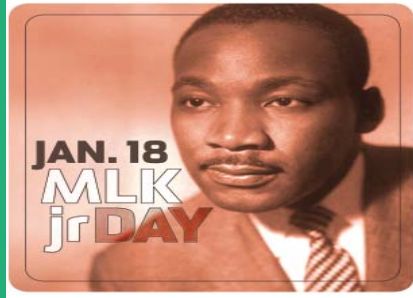


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## Local legislators safe after Capitol Riot *Trump blamed; SJLee, AGreen seek impeachment*

WASHINGTON, DC – Congress was in joint session last Wednesday, meeting to certify the Electoral College votes from state electors for the president and vice-president. Shortly after the session started, a large crowd of about 8000 persons left a rally near the White House where president Trump was speaking, and assembled at the Capitol, breaking through barriers and storming into the building.

What followed was a deadly riot, where Congress members had to be taken to safe locations away from the destruction and assault of the mob of demonstrators. Our legislators including Sheila Jackson Lee, Sylvia Garcia, and Al Green were just some of the local representatives that were led to safety.

These supporters of President Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol in a protest aimed at thwarting the vote on certification of the electors and their votes, with the aim of stopping the peaceful transfer of power to the new administration.

At the nearby rally, President Trump had told the demonstrators to march to the Capitol and "fight like hell" against a "stolen" election. As a result, hundreds of the mob members entered the building, fighting with Capitol police as they went. They broke windows, doors, signs, and furniture, and stole items throughout the building.

In the ensuing fight with authorities, there were five deaths and hundreds injured. One demonstrator was fatally shot in the neck as she attempted to enter through a broken window, and the other deaths were medical emergencies from the fighting. One Capitol policemen died from the struggle, the others were members of the mob.

Later in the afternoon police were reinforced



Rioters broke into the Capitol building while a joint session of Congress was taking place, to certify Joe Biden as president elect. Congresspersons and others in the room took shelter behind the seats, before they were evacuated to a safe room away from the intruders. ABOVE, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee crouches behind the seats, until she can make her way to safety.



Houston Congresspersons Al Green and Sheila Jackson Lee are among the Representatives in Congress that are leading the move to impeach the President for his part in inciting the riots last week.

by members of the National Guard, who had been called by the White House after some delay, blamed on the President. In a statement during the insurrection, Trump issued a recorded message urging the mob to leave the building and return to their homes, but he added "we love you." The message also repeated the complaint that he lost the election fraudulently.

After order was restored in the Capitol building, the members of the House and Senate returned to their seats, and continued to vote on acceptance of the electors from each state. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia reported in a media interview that they finally adjourned at about

3:30 in the morning, having to debate the credentials from two states, Arizona and Pennsylvania which were finally approved as submitted.

Members of Congress, including Democrats and Republicans, immediately called for demonstrators to be arrested and held accountable for their lawlessness.

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## Ryan Niblett named Northeast News' Offensive Player of the Year for the 2020 season

By Mike Keeney  
Contributing Writer

The 2020 football season was perhaps the strangest one in history due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Eisenhower Eagles were not able to hold spring practice and head coach Eric Jackson and his staff entered the fall season looking for a quarterback.

It appears they found a good one in sophomore Ryan Niblett.

Niblett won the job and led the Eagles to a 3-4 record and a playoff berth and now Jackson has two more years to hone the young man's considerable talents.

In his first varsity season,

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Eisenhower High School quarterback Ryan Niblett is the Northeast News' Offensive Player of the Year for the 2020 season.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

## NEWS NOTES

## Two HCPH Locations Offering Free COVID-19 Testing

There are two stationary sites. At the M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine, children can also be tested. Hours are 6am-1pm. Register at [www.hcphtx.org](http://www.hcphtx.org) or call **832-927-7575**. For the Pasadena stationary site at San Jacinto Central Campus, people must be 13 or older to be tested and people can register at [www.doineda.com/covid19test.com](http://www.doineda.com/covid19test) or call **832-927-7575**.

## New ACCESS2Health Services now open

Pct. 2 has installed a Medical Smart Pod office in the parking lot at the Northeast Community Center on Bentley. The public can get Free COVID-19 tests, and many other medical services. According to Dr. Bernice Koko of United Health Partners, all services are free and walk-ins are welcome, no appointment necessary.

## COVID-19 Cases as of January 1, 2021

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19 COUNTIES

378,150 POSITIVE  
4,266 DEATHS  
308,860 RECOVERED

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28,253 DEATHS  
1,435,164 RECOVERED

## UNITED STATES

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347,577 DEATHS  
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## WORLDWIDE

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1,826,176 DEATHS  
47,261,824 RECOVERED

## Dr. Alford-Stephens on Women in Public Sector Panel



Aldine ISD Chief Business and Operations Officer, Dr. Tamika Alford-Stephens, was one of three dynamic women participating in the Women In Public Sector panel. The event was sponsored by Verizon and hosted by Circle Around Official and Nawbo National. The panel is the fifth installment in their Women in Business series.

The virtual event, designed to empower female business leaders, was moderated by CEO of Verizon Business, Tami Erwin. The panelists led insightful discussions about their own success and challenges while working in the public sector.

Dr. Alford-Stephens encouraged the audience to create their own pathways and to dream big.

"Take control of your destiny," Dr. Alford-Stephens said. "Be deliberate in your intentions and actions, and maximize every opportunity you have."

Additionally, the panelists provided insight into their personal career paths and offered advice for those looking to reinvent their careers or businesses as a result of the pandemic.

## Aldine ISD celebrates School Board Recognition Month



**ALDINE ISD School Board. Front: Rose Avalos, Dr. Kimberly Booker, Dr. Viola Garcia, Connie Esparza; Rear: Randy Bates, Steve Mead, Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, and Paul Shanklin.**

January is School Board Recognition Month in Texas. Please take the time to honor school board members for their untiring dedication to public education.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney lauded the district's Board Trustees for making the time to share their vision and voice. Their actions and decisions affect children's lives.

