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East Aldine to get sculpture by famed Artist

EAST ALDINE – A huge bust statue of the late president John F. Kennedy may soon mark the northern edge of the District, and greet travellers arriving from Intercontinental Airport.

The Art Committee of the East Aldine District has recommended to the board the purchase and installation of a unique statue of JFK, sculpted by famed artist David Adickes. Adickes is known for the towering statue of Texas hero Sam Houston, which sits along the highway I-45 in Huntsville.

The statue would be located in the median be-

tween the northbound and southbound lanes of JFK Boulevard, at the intersection with Aldine Bender.

According to Silva, the art committee has a number of projects that would bring public art to East Aldine. These include the Big Walls Big Dreams mural recently painted on the wall at the High Meadows library, Mini Murals on utility boxes, the JFK statue, and a gigantic mural scheduled for the lobby wall of the new East Aldine District office building, that would tell the story graphically of the history of the Aldine Area.

The EAMD board voted

to proceed with engineering work required for the JFK statue. CobbFendley was awarded a contract for \$40,000, and the District plans to purchase the statue for \$25,000. Additional funds would be required for the installation work.

The JFK statue proposal has received wide acclaim, bringing high quality art to the district which will enhance our reputation city-wide. Executive Director David Hawes commented that in 20 years, the District has spent \$60 million for water and sewer improve-

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ABOVE, In the artist's studio East Aldine District Art Committee chairman Carlos Silva, left, views the statue of John F. Kennedy that will be erected in the esplanade of JFK Boulevard at Aldine Bender. At the right is the sculptor, David Adickes. He is well known in the art world for his series of sculptures of presidents' heads, which can be seen from I-45 Southbound near his downtown studio. Adickes is also best known for the 67' tall statue of Sam Houston which sits along the I-45 highway in Huntsville.

AT LEFT, an artist's constructed photo shows how the JFK Statue will look as it is installed on a base pedestal in the median or esplanade of JFK Boulevard at Aldine Bender. In this photo, Aldine Bender runs left to right, and JFK Boulevard runs toward and away from the camera. The Statue will serve as a welcome to travellers arriving from the airport toward the city, and also as an introduction to the East Aldine District.

MORE photos, see Page 3.



87th Legislature ends, as Democrats walk out to kill Voter Restrictions bill

AUSTIN – A bill to overhaul voting rules in the state failed to pass in the Texas House on Sunday night in a victory for Democrats and voting rights advocates. Sunday was the last day of the legislative session that the bill, Senate Bill 7, could have been passed, but it may be brought up again in the future.

SB7 failed to pass in the Texas House because a group of House Democrats



walked out of the legislature, causing the House to lose quorum — in order for certain procedures to take place, such as passing legislation, a certain number of House members must be present — blocking Republicans from passing the bill despite their majority. Birnel said that was all made possible by the work of organizers.

The bill would place limits on early voting hours, drive-thru voting, and

tighten restrictions on who can vote by mail. It would also expand the role that poll watchers can play, including allowing them to be closer to the polls and to record certain voters.

Republicans have called it a measure to ensure election integrity, despite the lack of evidence for widespread election fraud — the outgoing Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs told lawmakers earlier in the year that Texas' elec-

tion in 2020 was "smooth and secure." Democrats and voting rights organizations have derided the bill as an attempt at voter suppression that would disproportionately harm racial and ethnic minorities.

Gov. Greg Abbott has already said he will convene a special session of the Texas legislature in

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The current Covid-19 Pandemic, weather and economic conditions have caused us to combine some issues every two weeks, and to change distribution to Pick-up locations. See page 8 for 50 locations where you can get a copy of the Northeast News, and page 7 for email subscriptions. We thank you for your continued support.



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SHERIFF'S SAFETY FORUM – JUNE 8
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When: Jun 8, 2021 06:00 PM
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/6016281234>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Democrats walk out, kill bill,

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the coming months to reconsider SB7, among other pieces of legislation, so the bill could still be passed.

“Ensuring the integrity of our elections and reforming a broken bail system remain emergencies in Texas,” Abbott’s statement said. “They will be added to the special session agenda. Legislators will be expected to have worked out the details when they arrive at the Capitol for the special session.”

Abbott went further on Monday, saying he intends

to withhold paychecks to state lawmakers after House Democrats staged the walkout to block voting restrictions proposed by their Republican counterparts.

“This is a reckoning over two strategies,” Alex Birnel said. “One strategy is to suppress the vote to sustain power, and the other strategy is for millions of people to participate in our democracy and for that participation to transform the entire country for the better.”

Teague MS teacher Esparza named ESL Teacher of the Year

AISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney receives Diana Garcia Marion Award

Teague Middle School teacher Lelebeth Esparza was named the ELS Teacher of the Year by the Suburban Houston Association of Bilingual Educators (SHABE) during their Teacher of the Year Recognition Banquet.

In addition, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney was named the recipient of the Diana Garcia Marion Award. The Diana Garcia Marion Award recognizes a member of the educational community who has advocated for and demonstrated continued support for Bilingual and ESL education.

Five other Aldine ISD Bilingual educators also earned honors at the annual event.

