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East Aldine Offers Free Community Walking Group
Residents looking for a fun and healthy way to stay active are invited to join the East Aldine FREE Walking Group, a community fitness program that offers regularly scheduled group walks throughout the week.

The walking group meets every **Wednesday at 7 p.m.** and **Saturday at 7 a.m.** at the **East Aldine District Amphitheater**, located at **2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, Houston, TX 77039.**

The walking group is part of the **Fit Houston** initiative and is supported by several community partners, including **Hope Clinic, REACH, BakerRipley, the East Aldine Management District, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia,** and **H-E-B.**

Residents are encouraged to simply show up at the scheduled meeting times and enjoy a free walk with friends and neighbors.

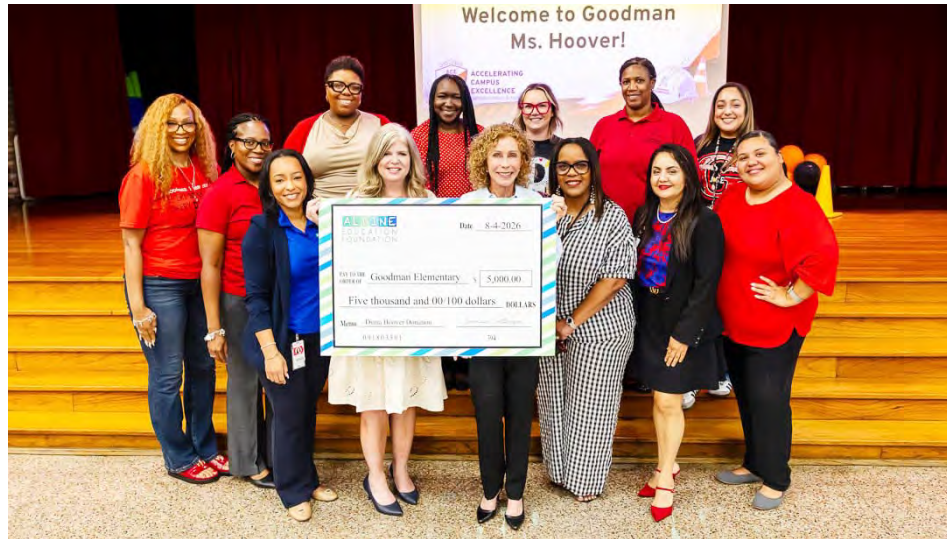
Daughter of Goodman Elementary Namesake Gives Back, Honors Family Legacy in Aldine ISD

By Sheila Adams
Business/Community, District, Goodman Elementary

For Diana Hoover, returning to Goodman Elementary is more than a visit, it's a homecoming.

Hoover recently returned to the campus where she began kindergarten and presented Goodman Elementary teachers with a \$5,000 donation.

This isn't the first time Hoover has given back. Three years ago, she donated \$25,000 to Goodman Elementary teachers to improve their teachers' lounge. Her latest gift continues a tradition of generosity rooted in a deep personal connection to the



Diana Hoover (center) with the Aldine Education Foundation director, Aldine ISD leaders and Goodman Elementary staff during her visit to Goodman Elementary.

school, its teachers and the Aldine community.

"My mother was a teacher here," Hoover told

Goodman staff. "She started out as a first-grade teacher."

Hoover recalled her own

first-grade teacher, Naomi Black, wife of Black Elementary namesake Kenneth Black. She shared

memories of growing up across the street from the school. She even remembered one of her earliest lessons in humility when Mrs. Black had to tell Hoover's mother that her daughter needed to learn that she was not the boss of the first-grade class.

Hoover recalled performing in The Wizard of Oz on the very stage in the cafeteria where she stood during her visit. She played the Scarecrow and remembered doing her "clumsy act" so convincingly that she fell down the stairs and knocked over a flag.

"I had a wonderful experience here," she said. "We

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Abbott pauses Texas data center projects pending state audit

By David Taylor
Managing Editor

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has directed the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to halt proposed data center projects from moving forward until state regulators verify critical details about how the facilities would operate, from their electricity and water demands to their ownership and community impacts.

The directive, issued Monday, Aug. 3, requires PUCT and ERCOT to conduct a comprehensive verification and audit of all data centers advancing through ERCOT's interconnection process before any additional projects are



approved. Projects that do not comply with requirements set by the agencies or state law will be denied connection to the Texas grid.

"Our top priority is to protect Texans' safety and quality of life," Abbott said. "Any project that fails to comply with the requirements set forth by the PUCT and ERCOT, and by state law, must be denied connection to the Texas grid. Simply put, Texans must come first."

ERCOT is reviewing more than 474 gigawatts of requests to connect to the state

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In Honor of Susan Lynn Hoffman

Summer Pet Care In 2026



Jacinto City citizens with their pets... L - R: Angelica Torres (*The Sourdough Girl) with Kasper & Maria Torres holding Luna their family pets.(Photo by Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. ~ I dedicate this article to Susan Lynn Hoffman, the daughter of the North Channel Star Editor and Publisher Gilbert Hoffman. She died unexpectedly May 23, 2023 at the age of 64, from Cardiac Arrest suffered during a scheduled heart procedure.

Susan's interests included taking care for every conceivable stray animal she encountered.

She cared for many stray animals, including cats, dogs, and birds. She kept some, but found

Foster homes when possible. She supported animal shelters and encouraged others to do the same. Susan, Sgt. Pierson and I love dogs and cats, we have this in common.

On July 30, 2026 at the Jacinto City Park I met pet loving citizens Angelica Torres (The Sourdough Girl) and her mom Maria Torres along with their pet dogs Kasper and Luna. (see photo)

EXTREME HEAT

Continued. See PROTECT PETS FROM EXTREME SUMMER HEAT, Page 2

Harris County Precinct 2 Provides Grant Funding for West Road Sidewalk Project

The North Houston District was recently awarded grant funding for a major sidewalk improvement project through Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's Office. The Precinct 2 grant program identifies projects that will help move the needle on increasing public safety and access for the Precinct's Aldine-East and Aldine-West corridors. A representative from Commissioner Garcia's



West Road Sidewalks - Proposed Typical Section

Office recently shared details about the grant program and the ongoing partnership with NHD.

Collaborating for Positive Change

In January 2026, the North Houston District applied for grant funding for a major sidewalk improvement project along West Road. We are pleased to announce that a grant in the

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Protect pets from extreme summer heat,

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WAVE CONCERNS: Angelica and Maria were anxious to help with my article in hopes readers would take notice of it and take some special care and extra steps this summer to prevent the mistreatment of pets.

It's highly recommended instead of the normal summer care for pets pet owners this summer will change their outdoor pets water several times each day to insure they have plenty of cool fresh water and sufficient shade they can get out of the blazing hot sun light.

The Texas Safe Outdoor Act (TSOA) is a law which requires pet owners to adhere to and or conform to or risk prosecution. The law strikes the 24-hour waiting period so animal services and law enforcement can take immediate action for dogs in distress.

The TSOA in Texas will be enforced by local governments and law enforcement agencies and their officers. Cities and counties may appoint animal control officers to enforce animal-related laws and respond to complaints from the public. Law enforcement agencies can enforce laws relating to dangerous dogs that can attack people.