"We talk a lot about the important role leadership plays in our district and our Trustees are true leaders who volunteer to do this tough job," said Goffney. "They shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices for our district, all without pay. Their goal is always focused on the future success of our children in Aldine ISD. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

Educating children may not be rocket science, it is a complex, demanding responsibility: ensuring that schools are available, qualified teachers are in place, buildings are safe, and resources are provided. They commit to reading reports, learn the laws, understand the community's needs, set thoughtful goals, and wisely handle the district's financial resources. They immerse themselves in learning what they need to know to make good decisions that will provide for students, from the very youngest to the graduating senior. Trustees are public servants who generously work to benefit the most vulnerable members of each community.

Aldine Trustees have had to face the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but have worked diligently to provide the resources for Aldine's teachers and students to continue the learning process.

According to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), there are 1,025 Texas school districts. Membership also includes regional education service centers and community colleges. TASB represents the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. TASB members serve more than 5.4 million Texas students.

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees consists of President Paul Shanklin (Position 2), Vice-President Rose Avalos (Position 3), Secretary Connie Esparza (Position 4), Assistant Secretary Dr. Kimberley Booker (Position 6), and Members Dr. Viola M. Garcia (Position 7), Randy Bates (Position 1) and Steve Mead (Position 5).

Mr. Shanklin has served as a Trustee since 2014, Ms. Avalos has served as a Trustee since 2006, Mrs. Esparza has served as a Trustee since 2017, Dr. Booker has served as a Trustee since 2017, and Dr. Garcia has served as a Trustee since 1992, Mr. Bates has served as a Trustee since 2019 and Mr. Mead has served as a Trustee since 2004.

Voters elect each board position to a four-year term. Board members are at large Trustees, meaning Trustees can live anywhere in the district and are elected by all the voters in the district.

Aldine ISD Trustees are responsible and oversee:

- Aldine ISD, the 9th largest school district in Texas
- An annual budget of more than \$647 million
- More than 63,000 students
- More than 9,000 employees
- Nearly 90 facilities

Over the years, the Aldine ISD Board of Education has earned numerous honors, including being named a finalist for H-E-B's 2013 Excellence in Education Award. The award recognizes school boards that demonstrate real leadership in the community they serve. In 2013, Region 4 ESC named Aldine the Outstanding School Board winner. Other honors include Region 4 Honor Board, the Texas Outstanding School Board honor, and the Magna Award from the American School Board Journal.

• Through the Board's leadership, Aldine ISD continually earns the state's top financial rating under the Schools Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) and the Financial Allocation Study of Texas (FAST).

• During the 2015-2016 school year, AISD earned recognition in two different case studies. Education First lauded AISD in its Districts Rising Briefs. The report highlights 10 districts across the nation working to raise student achievement and preparing students for college and career. In the case study, The Rewards of Perseverance, by Education Resource Strategies, AISD is highlighted for improving student outcomes and narrowing achievement gaps. The study tells the story of AISD's deliberate, system-wide evolution in response to change.

• Take a moment to recognize your local trustees. Take a moment to honor the work they are doing to help your students prepare for the future. Please take a moment to say thank you for the work school board members are doing on your behalf. Join me in celebrating School Board Recognition Month throughout January.

• Community members can voice their appreciation at the School Board Meeting on January 12. Campuses and students will show their appreciation throughout the month.

Contacting the School Board

Citizens are welcome to bring a topic or issue to the attention of the school board. There are two primary ways to do so:

- Write to the school board
- Public comment at school board meetings

The AISD school board conducts meetings on the third Tuesday of each month in the Donaldson Administration Building (2520 W.W. Thorne Blvd., Houston 77073). The date only changes if there are conflicts with other important dates. The monthly board meeting begins at 7 p.m. The Trustees conduct all meetings in the Board Room.

## FACE delivers holiday food to 450 Aldine ISD families



**Aldine ISD FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Department employees and FACE campus liaisons deliver bags of food during FACE's food giveaway holiday event held Monday, Dec. 14 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.**

## CHARLOTTE'S WEB



## Welcome to 2021

As we welcome in a new year, I am a part of a group of friends who are challenging each other to stay positive, get involved and make a difference in the lives of others. During the past year, there were plenty of occurrences that opened the door to be negative. And just because we have moved into a new year, does not mean there will not be times that we get upset, but having an accountability partner or two will hopefully motivate us to think before we grumble.

On January 1, I met with Diane to work on a project for those in the North Channel Area who want to offer a "Hand Up" to our neighbors who are currently homeless. We want to work with others who are already doing things to assist this group of individuals. We are aware of Roy's Safe Haven who ministers at least twice a month to provide food and other items. We are aware of GROW Ministry who goes out weekly to feed the hungry. We are aware of a larger group that is comprised of law enforcement, churches, individuals and various agencies who are working with elected officials to build a facility in the area to serve many of the needs of these neighbors.

One common desire of all of those who work with the homeless is to provide resources that will help these individuals to understand that we want to see them succeed. We have no desire to shame them as it is just by the grace of God that it is not us living out in the streets. Many of us will admit that we do not have two months' worth of salary sitting in a savings account just in case we fall on hard times. None of us have the right to judge anyone. We do not know how these individuals ended up on the streets but if we take the time to listen perhaps, we can be better neighbors. As I have grown older, I have realized that most people have remarkably simple, yet common desires. We want to be loved and accepted. We want to help others. We want to leave other better than how we met them.