Eckert Elementary teacher Marianna Fernandez finished in second place in the Elementary Bilingual Teacher of the Year category. Johnson Elementary teacher Shaina Shaw finished second in the Elementary ESL Teacher of the Year category. Hinojosa Primary teacher Melanie Gonda finished third in the Elementary ESL Teacher of the Year category, while Teague Middle School teacher Anel Arredondo finished in third place in the Language Other Than English (LOTE) Teacher of the Year category. Helen



Ramirez of Hambrick Middle School finished in second place in the Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year category.

Esparza said she was honored to be named SHABE’s ESL Teacher of the Year.

“I feel so honored to receive this incredible award,” she said. “Next year my first group of kids will graduate high school and knowing that I helped them along the way on their journey will be the greatest reward I could receive. After this rough year we’ve had, being recognized for the hard work all teachers put in this year is so great. Winning this award is very encouraging to keep learning and growing to benefit our ESL population because in this profession the learning never stops.”

MacArthur Senior Named Future CPA Rockstar

Jarely Leal from MacArthur Senior High School has been awarded the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Foundation High Scholarship.

Annually, the AICPA Foundation awards scholarships each year to 10 outstanding high schools seniors who plan to pursue a career in accounting. According to the Foundation Scholarship website, “the scholarship is a chance for the accounting world to give its future CPA rockstars a warm welcome to an incredible career path.” In the fall, Jarely is headed to the University of Houston Main Campus where she has been accept-



JARELY LEAL
ed to the Bauer College of Business, Bauer Business Honors program, and plans to pursue her bachelor’s and master’s before sitting for the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam.



Message From the Superintendent, May 25, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,
I want to commend each of you for your commitment to Finishing Strong! To the class of 2021 — congratulations! You are strong and resilient, and we hope you are leaving Aldine ISD with lots of choices and opportunities. We are excited to send another class of Aldine Legacy Builders into the world.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer break. As a reminder, the district has a host of summer learning experiences available for every student. Be on the lookout for additional communication over the summer as we look to Start Strong this fall. We anticipate welcoming all students back to in-person classes on the first day of school, August 16 (or July 9 for students at Ermel and Vines).

As you may have heard, Aldine ISD is receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds from the federal government via the Texas Education Agency. Aldine ISD is seeking feedback from all district and community stakeholders to help determine how the district should best utilize these resources to address unfinished learning and ongoing COVID-19 recovery. Please complete this short survey to provide your input.

Free Breakfast and Lunch Meals

Tuesday, May 25, is the last day the district’s Child Nutrition Services Department will offer curbside meals at all meal sites.

Beginning June 1, Aldine ISD will bring back the summer meals program. Aldine Child Nutrition Services will provide students 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no-cost summer meals. The Seamless Summer Program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Find more information.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS Preregistration for PreK3, PreK4, and Kindergarten is Open

— Families can pre-enroll their eligible students for the 2021-2022 school year in three grades — prekindergarten for three-year-olds (PreK3), Pre-K for four-year-olds (PreK4), and kindergarten. The PreK3 program will be a full-day program starting in fall 2021. Again, pre-enrollment is for new, eligible students entering AISD for the first time. Families can click here to begin the preregistration process by completing online documents. The deadline to pre-enroll students to PreK and kindergarten is May 31, 2021.

La Promesa

We are excited to announce the opening of our newest choice school, La Promesa (“the promise”). La Promesa will open in fall 2021 to provide students who are new to the country with global and cultural competencies for today’s interconnected world, giving them the promise of choices and opportunities after graduation. The school will host two in-person enrollment events to help families enroll their incoming ninth-graders for the 2021-2022 school year. Click here for details.

Tuesday, May 25, from 5:30-7 p.m.
Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m.-noon
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Coming August 2, 2021: Students’ Families Must Complete Required Annual Update — Previously, once a student enrolled in Aldine ISD, the student’s information remained the same unless a parent provided new information. The annual update will increase customer service and ensure individual student information is



updated annually. Starting August 2021, AISD will ask families to complete a yearly update before starting each new school year. Families will access the Annual Update form through HAC. Schools have already begun to reach out to families to ensure that at least one legal guardian — a student’s parent or legal guardian — has a HAC account.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE)

Keep up with the Aldine ISD FACE Department by clicking here for upcoming events and family resources. Happening this week:

- Thursday, May 27
Storytelling Sign Up
- English storybook at 5:30 p.m.
- Spanish storybook at 6:00 p.m.

COVID-19 REMINDERS — Testing, Safety Protocols, and Vaccination News

After May 28, the district will no longer conduct the visitor COVID-19 screening process, and employees will not need to complete the daily screening via Qualtrics. In addition, masks will be optional at all Aldine ISD campuses and administrative buildings starting June 5, 2021.

Vaccinations

As of May 10, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has expanded the emergency use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for everyone ages 12 years and older.

Community Vaccine Event

Aldine ISD has partnered with Custom Care Pharmacy, Texas Patient Care Services, Community Health Choice, and Harris Health to provide COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer) for Aldine ISD students, staff, and community members ages 12 and up. This vaccine event will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at M. O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd. This opportunity is for students ages 12 and up, staff members, and the community who have not previously been vaccinated and would like to be. Register Today

Quarantine Protocols

Following the Centers for Disease Control guidance, Aldine ISD will no longer require fully vaccinated students and staff without symptoms to quarantine if exposed to a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 case. Students who are fully vaccinated are encouraged to provide a copy of their vaccination card to their campus nurse to enter into their student health immunization records. Staff will only be asked to provide their vaccination records to their supervisor in the event they are identified as an exposure to a positive case.

