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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021

East Aldine's NNO celebration is bigger, brighter

EAST ALDINE – The 38th annual celebration of National Night Out backed by the East Aldine Management District reflected a conscious effort to build trust between law enforcement and the community — a key to improving public safety.

Dozens of area families turned out for the Oct. 5, 2021 event at the District's new Town Center great lawn and amphitheater for the celebration.

There were fire engines, ambulances, high water rescue equipment, a surveillance helicopter, law enforcement officers, free library books, college catalogues, free Frisbees and coloring books, whistles and plastic firefighter hats, along with raffle prizes, music, dancing girls, good food and two bouncy houses.

It was an opportunity for kids to see that flashing red lights and sirens are not automatically threatening or scary. And it was a chance for law enforcement officers to joke with pom-pom waving teenagers and toss Frisbees with young boys.

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A large crowd gathered to listen to music and watch dancing at the Town Center Amphitheater.



Tae Kwon Do demonstrations were one of the many performances at the Town Center Amphitheater on Tuesday night.



Green Forest Civic Club
Front row, L-R: Armando Cardona, Esmeralda Cervantes, Marina Sugg, Ruben Salazar, Annie LaMott, Guadalupe Jimenez, Lucy Hernandez. Back row: Kenneth Sugg, Louis Cervantes



Harris County Sheriff's Office had a helicopter land at BakerRipley, much to this little child's delight.



Struggling Texans hit the road for Indy: Cowboys head to Foxborough to take on NE

Just when Texans fans thought there might be reason to feel optimistic about the future of the team, Buffalo happens.

After playing hard in their first three games and even winning their opener against the Jaguars, David Culley's team put forth a pathetic effort two weeks ago in their 40-0 loss to the Bills. The offense was dormant, accounting for an embarrassing 109 total yards, while the defense was a sieve giving up 450 yards to Josh Allen and Co.

October could prove to be a brutal month for the Texans. After their trip to Indy on Sunday, they play at Arizona and then host the Los Angeles Rams, two of the best teams in the NFC.

It appears rookie quar-

terback Davis Mills is in way over his head and Texans fans are probably hoping Tyrod Taylor quickly recovers from his hamstring injury to take over the offense.

At least Taylor is a veteran who's been around for 11 years. His return is badly needed for an offense that can't run the football or protect the quarterback.

While the Texans hit the road to Indianapolis, the Dallas Cowboys travel to New England to take on a Patriots team that is also struggling. Two weeks ago, the Pats played hard but lost in Tom Brady's return to New England, 19-17. NE rookie quarterback Mac Jones is struggling, and with an improved Dallas

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Jensen JUBILEE! is October 16

Pastor David Smith, president of the Northeast CDC, invites everyone this Saturday to the 7th Annual Jensen Jubilee.

David says "We look forward to having our community engaging at our 7th Annual Jensen Jubilee Fall Festival. It's been almost 2 years since we've come together, and we are excited about seeing you and having plenty of fun. There will be free food while supplies last. We will have plenty of vendors and resources available. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy good music along with a creative art mural for children and adults to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you soon!" and "WE ARE JENSEN"

The 7th Annual Jensen JUBILEE Fall Festival will return to the Jensen area next Saturday, October 16 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event will take place in Shady Lane Park, on Parker Road.

The event is Free to the public, and will include Food, Entertainment, Health Screenings, a Kids Zone/Area de Ninos, and much more according to the organizers, the Houston Northeast CDC and Councilwoman Tarsha Jackson, District B. Mayor Sylvester Turner will lead a delegation of officials and sponsors on the event stage.

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-Nov. 6, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 501 Tidwell Rd.

-Nov. 13, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 19222 Tx-249

-Dec. 4, Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 18511 Klein Church Rd.

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East Aldine District's Joyce Wiley and Richard Cantu receive a certificate from HCSO Sgt. Coronado for their effort on NNO.



Lone Star College - East Aldine Dean Luis Lucio with representatives from the college.

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Many law enforcement and public safety agencies were present with equipment and information booths, including the AISD police.



Different types of music performances entertained a large crowd at the Town Center Amphitheater.

Harris County Sheriff's Office Capt. Chris Sandoval said that National Night Out has evolved from being a neighborhood-by-neighborhood event to a community-wide celebration.

"We have so many people here, all in one location, to get to know each other," Sandoval said. "It helps combat crime. Criminologists will tell you that if you know your neighbors and you know they are a part of your community, then there is more of a sense of wanting to protect each other."

"Law enforcement can be the beneficiary of that," Sandoval said. "When you have community groups that are looking out for

each other, they will contact law enforcement whenever they see any type of crime going on in their neighborhood. That often translates into a community-wide effort to combat crime."

Sgt. Ray Coronado, a 30-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, said there "has been tension" between law enforcement and the community, notably in the wake of the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

"I had my badge during the (1991 Los Angeles) riots after (the police beating of) Rodney King, and we could feel some of that tension here. But that was nothing compared to what's happening now.

That was far away, but now there have been protests in every community," Coronado said. "It's gotten a little better, but we've still got a way to go."

One challenge for law enforcement officers in the Houston area, Coronado said, is the presence of undocumented residents who are fearful of reporting crime.