In the months ahead, please be looking for information about how to get involved. We want to start by encouraging those that are out on the streets. Instead of grumbling about them, perhaps give them a box of 30 large trash bags so that they can clean up the area where they are at. When you stop at an intersection, look them in the face. Speak to them if you feel comfortable. Remember, that they are someone's child. Perhaps they are someone's parent. At the very least, pray for them. My prayer is that 2021 will be the year they find a place to live.

## Texans Brennan Scarlett, Beyond the Basics Foundation bring holiday cheer to 6 AISD students hit hard by COVID-19

It has been a rough year for many families across the nation, in Texas and in Aldine ISD who have had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many have lost loved ones, jobs, incomes and have even contracted the disease themselves, but Houston Texans linebacker Brennan Scarlett and the Beyond the Basics Foundation made their holidays a bit brighter by providing six Aldine ISD students and their families each with an \$800 Amazon shopping spree.

The Beyond the Basics Foundation was founded by New England Patriots linebacker Brandon Copeland. Scarlett is part of the Foundation and surprised the six students via individual videoconferences on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

"2020 has been a rough year for us all," said Scarlett, who attended Stanford University. "Everybody who has suffered during this time is in our thoughts and prayers."

The students and their families were selected for the shopping spree by the district's FACE (Family And Community Engagement) Department, which worked with schools to find deserving students.

The students came from Goodman Elementary School, Parker Elementary School,



**Houston Texans linebacker Brennan Scarlett provided six Aldine ISD students and their families with \$800 Amazon shopping sprees.**

Stovall Primary School, Hall Center for Education and Shotwell Middle School.

All of the students who learned of their shopping spree, along with their parents and guardians, were very appreciative of Scarlett and the Foundation's kindness and generosity.

One student said he wanted to buy his mother a computer because she has never had one, another said she would get shoes and clothing for her one-year-old daughter and others said they would take care of their families.

"I will buy things that are important to my family," one student said.

That giving spirit and thinking of others impressed those from the Foundation who took part in the video calls as well as Scarlett.

"I'm crying in my heart," he said.

As were a lot of other folks!



COMMUNITY NEWS

# Newspaper journalist experiences vaccination shot for COVID-19

HOUSTON - January 4, 2021 - Many Harris County and Houston area hospitals and clinics have begun giving the Covid-19 vaccine shots to qualifying participants.

Currently the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has approved both the Pfizer (BioNTech) and Moderna vaccines to be used to prevent the deadly virus. These two vaccines have about a 95 percent effectiveness rate in clinical trials. You must receive two separate doses for it to be most effective against the virus.

NC Star writer and former Jacinto City Mayor Allan Jamail was given his first dose of the Pfizer vaccine and will receive his second dose three weeks later. He strongly encourages people to get vaccinated from the virus to keep them and their loved ones safe.



**CUTLINE:** At Baytown Methodist Hospital nurse Starlet gives Allan Jamail, former Jacinto City Mayor & NC Star writer the Covid-19 virus vaccine. Photo by: Methodist Hospital staffer Alexis.

As of January 4, 2021 Harris County has had 243,059 cases and 3,431 deaths. Texas has 1,795,577 active virus cases and 27,903 deaths. Every 7 days there's an average of 204 deaths in Texas.

According to the CDC the risk for severe illness with COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk. Certain medical conditions can also increase risk for severe illness. People at

increased risk, and those who live or visit with them, need to take precautions to protect themselves from getting COVID-19 by getting vaccinated.

Jamail, 76 years old said he contacted his medical doctor and asked to be placed on the waiting list for the vaccine. Within a week he received an emailed questionnaire for information about his age, medical conditions, allergies, allergic history

and more. Within a few days he was given his appointment for the vaccine.

While some vaccinated have experienced non life-threatening side effects, Jamail said he's noticed nothing unusual after the shot.

Who's getting the vaccine now? If you are a front-line healthcare worker or resident of a long-term care facility, you are eligible now to receive the vaccine, this group is considered Phase 1A.

If you are in Phase 1B, you are also eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine depending on availability of the provider near you.

To determine if you are in Phase 1A or 1B, visit the website. <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>,

To check for the vaccine availability and providers near you click on the TEXAS COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDER LOCATIONS MAP.

# County bus service hits 1 million riders



Harris County Transit buses serves routes throughout East and Northeast Harris County.

HARRIS COUNTY - December 2020 brought a milestone achievement for Harris County Transit's (HCT) Fixed Route bus service. They achieved their 1,000,000-passenger boarding milestone! The passenger boarding count commenced with the start-up on July 28, 2008 through December 16, 2020. Service began with a two-route system in Baytown and has grown into a twelve-route system serving 185 route miles in east Harris County, with

3,685,428 total miles driven since 2008. During the COVID-19 shutdown, HCT has maintained the same level of service, and ridership has only decreased by seven percent. Nationwide, other transit agencies have had to shut down or reduce services and many have seen as much as a 50%-60% drop in ridership. All of the Harris County Transit services are following the Regional SITSAFE program to ensure maximum safety for passengers and drivers.

# Offensive Player award,

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Niblett rushed for 1,017 yards (he averaged 145 yards per game), passed for 323 yards, scored 12 rushing touchdowns and threw three scoring passes.

That effort earned him the Northeast News' Offensive Player of the Year honors.

Jackson said he is excited to have Niblett around for another two years.

"Ryan is an intelligent player and for a young guy he understands the game. He has really good football knowledge."

Jackson said Niblett said the 6-0, 170-pounder has excellent speed and quickness, traits that are needed to run the Eagles' spread offense.

He earned the starting quarterback job and even though he was just a sophomore, he quickly earned the respect of his teammates.

"He leads by example and as he gets older, he'll be more of a vocal leader," Jackson said.

"We like to put our best athlete at quarterback. We will continue to build our team around the things he can do."

Niblett's best game came against Aldine High where he scored three touchdowns and rushed for 180 yards.