I encourage everyone to continue doing their part: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

I wish you a wonderful week ahead.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

East Aldine to get sculpture by famed Artist

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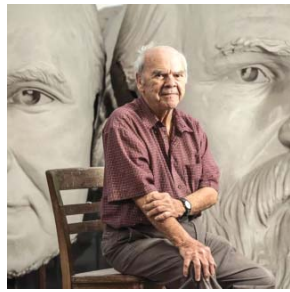
ments, and public safety, so "it is time to improve the appearance in the District by spending these dollars." The introduction of an art program is consistent with the original intent to enhance the quality of life in the district.

Born 1927 in Huntsville, Texas, David Adickes earned his undergraduate degree in physics and mathematics from Sam Houston State College (now University). The summer after graduation, he attended the Kansas City Art Institute and realized that art was what he really wanted to do. Adickes used his G.I. Bill to study painting in Paris with the modern master, Fernand Leger. He returned to Houston and began painting full-time.

In 1983, he was commissioned to make his first monumental sculpture, Virtuoso, which now resides at the Lyric Center in downtown Houston. Adickes also created the 76-foot tall figure of Sam Houston that stands on Interstate 45 just south of Huntsville.

He is known for the large statues he sculpts. He sculpted a 67-foot replica of Sam Houston for the city of Huntsville, Texas. In Lead, South Dakota, Adickes created 43 enormous busts of each American president for display at an educational museum.

His workshop in Houston is open to the public and features many of his most outstanding works. Not intended to be a destination, the workshop/gallery has turned into a destination, an often surprising site where one can see something out of the ordinary in the middle of



DAVID ADICKES, sculptor

an industrial part of Houston, Texas. Giant heads will occasionally sit in the parking lot and huge sculptures of the Beatles and former President Bush can be seen from the street. Occasionally one will find Adickes working in the shop, with his six employees, slowly crafting ever more extravagant work.

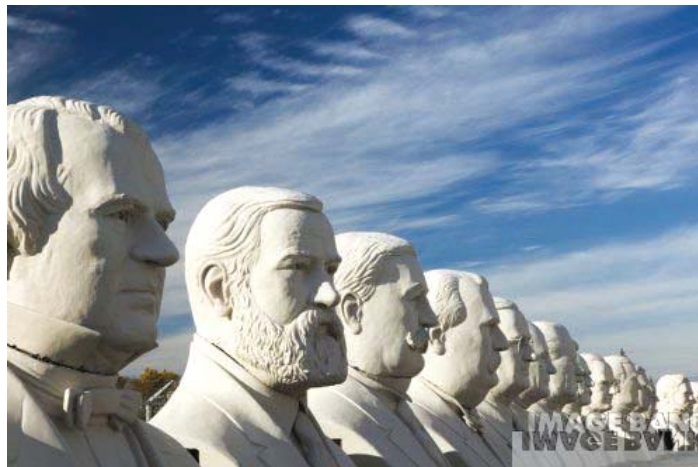
Selected Public Collections

- Blanton Museum of Art, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas
- Fort Worth Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas



STATUE OF SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS HERO, AT I-45 IN HUNTSVILLE.

- James A. Michener Art Foundation, Doleystown, Pennsylvania
- Longview Art Association, Longview, Texas
- Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Witte Museum of Art, San Antonio, Texas



ROW OF PRESIDENTS PARK INSTALLATION, SOUTH DAKOTA

Lone Star College students receive prestigious Jack Kent Cooke scholarships



HOUSTON (May 13, 2021) – The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awarded five Lone Star College students with its prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Transfer Scholarship. Each student will receive up to \$40,000 per year for up to three years to cover a substantial share of educational expenses including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees toward completing their bachelor's degree at a selective four-year college or university.

Lone Star College had the most students of any community college in the new class of scholars in the nation.

"Congratulations to these Lone Star College students on this incredible accomplishment," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "I would also like to recognize the tremendous work that our faculty puts in to help our students reach their goals."

The LSC students selected were Fizza Afreen, LSC-University Park; Rachel Aquino, LSC-Tomball; Daysi Duarte Benito, LSC-North Harris; Brayan Gutierrez, LSC-CyFair; and Kathryn Price, LSC-Tomball.

"We know how much exponentially harder this past year has been on students. It's an honor to award this group of individuals as they have achieved so much both in the classroom and in their daily lives," said Seppy Basili, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation executive director. "We are proud to welcome this new class of Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholars to our community and are excited to support them as they transition to four-year institutions."

In all, 26 LSC students have been awarded the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship since 2012.

"The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly competitive award with more than 1,300 students from over 370 colleges applying this year, so this is quite an achievement," said Laura Tagget, LSC English professor and International Faculty Fellow who teaches first-year Honors College students.

The LSC students are enrolled in the LSC Honors College which offers a wide range of opportunities for honors students including incoming freshman wanting to graduate with an Honors AA or Honors AS degree, high-achieving students seeking to graduate with Honors distinction and students interested in earning individual Honors course credit.

"The Honors College has people who are willing to help other people," said Benito. "During my first semester professors were willing to help you with anything. The Honors College is like a community."

In addition to receiving up to \$40,000 per year for tuition and expenses, these students will also receive all-inclusive educational advising from foundation staff to guide them through the processes of transitioning to a four-year school and preparing them for their career.