"Because I'm originally from Mexico, I can understand that (some) immigrants have distrust of the police," Coronado said. "I have had to explain the U.S. legal system."

"Many immigrants distrust police completely, because of all the corruption (in their countries of origin). I have dealt with

many immigrants whose first question is "how much is this going to cost?" Coronado said.

Domestic violence, especially during the pandemic, was a big problem in the immigrant community as well.

"Many women were very fearful about reporting it, because they didn't want the primary breadwinner taken out of the household," Coronado said. In those cases, "trust (with law enforcement officers) can be very important."

Carlos Silva, District board vice chair, said he was pleased that the event included "all of the community partners," from the Harris County Public Library to Lone Star College

to local civic clubs.

"We've got all the cool stuff - the fire engines, the helicopter - for the kids to come and see. But at the same time, we've got educators, all the community activists," Silva said. "When everybody can come to this great space to be together, it builds community pride. And that will go a long way toward fighting crime."

"It's about shared values," Silva said. "You can see that we are building and promoting civic pride. And that helps people realize there is the opportunity to build and grow even more."

--By Anne Marie Kilday
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BAA opens new office in Lone Star College building to serve East Aldine

BONDING AGAINST ADVERSITY - "Helping others help themselves". Today, October 6, 2021, with the opening of a new office in the Aldine area, 2430 Aldine Mail Rt. Suite 203, BAA continues expanding its services. Big thanks to our partner LSC-East Aldine Center.



HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal
Sr Adult Program Specialist

GRADCAFÉ:
Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library.

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ADAPTIVE RESOURCES:
The High Meadows Branch Library has just

received comfort kits. These sensory kits are for autistic youth and anyone who might feel overstimulated at the library or just in need of a calming resource. They include headphones, sunglasses, a fidget spinner, and a liquid sensory viewer. In addition to our Comfort Kits, we also have accessibility equipment available like magnifying glasses, highlight strips, and oversized keyboards to use. If you'd like to utilize one, please ask us at the library.

For information on any of the above events or programs, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent, October 4, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

October is here, and I don't know about you, but I am enjoying the cooler weather and the promise of a new season. We have so much to look forward to this month, and I encourage you to join me as we highlight individuals, events, and observations aimed at bringing our community together.

National Principals Month — October Throughout National Principals Month, we would like to recognize and celebrate our campus leaders that are inspiring, impacting, and making connections across the district. Share your Principal Impact Story with us and take a moment to **#ThankAnAISDP** Principal this month. Let them know how much you appreciate them.

Speaking of strong and capable leaders, we are excited to welcome back a former Aldine ISD graduate. Susana Velis will begin her role as Director of College Readiness in mid-October. Susana brings to this position a variety of skills and abilities that will ensure our students transition successfully after high school. We continue to ensure students graduate with choices and opportunities. Welcome back, Susana!

New Requirement for High School Graduation To ensure students graduate from high school College, Career and Military Ready, TEA requires all high school seniors to file for financial aid before graduation. This year's FAFSA application opened on **October 1**. By having students fill out their financial aid paperwork prior to graduation, the state hopes to increase college enrollment. Click here to learn more about the state's new initiative.

Houston Astros Jersey Day — **Thursday, October 7** Let's go, 'Stros! October baseball is here, and our Houston Astros are the American League West Division champs. To support the team as they open the American League Division Series against the White Sox, we encourage all Astros fans to wear their favorite Astros jersey on Thursday, October 7.

#PinkOutDay — **Tuesday, October 19** October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To raise awareness and make sure people affected by breast cancer know we're here for them, I challenge you to wear all of your pink gear on Tuesday, October 19. That's pink from head to toe: pink shirts, pink skirts, pink dresses, pink shoes, pink sweaters, pink ties, pink blazers — even pink hair bows!

Hispanic Heritage Month — **Now through Friday, October 15** As we continue our Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, we are excited to resume highlighting the achievements of Hispanic people across the country. We are even more excited to celebrate those individuals right here in our community. During Hispanic Heritage Month, we will continue introducing you to a few of our innovative Aldine leaders who are making a big difference in students' lives.

This week, we highlight Ana Fernanda Flores-Bolivar. Ms. Flores-Bolivar is the principal of La Promesa, one of Aldine's newest Choice School options. Originally from México, Ana has worked in education for more than a decade. She started her teaching career as a bilingual teacher in Aldine ISD in 2006 before taking on leadership roles at the school level. Most recently, Ana served as the principal at Orange Grove Elementary School.

Ana's life experiences bring a wealth of knowledge, perspective, and understanding of what it is like to be an immigrant. Growing up as the daughter of a Mexican diplomat and a social anthropologist, she traveled and has lived in several different countries. Before returning to Mexico City, she lived in New York and El Paso during her elementary school years. Ana completed her middle and high school years in Central America. She and her family lived through Peru's "Era of Terrorism" and witnessed an emerging democracy in Nicaragua.

She values the importance of teachers caring for students' well-being as well as building relationships with families in the community to increase the support students receive outside the classroom. Ana believes that parents and legal guardians play a crucial role in students' academic success.

Her goal is to empower our students to live with pride in their native language and heritage, alongside learning and adapting to a new culture and language. Ana promises that everyone at the La Promesa will build a solid foundation that prepares students for their future.