Niblett, who also plays basketball and runs varsity track (he runs the 100-, 200-meters, and competes in the long jump and triple jump), is looking forward to his next two years running the Eagles' spread offense.

"I'm excited about the

future," he said.

And what part of his game does he need to work on to be a more complete QB?

"I need to work on my accuracy as a passer and I need to focus on getting stronger."

Niblett, a solid all-around athlete, said football is his favorite sport.

"I like everything about it," he said. "I just like being on the field."

And Jackson and the Eagles are more than happy to have Niblett around for another two years!

# Aldine ISD to provide evening meals

Aldine ISD will offer evening meals again this year to students at all of its middle schools, ninth grade schools and high schools. These schools offer after-school educational enrichment programs for students, which enable the district's At Risk Evening Meal Program to be provided by the Child Nutrition Services Department. There is no cost to students for the evening meal. The program will operate Monday through Thursday or Monday through Friday each week during the school year.

Students will receive a variety of meals including an entrée, fresh fruits and vegetables and a grain/bread along with milk as menu choices. Meals are planned by the Child Nutrition Dietitian and meet all required menu standards of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The school district's decision to operate the evening meal program provides an educational and nutritional opportunity for students. Academic achievement and good health are beneficial for success.

## Harris County COVID Test Sites open

Whether you attended large, small or no holiday gatherings at all, everyone should get tested as soon as possible. Harris County's COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths are increasing at alarming rates. New infections from holiday gatherings and travel will add to those numbers in coming weeks. In addition, many people have the virus and don't know it, 4 out of 10 people don't have any symptoms but are still contagious. They can infect family and friends who may get extremely ill or die. It's going to be a while before everyone in our community is vaccinated, so help stop the virus from spreading even more - wash your hands, wear a mask, social distance and get tested.

Testing is free and quick at HCPH test sites, you get your results in 3-5 days. There are multiple locations in the county and children can also be tested at the sites listed below. Register at [hcphtx.org](http://hcphtx.org) or call 832-927-7575.

Monday, January 4 - Saturday, January 9

- **M.O. Campbell Education Center**  
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  - **Christ the King Episcopal**  
Open Mon and Wed-Fri. 8a.m. - 3p.m.  
15325 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77083
  - **Sonrise Community Church**  
Open Mon & Tues & Thur-Sat 8am - 3p.m.  
5609 E Mount Houston Rd, Houston, TX 77093
  - **Hosana Lutheran Church**  
Open Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
16526 Ella Blvd, Houston, TX 77090
  - **Wat Buddhavas of Houston**  
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6007 Spindle Dr, Houston, TX 77086
  - **Cathedral of Saint Matthew**  
Open Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
9101 Airline Dr, Houston, TX 77037
  - **Lee College**  
Open Wed-Fri 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
200 Lee Dr, Baytown, TX 77520
  - **Iglesia Cristo Viene**  
Open Tues & Sat 8a.m. - 3 p.m.  
400 Cedar Bayou Rd, Baytown, TX 77520
  - **New Hope Presbyterian Church**  
Open Sat (1/9) 8a.m. - 3 p.m.  
1350 N Mason Rd, Katy, TX 77449
- For the Pasadena and Katy test sites, register at [www.doineedaocovid19test.com](http://www.doineedaocovid19test.com) or call 832-927-7575. People must be 13 or older to be tested at these locations.
- Monday, January 4 - Sunday, January 10**
- **San Jacinto College Central Campus**  
Open Mon-Fri (1/4-1/8) 7a.m.-2 p.m.  
Open Sat (1/9) 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505
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OPINION PAGE

**OPINION**  
By **BILL KING**



*My COVID Vaccine Trial Experience*

As some of you may have seen in the media, I am participating in the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine trial and just received my second injection on Tuesday (December 22). The AstraZeneca vaccine is one of four vaccines that are in late-stage development. Two of the others, Pfizer and Moderna, have already been authorized by the FDA for distribution. The final test results and approvals of the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will likely come in January.

In these late-stage trials, some of the participants are given the vaccine and some are given a placebo, i.e., a harmless but ineffective substance. In my trial the placebo is saline. The researchers then track the participants over a two-year period to see how many in each group (called "arms") come down with the virus and if there are any side effects. The trials are referred to as "double-blind" because neither the participant nor the person administering the vaccine knows whether the injection given is the vaccine or the placebo.

Typically, the participant will not be told whether they got the vaccine or placebo until the end of the trial. However, in the case of COVID, as soon as the participant qualifies for one of the approved vaccines, they can find out which one they received so they can get the vaccine if they received the placebo.

Normally, the two groups are about equal so your chances of getting the vaccine are about 50-50. However, in my trial, two-thirds of the participants received the vaccine and one-third received the placebo. But because these vaccines are so immunologically robust, most people have some reaction to them, giving you some clue as to whether it was the vaccine or the placebo.

However, guessing whether you got the vaccine on the basis of the reaction is not foolproof. In my trial, a doctor who was a participant had no reaction at all. Since he was a frontline health-care worker he qualified for the vaccine and they unmasked his results. To his surprise he had received the vaccine and had a high level of antibodies.

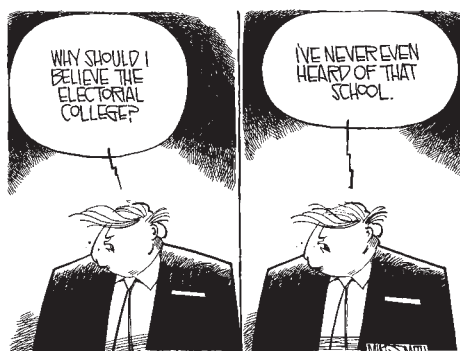
Similarly, there is a weird phenomenon known as the "placebo response" in which participants who received the placebo report responses consistent with receiving the active drug. This Stat article describes how this phenomenon may affect the COVID vaccine trials. The phenomenon is not well understood it is generally thought to be psychosomatic but also may just be coincidental. For example, in Pfizer trial in the 65-85 age group, the number of people reporting more body aches was only slightly higher in the vaccine arm than in the placebo arm. I can tell you from being in that age bracket I do not find that surprising!

