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NORTHEAST NEWS

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"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."

— Vern McLellan

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NEWS NOTES

Free Exercise Classes for Seniors

FREE EXERCISE CLASSES for Seniors 55+ sponsored by Harris County Pct. 2 are being held at the Northeast Community Center on Bentley (James Driver Park) Monday thru Thursday.

—Indoors Walking 8:00 a.m.

—Modified Fitness 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

—Chair yoga 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

—Line Dancing starting soon!

Other programs/events/classes are offered. For more info, call 281-274-2222 or pick up a "calendar of events" at the center.

Sheriff's Storefront CLOSED to the public due to COVID

Effective immediately the HCSO Storefront at the East Aldine Town Center is CLOSED to the public per the Harris County Sheriff's Office until further notice due to COVID threat level at RED. For non-emergency please call 713.221.6000.

Con efecto inmediato, la Oficina del HCSO en el East Aldine Town Center estará CERRADA al público hasta nuevo aviso, por indicación de la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Harris, debido a que el nivel de riesgo de COVID está en ROJO. Para llamadas que no estén relacionadas con una emergencia, llame al 713.221.6000.

GFCC Block Walk postponed

Civic club President, Ruben Salazar, has decided that it's best that we postpone the Bertrand Block Walk until further notice due to the COVID threat.

63rd annual Aldine ISD FFA Livestock Show set Jan. 26-28

The 63rd annual Aldine ISD FFA Livestock Show will be held Jan. 26-28 at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

"Please know that we are taking every measure to ensure that the safety and health of our students, staff, parents and visitors will be our top priority," said Brooke Martin, Program Director of Career and Technical Education. "All shows and the live auction will be available virtually for those whom wish to not participate in person."

Individual interested



Nimitz High School senior Delana Temple will attempt to be a two-time grand champion when she participates in the steer show at the 63rd annual Aldine ISD FFA Livestock Show Jan. 26-28. She's pictured with her grand champion steer Angel and Steer Show sponsors Keisha and Carl Burnett at the 2021 show.

in viewing the show on-line can find the link at AldineLivestockShow@aldineisd.org

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, the pig show will be held at 10 a.m. and the steer show will be held at 4 p.m.

On Thursday Jan. 27, the horse show will be held at 7:30 a.m., followed by the poultry show at 8 a.m. and the lamb and goat show at 2 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 28, the Buyer's Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Sale of Champions at 1 p.m.

RodeoHouston starts Feb. 28, announces performers, tickets now on sale

2022 RODEOHOUSTON ENTERTAINER LINEUP

JANUARY 05, 2022

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ Announces 2022 RODEOHOUSTON® Entertainment Lineup for 90th Anniversary Celebration

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials released the entertainment lineup for the 2022 Rodeo season, scheduled for Feb. 28 – March 20, celebrating its 90th anniversary. The lineup features a mix of genres including country, EDM, Latin pop, R&B/pop, Norteño, pop, rock and Christian. Nearly half of the artists will make their RODEOHOUSTON debut in 2022.

"We are excited about the level of talent and di-

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

2022 RODEOHOUSTON®

STAR ENTERTAINER LINEUP

Feb. 28 – March 20

rodeohouston.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HOUSTON TRADITION SINCE 1932	CODY JOHNSON	KEITH URBAN	TIM MCGRAW	For KING & COUNTRY	RICKY MARTIN	JON PARDI
LOS TIGUANES DE HUANA	LUKE BRYAN	MAREN MORRIS	KANE BROWN	JOURNEY	BUN B'S IN-TOWN TAKEOVER	PABLO MCCOLLUM
DIERKS BENTLEY	SAM HUNT	OWEN STEFANI	KHALID	CHRIS STAPLETON	MARSHMELLO	BRAD PAISLEY
GEORGE STRAIT	Tickets on sale Jan. 13, 10 a.m. at rodeohouston.com !					

verse acts who will perform on the RODEOHOUSTON star stage in 2022," said Chris Boleman, Rodeo president and CEO. "We welcome nine new entertainers who will make their RODEOHOUSTON debut, as well as many fan-

favorites, including the 'King of Country' music himself, George Strait, who will return to the stage to help celebrate our 90th anniversary."