We are so fortunate to have a talented, phenomenal leader who brings a global perspective into her role as principal of La Promesa. I also invite



you to learn a bit more about La Promesa.

Be sure to share on social media how you are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Include the hashtags **#AISDHHM21**, **#AldineForward**, or **#AldineAdelante**.

With Aldine Pride, Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 4:** AISD 11th- and 12th-grade students can meet with representatives from post-high school options during College Night on Monday, October 4, from 7–8:30 p.m. at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center (1865 Aldine Bender Rd.). To learn more, click here.

- October 16:** The Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Department will host its first Fall Family Conference on Saturday, October 16, at Benjamin O. Davis High School (12525 Ella Boulevard). Parents and caregivers can learn more about what our district has to offer. Each family in attendance will receive an Amazon gift card! English flyer | Spanish flyer

- October 25:** There is a COVID-19 vaccination event on Monday, October 25, at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center (1865 Aldine Bender Road) from 10 a.m.–7 p.m. This is another vaccination event for staff and students (and their siblings and family; students ages 12 and up). Families should **RSVP**.

- RSVP for the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines** — Custom Care Pharmacy (ccarerx.com)

OBSERVATIONS October

- October 3-9:** Fire Prevention Week — The theme is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

- October 4:** World Day of Bullying Prevention Awareness — Students and staff participated in #BlueUp by wearing blue on October 4 to raise bullying awareness.

- October 6:** National Coach's Day

- October 10:** World Mental Health Day

REMINDERS

- Aldine's Family and Community Engagement Department is launching a new program, Family and Community University! The mission of Family and Community University is to provide the necessary knowledge and resources to build confidence and empower families to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. All programming is free, offered virtually and in person, and open to all family and community members. Learn more and register today.

- Aldine Education Foundation Scholars Program gives students the opportunity to start earning college money in their freshman year of high school by achieving high academic standards for all four years of high school. Students who successfully meet the program's criteria will have \$3,000 of scholarship funds ready at graduation — no applications necessary! Click here for more information.

- As **COVID-19** continues to be a part of our daily lives, I encourage you to continue to follow the three **Ws**: **Wash** your hands, **Wear** a mask, and **Watch** your distance. Aldine ISD's top priorities continue to be the safety and academic success of all students. We will post all information related to our operations along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

- Please **stay connected** by visiting the District News page to stay up to date on all the wonderful things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Aldine ISD holds Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for New La Promesa Campus



Taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremony last week, were Chief Transformation Officer Adrian Bustillos, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Fabiola Cantú, Aldine HS Principal Walter Stewart, Board Trustee, Dr. Viola M. García, Board Trustee Steve Mead, Santiago Ramos, Angela Santana, Board Trustee Paul Shanklin, Wensly León, Fabio de Alejandro, Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, Board Trustee Connie Esparza, and La Promesa Principal Ana Fernanda Flores-Bolivar.

The Aldine ISD District held an official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newest school, La Promesa on October 5, nearly two months after opening on August 16.

La Promesa has been a two-year journey, with Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney first mentoring the newcomer school at the 2020 State of the District.

"I promised that we would create a school dedicated specifically to students who were new to our country. We wanted our newcomers to have a space to be accepted and get the support they need to thrive academically and socially. So much thought and care have gone into this school. Our communities continue to become more diverse as immigrant populations from multiple countries grow and bring with them a wide array of skills and cultures to our classrooms. Their stories of resilience and survival are amazing, and they inspire us all with their grit and perseverance. This school, this environment, will further support them as they journey towards success," said Goffney.

Special guests present included Sergio Hernández with State Senator Carol Alvarado's Office, State Representative Armando Walle, Amanda Rodríguez with State Representative Jarvis Johnson, Dr. Archie Blanson, President of Lone Star College-North Harris; Dr. Quentin Wright, President of Lone Star College-Houston North; Richard Cantú, President of the Aldine Education Foundation and Harris County Department of Education Trustee; Tanya Rivera, Director of Government Affairs, Office of Adrian García Harris County Precinct 2, Mariana Sánchez, Chief Operating Officer of Bonding Against Adversity, Alex Elizondo, Chief Executive Officer of Good Reason Houston; Delicia Jones, Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer; Myriam Saldívar Saldívar, President of Lone Star College System Board; Jose Rivera, Center Executive Director; Outreach Initiatives at YMCA of Greater Houston; José Rivera, David Herrera, News Reporter With Univisión, and business and community partners.

Aldine ISD Board Trustee Paul Shanklin shared how his grandmother was Venezuelan, but she could not speak Spanish like many other Spanish speakers in school. As a result, a part of his family's culture was lost. La Promesa encourages students not to lose their identity. Shanklin stated that La Promesa is among the numerous projects Aldine ISD has been working on to increase students' access to high-quality schools.

"La Promesa is one more example of the direction we are moving forward with. When we talk about equity, it is more than money. It is about ensuring every student can thrive and giving them the resources, tools, teachers, and environment that works best for them.

La Promesa is a stand-alone school housed within Aldine High School. Stu-

dents will graduate from La Promesa. Working with Aldine HS, La Promesa students have the opportunity to expand their horizons through the activities they share as a school within a school. La Promesa focuses exclusively on students new to this country, specifically students who have lived three or fewer years in the U.S. and are from non-English speaking countries or have limited English proficiency. The curriculum addresses their unique social, individual, and academic needs. The school is like any other campus, including having fully-equipped science labs and classrooms.