I had a fairly strong reaction to both injections. I felt fatigued and lethargic on both occasions. On the second day after the first injection, I slept for five hours during the day which is highly unusual for me. I also had very noticeable body aches after each injection, with those following the second injection being worse than the first. I had a mild headache and chills both times but never recorded any fever. All of my reactions cleared within about 48-60 hours of receiving the injections.

I did not take anything to ameliorate the reactions because I wanted to be able to report exactly what I was feeling to the investigators. However, I would recommend that any of you who receive one of the vaccines take something like acetaminophen to ease the reactions.

That being said, the reactions are a good thing. They are a sign that your body's immune system is ramping up to fight what it thinks is an invasion by the COVID virus and in doing so, is prepping itself for when and if the real thing comes along.

I will keep you up to date as the trial progresses. Once I am eligible for one of the vaccines, I will ask the investigators to unmask my information and let you know if I got the vaccine or the placebo. However, based on my reaction, and assuming I am not psychosomatic – a debatable proposition to be sure – I think it is likely I got the vaccine. If so, my immunity should be at full strength about 10 days after the second injection, which would ironically be January 1. Not a bad way to start New Year, especially considering that millions of other Americans are not far behind.



**THE POSTSCRIPT**  
By **Carrie Classon**

*"Swedish Surprise"*

My 2021 calendar is hanging from the closet door.

Every year I've lived in this house, I've gotten a cloth calendar, hung from a dowel. My mother's mother always had a cloth calendar hanging in the farmhouse kitchen. As soon as the year was over, the calendar would be conscripted into use, usually to cover cinnamon rolls as they rose, to keep them moist until they were large enough to put into the oven.

Arriving at the farmhouse and seeing "1963" covering a pile of soon-to-be-baked sweet rolls was a wonderful sight and I will forever associate those cloth calendars with the anticipation of sweet things. I guess that's why I have one now. It's good to anticipate sweet things in the coming year.

My 2021 calendar is from Sweden. This means all the months are written in Swedish, surrounded by wildflowers identified in Swedish. My grandmother was a Swede, so I thought this was appropriate. But the real reason I ordered the calendar was that it was the only one I could find with legible dates.

Cloth calendars have apparently come into vogue and I had more choices than in past years, many in jazzy and colorful patterns. Unfortunately, the graphic designers responsible for these works of art did not seem to expect that a person might use the calendar for actual reference. I use the calendar to find the date—an apparently antiquated idea.

All the calendars I found would require a strenuous search to locate the month of April amidst all the artwork and no easy way to tell how many weeks there were from April until a date in May. And so, while they were attractive, the calendars wouldn't be very useful until they were used to cover sweet rolls.

But the Swedes have a reputation for being a practical bunch and this calendar looked more legible in Swedish than any I found in English, so I ordered it.

It wasn't until it arrived that the problem became apparent.

Instead of seven columns for the seven days of the week, there were eight, with an additional column on the left for half the months and on the right for the rest. Someone finally explained that this column told me what week of the year it was. Saturday is in red, so it is possible to get one's bearings—but not without considerable effort.

But even before the calendar arrived, the year seemed filled with more uncertainty than any I can remember.

There is a careless confidence that comes with the making of plans. In the past, I have looked at my calendar on the wall and imagined I had some idea of what would happen in the weeks to come. Because the dates were neatly lined up, I couldn't imagine life becoming disordered.

This year, that whole idea seems a little preposterous. Because I never really knew what would happen in the coming week—that was the lesson learned in 2020. This year, I won't be nearly so confident as *Januari* turns to *Februari* and then *Mars*.

Of course, I am optimistic, as I always am. I am hoping this new year will bring sweet things. But now I'm thinking having my weeks laid out oddly—with the months written in a foreign language, surrounded by flowers I can't identify—may be an appropriate way to look at the coming year.

This year may require some translation. It may require a little study. This whole year is a big Swedish surprise, waiting to happen.

And maybe that's not such a bad thing.

Till next time,  
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By **Chris Cobler**



*New year can't yet shake focus from COVID-19*

It's a new year, but the news out of the capital continues to focus on COVID-19.

Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted last week that "a significant portion of vaccines distributed across Texas might be sitting on hospital shelves as opposed to being given to vulnerable Texans. The state urges vaccine providers to quickly provide all shots. We get plenty more each week."

Many health providers and county health department officials responded that they were working as quickly as they could to give shots to front-line health care workers and lacked the doses necessary to move to what Texas calls phase 1B recipients. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, phase 1B recipients include those 65 and older and those 16 and older with medical conditions that would put them at greater risk from COVID-19.

Various state news outlets reported Texans in phase 1B could not find any vaccine available to them yet. The state health department encouraged the public to check its website weekly for updates on vaccine availability.

In the meantime, people should continue wearing a face mask when in public and follow all social distancing guidelines, health officials said.

**AG BLOCKS AUSTIN**

The city of Austin and Travis County tried to impose New Year's weekend restrictions on restaurants, but Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Gov. Abbott won the final round of a legal battle.

The local officials' order limited restaurants to drive-thru, curbside pickup, takeout and delivery services between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Dec. 31 to Jan. 3. Austin Mayor Steve Adler and Travis County Judge



Andy Brown imposed the three-day restriction to limit social gatherings over the holiday weekend after the state reported a record number of hospitalizations and new cases.