Patrol officers are on watch for outside pets being placed on a short leash less than 10 feet long in violation of TSOA. Also for anything that appears to be inflicting the mistreatment of a dog or cat.

Penalties for violating the new dog and cat laws include fines, seizure of the animal and even criminal charges and someone found guilty of animal cruelty could face jail time.

Some people take good care of their pets while at home indoors but then without thinking they'll take their dogs out for a walk not realizing the hot pavement is well over 150 degrees on their paws. They sometime fail to realize the pavement temperatures are as hot on the dog's paws exactly as it would be on their own bare feet. This is animal cruelty even though it's unintentional.

HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS & TREATMENT

Texas law requires fresh cool water be made available to outdoor pets to prevent them from overheating and having a heat stroke and providing for their pets some shaded shelter out of the blazing hot sun.

Dogs or cats suffering from a heat stroke may have some of these symp-

toms; they'll lie down, pant when breathing, have excessive drooling, has a fast heart beat. FIRST AID TREATMENT: immediately cool down the pet by wetting it with cool water but not ice water put a fan on it and take it to a veterinarian.

ALL DOGS & CATS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED & LICENSED IN THEIR CITY EVERY 6 MONTHS

According to the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 828, all dogs and cats must be registered with the local animal services agency by the time the animal is four months old.

NEW TEXAS LAW: Pet owners must now renew their pet's registration every six months rather than annually. This change aims to encourage more frequent veterinary visits and ensure vaccinations stay up-to-date. Failure to register or renew a pet's license may result in late fees or civil penalties. However, some municipalities are using positive reinforcement by offering registration discounts for micro chipped pets.

TEXAS LAW MANDATES ALL DOGS & CATS MUST BE VACCINATED

In Texas, all dogs and cats over 3 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. The rabies vaccine must be administered every 1 or 3 years depending on the type of vaccine used.

Failure to vaccinate dogs against rabies may result in fines and owners can face criminal charges for allowing unvaccinated dogs to expose others to rabies. The city may also impose quarantines on dogs without proof of rabies vaccination.

TYING OUTDOOR DOGS / 10 FOOT RULE / DOG CHAINING IS ILLEGAL

Texas passed the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act (TSOA) which establishes rules about tying and chaining dogs outdoors. Dog on chains is illegal. The main changes include:

All dogs must be kept on a leash or have a physical barrier separating them from the public when outside of their owner's property.

Dogs cannot be tied unattended outdoors with a restraint less than 10 feet long.

The leash must be attached to a proper collar or harness, not directly around the dog's neck. Tied up dogs must have access to drinkable water and ad-

equate shelter from the sun, heat or freezing temperatures.

Under the TSOAct owners are now barred from tying up their dogs outside with chains or weighed-down restraints. The length of an outdoor restraint must be 10 feet long or five times the dog's length from nose to tail. A good walking leash length in order to keep control of a dog is from four to six feet and not over ten feet.

Tying up a dog outside is prohibited when a heat advisory or hurricane, tropical storm, or severe thunderstorm warning has been issued. Tying dogs outdoors is banned when the temperature drops below 32°F for more than 4 consecutive hours.

These rules aim to prevent inhumane treatment and dangerous conditions for outdoor dogs in Texas. Violations are punishable under the state's animal cruelty laws.

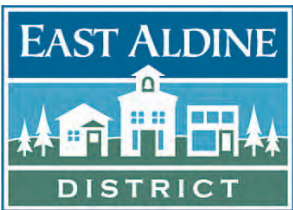
As a patrolman before I became chief of police~city marshal I had the city's first official K-9 dog that was used on patrol in a police unit. My German Shepherd's name was Susan but called Susie for short. Susie helped me one night apprehend a criminal who broke into the office of the Houston Wiper & Mill Supply Co. When out at night patrolling Susie always gave me a sense of security, I kept her window down, when stopping a vehicle as I talked to a driver she would bark loud and the driver knew my K-9 was watching and nearby.

To review the Texas Laws: Chapter 821 of the Texas Health and Safety Code & Dangerous Dogs Chapter 822, Subchapters A & B, of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

REPORTING PET MISTREATMENT: The public plays a role by reporting violations. Call your local law enforcement agency any time you suspect an animal's basic needs are not being met. Phone numbers to keep in your cell phone for reporting any crime: Houston Police - 713-884-3131, Harris County Sheriff Office 713-221-6000, Jacinto City Police - 713-672-2455, Galena Park Police - 713-675-3471, Constable Pct. 2 Jerry Garcia - 713-477-4070, Constable Pct. 3 Sherman Eagleton - 713-274-2500.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Texas Southern Brings Five Home Games to Thorne Stadium

By Gerardo Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

ALDINE — College football is coming to Aldine this fall as Texas Southern University prepares to play five of its 2026 home games at W.W. Thorne Stadium, giving local residents an opportunity to see NCAA Division I football at an Aldine ISD facility.

The Tigers are scheduled to open their 2026 season at Thorne Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 29, against North Carolina Central University. The game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

Texas Southern is scheduled to use Thorne Stadium for five home contests during the season. In addition to the North Carolina Central game, the Tigers are scheduled to host Mississippi Valley State on Oct. 10, Grambling State on Oct. 31, Alabama State on Nov. 7 and Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Nov. 21.

The Tigers' other scheduled home game, against Southern University on Oct. 24, is slated to be played at NRG Stadium.

The temporary move brings a full slate of college football games to the Aldine area and is expected to attract players, families and fans from throughout the Houston region and beyond.

W.W. Thorne Stadium, located on Aldine Bender Road, is one of Aldine ISD's primary athletic facilities. The stadium has a listed seating capacity of approximately 10,000 and regularly hosts high school football games involving Aldine ISD schools.

The season opener against North Carolina



Central also marks a first meeting between the two football programs in Houston, according to published team information.

For Aldine-area residents, the schedule provides an unusual opportunity to watch an NCAA Division I football program play multiple games at a stadium normally associated with local high school athletics.

Texas Southern's 2026 schedule also includes several prominent Southwestern Athletic Conference matchups, including games against Grambling State and Southern University.

Additional details regarding stadium operations, parking, security, ticketing and the agreement between Texas Southern and Aldine ISD

were not included in the team's publicly announced schedule. Those details could be addressed by Aldine ISD officials as the season approaches.

Governor Abbott halts Texas data center projects amid grid reliability,

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grid, a figure more than five times Texas' record peak electricity demand in the ERCOT region. State officials said about 90 percent of those new power requests are tied to data centers, raising concerns that rapid load growth could threaten grid reliability if projects are not fully vetted.

Abbott's latest order builds on his June 10 directive and requires state regulators to obtain detailed information from each data center project before allowing construction-related approvals to proceed through the interconnection process. The required information includes whether developers are paying their own way or relying on state or local financial assistance, including tax incentives, grants, abatements or other public support.