Individual RODEOHOUSTON tickets will go on sale to the public Thurs-

day, Jan. 13, 10 a.m., at rodeohouston.com. Ticket prices start at \$20, plus a \$4 convenience fee.

STAR ENTERTAINMENT

The following entertainers will perform on the RODEOHOUSTON stage in

NRG Stadium, Feb. 28 – March 20.

Monday, Feb. 28: Cody Johnson

Tuesday, March 1: Keith Urban

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Cantu promoted to East Aldine MD executive director

ALDINE – The East Aldine Management District is pleased to announce the promotion of longtime staff member Richard Cantu to the position of executive director.

He will oversee all operations and staff work of the District, including progress on economic development, public safety, commercial corridor maintenance, public art, the East Aldine Town

Center and much more.

David Hawes, a staff member since he helped create the District 20 years ago, now moves from executive director to District chief financial officer and senior advisor. Associate Executive Director L. Susan Hill and Operations Manager Veronica Sanches continue in their positions.

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RICHARD CANTU
EAST ALDINE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

agencies in the East Aldine community. Cantu joined the district in 2008 as director of services. He has more than 28 years of experience as a public servant, having worked in management and executive level positions at the City of Houston (Parks and Recreation Department & Mayor's Office), as director of the Houston Mayor's Citizens' Assistance Office and at Baker Ripley. At the mayor's office, Richard played an instrumental role in mobilizing critical resources during the response and aftermath of Tropical Storm Allison.

He serves as a Harris County School

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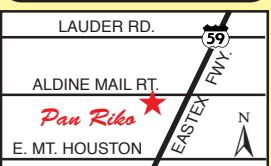
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Deadlines to Register and Vote in the March Primary Election

Deadlines to Vote in the March Primary Election are approaching! The League of Women Voters of Texas provides information on new voting processes.

Vote by Mail

January 1st was the first day Texans could apply to vote by mail in the 2022 elections.

Voters who are over 65 or disabled and wish to vote by mail must apply every year. Voters who will be absent from the county during early voting and Election Day must apply for each election in which they want to vote by mail. The application deadline is February 18th for the Texas Primary Election.

Voters must use the NEW Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) available at their County Election Office or from the Texas Secretary of State’s website votetexas.gov. Alternatively, voters may print the Vote by Mail application in English or Spanish. Applications must be received (not postmarked) at your County Election Office by the application deadline, which is February 18th for the Primary Election.

Who is eligible to vote by mail in Texas?

- 65 years or older
- Sick or disabled
- Out of the county during early voting and election day
- In jail or Involuntary Civil Confinement but otherwise eligible to vote

NEW! Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after election day.

It is important for voters to read the application carefully and to provide their

Cantu Promoted to Exec. Director,

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Trustee (elected county-wide in November 2018), as well as president of the Aldine Education Foundation and board member of the Greens Bayou Coalition, the North Harris County Education Alliance (co-chair), Harris County Flood Control Task Force, and the Lone Star College Foundation. He is a graduate of Leadership North Houston, and the Citizens Police Academy of the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff’s Office.

He is past president of the Hawthorne Place Civic Club and served as precinct chairman/election judge for over 20 years. He has also served with HISD North District Advisory Council, HCC Northeast College Advi-

sory Council, Wesley House Community Center, MD Anderson YMCA, Clark Park Advisory Council, Houston Food Bank, Houston Area Council on Gangs, Texas Crime Prevention Association, LULAC Council 402, Harris County Citizens Corps – Community Emergency Response Team, Northside National Little League, Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce, and Hardy-Near Northside Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ 21).

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Houston and a master of liberal arts degree in public administration from the University of St. Thomas.