"Mayor Adler and Judge Brown do not have the authority to flout Gov. Abbott's executive orders by shutting down businesses in Travis County and our state's capital city," Attorney General Paxton said in a statement.

District Judge Amy Clark Meachum denied Paxton's motion, saying the state had not shown "imminent and irreparable harm." The AG immediately asked the 3rd Court of Appeals to block the order, but that court rejected his appeal. Paxton then went to the Texas Supreme Court for an emergency stay of the order. The high court granted the injunction late Jan. 1 without comment.

**FOOD BENEFITS INCREASED**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will provide \$204 million in emergency SNAP food benefits during January as the state continues its response to the pandemic.

Recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program also will see an additional 15 percent in their total benefits in January because of recently passed federal legislation.

"As we continue through the new year, these benefits offer nutritious food to those who need it most, especially in these trying times" Wayne Salter, of HHS, said in a statement.

The state received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend the maximum allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size. The emergency January allotments are in addition to the almost \$2 billion in benefits previously provided to Texans between April and December.

Beginning in January, recipients will receive a 15 percent increase in their total benefits, which will continue monthly until June 2021. The additional 15 percent increase and the emergency allotment amount should appear in recipients' accounts by Jan. 23. Administered by the state agency, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to 1.7 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas.

Texans in need may apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at [YourTexasBenefits.com](http://YourTexasBenefits.com).

**'I KNOW CHUCK'**

The new year brought another California company's headquarters to Texas.

Financial services firm Charles Schwab recently announced a \$26 billion merger with TD Ameritrade. As part of the merger, the combined company's headquarters officially moved Jan. 1 from San Francisco to Schwab's \$100 million campus in Denton County.

In a press release, Schwab said the Westlake location and facility in Denton were chosen and designed as a more centrally located hub for Schwab's nationwide operations. Before the merger, Schwab had more than 2,500 employees at its Westlake campus, and about 2,000 employees worked at TD Ameritrade's location in Southlake.

Gov. Abbott welcomed Charles Schwab in a tweet last week and reassured Texans that the influx of California companies wouldn't change the Lone Star state.

"I've talked to Chuck, I know Chuck," Abbott tweeted. "He wants to keep Texas, Texas."

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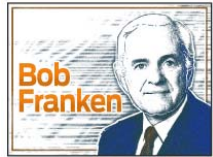
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OP-ED OPINION

The Trump legacy of Phoniness – One last con Trump's Shameful Georgia Call

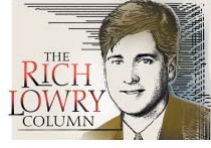
The Trump Legacy of Phoniness – One last con: President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump skipped out on their New Year's gala at Mar-a-Lago, where fans with too much money paid a thousand or so bucks singly because the Trumps were advertised to attend. But suddenly, the first scammers bailed and returned to the White House, leaving family members and other second fiddles to diddle those willing to be defrauded by the right-wing star-hucksters. While the Trumps are world champion charlatans, there's no shortage of Bunco artists in Washington. Only too happy to join the Trumpster in his elaborate last-minute swindle to hold on to office by hook or crook was Ted Cruz. In a biopic, there's no obvious actor who would be cast as Trump. But Cruz would definitely be played by Snidely Whiplash of Rocky and Bullwinkle fame. Never mind that Whiplash is a star of animation. He IS Ted Cruz. It's not that Sen. Cruz actually cares whether President Trump is successful. If The Donald falters, Cruz would like to lay claim to his 74 million voters. And Donald Trump has four years to falter. Could he have badly blundered with his hour-long intimidation call threatening Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger? He threatened Raffensperger with "criminal" prosecution unless he suddenly were to "find" nearly 12,000 Trump votes in Georgia, which would



reverse the state's election. By the way, Brad Raffensperger, the loyal Republican, cast his ballot for Trump before he decided to steadfastly follow all the rules in counting the votes. Including now, when he politely turned down the president and his henchpersons. The question, among others, is how could they not know the call was being recorded? And Trump's four years out of office and being subject to criminal action hasn't even begun. Four years is a long enough time for all the memories of the Trump years to evaporate: the coronavirus, the racism, the misogyny, the cruel xenophobia, the facile demagoguery. This is to say nothing of the fact that President Joe Biden will have time to create his own messes. What the Trumpster base has not forgotten is why the millions favored Trump in the first place: the unfairness of the elite and their so-called experts (they lump all the real experts in with the phonies). They despised the intellectuals, many of whom talked a good game but little else, and felt they had suffered from affirmative action and foreign competition. They also believed that their old-fashioned

cultural and religious beliefs were under attack. And along came Donald Trump. He had already shown he has the grift gift. He had been born into wealth but also inherited a ruthlessness to do whatever it took to wriggle out of his ineptitude and achieve huge wealth in the process. An old Southern expression is that The Donald is able to fall in a bucket of spit and come out smelling like a rose. Well, that's pretty close. He has an instinctual ability for public relations. He will find some way to be in the spotlight. No matter how Joe Biden will try, Donald Trump will parlay the claim that he was cheated out of re-election into a justification to be favored next time around. He might succeed. Ted Cruz and the others can only hope he might not. The only ultimate fight in the GOP will be between one of them and a "Never Trumper" like Mitt Romney. Romney pretends his motives are pure, but that's just his con. Call him Grift Romney, running his own sting versus a Democrat. Both will still be running against Donald Trump, still the center of attention, which is all he ever wanted. Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN. (c) 2021 Bob Franken Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Trump's Shameful Georgia Call —President Donald Trump has turned a narrow electoral defeat into a bid for infamy. His goal in the post-election interlude has been more and more explicitly to overturn the results of the election. Indeed, a couple of weeks ago he tweeted simply, "OVERTURN." We now know, thanks to a recording of his phone conversation with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger from over the weekend, how far he's gone to pressure state officials to join him in this reprehensible goal. His hour-long lobbying of Raffensperger to declare him the winner in the state is among the worst things an American president has ever been caught saying on the record. There is now no doubt that Trump lost Georgia. Both machine and hand recounts have confirmed a Biden victory of fewer than 12,000 votes. Trump has been agitating for a signature audit, and state officials examined a statistically significant sample of 15,000 absentee ballot envelopes in Cobb County. They found 10 mismatched signatures, but the voters in question all vouchsafed for the legitimacy of the ballots when contacted by investigators. Georgia has certified its results multiple times and appointed its electors in time to meet the "safe harbor" deadline under federal law, when they are supposed to be considered final and conclusive by the federal government. Yet, here comes Trump