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★ OPINION PAGE ★

OPINION
Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



We need to celebrate Anti-Voter Legislation stalling in the House

AUSTIN— Time ran out on the Texas House floor last night due to a lack of quorum! At the end of the session, we need to celebrate and give credit to the many voting rights heroes who fought against this anti-voter legislation. The League of Women Voters of Texas partnered with local, state, and national organizations to provide support to legislators who understood the negative impact of this bill.

Heroic legislators, voting rights organizations, and individual Texans spoke up and shed light on how SB 7 would restrict voting in Texas. Almost 18,000 League members and supporters sent close to 139,000 emails to their Texas legislators.

The demise of SB7 was also precipitated by the bill authors' manipulation of the democratic process; waiting to make changes to the bill behind closed doors with just a few legislators. The bill went from 27 pages to 61 pages without ANY public hearing or legislative debate regarding the impact on Texas voters.

Grace Chimene, President of LWVTX, noted "This is a victory for all Texas voters! Texans want elections to be free, fair, and accessible. They want a transparent process they can trust, where Americans have equal freedom to vote, no matter what they look like or where they live, whether in a small Texas town or one of Texas' major metropolitan areas. SB 7 is not what Texas voters want."

SB 7 provisions added requirements and civil penalties to make it much more difficult and complicated to register to vote, vote by mail, and assist a voter. It also eliminated extended voting hours, prohibiting polling places from opening before 6 a.m. or staying open after 9 p.m. On Sundays, polling places could not open before 1 p.m. impacting "Souls to the Polls."

Governor Abbott has already indicated that voting and election will be added to the special session when one is called. We will persist.

LWVTX is committed to continuing its work in collaboration with others to ensure that every eligible Texan has the opportunity to cast a safe and secure ballot. "Texans all over the state during the last election benefited from more voting opportunities, such as the expansion of early voting, extended hours at the polling places, and more options to return vote-by-mail ballots. These are the kinds of measures that Texans want" Chimene stated. "We hope that legislators will respond to their constituents' needs when they address this legislation again."

The League of Women Voters is one of America's oldest and most trusted civic nonprofit organizations. Formed in 1919, the Texas League represents more than 13,500 grassroots advocates and 34 local Leagues across the state. The League never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. The League encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League also seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to people 16 years and older.

Governor's threat to defund is unethical and anti-democratic

"Governor Abbott's threat to defund the legislature is unethical and anti-democratic. By threatening to defund Texas's legislative branch, Governor Abbott undermines the constitutional set of checks and balances upon which our government is built. Furthermore, his threats distract from the real issue: SB7 is a deeply undemocratic bill rammed through without due process.

"SB7 impacts how Texans will vote for years to come, and this bill was set to be passed without sufficient input from the public or elected officials before House legislators blocked it. Some elected officials took advantage of the pandemic, employing undemocratic shenanigans to undermine our legislative processes that would normally allow for public and legislative input on important bills such as SB7. Sunday, House legislators exercised their constitutional authority to block the backdoor passage of this anti-voter bill.

"House legislators and their staff were doing their job, patriotically representing their constituents. Governor Abbott must respect our governmental system of checks and balances, and legislators must respect the public's right to floor debate and public input."



★ **STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** ★
By Gary Borders



\$248b Budget headed to Governor's Desk

The Texas Legislature sent a \$248 billion two-year state budget to Gov. Greg Abbott after the House approved the measure last Thursday.

The 140-day legislative session ended at midnight May 31. Senate Bill 1 is \$13.5 billion less than the previous biennial budget, with the difference to be made up from COVID-19 relief funds from the federal government. As previously reported, Abbott plans to allow legislators to decide how to allocate those funds during a special session this fall.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has suggested a special session for this summer to address some of his pet bills, such as limiting the participation of transgender athletes in school sports, banning lobbyists paid with public funds and putting limits on social media's power to restrict users. The Austin American-Statesman reported that Abbott called Patrick's proposal "pretty goofy," however. Only the governor can call a special session and dictate the topics to be addressed.

EXPANDED HEALTH COVERAGE OK'D FOR MEDICAID MOMS

The Texas Legislature on Friday approved a bill that provides mothers receiving Medicaid assistance at least six months of health coverage after birth. The measure expands postpartum coverage from the current two months provided under Medicaid.

The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Toni Rose, D-Dallas, is intended to reduce the maternal mortality rate in Texas and provide added assistance to mothers dealing with postpartum depression.

Medicaid covers almost half of the births in the United States, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. A provision in the American Rescue Plan of 2021 gave states the option of expanding Medicaid



postpartum coverage.

MORE THAN A THIRD OF TEXANS VACCINATED

With shots opened up to anyone 12 and older, more than a third of all Texans — more than 10.2 million — are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is 35% of the state's population.

Abbott and the Texas Department of Emergency Management announced last week the expansion of the State Mobile Vaccine Program to include groups of five or more eligible Texans who voluntarily choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19. In addition, homebound residents can request a unit come to their home. Previously, a minimum of 10 people were required before requesting a mobile vaccination unit.

Anyone interested can call 844-90-TEXAS and select Option 13 to schedule a mobile vaccine clinic for groups of friends, families, employees and others. The call center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday.

CASES UP SLIGHTLY, HOSPITALIZATIONS DOWN

The number of COVID-19 cases in the past week dropped slightly, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. As of

last Friday, 282 deaths were reported. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients continues to drop, with 1,828 hospitalized as of Sunday, according to DSHS.