The district partnered with Internationals Network and many others in creating a program specific to newcomers. Every course will have English learning instruction embedded in its lessons. The intent is to have students working to improve their literacy skills all day, every day. In addition to English as second language services, Aldine ISD also addresses students' special social-emotional needs, such as leaving family behind in their family in their country of origin.

"We opened this school year with 150 ninth graders. That was a number we thought we would not reach until December 2021. That is something to celebrate, knowing that there is a need for La Promesa. We will add a grade level each year to eventually be a ninth-through 12th-grade campus. At La Promesa, we have five pillars. Students will: graduate with a growth mindset, graduate college- and career-ready graduate with a Seal of Biliteracy, graduate technologically literate, graduate with a high school diploma, college hours, and certification in in-demand career tracks. Parents can also benefit. We will offer opportunities for them to take ESL classes and GED classes, hoping that they serve as examples for their children and give the entire family an opportunity to thrive."

La Promesa has students from 12 countries, including Argentina, Honduras, Mexico, and Venezuela. The school also has staff from various Latino and Vietnamese backgrounds. Vietnamese is Aldine ISD's second-largest newcomer student group. During the ceremony, guests saw aISD's featuring a few of the students — Yorkelis Fernández, Santiago González, Astor López — and staff at La Promesa. They also heard from Angela Santana, Santiago Ramos (speaks Indigenous tongues spoken in Honduras), Wensly León, and Fabio de Alejandro, who shared what the school and its teachers mean to them and what they aspired to accomplish. The ninth-graders then shared their stories in English. All of the students' stories brought some in the crowd to tears and laughter at their joy of looking toward the future.

Principal Ana Fernanda Flores-Bolivar can relate to the students at La Promesa. As the daughter of a former Mexican Ambassador, she spent my childhood and ad-

olescence traveling and living in several countries, including the United States. Because of her father's work, she had an interesting childhood. By the time she was 19, Flores-Bolivar had attended seven different schools in six different countries.

Flores-Bolivar's goal is to empower our students to live with pride in their native language and heritage, alongside learning and adapting to a new culture and language. She promises that everyone at La Promesa will build a solid foundation that prepares students for their future. She thanked the local community's support for public education in our local public schools. Without your support, La Promesa, which offers newcomers a one-of-kind experience, would not have become a reality.

The principal emphasized that all the decisions and opportunities at La Promesa for students to benefit from were not by chance. Nothing about this school was left to chance from its conception and vision. This included thought-provoking conversations with former newcomer students and their families to the research and learning to develop the best instructional experience for students in the community.

The need was not new and not exclusive to Aldine either. Thank this coalition that allowed these children to have a safe place here in Aldine. The groundwork earned the district the Texas Education Agency's trust, as an awardee of both planning and implementation School Action Fund grants and a national philanthropic organization New Schools Venture Fund, with an implementation grant. In total, La Promesa will receive a total of \$2 million for the next three years.

"The story of the United States of America is, in many ways, a story of immigrants. We all know or have read of so many individuals or families from different backgrounds who, one way or another, ended up here, in this country of opportunity, of dreams. Like the musical, Hamilton says, 'Immigrants, we get the job done.' With Houston being the most diverse city in America, we know the power of diversity very well. At La Promesa, we have 12 countries proudly represented. That is something to celebrate. Diversity is our superpower. Because despite the differences, we are united by our collective experiences and our desire to honor those who gave us the opportunity to be in this country today. But there is more to do. We know there is more diversity in our Aldine community, not just Hispanic. The vision of La Promesa is to be a learning environment that celebrates multiculturalism."

For Flores-Bolivar, multiculturalism is the future. Not just here, in the world. The principal and district leaders see La Promesa as an opportunity to be the blueprint for the future. The principal believes that Aldine ISD and La Promesa are creating something special. Everyone is aware that "history has its eyes on us, and we are not going to disappoint."

SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje del Superintendente, 4 de octubre de 2021

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Octubre está aquí y no sé ustedes, pero estoy disfrutando del clima más fresco y de la promesa de una nueva estación. Tenemos mucho que esperar este mes, y los invito a que, juntos, destaquemos a las personas, los eventos y las observaciones que tienen como objetivo unir a nuestra comunidad.

Mes del director escolar: octubre

A lo largo del Mes Nacional de los Directores Escolares, nos gustaría reconocer y celebrar a los líderes de nuestro campus que nos inspiran, impactan y hacen conexiones en todo el distrito. Comparta su historia de impacto principal con nosotros y tómese un momento para #ThankAnAISDPrincipal (Dale las gracias a un director escolar de Aldine ISD) este mes. Hágalas saber cuánto las aprecia.

Hablando de líderes fuertes y capaces, estamos emocionados de dar la bienvenida nuevamente a un ex graduado de Aldine ISD. Susana Velis comenzará su función como Directora de preparación universitaria a mediados de octubre. Susana trae a esta posición una variedad de habilidades y habilidades que asegurarán que nuestros alumnos hagan una transición exitosa después de la escuela secundaria. Continuamos asegurándonos de que los alumnos se gradúen con opciones y oportunidades. ¡Bienvenida de nuevo, Susana!