with an LBJ-style bout of arm-twisting to get Raffensperger to declare all of that a grievous mistake. The power differential between a president of the United States and a state secretary of state is vast — Trump is the most powerful man on the planet whereas Raffensperger isn't even the most powerful man in Georgia. Trump put Raffensperger in the inherently awkward position of having to tell him "no" over and over — snowing him with a variety of numbers for supposed illegal votes, making him parry wild accusations, mocking him and threatening him with vague legal repercussions and, implicitly, with the end of his political career. There is a reason that Raffensperger didn't take any of the reported prior 18 attempted calls from the White House. Still, to his great credit, he did indeed tell Trump "no" politely and firmly. Of the two elected officials on the call, only one was calm, reasonable and cogent — and it wasn't the president. Trump was repetitive and ill-informed. He had no idea what charges had been debunked weeks ago. He didn't, or couldn't, distinguish between true and false information. He was fuzzy on the details of his own legal case. He retailed conspiracy theories about ballots being burned and voting machines being removed that would be embarrassing if your uncle shared them on Facebook.

The only thing that mattered to him was getting Raffensperger to pronounce him the winner — legal process and facts be damned. The problem with Trump has always been his highly personal view of the presidency, wherein institutions, constitutional principles and sheer propriety take a backseat to the felt needs of his ego. At times in his presidency, this failing has been made to serve worthy ends, e.g., stoking economic growth and confirming record numbers of conservative judges as bragging points. Since the election, though, this tendency has been particularly stark and unredeemed. His personal inability to accept the sting of defeat has led him, shamefully, to wage war on a legitimate election. If he were to somehow succeed in his goal of overturning the result, he would subvert American democracy and irreparably harm our governing institutions, while stoking a constitutional crisis of a magnitude we've only experienced rarely in our history. And for what? To avoid admitting that he lost. Trump has gotten nowhere, except in convincing some Republican senators and members of Congress to indulge his insistence he really won. Every time the president hoped someone with authority over the election would bend his way, whether an elected official or judge, he's found someone like Raffensperger, dutiful and conscientious enough to say "no."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the unusual events in Washington DC last week, we present two views on the activities of President Trump. One view is from the usually liberal Bob Franken, the other from the usually conservative Rich Lowry. Neither opinion is necessarily that of this newspaper or its staff. YOUR OPINION is welcome. Send a letter for possible publication to Northeast News, 5906 Star Lane, Houston TX 77057 or an email to NENEWSROOM@aol.com. Please limit your words to about 200. Letters will be subject to editing. Thank you.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.

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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a list of 41 clues and the King Crossword logo.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: Who was the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
2. ASTRONOMY: How many phases does the Moon go through each month?
3. MEDICAL: What are leukocytes?
4. TELEVISION: What are the names of the three animated "Powerpuff Girls"?
5. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the first battery?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country in Africa in land area?
7. MEASUREMENTS: What does a Geiger counter measure?
8. LITERATURE: What item did the crocodile swallow in "Peter Pan"?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What is grenadine made from?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby goat called?

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Hit and Run death on Airline Drive; Driver sought

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Vehicular Crimes Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspect responsible for a Hit and Run - Failure to Stop and Render Aid - Fatality. On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at approximately 6:32 p.m., the victim was walking southbound in the 2800 block of Airline Drive in Houston Texas. The victim attempted to cross the street, west, on Airline Dr., when the suspect's vehicle (a black pickup truck, possibly a Toyota Tundra) struck the victim as it traveled northbound on Airline Dr. The suspect's vehicle continued driving without stopping to render aid to the victim. The victim was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased as a result of injuries sustained in the accident. Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, charging and/or arrest of the suspects in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

Parking lot robbery at 18700 JFK Boulevard

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Robbery Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspects responsible for an Aggravated Robbery - Deadly Weapon. On Monday, December 14, 2020, at approximately 4:00 p.m., two unknown male suspects robbed the victim in the 18700 block of John F. Kennedy Blvd in Houston, Texas. During the incident, the suspects approached the victim (who was loading items into their vehicle) and demanded they lay on the ground. The victim refused to lay on the ground and was struck in the head with an AR style pistol by one of the suspects. The victim tried to run away and was tackled to the ground by the second suspect, at which time the suspects stole the victim's wallet and money then fled the location in a white Dodge Challenger and gray Toyota Camry. Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, charging and/or arrest of the suspects in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

Fatal Shooting at 2101 Parker Road

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 2101 Parker Road about 9:10 p.m. on December 31. The identity of the victim, 17, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. HPD Homicide Division Detectives D. Hobson and R. Rivera reported: The victim and suspect were inside a vehicle stopped at a red light at the intersection of Parker Road and Aldine Westfield Road at the above address. According to witnesses, a fight began between the victim and male suspect and they carried the fight out into the street. At some point in the altercation, the suspect pulled a pistol and fired one shot, striking the victim. The suspect fled the scene in a gray, four-door sedan. Paramedics transported the victim to Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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3. When the disciples argued about who would be the greatest, who/what did Jesus point to? Peter, Birds, Lilies, Little child
4. How many books of the Bible (KJV) begin with the

letter "E"? 0, 2, 5, 6

5. From 2 Timothy 1, who was Timothy's devout grandmother? Dorcas, Lydia, Lois, Hannah  
6. In biblical times, a "daric" was a Persian ...? Gold coin, Headwear, Sailing ship, Well  
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Creation; 3) Little child; 4) Six (Ecclesiastes Ephesians, Esther, Exodus, Ezekiel, Ezra); 5) Lois; 6) Gold coin  
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# Legislators safe after riot,