NUMBER OF MISSING CHILDREN REPORTED

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services has issued its annual report on children and youth missing from that agency's conservatorship or who are considered victims of human trafficking.

During fiscal year 2020, which ended Aug. 31 of last year, a total of 2,229 children and youth were missing at some point. On Aug. 31, 255 were still missing. During last year, a total of 47,913 were in DFPS conservatorship, meaning 4.6% went missing at some point.

Of the 1,972 children recovered during that time frame, 136 of them — 7% — reported being victimized while missing. Sixty-eight children — 3.4% — reported being a victim of sex trafficking.

TEXAS FILM COMMISSION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Texas Film Commission, created in 1971 to expand the film industry in Texas, turned a half-century old this year. The commission has attracted \$1.66 billion in local spending and created more than 157,000 production jobs in Texas from 2007 to 2020. More than 150 Texas communities are now officially designated as "Texas Film Friendly."

"Texas has developed into such a vibrant destination for production across all media that the promise and potential recognized 50 years ago has been more than realized," Abbott said.

HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS ON JUNE 1

The 2021 hurricane season kicks off June 1, and it's expected to be another busy one.

Last year's Atlantic hurricane season included a record-breaking 30 storms, including a dozen that made landfall in the United States.

Three storms — Hurricanes Hanna and Laura and Tropical Storm Marco — resulted in disaster declarations for several Texas counties, according to the Texas Association of Counties.

Hurricane researchers at Colorado State University warn that warmer Atlantic surface temperatures and the absence of El Niño conditions in the Pacific could result in a busy 2021 hurricane season.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborderstexaspress.com.

★ **THE POSTSCRIPT** ★
By Carrie Classon

Best Wishes

I just learned that my ex-husband has remarried. I learned this as we learn about all important life milestones these days: on Facebook.

There were photos taken in the Caribbean. My ex-husband and his new bride were walking barefoot on the beach. She was carrying her shoes and their feet were wet and probably the most surprising thing to me was how sincerely I wished them well.

It is common practice to offer our best wishes when we are actually wishing nothing of the kind.

"Well!" we might say, in an exasperated tone of voice, "I wish them well!" Or even, "I wish them well with that!" Which tips one's hand even more and makes it clear the speaker has no realistic expectation of anything going well, or any particular wish that it should.

I'm not going to deny that I have harbored all these feelings.

But I won the second marriage Powerball when I met my husband, Peter, a man of steadfast emotions and good habits and a brand of kindness that makes my heart hurt. I feel beyond fortunate to have found, at this relatively late stage in life, a partner who is so well-suited to me, who tolerates my quirks and shortcomings and takes such very good care of me. It is hard to wish anyone anything but the best when I have everything I could ever want.

This is my ex-husband's third marriage, if you count his marriage to me, and they say the third time is the charm. I'm not sure if this applies to marriages as much as other things, but it sounds hopeful. Remarriage is also described as "the triumph of hope over experience," which sounds a little snarky, even if it was said by Samuel Johnson in 1791. Clearly, the current century has no monopoly on the snark department.

But I am a big believer in hope and also in change and although I've not seen my ex-husband in quite some time, even looking at the photos, I can tell he has changed and I would imagine that he is hopeful. He does not look like the person I used to know, and I can't imagine why I would wish this virtual stranger anything but the best in his marriage to the woman with sandy feet and a huge smile standing beside him.

My ex-husband's smile is a bit more restrained. Perhaps he was thinking of Samuel Johnson at the time, or perhaps he didn't like getting his pant cuffs wet in the surf. It is impossible for me to know. And I guess that's the point.

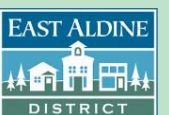
None of us will ever know what goes on in the head of another person. I generally tend to believe what people tell me. Being a person who loves words, I stubbornly insist that what someone says must be the truth, actions to the contrary.

Late in life, I have come to the realization that people say all sorts of things that are not strictly true, and it doesn't mean they are bad people or they are lying. It just means their actions don't live up to their word, for one reason or another. Small deceptions grow larger until there is really no containing them. Unexpected developments intervene. Unruly emotions overturn the most fervent intentions. This is what happened to me, but it was a long time ago now.

It involved a virtual stranger who was recently spotted on a beach in the Caribbean with wet pant cuffs and, honestly, I wish him well.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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Mensaje del Superintendente, 25 de mayo de 2021

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

¡Quiero felicitar a cada uno de ustedes por su compromiso con Finishing Strong! A la promoción de 2021: ¡felicitaciones! Es fuerte y resistente, y esperamos que se vaya de Aldine ISD con muchas opciones y oportunidades. Estamos emocionados de enviar al mundo otra clase de Constructores del legado de Aldine.

Espero que todos tengan unas vacaciones de verano divertidas y seguras. Esté atento a recibir comunicaciones adicionales durante el verano mientras esperamos Start Strong (Fuerte Comienzo) en otoño. Como recordatorio, el distrito tiene una gran cantidad de experiencias de aprendizaje de verano disponibles para todos los estudiantes.

Como habrán escuchado, Aldine ISD está recibiendo fondos de Ayuda de Emergencia para Escuelas Primarias y Secundarias (ESSER) del gobierno federal a través de la Agencia de Educación de Texas. Aldine ISD quiere recibir comentarios de todas las partes interesadas del distrito y de la comunidad para ayudar a determinar cómo el distrito debe utilizar mejor estos recursos para abordar el aprendizaje inconcluso y la recuperación continua de la COVID-19. Complete esta breve encuesta para expresar sus opiniones.