Nuevo requisito para la graduación de la escuela secundaria

Para garantizar que los alumnos se gradúen de la escuela secundaria preparados para la carrera profesional y la preparación militar, la TEA requiere que todos los alumnos del último año de la secundaria soliciten ayuda financiera antes de graduarse. La solicitud FAFSA de este año se abrió el 1 de octubre. Al hacer que los alumnos completen la documentación de ayuda financiera antes de la graduación, el estado espera aumentar la inscripción universitaria. Haga clic aquí para obtener más información sobre la nueva iniciativa del estado.

Día de la camiseta de los Astros de Houston: jueves 7 de octubre

Vamos, ¡Astros! El béisbol de octubre está aquí, y nuestros Astros de Houston son los campeones de la División Oeste de la Liga Americana. Para apoyar al equipo en la apertura de la Serie Divisional de la Liga Americana contra los White Sox, alentamos a todos los fanáticos de los Astros a usar su camiseta favorita de los Astros el

jueves 7 de octubre.

#PinkOutDay – Martes 19 de octubre

Octubre es el mes de concientización sobre el cáncer de mama. Para crear conciencia y asegurarnos de que las personas afectadas por el cáncer de mama sepan que estamos aquí para ellas, le desafío a que use todo su atuendo rosa el martes 19 de octubre. Rosa de la cabeza a los pies: camisetas rosas, faldas rosas, vestidos rosas, zapatos rosas, suéteres rosas, corbatas rosas, blazers rosas... ¡hasta moños rosas!

Mes de la Herencia Hispana: desde ahora hasta el viernes 15 de octubre

A medida que continuamos con nuestras celebraciones del Mes de la Herencia Hispana, nos complace volver a destacar los logros de los hispanos en todo el país. Estamos aún más emocionados de celebrar a esas personas aquí mismo en nuestra comunidad. Durante el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, planeamos presentarles a algunos de nuestros líderes innovadores de Aldine que están marcando una gran diferencia en la vida de los alumnos.

Esta semana, comenzamos destacando a Ana Fernanda Flores-Bolivar. La Sra. Flores-Bolivar es la directora de La Promesa, una de las opciones de escuelas de elección más nuevas de Aldine. Originaria de México, Ana ha trabajado en educación durante más de una década.

Comenzó su carrera docente como maestra bilingüe en Aldine ISD en 2006 antes de asumir roles de liderazgo a nivel escolar. Más recientemente, Ana se desempeñó como directora de la Escuela Primaria Orange Grove.

Las experiencias de vida de Ana aportan una gran cantidad de conocimientos, perspectivas y comprensión de lo que es ser inmigrante. Al crecer como hija de un diplomático mexicano y una antropóloga social, viajó y ha vivido en varios países diferentes. Antes de regresar a la Ciudad de México, vivió en Nueva York y en El Paso durante sus años de escuela primaria. Ana completó sus años de escuela intermedia y secundaria en Centroamérica. Ella y su familia vivieron la «Era del Terrorismo» de Perú y fueron testigos de una democracia emergente en Nicaragua.

Ella valora la importancia de que los maestros se preocupen por el bienestar de los alumnos, así como por establecer relaciones con las familias en la comunidad para aumentar el apoyo que los alumnos reciben fuera del aula. Ana cree que los padres y tutores legales juegan un papel crucial en el éxito académico de los alumnos.

Su objetivo es capacitar a nuestros alumnos para que vivan con orgullo por su lengua materna y su herencia, junto con el aprendizaje y la adaptación a una nueva cultura e idioma. Ana promete que todos en La Promesa con-

struirán una base sólida que prepare a los alumnos para su futuro.

Somos muy afortunados de tener una líder talentosa y fenomenal que aporta una perspectiva global a su papel como directora de La Promesa. También los invito a conocer un poco más sobre La Promesa.

Asegúrese de compartir en las redes sociales cómo está celebrando el Mes de la Herencia Hispana. Incluya los hashtags #AISD H H M 2 1, #AldineForward o #AldineAdelante.

Con orgullo de Aldine,

Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendente

PRÓXIMOS
EVENTOS

4 de octubre: Los alumnos de 11.º y 12.º grado de AISD pueden reunirse con representantes de las opciones posteriores a la escuela secundaria durante la Noche Universitaria el lunes 4 de octubre de 7 a 8:30 p. m. en el Centro Educativo M.O. Campbell (1865 Aldine Bender Rd.). Para obtener más información, haga clic aquí.

16 de octubre: El Departamento de Participación de la Familia y la Comunidad (FACE) organizará su primera Conferencia Familiar de Otoño el sábado 16 de octubre en la escuela secundaria Ben-

jamin O. Davis (12525 Ella Boulevard). Los padres y cuidadores pueden aprender más sobre lo que nuestro distrito tiene para ofrecer. ¡Cada familia que asista recibirá una tarjeta de regalo de Amazon! Folleto en inglés | Folleto en español

25 de octubre: Hay un evento de vacunación contra el COVID-19 el lunes 25 de octubre en el Centro Educativo M.O. Campbell (1865 Aldine Bender Road) de 10:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. Este es otro evento de vacunación para el personal y los alumnos (y sus hermanos y familiares); alumnos de más de 12 años). Las familias deben confirmar asistencia.