The governor also directed PUCT and ERCOT to determine whether each project will provide its own electricity or rely on the ERCOT grid, including projected annual and peak electricity consumption and any plans to build or procure on-site generation. Regulators must also review projected water use, anticipated water sources, cooling technology and whether facilities will use air-cooled, closed-loop or other water-efficient systems.

Projects must also disclose steps to reduce impacts on neighboring property owners and communities, including noise mitigation, light controls, setbacks, traffic improvements and emergency response coordination. Abbott's directive further requires information about ownership and controlling interests in each project.

Earlier directive sought to shield ratepayers

In his June 10 directive, Abbott told PUCT and ERCOT to take immediate steps to protect residential ratepayers from costs associated with data center expansion.

"Data centers must operate in ways that reduce costs for residential electricity customers, do not drain water needed for our communities, and take into consideration the needs of our neighborhoods," Abbott said at the time.

That earlier order required the PUC to make data centers fully fund the electric infrastructure needed to serve their operations so those costs are not shifted to residential ratepayers. It also directed the PUC and ERCOT to identify additional actions within their authority to safeguard residential and small business customers and submit a joint memorandum to the governor's office by July 17, 2026.

Abbott also directed the PUC to initiate action by July 31, 2026, to reduce residential transmission costs. He pledged to work with lawmakers next session to codify protections requiring data centers to add to Texas' electric capacity rather than simply increasing demand, use water-efficient cooling systems, report accurate electricity and water usage data, phase out outdated tax incentives and adopt practices such as setbacks and noise reduction to protect nearby communities.

With the latest directive, Abbott signaled that proposed data centers will face a more rigorous state review before they can move ahead in Texas' rapidly expanding technology and artificial intelligence infrastructure market.

Data centers are already a major presence in Texas, though estimates vary widely because public trackers use different definitions and reporting methods. Some industry databases count roughly 129 to more than 200 operating facilities in the state, while broader market estimates place the total above 600. Texas does not appear to maintain a single official historical inventory, and available public sources do not clearly identify the first data center built in the state.

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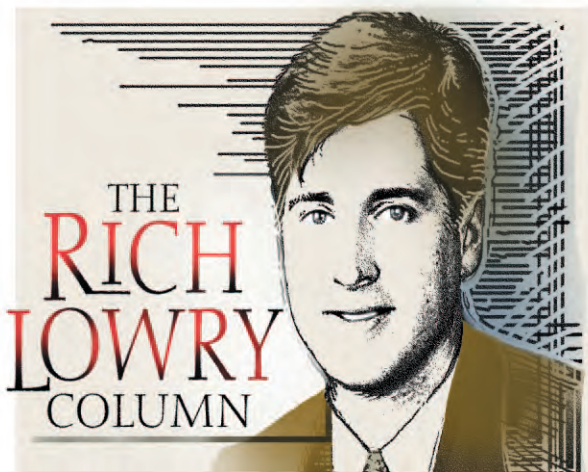
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The Iran War is eating Trump’s presidency

An Iran war that was supposed to be brief, and then was supposed to be over, is imposing an increasing price on Donald Trump’s presidency.

We’ve seen a second term of a Republican administration go this way before. There are distinct echoes of George W. Bush’s Iraq War — the conflict that Trump has long excoriated —in the president’s predicament.

Now, the Iran War is different from Iraq. There is no ground invasion, no regime change, no occupation, no counterinsurgency. The casualties aren’t close to the same scale, and Donald Trump has been fighting Iran for months, whereas George W. Bush was embroiled in Iraq for years (and so were his successors).

Yet, the political trajectory looks similar. Then, as now, an unpopular conflict is putting downward pressure on a Republican president’s approval rating.

Mainstream pollsters routinely have Trump’s approval rating below 40%, and some put it below 35%; Fox News has him at 39%, while CNN (34%) and AP (33%) are lower. At this juncture of Bush’s second term, his average approval rating was a roughly comparable 38%, although he had further to fall as the war continued and the financial crisis hit.

If the Iran War is not exacting nearly the same price in blood and treasure as the Iraq War, it is inflicting a direct economic cost on Americans that wasn’t present during the Iraq war.

It was often said of violent clashes in the streets of the U.S. in the 1960s, “The Vietnam War has come home.” Well, the Iran War came home the first time the average price per gallon of gasoline went above \$4. Trump would have much more leeway to engage in a protracted operation to bring Iran to heel if the public could, in effect, forget about the war for a while, but there’s a reminder every day of what’s happening in the Strait of Hormuz on gas signs across America.

In the CNN poll, 28% approve Trump’s handling of Iran, while 25% approve his handling of inflation and 21% of gas prices. These issues are related. Trump wants his presidency to matter. So, rather than being content with doing whatever he could at the margins to lower prices, he went for big, legacy-defining initiatives — tariffs and the Iran War — that raised prices. In so doing, he forfeited his signature issue of economic stewardship. In the latest Fox News poll, 33% approve of his handling of the economy and 67% disapprove.

When the memorandum of understanding with Iran was signed, Trump boasted about how, by reopening the strait, it would avoid greater economic distress; he said he didn’t want to be another Herbert Hoover. Now, the strait is basically closed again. Absent another deal, he’s faced with the choice of escalation or an ongoing low-level conflict, neither of which is going to be palatable to the public.

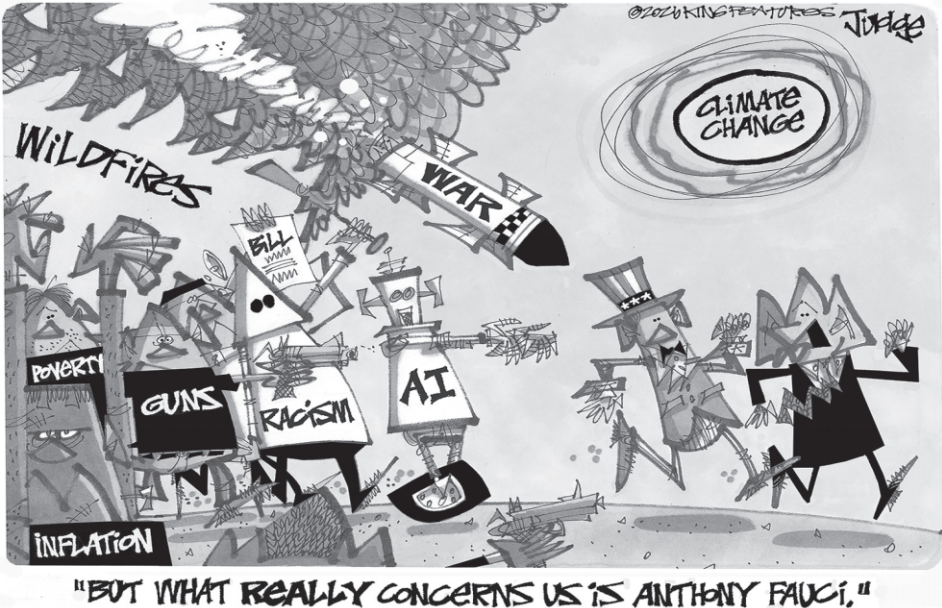
The CNN poll found that nearly three-quarters of Americans think Trump hasn’t paid enough attention to the country’s most pressing problems. The fact is that Iran wasn’t a priority for the public and there was no attempt by the White House to make it one until after it had already launched the war.