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Thousands of demonstrators formed a mob that broke through barriers, fought with police, and entered the Capitol building. They broke into offices and the House and Senate chambers, breaking windows, doors, signs, furniture, and stealing many office items. Besides carrying weapons, police later found two pipe bombs and many Molotov cocktail bombs in the possession of some of the mob. The mob included members of QAnon, Proud Boys, militia groups, elected officials, and organized ordinary protestors, according to authorities.

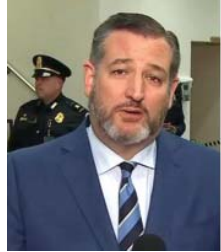
In addition, Congress and much of the nation blamed President Trump for his rhetoric, and for inciting the march on the Capitol with his speech just prior to the insurrection.

Many members of Congress, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, and members of our local delegation, called for removal of Trump from office, either by impeachment of through the provisions of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, which calls for the removal of the President if he is unfit to conduct the duties of his office.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, and Congressman Al Green were especially vocal in their criticism of Trump. They also criticized some of their fellow Congressmen, including Senators Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley, for opposing the certification of the Electoral College votes and asking that they be thrown out.

Jackson Lee described the incursion as follows:

But we were engaged in the constitutional process



Texas Senator Ted Cruz was singled out as one of the instigators of the insurrection, with his anti-election rhetoric.

and the chambers were attacked," Jackson Lee said.

She added that initially, some members began to flee while others, who couldn't, waited until they were told to do so.

"The doors were locked. The doors were stamped. The doors were jammed with furniture. Guns were drawn, shots were fired and we were on the ground. In the essence of the United States Capitol, the symbol of democracy, right before our very eyes, was not only attacked but it was an attempt to de-

stroy. Glass breaking. Going into windows. This is a symbol of the United States of America. Putting flags of Donald Trump on historic statues. This was a horrible scene, because America represents, to the world, the greatest democracy ever. So frankly, what happened, plain and simple - attack. I think the other thing that was so distressing was that a young woman was shot right outside of the chambers. That young woman is dead. Blood lays at the feet of Donald J. Trump," she said.

As a result of her experiences in the riot, Congresswoman Jackson Lee last Thursday introduced Articles of Impeachment against President Donald Trump.

"At this moment in our history, our Constitutional forefathers are crying out for us to use the tools provided in this ageless document. Yesterday, we saw domestic enemies incite violence and invade the people's house with the intent to harm. Enough is enough! The president has completely lost whatever

moral authority he had and is unfit as Commander in Chief," Jackson Lee said in a release.

In her Impeachment Articles, Jackson Lee claims Trump has continued to undermine the essential institutions and foundations of a democratic system of government in the United States. She also lists he has engaged in a long train of abuses and usurpations to make himself an authoritarian ruler unaccountable to, and independent of, the people of the United States.

Her charges include: Refusing to acknowledge Russian interference in the internal affairs of the United States, and then opposing responses by Congress and the Executive Branch to protect the national security and interests of the United States against future Russian interference and aggression.

Refusing continuously to acknowledge to the American people that he would accept and be bound by the verdict rendered in the 2020 Presidential election, instead claiming that any outcome in which he was not declared the winner was fraudulent, rigged, and illegitimate.

Instituting frivolous lawsuits to overturn the results of the 2020 Presidential election, falsely alleging wide-spread voting fraud but producing no evidence in support of his spurious allegations.

Failing to take action to protect and defend Federal officers and personnel, property, buildings, and institutions on January 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol that was besieged by supporters of Donald John Trump, resulting in extensive damage to the property of the United States and the deaths of at least four persons.

As well as Jackson Lee, another local Congressman has been calling for Trump's Impeachment for the last 3 Congressional sessions.

On Thursday, January 7, 2021, Congressman Al Green released the follow-



Capitol Police block doors to House Chamber with furniture, and point drawn guns at intruders. Fort Bend former sheriff Troy Nehls is in blue shirt.



Trump at Rally directed crowd to march to Capitol and be strong in opposing Electoral College certification.

ing statement, indicating his co-leadership of Rep. Ilhan Omar's (MN-05) articles of impeachment as well as his original co-sponsorship of Rep. David Cicilline's (RI-01) articles of impeachment:

"Joined by over 100 different Members of Congress overall, I presented three sets of articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump in 2017, 2018, and 2019 because of several well-documented instances of his impeachable conduct. These efforts laid the foundation for the successful impeachment of our 45th President of the United States on December 18, 2019," Congressman Al Green (TX-09) stated.

"The President's more recent rhetoric and actions have been harmful - including his request of Georgia's Secretary of State to unlawfully overturn the 2020 presidential election results as well as

his seditious incitement of insurrection at our nation's Capital during the Joint Session to count electoral votes."

"Bearing all this in mind, I am proud to co-lead Rep. Omar's articles of impeachment and co-sponsor Rep. Cicilline's articles of impeachment, because I support impeachment for impeachable offenses."

Congressman Green added, "For the past four years, it has been perspicuously clear that President Trump is unfit to be president and has engaged in impeachable behavior. Some may deem impeachment pointless when only 13 days remain before his term expires. Some may say the Senate will never convict him. I believe it is essential that Members of Congress go on record and indicate where they stand with this would-be dictator who employs seditious and incite rhetoric to fuel his base."

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