DESAYUNO Y ALMUERZO GRATIS

El martes 25 de mayo es el último día que el Departamento de Servicios de Nutrición Infantil del distrito ofrecerá comidas en la acera en todos los centros de comidas.

A partir del 1 de junio, el programa de comidas de verano volverá a Aldine ISD. Los Servicios de Nutrición Infantil de Aldine proporcionarán comidas de verano saludables y sin costo a los estudiantes de menos de 18 años y a los estudiantes con discapacidades de menos de 21 años ya matriculados. Seamless Summer Program es un programa de nutrición del Departamento de Agricultura de los EE. UU. administrado en el estado de Texas por el Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (TDA). Obtenga más información.

RECORDATORIOS IMPORTANTES

La preinscripción para prekindergarten para niños de tres años, prekindergarten para niños de 4 años y kinder está abierta. Las familias pueden preinscribir a los estudiantes elegibles para el año escolar 2021-2022 en tres grados: prekindergarten para niños de tres años, jardín de infantes 4 para niños de cuatro años y jardín de infantes. El programa de prekindergarten para niños de 3 años será un programa de día completo a partir del otoño de 2021. Nuevamente, la preinscripción es para estudiantes nuevos y elegibles que ingresan al AISD por primera vez. Las familias pueden hacer clic aquí para comenzar el proceso de preinscripción completando los documentos en línea. La fecha límite para preinscribir a los estudi-



antes en prejardín de infantes y jardín de infantes es el 31 de mayo de 2021.

LA PROMESA

Estamos muy contentos de anunciar la apertura de nuestra escuela de elección más nueva, La Promesa. La Promesa abrirá en el otoño de 2021 para brindarles a los estudiantes que son nuevos en el país competencias globales y culturales para el mundo interconectado de hoy, brindándoles «la promesa» de opciones y oportunidades después de la graduación. La escuela organizará dos eventos de inscripción presenciales para ayudar a las familias a inscribir a sus estudiantes que empiezan noveno grado el año escolar 2021-2022. Haga clic aquí para obtener más detalles.

Martes 25 de mayo, de 5:30 a 7:00 p. m.
Sábado 5 de junio, de 9 a. m. al mediodía
Escuela Secundaria Aldine
11101 Airline Drive • Houston, TX 77037

A partir del 2 de agosto de 2021: las familias de los estudiantes deben completar la actualización anual obligatoria. Anteriormente, una vez que un estudiante se inscribía en Aldine ISD, la información del estudiante seguía siendo la misma a menos que uno de los padres proporcionara información nueva. La actualización anual aumentará el servicio al cliente y garantizará que la información individual de los estudiantes se actualice anualmente. A partir de agosto de 2021, AISD pedirá a las familias que completen una actualización anual antes de comenzar cada nuevo año escolar. Las familias accederán al formulario de Actualización Anual a través del Centro de Acceso Deade el Hogar (Home

Access Center o HAC). Las escuelas ya han comenzado a comunicarse con las familias para asegurarse de que al menos un tutor legal (padre o tutor legal del estudiante) tenga una cuenta de HAC.

Participación de la familia y la comunidad (FACE)
Manténgase actualizado con el Departamento de FACE de Aldine ISD haciendo clic aquí para conocer los próximos eventos y recursos familiares. Esta semana:

Jueves 27 de mayo
Narración Sign Up
Libro de cuentos en inglés a las 5:30 p. m.
Libro de cuentos en español a las 6:00 p. m.

RECORDATORIOS DE LA COVID-19: Pruebas, protocolos de seguridad y noticias de vacunación
Vacunas

A partir del 10 de mayo de 2021, la Administración de Drogas y Alimentos de los EE. UU. ha ampliado el uso de emergencia de la vacuna contra la COVID-19 de Pfizer-BioNTech para todas las personas mayores de 12 años.

EVENTO COMUNITARIO DE VACUNACIÓN

Aldine ISD se ha asociado con Custom Care Pharmacy, Texas Patient Care Services, Community Health Choice y Harris Health para proporcionar vacunas contra la COVID-19 (Pfizer) para los estudiantes, el personal y la comunidad de Aldine ISD de más de 12 años. Este evento de vacunación se llevará a cabo el martes 1 de junio de 2021 en el Centro Educativo M. O. Campbell, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd. Esta oportunidad es para estudiantes de más de 12 años, miembros del personal y la comunidad que no se han vacunado previamente y les gustaría hacerlo. Regístrese hoy

PROTOCOLOS DE CUARENTENA

De acuerdo con la guía de los Centros para el Control de Enfermedades, Aldine ISD ya no requerirá que los estudiantes y el personal completamente vacunados sin síntomas hagan cuarentena si se exponen a un caso de COVID-19 positivo confirmado en laboratorio. Se recomienda a los estudiantes que estén completamente vacunados que proporcionen una copia de su tarjeta de vacunación al enfermero de la escuela para que la ingrese en sus registros de vacunación de salud del estudiante. Solo se le pedirá al personal que proporcione sus registros de vacunación al supervisor del evento si se identifica como una exposición a un caso positivo.

Recomiendo a todos seguir haciendo su parte: usar cubreboca, lavarse las manos y mantener el distanciamiento.