Just as Bush’s success in toppling the Taliban created the predicate for the Iraq War, Trump’s stunning capture of Nicolas Maduro made it easier to believe that the Iran war would be a cakewalk. The idealistic establishment Republican and the “America First” populist both got lured into overestimating the efficacy of American military power.

We still don’t know how the Iran war will end. Perhaps Trump will manage a satisfactory conclusion, and he has more room to bounce back up again politically than Bush did after years of the Iraq War. Still, the next Republican president would be well served to be more prudent and mindful of worst-case scenarios when launching major military operations than either of his two, otherwise very different, GOP predecessors.

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"BUT WHAT REALLY CONCERNS US IS ANTHONY FAUCI."

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Cyclosporiasis mostly in two regions in state

Nearly three-fourths of cyclosporiasis cases detected in Texas have been confined to two regions, The Dallas Morning News reported. The Texas Department of State Health Services provided numbers for each of the state’s eight public health regions. Most cases this year, from the beginning of May until late July, have been reported in two regions: Region 11 and Region 6/5S.

Region 11 includes Corpus Christi and the southernmost part of Texas. Of the 106 lab-confirmed cases statewide, 48 were reported from that region — or 45%. Region 6/5S includes the city of Houston and Harris County, and an additional 29 cases were reported in that region. Together, the two regions account for roughly 73% of the state’s cases.

The diarrhea-inducing parasite has hit other states hard. Michigan, for example, has reported thousands of cases. Texas thus far has seen cyclosporiasis cases at about the same level as in the past few years.

THC HEMP PRODUCTS ONCE AGAIN BANNED IN TEXAS

Effective July 31, products containing cannabinoids such as delta-8 THC, delta-10 THC and THCP are banned in Texas, following a years-long legal fight over state hemp regulations, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The Texas Supreme Court on May 1 upheld the authority of the Texas Department of State Health Services to adopt rules that in effect ban those THC products.

The Texas Hemp Business Council warned businesses on July 15 to prepare for the change.

“Businesses should evaluate their inventory and prepare to remove or sell through products containing more than trace amounts of delta-8, delta-10, delta-6, THCP, and other cannabinoids that fall within the reinstated definition before the July 31 effective date,” the council said.



Texas consumers are now largely limited to ingestible and topical hemp products made with compliant delta-9 THC. Gummies, edibles and beverages containing no more than 0.3% delta-9 THC by dry weight remain legal.

PAXTON SAYS HE WILL DEBATE TALARICO

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said last week that he will debate state Rep. James Talarico, D-Round Rock, in the state’s U.S. Senate race, though no date has been set, The Texas Tribune reported.

Talarico, the Democratic nominee, said he had accepted invitations from Texas media groups for three debates. The Paxton campaign confirmed it had received the same debate invitations and said the attorney general plans to debate but did not commit to specific dates.

“Of course, we are going to debate James Talarico, and we look forward to engaging with potential debate hosts,” Paxton senior adviser Nick Maddux said in a statement.

Talarico has agreed to televised debates on Sept. 22 in the Rio Grande Valley; Oct. 6 in Dallas; and Oct. 13 in Austin.

Maddux said the Paxton campaign was “close to terms with one outlet now and expect an announcement to be forthcoming shortly.”

Meanwhile, a new Fox polls shows Talarico with a slight lead, according to the Houston Chronicle. The poll shows him leading Paxton by three points, 51-48, boosted by strong leads among inde-

pendent voters and other key constituencies.

VOTERS WRONGLY FLAGGED AS POTENTIAL NONCITIZENS

Election officials across Texas should immediately reinstate some voters who were incorrectly flagged as possible noncitizens through a federal program, according to The Tribune. Christina Adkins, the state elections director, told county officials in a phone call that Texas Department of Public Safety records have confirmed the citizenship of some of the 2,724 registered voters singled out as potential noncitizens.

The voters were flagged after the state checked its voter roll through a federal program called Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, or SAVE, that is used to verify the citizenship of registered voters.

Former Secretary of State Jane Nelson sent a letter in April to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that raised concerns about the accuracy of the SAVE program, after county election officials found citizens wrongly labeled noncitizens.

ABBOTT PLAN CALLS FOR LOWER HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

Gov. Greg Abbott last week revealed plans to lower health insurance costs and drug prices by making it cheaper for small businesses to offer insurance to their workers, the Chronicle reported. He said state mandates have made it too expensive for many small businesses to offer health insurance for their employees.

Abbott called for legislation that would allow those businesses to offer plans that don’t meet all state mandates that exceed what is required by the federal government. That generally would mean thinner coverage for employees.

“Small businesses want to provide their employees with health care insurance. It’s just good policy, it’s a good strategy, but also, it’s essential for them to be able to compete with other employers,” Abbott said at a campaign event.

The state leads the nation in uninsured people, with some 5 million Texans lacking health insurance.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Happy Anticipation



Since my niece, Isabelle, was little, she was always a planner. She was the only kindergartner I knew who laid out her outfit for the following day on her bed the night before.

“Which tights do you think I should wear?” she would ask me, very seriously. She would have her outfit laid out on the bed with two competing pairs of tights, and I would be tasked with determining which color would best complete the ensemble. I usually thought that either would work nicely. But I admired how Isabelle was ready for the next demanding day at kindergarten. At some point early on, Isabelle had grasped the idea that the future was something that could be planned, and she ran with it.

We would be on our way to a restaurant with my mom and dad, and Isabelle would be overwhelmed with excitement for what the day would bring. “After we have lunch, Grandpa, can we play downstairs? And after that, can we go swimming? And after that—”

This would go on and on. If she wasn’t stopped, Isabelle could easily have mapped out the rest of our lives on the drive to lunch.

“I’m not planning anything!” my father (Isabelle’s grandpa) would finally say.

I knew this was a lie; my dad has always been a planner. He always said that at least half the fun of a vacation was planning it. I come from a family of planners, and so the fact that Isabelle enjoyed anticipating the future so much should come as no surprise. And while it could get a little tiresome, having every moment planned out in excruciating detail, I understood where Isabelle was coming from. It’s nice to have something to look forward to.

Isabelle just got back from a year in Argentina. She loved it, she tells me. I wrote to her while she was still there and asked if she wanted to go to a musical when she got back. She said that she did. We went out to dinner and then we saw a musical together, just as we used to before she went away. I knew she was sad to leave Argentina, and the musical gave her something to look forward to.

I buy tickets to musicals months in advance and look forward to the event with happy anticipation. My husband, Peter, can tell you when we will travel to Mexico many months before we do. I have a reasonably good idea of what I will be working on for months in advance. The good part about this is that I always have something to look forward to. The trouble with it is that sometimes, by the time the event arrives, it is almost an anticlimax. I wonder if my life lacks spontaneity. I worry that I am falling into a rut.

But there is an old saying: “Man plans, God laughs.” And it’s true, much of my life does not turn out the way I expect. I never know what the future will bring. As good as Isabelle is at planning tomorrow’s outfit, the direction her life will take is still unknown. The same is true for all of us.