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Octubre

3 al 9 de octubre: Semana de prevención de incendios: el tema es «Aprenda los sonidos de la seguridad contra incendios»

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6 de octubre: Día Nacional del Entrenador

10 de octubre: Día Mundial de la Salud Mental

SPORTS PAGE

Struggling Texans hit the road for Indy: Cowboys head to Foxborough to take on NE

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defense coming in on Sunday, he could be taking more lumps in his first year on the job.

Other interesting matchups have the Chargers visiting the Ravens, Arizona visiting Cleveland and Buffalo playing at Tennessee on Monday Night Football.

On the college schedule, No. 1-ranked Alabama plays at Mississippi State, which two weeks ago upset Texas A&M in College Station 24-22. You can be sure 'Bama head coach Nick Saban won't let his charges look past a dangerous Bulldog squad. Also in the SEC, Auburn visits Arkansas, which saw its undefeated season go up in flames two weeks ago with a 37-0 loss at Georgia. The Razorbacks will look to get back on track against the Tigers.

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. Another 8-4 week upped the season record to 38-23 (62%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Westfield vs. MacArthur: Wayne Crawford's Generals host Westfield on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Generals defeated Aldine 40-6. Running back DeMarcus Singleton led the way with 72 rushing yards and one touchdown, while Jason Crampton had an 82-yard touchdown reception and a 65-yard TD run. Westfield defeated Spring 31-21 two weeks ago and is led by quarterback Cardell Williams (1,176 passing yards, 11 TDs). My pick, Westfield 34, MacArthur 16

Davis at Spring: Scott Joseph's Falcons visit Spring on Thursday night at Planet Ford Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Fal-



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cons defeated Eisenhower 29-21 in overtime to pick up their first league win of the season. Spring is smarting after their 10-point loss to rival Westfield and is led by dual QB threat Bishop Davenport (1,677 passing yards, 19 TDs/410 rushing yards, 5 TDs). My pick, Spring 33, Davis 23

Aldine at DeKaney: Hank Semler's Mustangs take on DeKaney on Friday night at Planet Ford Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Mustangs dropped a 40-6 decision to MacArthur. Daevon Brown scored the Mustangs' only touchdown on a 70-yard kickoff return. My pick, DeKaney 31, Aldine 14

Eisenhower vs. Nimitz: Eric Jackson's Eagles take on Richard Slater's Cougars on Friday evening in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, Ike dropped a 29-21 overtime decision to Davis, while Nimitz fell to DeKaney, 35-21. The winner of this one remains alive in the playoff hunt. My pick, Eisenhower 26, Nimitz 23

NCAA

Alabama at Mississippi State: I'm sure Saban caught wind of Mike Leach's teams upset of Texas A&M two weeks ago in College Station and you had better believe he's drilled it in his players' heads that they can't take the Bulldogs lightly. MSU has a good quarterback in Will Rogers (1,862 yards, 14 TDs) and a big-play wide receiver in Makai Polk (46 receptions, 430 yards, 4 TDs). Alabama has

a pretty good signal caller as well in Bryce Young (1,365 yards, 17 TDs) and a talented running back in Brian Robinson, Jr. (379 yards, 6 TDs), who ran over Mississippi for 176 yards and four TDs in the Crimson Tide's 42-21 route of the Rebels two weeks ago. Alabama also has a strong receiving corps and a defense that is rounding into shape. My pick, Alabama 36, Mississippi State 16

Auburn at Arkansas: Two weeks ago, Auburn picked up a big road win at LSU (24-19), while the Razorbacks came back down to earth with a 37-0 loss at Georgia. Sam Pittman's team had won its first four games of the year, but got a taste of reality against the Bulldogs in Athens. Auburn is led by quarterback Bo Nix (979 yards, 6 TDs) and running back Tank Bigsby (430 yards, 4 TDs), while the Razorbacks are led by quarterback KJ Jefferson (909 yards, 6 TDs) and running back Treylon Smith (302 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Hogs to get back on track as the turnaround season continues in the Hills. My pick, Arkansas 31, Auburn 23

NFL

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia: Week 6 kicks off on Thursday Night Football with Brady and the Bucs visiting Philadelphia. Two weeks ago, Brady (1,356 yards, 10 TDs) defeated his long-time coach Bill Belichick 19-17 in his return to New England. Brady didn't throw a touchdown pass in the

game but was his usual efficient self. It was the TB defense that saved the day for Brady and his mates. The defense allowed just one rushing yard and should have another strong outing against Jalen Hurts (1,167 passing yards, 7 TDs/226 rushing yards, 1 TD) and the struggling Eagles. Look for Brady to get back to throwing touchdown passes to the likes of Chris Godwin (22 receptions, 246 yards, 2 TDs) and Mike Evans (22 receptions, 280 yards, 2 TDs), while tight end Rob Gronkowski recovers from broken ribs. My pick, Tampa Bay 33, Philadelphia 16