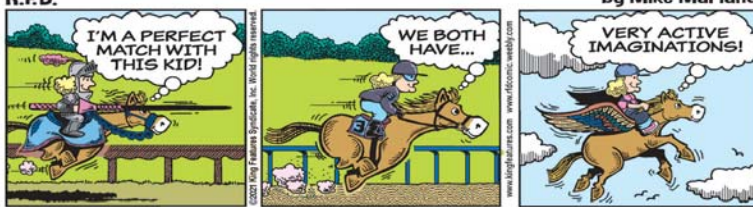
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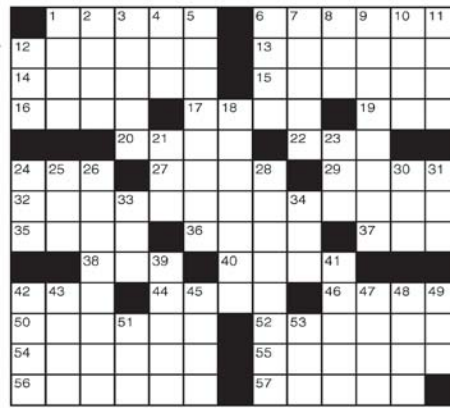
Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty rating: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes two panels of a man and a woman and a list of differences to find.

Posting Date June 7, 2021

King Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Lingo
6 Slopes regular
12 Tenant
13 Sheathe
14 Schedules
15 Pumpkin relatives
16 Appointment
17 Spring melt-down
19 Cooking fuel
20 Libertine
22 Poseidon's home
24 Satisfied sigh
27 La Scala solo
29 Fine spray
32 Fruity rum cocktail
35 Author Wiesel
36 Eve's third son
37 That girl
38 "Awesome, dude!"
40 Pop
42 Trojans' sch.
44 Org.
46 Forget-me- (flowers)
50 Paris art museum
52 Athlete's woe
54 Tempt
55 Point maker
56 Op-ed pieces
57 Dwelling



- DOWN
1 Actress Ward
2 Aspiring
3 Fall bloom
4 Formerly called
5 Hand signals
6 Video game giant
7 Recognizes
8 Hosp. section
9 Haggles
10 Fed. food inspector
11 GI dining hall
12 Leary's drug
18 Patty Hearst, for one
21 Feed-bag morsel
23 Outback bird
24 Mimic
25 100 percent offerings
26 Barber's
28 Flabbergast
30 Learning ctr.
31 Common title start
33 Museum-funding org.
34 Prof's degree
39 "Pride and Prejudice" suitor
41 Pear variety
42 Peter Fonda's beekeeper role
43 Male deliver-ies?
45 Beholds
47 Partially mine
48 Genealogy chart
49 Neighbor of Leb.
51 By way of
53 Sgt., e.g.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes a list of 10 trivia questions and a crossword grid.

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JONES PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY Tree Dedication Ceremony honors Namesake A.W. Jones

ALDINE – On Friday, April 30, Jones Primary and Elementary schools held a tree dedication ceremony to honor the life and legacy of A.W. Jones, former Aldine ISD Trustee, and namesake. Mr. Jones is the definition of a legacy builder. He served as an Aldine ISD Trustee for 30 years and was the first African-American to serve on the board. His work in the Aldine community is still benefiting students today.

The rainy weather did not stop the tree dedication ceremony. The event moved indoors and the celebration moved forward. The Jones Primary students lined the hallways with handmade signs to welcome the Jones family. The family filed into the cafeteria all wearing matching t-shirts honoring their beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

The program included a



Members of former Aldine ISD Trustee A.W. Jones' family joined students and staff at Jones Primary for a tree dedication ceremony.

welcome from Jones Elementary students and words of encouragement from Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, School Board Member Steve Mead, and former Jones Elementary principal Cheryl Fontenot. The Jones Primary and Elementary School choirs

sang a beautiful rendition of "This Little Light of Mine."

During the ceremony principals from both campuses, Rosalind Burns (Jones Primary) and Darnisha Harvey (Jones Elementary) presented Mrs. Jones with a special award

and reminded her and the family that they are always welcome to visit both schools.

The campuses planted a magnolia tree, donated by Alpha Kappa Delta Sorority, in between the two campuses and hope to add a bench soon.

COVID-19 vaccination appointments available at LSC-NH and LSC-EAC

LSC-North Harris and LSC-East Aldine Center have partnered with HEB to provide our campus and surrounding communities with Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccination opportunities. Click the link to your preferred location below to make an appointment. An appointment is required, and you must be at least 18 years of age.

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Make your appointment online, LoneStar.edu.

Select "Any" or "J&J/Janssen" for Vaccine Manufacturer

Set your appointment by Thursday, June 10 at 10 a.m.

Monday, June 14
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

LSC-NORTH HARRIS

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Make your appointment here!

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Set your appointment by Saturday, June 12 at 10 a.m.

The vaccination is free; however, there is a medication administration fee that is processed through insurance. Those without insurance and/or a Social Security Number will still be able to get vaccinated.

Aldine ISD's Dani Sheffield named IFMA Silver Plate Award winner

Dani Sheffield, Aldine ISD's Executive Director of Child Nutrition Services, was named a Silver Plate Award winner by the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association (IFMA).

Sheffield, who has served as Aldine ISD's Executive Director of Child Nutrition Services since 2006, won in the Elementary and Second Schools category.