So maybe it is a good thing to have small plans to look forward to with happy anticipation. My big plans will often have to change, and life will hand out disappointments, no matter how well I plan. It’s good to have some small, sweet moments I can look forward to. And it’s important to be wearing the right color tights when they happen.

Till next time,
Carrie

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Diana Hoover’s generous homecoming: A \$5,000 donation to support teachers,

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all had such wonderful experiences here.” Hoover’s connection to Goodman Elementary is part of a much larger family legacy in Aldine ISD. Her father, Ralph Goodman, dedicated nearly 40 years of his career to the school district. After coming to Aldine from El Campo, Texas, he began his career as a high school band director at Aldine Senior High School. He later served as an elementary principal, moved into administration and eventually became Aldine ISD’s Director of Fine Arts. Following his death, the district named the school in his honor. What was once Hidden Valley Elementary became Ralph Goodman Elementary, creating a lasting tribute to a man who devoted much of his life to Aldine students and schools. “For all of us, it was a gift,” Hoover said of the decision to name the school after her father. Hoover continues to honor that legacy through her support of Aldine

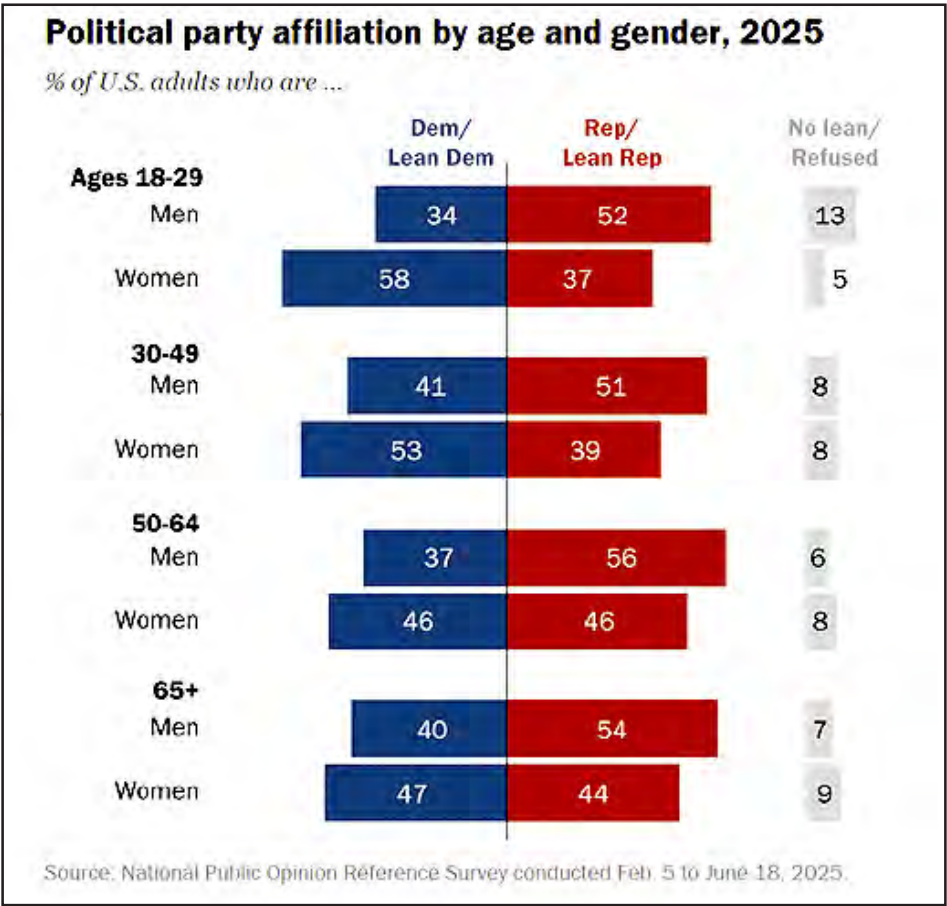


teachers. Hoover, whose mother and father were both educators, said she has always believed teachers deserve greater recognition for their work. She earned a degree in special education and briefly experienced the classroom herself, teaching in a resource room. “I cannot imagine how difficult your job is now with cell phones and the internet and AI,” Hoover said, drawing laughter from the teachers. “For me, yes, the children are important. That’s the reason we’re here, but the children get a lot of attention. You guys don’t.” That belief is at the heart of her generosity. When she made her first \$25,000 donation, Hoover specifically asked that the money be used to improve the lives of Goodman teachers. “When we had the opportunity to donate again, I asked what we could do to make the beginning of this school year a little bit easier for you,” she said. “That’s all I want to do: to

support you guys the best way that we can.” As the new school year approaches, Goodman staff are preparing to welcome students back to campus on Wednesday, Aug 12. For some students, school is more than a place to learn. It can be a place of stability, encouragement and belonging. As Goodman educators greet students, acknowledge them and remind them that they matter, they may never know the full impact of the young people sitting in their classrooms. “One of those students could become a CEO, a pastor, a teacher, a doctor, a dentist, an artist,” said LaDon Ward, principal of Goodman Elementary. “Or perhaps another Diana Hoover,” she said. We want our kids to leave here saying that they had a developmental experience like Ms. Hoover did,” Ward shared. “It means so much for you to just reach back and just give.” More than 50 years after she first walked

through the doors of the school, Hoover returned not simply as a former student, but as a supporter determined to give back to the educators who continue to shape the lives of Aldine students. The staff at Goodman gave Hoover a framed photograph of her father that had hung in the school. “It says to me that the people that you were entrusted to as a child did a magnificent job,” Ward said. “You had awesome parents.”

Breaking Down the SAVE America Act: Voter Registration



By Bill King,

The SAVE America Act includes extensive provisions governing an individual’s requirements to register to vote in a federal election. The Act is premised on a simple idea: anyone registering to vote in a federal election should provide proof of U.S. citizenship. On its face, that seems pretty reasonable. But this is definitely a case where the devil is in the details. The Act requires that a person must present “documentary proof” of citizenship to register. That will generally be either a birth certificate, a passport, or a naturalization certificate.¹ For people with a passport or a naturalization certificate, the process of proving citizenship should be fairly straightforward, although the Act is silent on how the documentary proof is to be “presented.” Some commentators have suggested that it must be presented in-person. According to the State Department, there are currently about 170 million passports in circulation and about 25 million Americans have been naturalized. There are about 235 million citizens who are over 18. So, at least 40 million citizens would have to rely on a birth certificate to register.² Here is where the details begin getting a bit sticky. The Act requires that the birth certificate must be certified. I don’t know about you, but I certainly do not have a certified copy of mine. I recently had to get a certified copy for a probate matter I was helping a friend with, and while it wasn’t super hard, it was a bit of a hassle and required a visit to the County Clerk’s office. Of course, if someone has moved to Texas and has