Houston at Indianapolis: The Texans visit the Colts looking for any sort of spark to turn what appears to be another long year for Culley's team. Two weeks ago, the Texans were embarrassed in Buffalo, 40-0, while the Colts picked up their first win of the year at Miami (27-17). The Colts will be led by quarterback Carson Wentz (920 yards, 5 TDs) and running back Jonathan Taylor (274 yards, 1 TD). The Texans have not fared well in Indy, so look for that trend to continue on Sunday. My pick, Indianapolis 34, Houston 16

Los Angeles Chargers at Baltimore: This should be an interesting game as the Chargers visit the Ravens on Sunday. Los Angeles is an up-and-coming team, while the Ravens are a consistent playoff contender. Two weeks ago, the Ravens picked up a solid road win with a 23-7 win at Denver. Baltimore continues to be led by quarterback Lamar Jackson (1,077 passing yards, 4 TDs/274 rushing yards, 1 TD) and big-play wide receiver Marquise Brown (19 receptions, 326 yards, 3 TDs). The Chargers have one of the best young QBs in the league in second-year man Justin Herbert (1,178 yards, 9 TDs) and a

balanced offense led by running back Austin Ekeler (283 rushing yards, 4 total TDs) and big-play wide receivers Keenan Allen (28 receptions, 294 yards, 1 TD) and Mike Williams (23 receptions, 306 yards, 4 TDs). The defense is loaded with rising stars, and it will be up to that unit to try and slow down Jackson on Sunday. Good luck with that, Chargers. The Ravens are tough to beat at home, which the Chargers will discover come Sunday. My pick, Baltimore 31, Los Angeles Chargers 26

Arizona at Cleveland: This is perhaps the Game of the Week in Week 6. The high-flying Cardinals visit the tough-minded Browns in what should be a great game to watch. Two weeks ago, the Cardinals improved to 4-0 on the season with a 37-20 whipping of the Rams in Los Angeles, while the Browns won a hard-fought defensive battle at Minnesota (14-11). Arizona is led by quarterback Kyler Murray (1,273 yards, 9 TDs) and his host of talented skill players. The Browns like to ground it out thanks to a solid one-two punch running game of Nick Chubb (362 yards, 3 TDs) and Kareem Hunt (234 yards, 3 TDs). Quarterback Baker Mayfield (935 yards, 2 TDs) does a good job of managing the offense. The Browns have a very good defense led by defensive end Myles Garrett. Look for that until to be the difference maker in this one on Sunday. My pick, Cleveland 24, Arizona 20

Dallas at New England: Don't look now, but the Cowboys are a pretty good football team. After playing three straight at home, Dallas heads to New England to take on a Patriots team that is trying to find itself. Two weeks ago, Dak Prescott (1,066 yards, 10 TDs) and running back Ezekiel Elliott

(250 yards, 4 TDs) led the Pokes to a 36-28 win over the previously undefeated Carolina Panthers. The Cowboys led 36-14 before Carolina scored two late TDs to make it look closer than it really was. Dallas is improving on defense and that could be bad news for NE rookie QB Mac Jones (1,012 yards, 4 TDs). Even though the Pats are struggling, they still play hard and have a defense that can cause problems. Dallas can't take this game for granted. Look for Elliott and fellow running mate Tony Pollard (250 yards, 1 TD) to soften up the defense, which should open up the passing game for Prescott and wide outs CeeDee Lamb (20 receptions, 264 yards, 1 TD) and Amari Cooper (22 receptions, 258 yards, 3 TDs). My pick, Dallas 26, New England 20

Buffalo at Tennessee: A good one for the Monday Night Football crew as the Bills visit the Titans. After losing their opening game to Pittsburgh, the Bills have been on a roll scoring 35, 43 and 40 points, while the defense has recorded two shutouts in that same span. Quarterback Josh Allen (1,055 yards, 9 TDs) is off to an excellent start and will look to make plays downfield to wide receiver Stefan Diggs (26 receptions, 305 yards, 1 TD) and tight end Dawson Knox (15 receptions, 144 yards, 4 TDs). While the Bills were shutting out the Texans two weeks ago, the Titans lost in overtime to the previously winless Jets. Look for a much better effort on Monday night from quarterback Ryan Tannehill (1,054 yards, 5 TDs) and running back Derrick Henry (510 yards, 4 TDs). The Tennessee defense must improve its play or the Bills could hang another big number on them. My pick, Buffalo 34, Tennessee 31

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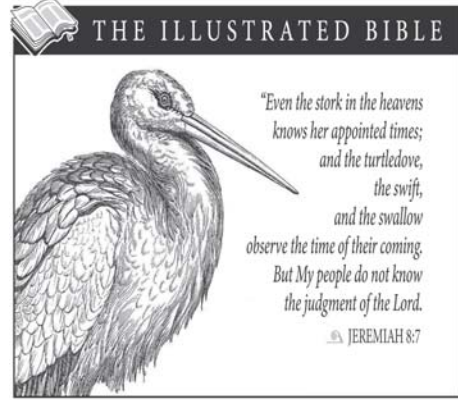
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1. Is the book of 1 Timothy in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. When the 7th seal was opened, there was silence in heaven for ...? 1 breath, Half an hour, Full day,
- 3 days 3. What region of 10 cities did Jesus mention in His ministry? Pentateuch, Trinidad, Lilliom, Decapolis
4. From 1 Kings 19, how many days and nights

did Elijah fast? 7, 21, 40, 70
 5. Muppim, Huppim and Ard were all whose sons? Gabriel, Michael, Benjamin, Paul
 6. Who was the first king of Israel? David, Benjamin, Saul, Abraham

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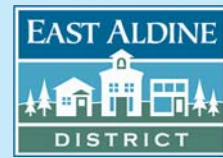
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East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

East Aldine's old gravestone mystery has been solved! Partly.