IFMA's annual Gold and Silver Plate Award honors the nation's leading foodservice operator talent. Silver Plate winners were nominated by IFMA members and industry leaders, and then selected by a distinguished jury including national trade press, foodservice experts and past Gold and Silver Plate Award winners.

From the Silver Plate winners, one is chosen by the jury to receive the industry's most prestigious recognition, IFMA's Gold Plate Award, which will be revealed for the first time during the 67th annual Gold and Silver Plate Awards Celebration that will take place virtually on Sept. 14.

Sheffield was nominated by General Mills, Land



O Lakes, Cargill and Ruiz Foods.

She has served Aldine ISD for 30 years and recently announced her retirement.

Winning the Silver Plate Award has been the topping to her 30-year career in foodservice, she said.

"It confirms my passion for the foodservice industry from childhood to retirement," Sheffield said. "Winning this esteemed award allows me to reflect on an incredible career journey and take note of the wonderful opportunities I have encountered. It also provides the chance to recall all of the people involved in my development who have provided support, partnerships, friendships, opportunities and

encouragement. My incredible team at Aldine has allowed me to be involved with so many organizations that support and promote School Nutrition programs."

Sheffield added the Silver Plate Award is the crowning achievement of a career dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of the students and staff in Aldine.

"It is the giant bow on a package that summarizes my love of foodservice and a lifetime of achievements," Sheffield said. "I am blessed, honored and humbled to receive the Silver Plate Award on behalf of my Child Nutrition team and being able to do what I dearly love."

This is the 67th year IFMA has awarded the Silver Plate Award, according to IFMA President and CEO Larry Oberkfell.

"The IFMA Gold and Silver Plate Awards have been honoring the careers of top foodservice operators and recognizing their incredible achievements for 67 years," Oberkfell said. "This year's extraordinary class joins the ranks of the best in each foodservice segments. We are so excited to share their stories

and honor them with the full industry."

Sheffield was one of nine Silver Plate Award winners. The other categories were Health Card, Hotels and Lodging, Colleges and Universities, Retail and Specialty Foodservice, Chain Full Service, Business and Industry/Foodservice Management, Independent Restaurant/Multi Concept and Chain Limited Service.

Aldine ISD is Bringing Summer Meals Back

Aldine Child Nutrition Services will provide students 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no-cost summer meals. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

"Children need good nutrition year-round so they can learn, grow and succeed in life," Dani Sheffield, executive director of child nutrition services, said. "With nearly 2 million food-insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing our students during summer vacation."

Aldine ISD Child Nutrition Services will operate 46 school sites offering breakfast and lunch daily. Specific locations will be posted on the district and Child Nutrition websites. Meal service times may be obtained by contacting a campus site.

Aldine is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

House Fire in The East Little York / Homestead Area

Houston Fire Department reports a House Fire on May 14, 2021 at 6:07 p.m. in the 5800 block of Calgary, 77016

No reported injuries. The house suffered \$134 thousand in estimated damages. The cause is under investigation.

Firefighters arrived on scene within three minutes and found a house on fire. They made an offensive attack and conducted a primary search. The roof was ventilated and a secondary search was completed. The fire was tapped out and HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. Firefighters from Stations 15, 34, 45, 32, 43 and 56 responded to this incident.

HPD Offers Prevention Tips to Help Fight Catalytic Converter Thefts

Investigators in the Houston Police Department Auto Theft Division are warning motorists to be aware of a rising national crime that has also hit Houston: catalytic converter thefts.

Thefts of the converters in the city so far in 2021 have increased by 300% compared to the same time period last year. The converters contain precious metals and can be stolen from a vehicle in less than two minutes.

While any vehicle with a catalytic converter is susceptible, there are six models of vehicles most often targeted:

- Toyota Tundra
- Toyota Prius
- Toyota Tacoma
- Ford F-250
- Honda Element & CRV

Auto Theft Division Sergeant Tracy Hicks says there is no favored time for the thieves to target the vehicles. "Thefts are happening day and night, but most seem to happen during the day in crowded parking lots with lots of noise to cover up the noise of removal of the converters," said Sergeant Hicks.

Victims are shocked when told the cost of replacing a stolen converter. Repairs can cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for some vehicles, some of which have as many as four catalytic converters. Due to the rise in converter thefts across the country, back order on these parts can be more than three months.

Residents are urged to follow some prevention tips to help lessen chances of becoming the next in a long line of property crime victims.

- Park in well lighted areas
- Use your garage
- Etching your VIN or license plate into your converters
- Bright high temp paint (lets police know converter has been marked)
- Install a skid plate or large cover to the bottom of your vehicle
- Upgrade car alarms to activate when the vehicle is jacked up on one side
- Aftermarket products like straps or wire cages that make it much more difficult for your converter to be cut off

Sergeant Hicks says vehicle owners can follow three steps to protect themselves: Etch it – Paint it – Cover it. Watch Sergeant Hicks discuss and demonstrate some of these tips on the HPD YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTaS4IL0pWw>

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Balaam in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How did the paralyzed man's friends present him through the crowds to get to Jesus? Donkey-pulled cart, Lowered through roof, Pulled up stairs, Trumpets blaring
3. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? Burned it, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains

4. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers
5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? Jehoahaz, Jehoash, Jehu, Jehoram
6. Whose biblical name means "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Lowered through roof; 3) Built an altar; 4) Soldiers; 5) Jehu; 6) Aquila
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