for their constituents.”

“This is why we have to take back Texas,” he added. “And when we do, my promise to you is that I will always fight for the people—regardless of the consequences.”

Before the committee approved the penalties, some Democratic lawmakers were noncommittal about paying them, with Perez and Garcia Hernandez saying they would evaluate their options in the coming days. Rep. Jolanda Jones of Houston said she was “not going to concede or pay anything illegal.”

Lawmakers who refuse to pay the fine could see their office budget slashed by 30%, according to House rules.

Some House Republicans, meanwhile, signaled an appetite to increase the fines and punishments for walkouts even further when the Legislature meets again for the 2027 session.

“We’re obviously not getting the message across with the current rules,” Rep. Mitch Little, R-Lewisville, said. “The penalties need to be higher. We’ll find a number that bothers people enough to come and do their job.”

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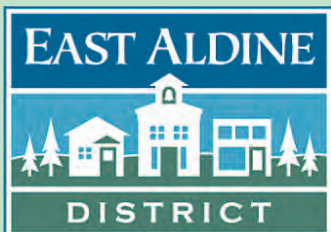


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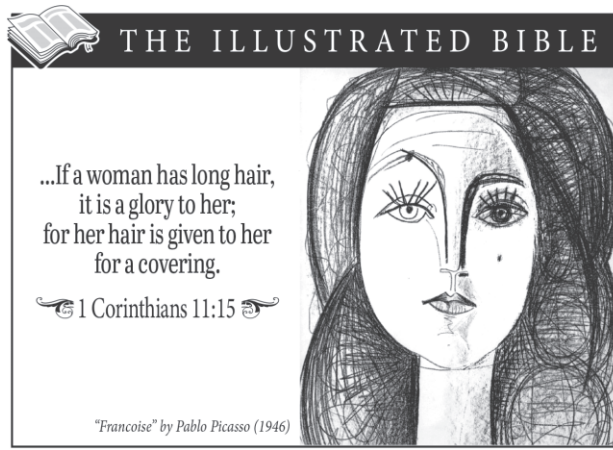
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1 Corinthians 11:15

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ruth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 2 Kings 13, what prophet ordered a king to shoot arrows out of a window? Paul, Job, Elisha, David
3. How many books of the Bible are only three letters long when spelled? 0, 1, 2, 3
4. What prophet saw "the tents of Cushan in affliction"? Japheth, Noah, Hezekiah, Habakkuk
5. Who said, "Lord, increase our faith"? Jonah, Apostles, Moses, Israelites
6. From Joel 2:6, what shall all faces gather? Sunlight, Blackness, Fear, Warmth

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Elisha, 3) One, 4) Habakkuk 5) Apostles, 6) Blackness
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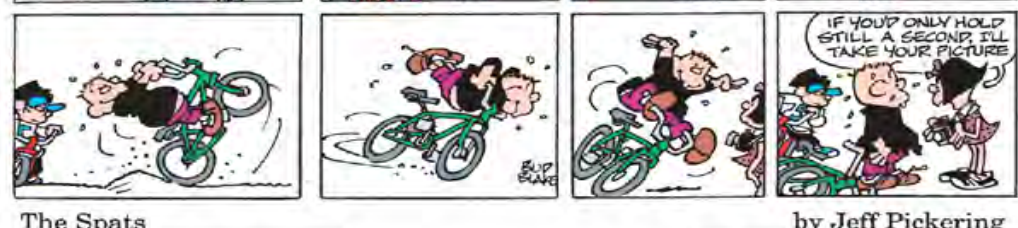
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| Emily Arriazola | Michael Gray |
| Dayana Hernandez Chavez | Itzel Fernandez |
| Adan Mendoza | Valeria Andres |
| Logan Haagenson-Jimenez | Alexia Arias |
| Eric Gallegos | Kyla Aranas |
| Jason Mohammed | Marlene Aguilar |
| Austin Badillo | Nayenci Rodriguez |
| Alina Lopez | Mariana Cordova |
| Anyiah Reece | Faith Clark |
| Hailey Mullikin | Isaac Carranza |
| Dezmin Arvizo | |