to track a certified copy from their home state, that would be even more of a hassle. But here is the really important aspect of the Act. This requirement applies not only when a person first registers. ***It also applies when there is any change in a person’s voter registration, such as a change of address or name.*** So, whenever you move, you will need to dig out your passport, naturalization certificate, or certified birth certificate to update the address on your voter registration. Most states, including Texas, allow voters to update their voter registration address online. This burden will fall disproportionately on women, who are much more likely than men to have changed their legal names because of marriage or divorce. A woman whose birth certificate, passport, or other citizenship document is in a prior name may have to produce a certified marriage certificate, divorce decree, or other documentation — or sign an affidavit — to connect that document to her current voter-registration name. I have a feeling that Republicans would regret passing the Act with provisions that are disproportionately burdensome for women, especially considering they are already struggling with women voters. They might want to remember, “hell hath no fury ...” Documented cases of noncitizens being registered to vote have been very rare. There is certainly no evidence that noncitizens are registered to vote in sufficient numbers to affect election outcomes. Nonetheless, requiring a person to provide proof of citizenship when they *first* register to vote is not a bad idea, if only to reassure those who believe registration of noncitizens is widespread. **But requiring a person to prove their citizenship every time they update their address or name is absurd.** This requirement would likely spark widespread outrage across the political spectrum once voters realize the hassles they will face. The other significant problem is that the Act would impose major new duties on local election officials while leaving many implementation questions for states and counties to work out under tight deadlines. There is simply no way to make contemplated changes to the registration process this late in the election season. If the bill were to pass, it would immediately face multiple legal challenges, almost certainly delaying its implementation well after the 2026 election. Most Americans support the concept that a person should provide proof of citizenship before being allowed to register to vote. It is a commonsense notion. And it could be implemented rationally. But that is not what these provisions are. Quite the opposite; they are poorly drafted, with little thought given to their practical effect on voters or election administration. That is why it is unlikely the SAVE Act will ever be passed in its current form. Note 1 – There are some other documents that are acceptable, but they are held by very few Americans. Note 2 – Because some passports are issued to children under 18, the State Department double-counts passports and passport cards, and because many naturalized citizens have passports, the number is likely quite a bit higher.

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OPINION

By HC Pct. 2 Commissioner
ADRIAN GARCIA

Six questions we need still answered about ICE and Lorenzo Salgado

More than two weeks have passed since an Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agent shot and killed Lorenzo Salgado Araujo. The Houston community has called for clarity about what happened, and we have been promised transparency. But I remain concerned that whatever we get will be clear as mud. I’m a former cop and sheriff whose agencies investigated officer-involved shootings. Here’s what worries me. Federal agencies — including the FBI and Department of Homeland Security — are investigating the shooting. But these days, it’s hard to trust a federal agency to be independent if that could mean giving an answer President Donald Trump wouldn’t like. Also, on July 19, the New York Times reported that the FBI would “no longer investigate confrontations with immigration agents,” and that even when the agency does investigate, agents are instructed to focus on “claims of assaults against DHS security agents” — not on whether the agents themselves might be at fault. Still, the people of Houston deserve certain answers. If I were investigating, here are six questions I would try to answer as quickly as possible. Who are the agents involved in the shooting? Whenever a Houston Police Department officer, Harris County sheriff’s deputy, deputy constable or any other local law enforcement discharges their weapon and hits someone, the officer’s identity is made public. Any previous disciplinary records should also be made publicly available for review. So, we ask, who shot Lorenzo Salgado? What are the agents’ backgrounds? People close to the ICE officer who recently killed a man in Maine have said that the officer has had serious mental health problems since childhood. In fact, the agent’s ex-wife said that “he had a bad tendency of going out and looking for fights.” When he told her he’d been hired by ICE, she said she “thought he was being delusional, and I didn’t believe it.” What are the backgrounds of the agents involved in the Salgado shooting? Do they have a history of mental health challenges? Do they have any previous criminal history? What was the vetting process that approved them? When were the ICE officers first deployed? We don’t know how long the agent and his crew have been in the field and deployed in our city. Houston Chronicle reporter Jeremy Wallace recently asked how long it took me, as sheriff, to trust a new deputy to do their job well. That’s a good question. Just about any law enforcement commanding officer will tell you that it generally takes a full year (six months in the academy, and six months of field training with a veteran officer) for someone without experience to be comfortable and confident in the job. For most law-enforcement agencies, applicants with some experience still go through an abbreviated academy as well as a field training program. Was this the agent’s first day or their fifth year on the job? Where was the weapon, and where were the other officers, when the gun was fired? Since Salgado was shot, I’ve had a lot of conversations with former colleagues at HPD and the Harris County Sheriff’s Office. One thing that continues to confound us is this: What position was the shooting officer in when he fired his weapon? The details that are known through the media so far do not support the Department of Homeland Security’s story. The argument that the vehicle was “weaponized” so far is not supported even by partial evidence. Additionally, law enforcement agents are trained to fire only in a direction that eliminates the risk of crossfire and avoids the possibility of innocent casualties. At this point of the investigation, there should already be a very clear understanding of the chain of events, the positioning of the agents and the direction of the vehicle. Which agent or agents discharged their firearms? How many times did they shoot? And in which direction? We ought to feel sure of this already. Why is the federal government behaving this way? Last week, a federal search warrant out of the Southern District of Texas was made public in an unusual way — one that an attorney who has practiced for decades said that he had never seen before. That warrant alleged that Salgado’s vehicle might contain methamphetamine. The family explained that the clear bags of white powder actually contained salt — part of a homemade electrolyte solution. But even so, without any testing made public, the new U.S. Attorney issued a statement saying there was possible narcotics trafficking. Are the feds attempting to taint Salgado’s reputation long after he was shot? What training, equipment and resources did the agents have? Since we don’t know who killed Salgado, we don’t know that agent’s background, and we don’t know what equipment, including body cams, that the agents had access to. DHS says it’s hired 12,000 new officers since the first of the year. Were these officers part of that group? Have they completed a full training? We should know. Based on the little that we know, here’s the only conclusion I can draw: A lot of questions need answers, and every day that goes by without them erodes public confidence. Adrian Garcia is the Harris County commissioner who represents Precinct 2. He was the sheriff of Harris County from 2009 to 2015.

CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 44:3-4

It **was not** by their **sword** that they **won** the **land**, nor **did** their arm **bring** them **victory**; it was your **right hand**, your **arm**, and the **light** of your **face**, for you **loved** them. **You** are my **King** and my **God**, who **decrees** victories **for Jacob**.

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Acts 17:30-31

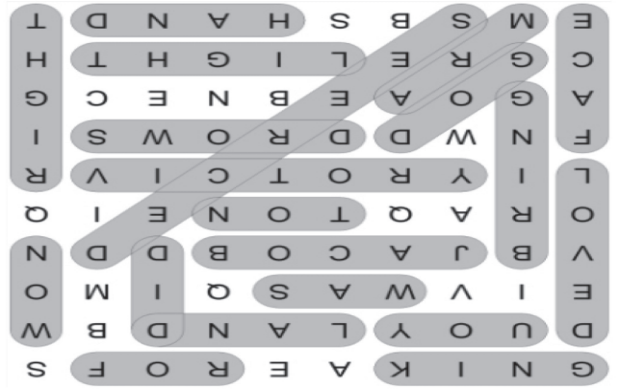
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Agrabah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. By Roman reckoning what time of day did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman at the well? Daybreak, Noon, Midafternoon, Dusk
3. On the island of Patmos, to whom was the book of Revelation given? John, Paul, Matthew, Luke
4. Who hid 100 prophets in two caves and supplied them food and water? Solomon, Philemon, Obadiah, Hosea
5. On what day did God create the sun, moon and stars? 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th
6. The Semites were descended from Shem, the son of whom? Moses, Noah, Paul, Jacob

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Noon, 3) John, 4) Obadiah, 5) Fourth, 6) Noah
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Sunny Sandler, Left, and Melanie Lynskey stars in "Don't Say Good Luck."