The identity of Alwiene S. "Sophie" Goerlitz Weise was never in doubt. She was born in the Austin area, during the Civil War, on Dec. 23, 1863. Among her parents and siblings, she was the only American from first breath. The rest of the Goerlitz family had come from Germany.

She married freight hauler Ephraim Weise, had at least four children, died of pneumonia at age 41 and was buried near McDade, Texas, 134 miles west-northwest of Aldine.

But the shadowy fate of her narrow, marble gravestone — 2 feet, 9 inches high and engraved with German words — created a decades-long mystery.

The 101-pound stone was found more than 20 years ago on land in East Aldine, where seemingly no one knew who she had been — or how, or why, or when, the object bearing her name came to rest on the northeast edge of Houston.

Back at the Three Oaks Cemetery near McDade, which is marked by a Texas Historical Commission plaque, all that was visible on Sophie's burial plot, at Row F of Lot F 2, was the base that had held the stone. It says "Weise." Next to it was, and is, the gravestone identifying one of her daughters, who died at age 3 or 4.

The story goes that one day around 2001, an East Aldine man hefted Sophie's stone into what was then office of the Northeast News at Aldine Mail Route Road and U.S. 59/69. He said he had found the stone in the neighborhood — he may have said it had turned up on his property — and was hoping the newspaper could help find out where it belonged.

After the newspaper changed locations, the stone remained in place to be "inherited" by the staff of the East Aldine Management District, which took over the office space following its formation in 2001.

The tale of the well-traveled tombstone stayed hazy until a few weeks ago, as the District staff moved into the District's new Town Center office building on Aldine Mail Route Road.

District Office Manager Veronica Sanches took District receptionist Sarah Hill to the newly vacated "old" office to see the grave marker.

Hill was immediately fascinated, vowing to enlist internet-savvy friends in a quest to solve the riddle. They loaded the stone into her vehicle.

Since 2000 or so, the internet is a richer, deeper place for genealogical research. Fee-based web sites help customers build their family trees. Background information about people around the world proliferates on Facebook and other social media. Plus, more people are crafty about finding needles in the World Wide Web's haystack.

Thanks to ancestry.com and dedication to the task, it took only five days for Hill and her friends to link the gravestone to its rightful place in McDade — and to find Ursula Richards, one of Sophie's great great grandchildren.

"I got a Facebook message from someone (a friend of Sarah Hill) I didn't know, but we have a mutual friend on Facebook," recalled Richards, a seamstress/quilter/knitter (and more) in Kyle, south of Austin. "She said she had something for me that belonged to my family."

Richards was skeptical at first.

"I was thinking, 'Are you a (fake) Saudi prince, or do you want to give me (fake) \$3 million?'"

But Richards quickly established trust with her new Facebook correspondent and the information being offered. Richards and relatives arranged a meeting with Hill and her inquisitive group at the McDade cemetery on June 18.

Ursula took the blanket off (the stone that Hill had driven westward) and said, "Oh my god," Hill recalled. "She was amazed and very grateful for all the work we did."

The group moved the stone to Richards' vehicle.

Richards said that almost before she got the words out of her mouth, the group from Houston accepted her invitation to her family's annual reunion at a hotel in Kerrville on July 24. Seventy-four family members attended, too.

Just before dinner was served, Richards sprang the supreme surprise to the group, many of whom are elderly. She showed a PowerPoint presentation about family history and the return of the gravestone.

The unwrapped stone was placed on a table, where grinning and relieved family members gathered around for photos.

"Everybody was kind of overwhelmed," she said.

A sight-impaired relative of Richards walked up to the stone and felt its engraved letters.

Richards plans to select a gravestone expert, funded by the reunion group, to prepare the stone for restoration to its rightful place this year.

At the top of the gravestone is the engraved image of clasped hands. Historians say the image started being used in Europe in the 1800s to represent a farewell to earthly life and a welcome into heaven.

A piece is missing from the upper right corner of the stone. The truth about how the stone ended up in East Aldine is missing, too.

Richards and Hill have talked about this. They favor the theory that a group of unknown young men got drunk and, for lack of something better to do, made off with the marker as some ridiculous practical joke. And then, ending up in the Houston area, heaped insult on top of injury by dumping it in East Aldine.

Hill surmises that one way or another, the gravestone was stolen — and driven for at least two hours to the Houston area, in the kind of freight hauling Sophie's husband, Ephraim, never did.

"It didn't float there in a flood and it sure didn't fly there," said Hill.

Said Richards, "Everybody I have told at work is baffled. I said, 'Really, you can see how somebody bored out in the country, drinking, doesn't have any common sense and would do something stupid' (like that). I can totally see that."

Somewhere in East Aldine, someone may know the rest of the story.

— By Alan Bernstein