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| Briceida Sosa | Raul Colin | Nayeli Rodriguez |
| Adrian Garcia-Rosales | Deloreanna Madison | Cristopher Morales Gonzalez |
| Mauricio Martinez | Melissa Almaguer | Roberto Espinoza |
| Angel Moreno | Julie Smith | |
| Zaniyah Warner | Yaromi Lara | |
| Aarion Lowe | Minerva Ceballos | |

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Prize is moved; 2. Fork is reversed; 3. Napkin is different; 4. Doorway opening is not as wide; 5. Window in door; 6. Jacket is longer.

April 20, 2026 Posting Date King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Spruced up
- 5 Comedian Margaret
- 8 Arduous journey
- 12 Taj Mahal city
- 13 Unprocessed
- 14 Conceal
- 15 Buffets with Mexican food
- 17 Rocker — Pop
- 18 Yoko from Tokyo
- 19 Astern
- 20 Unravels
- 21 Blaster's need
- 22 Tease
- 23 Neighbor of Chad
- 26 Wilma and Fred's kid
- 30 Piglet's pop
- 31 Author Fleming
- 32 Ethereal
- 33 Rabbi's religion
- 35 Fall bloom
- 36 Buddy
- 37 Canonized Fr. woman
- 38 Prima donnas
- 41 Carnival city
- 42 Co. that created Watson
- 45 Pizza cooker
- 46 Home to the Buccaneers
- 48 Social standing
- 49 Wall St. wheeler-dealer
- 50 Deadly septet
- 51 Picnic invaders
- 52 Pot pie morsel
- 53 Whispered "Hey!"
- 7 Pained sounds
- 8 Baseball diamond stop
- 9 Latvia's capital
- 10 Jittery
- 11 Lock openers
- 16 "Troy" actor
- 20 Little lie
- 21 "America's Next Top Model" host
- 22 "Community" actor Jeong
- 23 JFK's veep
- 24 Chit
- 25 Abysmal
- 26 Shriver of tennis
- 27 Tipsy
- 28 Before
- 29 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
- 31 Equital
- 34 1040 org.
- 35 On
- 37 "The Lion King" lion
- 38 TV explorer
- 39 Author
- 40 Air outlet
- 41 Scarce
- 42 Nile wader
- 43 Proscribes
- 44 Island in a computer game
- 46 Spigot
- 47 Nile biter

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Trivia Test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What was the title of the final episode of "M*A*S*H"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Red Sea is an inlet of which ocean?
- INVENTIONS: Which English scientist invented the color wheel?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do pandas mostly eat?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the fictional college where "Animal House" is set?
- HISTORY: What was the last Chinese imperial dynasty?
- GEOMETRY: What is the distance around a circle called?
- SCIENCE: The world's first vaccine was developed to prevent which disease?
- LITERATURE: Where is Stephen King's novel "It" set?
- BUSINESS: What is the Disney logo based on?

Solution time: 23 mins.

King Crossword

Lauder Basin Phase 2 Set to Begin Construction,

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munity Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program, provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Texas General Land Office.

This project is located on the property of the former Castlewood Subdivision in north Harris County, just east of Greens Bayou, north of Lauder Road and west of Aldine Westfield Road.

Anticipated Schedule Construction Start Q2 2026 Construction Com-

pletion Q1 2027

The Flood Control District appreciates the support of federal, state, and local partners as the implementation of flood risk reduction projects continues across the Greens Bayou watershed.



Harris County Flood Control District Construction on the Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin – Phase 2, Compartment 2 Project Begins Soon! Construction crews will be accessing the site at Miranda Street and Maximilian Street. Residents are urged to respect all warning signs. Phase 2 of the Lauder Stormwater Detention Basin consists of two dry-bottom compartments. Phase 2, Compartment 1 was completed in Q2 2025. Compartment 2 is expected to provide approximately 260 acre-feet of additional stormwater storage — that is roughly the equivalent of 260 football fields covered in one foot of water. For more information visit: bit.ly/4tEGkmq



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