“Don't Say Good Luck.”

“Camp Rock 3” (TV-G) — Almost 16 years after “Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam” premiered on The Disney Channel, the third film of the series is set to release on Aug. 14. The film was announced last fall, with news of the Jonas Brothers (“A Very Jonas Christmas Movie”) and Maria Canals-Barrera (“Wizards Beyond Waverly Place”) returning to reprise their roles. (Demi Lovato, who played lead Mitchie Torres in the previous films, serves only as an executive producer.) The film picks up as fictional band Connect 3 (Joe, Nick and Kevin Jonas) head back to their beloved camp to find a new opening act after the original opener cancels at the last minute. They plan to host a competition, and a few new campers, including Sage (Liamani Segura) and Fletch (Malachi Barton), have their sights set on taking it all. (Disney+)

“Don't Say Good Luck” (PG-13) — Adam Sandler's youngest daughter, Sunny Sandler (“Happy Gilmore 2”), is slowly starting to make a name for herself! In this musical teen drama, she stars as 15-year-old Sophie, opposite Melanie Lynskey (“Yellowjackets”) and Max Greenfield (“New Girl”). A theater kid with dreams of taking the stage as the lead in her high school musical, Sophie's preparing for the biggest audition of her life, just as jaw-dropping news hits her family. Her mom's (Lynskey) cancer has unfortunately returned, and even though Sophie's overjoyed to eventually get the part, the weight of her mom's illness overshadows her happiness. With no choice but to push through and continue to live her teenage life, Sophie must balance her grief against her aspirations and figure out how to find a silver lining in the situation. Premieres Aug. 14. (Netflix)

“Busboys” (R) — This goofy buddy-comedy film was self-financed by comedians David Spade (“Outcome”) and Theo Von (“Sweet Dreams”), who also decided to team up to star together in the film. Markie (Spade) and Steef (Von) are best friends in the septic cleaning sphere who are craving more cash and an easier life. After Markie's girlfriend gets seduced by a waiter while they're on a date, he convinces Steef that becoming waiters is the key to an upgrade in their life. So, the buds spot an opening for busboys, thinking it'll be a quick way to move up to being a waiter. Much to their dismay, they realize they weren't the only ones who had this idea, but viewers shouldn't underestimate how willing Markie and Steef are to cut corners to get what they want. Out on Aug. 14. (Hulu)

“The Gates” (R) — Mason Gooding (“Scream 7”), Algee Smith (“Euphoria”), and Keith Powers (“Uglies”) are the trio leading this thriller film that's out now to stream. “The Gates” follows three friends who are on their way to meet up with girls and decide to take a dodgy shortcut to outmaneuver the traffic. They are led into a wealthy gated community but get lost, deciding to pull over and ask one resident for help. However, before they can even utter a word, they witness the resident succumb to death at the hands of another. The killer, a pastor named Jacob (James Van Der Beek), is hot on their trail and employs the help of other residents in the community to hunt the boys down. This was Van Der Beek's final film role before he passed on Feb. 11 of this year. (Amazon Prime Video)

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Q:What ever happened to Barbara Walters? I read that she passed away a few years ago, but I don't remember hearing about it. — L.J.

A:Legendary broadcast journalist and celebrity interviewer Barbara Walters died in 2022 at the age of 93. She had retired from “The View,” the syndicated talk show she co-created, in 2014. According to her former co-host Lisa Ling, Walters told her that they made her quit as a host, but she remained an executive producer up until her death.

If you have a subscription to Hulu or Disney+, you can watch the documentary “Barbara Walters: Tell Me Everything,” which features some wonderful archival footage of Walters in her prime. In addition to her highly rated annual Oscar-night special, she interviewed many of the world's most notorious leaders, including Fidel Castro, the last Shah of Iran, and Margaret Thatcher.

Q: I was rewatching the movie “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” and noticed that there are similarities to “The Odyssey.” Was this intentional? Also, what ever happened to actor Tim Blake Nelson? — W.P.

A: Yes, way before the most recent adaptation of Homer's ancient epic poem “The Odyssey” was released by director Christopher Nolan, the Coen Brothers put their own spin on it. Their fantastic film “O Brother, Where Art Thou?” was set in Mississippi during the 1930s and starred George Clooney, John Turturro, and Tim Blake Nelson as three escaped prisoners. On their journey, the three men encounter several figures who were inspired by characters from “The Odyssey.”

Both films, as well as the classic poem, have similar characters. In the Coen Brothers' version, Clooney plays Ulysses, who's trying to get home to his wife, Penny. (Odysseus from “The Odyssey” has a wife named Penelope.) Ulysses meets a blind prophet at the railroad. (This corresponds to the blind seer Tiresias, who tells Odysseus a mysterious prophecy.) John Goodman plays “Big Dan” Teague, a one-eyed man with an eye patch (similar to the giant cyclops, Polyphemus). Lastly, there are the three Sirens who lure in Clooney et al., with their song that's much like the Sirens' song in “The Odyssey.” As for the wonderfully talented Tim Blake



Broadcast journalist Barbara Walters (1929-2022)

Nelson, he's carved out quite a career as a character actor — most notably on HBO's “Watchmen,” which earned him a Critic's Choice Award nomination. Next up for him is another HBO series — “Task” — where he'll star alongside Mark Ruffalo and Mahershala Ali for its second season.

Q: I've seen that the main cast members of “Ted Lasso” will be back for its new season, but which characters won't be returning? — N.N.

A:Most of the beloved cast of Apple TV's “Ted Lasso” will be returning for its fourth season — that is, Jason Sudeikis, Hannah Waddingham, Juno Temple, Brett Goldstein and Brendan Hunt. However, Phil Dunster, who played Jamie Tartt, won't be back, nor will Nick Mohammed (Nate Shelley) or Sarah Niles (Dr. Sharon Fieldstone).

Since Ted will now be coaching a women's soccer team, pretty much all of his former team members are out, including Cristo Fernandez's Dani and Toheeb Jimoh's Sam. Fernandez is actually living out his lifelong dream of being a real professional footballer with the El Paso Locomotive FC.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which two states do not observe Daylight Saving Time?

2. ANATOMY: How many valves does the human heart have?

3. MATH: What comes after a trillion?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Europe?

5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the hospital in the sitcom “Scrubs”?

6. HISTORY: Which empire did Genghis Khan rule?

7. LITERATURE: Which children's book features a character called Augustus Gloop?

8. ART: Who painted the famous work titled “Guernica”?

9. MOVIES: In which film does Sidney Poitier's character say, “They call me Mr. Tibbs”?

10. ASTRONOMY: What is the smallest planet in our solar system?

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

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West Road sidewalk project gets \$242,500 grant,

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amount of \$242,500 was recently awarded for the project by Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Garcia’s Office.

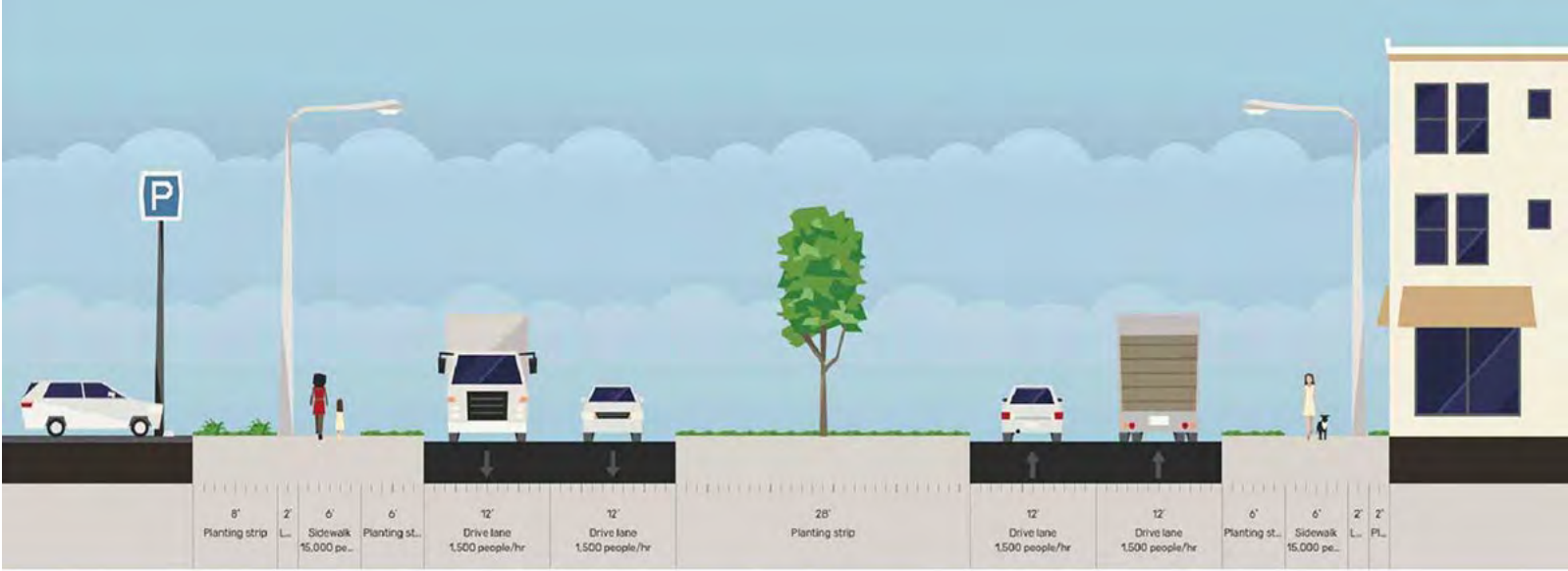
The full scope of the project includes building new sidewalks on the north and south sides of West Road from I-45 to Airline Drive. The District will also be adding missing crosswalks on two legs of the intersection of West Road and Sweetwater Lane.

“The West Road sidewalk project stood out to the grant committee because it aims to make conditions safer for pedestrians, especially students walking to nearby schools. Additionally, all details of the project were ready, which meant construction could start sooner,” Precinct 2 Spokesperson Scott Spiegel said of the funding decision.

According to Robert Fiederlein, NHD Vice President of Planning & Infrastructure, the project design should be complete by the end of October 2026, before contractor bids in November, and awarding the construction contract in December (tentatively). Construction is expected to begin in January of 2027.

The Need: A Continuous, Upgraded Sidewalk Network

Currently, most of the sidewalks along West Road do not meet the City of Houston’s standard of 6-foot minimum width. There is



also a large section of missing sidewalk on the south side of the road. This sidewalk improvement project will address both once completed, with continuous 6-foot sidewalks on both sides of the street.

This will make it safer for the pedestrians who use the sidewalks to get to school or to the restaurants and stores in the area. The entire north section of the project borders Aldine High School, where students use the sidewalks every day during the school year.

In order to be chosen for funding, the project was reviewed to see how it would benefit the community. Spokesperson Scott Spiegel shared that “Projects are evaluated on the basis of whether they will improve safety, reduce flooding, make it easier for people to get around, and have a positive impact on the area. We also consider how leveraging combined

funds to build projects will produce real change, and if this is the best use of taxpayers’ dollars.”

With NHD and Precinct 2 in alignment on the importance of addressing pedestrian safety, the sidewalk improvement project was a strong fit for a funding partnership.

“We are excited to partner with North Houston District on this project because it will mean families will experience real safety in their everyday lives once the work is complete. We appreciate the District coming to us to partner, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship,” Precinct 2 confirmed.

A Partnership Rooted In Common Goals

The main goal of the Precinct 2 grant program is to help communities accomplish more by working together. “When one entity is not

solely responsible for the cost of a whole project, it makes the work happen faster. Precinct 2 partners with cities, nonprofits, civic clubs, HOAs, MUDs and any other eligible partners to share costs,” Spiegel said.

Commissioner Garcia encourages Precinct 2 staff to forge interagency partnerships and leverage resources with neighboring communities to get things done for constituents. “Put simply, we work best when we work together. Combining resources helps us move more quickly and efficiently. This means improvements for the community come sooner—and when safety is a major motivating factor, the work can’t happen quickly enough,” Spiegel explained.

The North Houston District has a similar position on collaboration. “Partnerships are a big part of how the District accomplishes projects—nobody can do it all. We are fortunate that Commissioner Garcia has prioritized sidewalks and pedestrian safety. This funding will allow us to build new infrastructure that meets current guidelines much quicker than if we had to fund the project ourselves,” Fiederlein said.

With both partners in eager support of the project, the work will be completed within the 2027 calendar year.

“We are excited to partner with North Houston District on this project because it will mean families will experience real safety in their everyday lives once the work is complete. We appreciate the District coming to us to partner, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship,” Precinct 2 confirmed. Stay tuned for updates as the project progresses.

About the Precinct 2 Grant Program

The goal of the Harris County Precinct 2

Partnership Program is to ensure that the wide array of Precinct 2 communities have neighborhoods that are both safe and easy to navigate. This can specifically include building or fixing roads, sidewalks, or drainage enhancements. Precinct 2 has even helped install ADA-accessible playground equipment and fences at neighborhood parks as part of the program. Ultimately, the grant program serves to help improve the lives of area residents.

Applications for the Partnership Program open once every year in January. After all the applications are reviewed, Precinct 2 selects projects based on how much funding is available that year, how much can be contributed by the partner organization, which projects can start most quickly, and, most importantly, what impact the work will have on the community.

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