Free Houston COVID-19 vaccinations and testing sites

HOUSTON - The Houston Health Department is announcing the schedule for sites offering free COVID-19 vaccinations and testing during the week of January 17, 2022.

More than 20 sites offering vaccinations and more than 30 testing sites are on the schedule for the week.

Vaccination and testing at health department-affiliated sites does not require proof of residency, citizenship, or insurance.

Site locations, schedules, and appointment information is available at HoustonHealth.org or by calling 832-393-4220.

FIXED VACCINATION SITES

Any dose of Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available at the department’s fixed sites, located at:

- Acres Home Multi-Service Center, 6719 W. Montgomery Rd.
Mondays, Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center, 3810 W. Fuqua St.
Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- La Nueva Casa de Amigos Health Center, 1809 North Main St.
Mondays, Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Magnolia Multi-Service Center, 7037 Capitol St.
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Northside Health Center, 8504 Schuller Rd.
Mondays, Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

IN-HOME VACCINATION

Free in-home COVID-19 vaccination is available to qualifying older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans. People may call 832-393-4301 to learn about qualifying for the program.

TESTING SITES



The department and its partner agencies offer free COVID-19 testing sites across the city.

A list of testing sites and schedules is available at HoustonHealth.org or by calling 832-393-4220.

The CDC recommends people who have symptoms and most people who had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19 be tested for COVID-19 infection.

Vaccination and testing site schedules may shift during the week to meet community need. Find the latest information at HoustonHealth.org or by calling 832-393-4220.

2022 Primary Election - Key Dates



- Last day to register to vote or change address
January 31
- First day to vote early in person
February 14
- Last day to apply for vote-by-mail ballot
February 18
- Last day to vote early in person
February 25
- Election Day and vote-by-mail ballot receipt deadline
March 1

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal Sr Adult Program Specialist

LIBRARY HOURS EXPANDING:

The High Meadows Library will be expanding our opening hours. Beginning in January, our new hours will be:

Mondays: 11am to 8pm
Tuesdays: 10am to 6pm
Wednesdays: 10am to 8pm
Thursdays: 10am to 6pm
Fridays: 1pm to 6pm
Saturdays: 10am to 5pm
Sunday: Closed

LIBRARY CAPACITY UPDATE:

The library capacity has been reduced to 25% due to the growing spread of CoVid-19. Masks are required while in the library building.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE:

Due to the increase in CoVid-19 cases, our open house has been postponed. We will keep you updated on the new date and time.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:

Harris County Public Library invites parents and caregivers to participate in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Beginning at birth, children can participate in this ongoing program by signing up

through the Beanstack website and app (<https://hcpl.beanstack.org/>). Log books that you read together or during story time programs and receive a reward when you reach reading milestones. Register today and pick up reading logs when you stop by the library.

GROWING READERS:

HCPL is Growing Readers! We have a 5-week Early Literacy activity kit program specially designed for Little Buds (toddlers) and Little Readers (preschool). Each week, pick up a fun and free activity kit that will focus on one of the 5 Early Literacy practices (Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play). Kits have step-by-step instructions that grow readers through books and play. Participants must register at the High Meadows Library. Registration begins on January 10, 2022. Spaces are limited.

STORYTIMES

Join us for in person Storytime beginning in February. We will be bringing back Pajama Storytime, and our regular Storytime as well as introducing Bilingual Storytime. Stop by the library to grab a calendar of events or give us a call if you are interested in joining. Limited space is available.

ESL & CITIZENSHIP CLASSES:

Our ESL and Citizenship Classes are beginning. If you or someone you know would like to attend an ESL or Citizenship Class for free, stop by the library or call us. Space is limited.

CAREER CONNECTIONS:

Are you looking for a job or need help building your resume? High Meadows is launching an 8-week program to help you through the job search process. Classes begin in February and space is limited. Registration is required. Call the library today and register!

COMPUTER CLASSES

Beginning in February, we will be offering computer classes with limited seating. Classes will cover computer basics and keyboarding skills. Stop by the library or call us to register today.

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

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY
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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

Wills and Estate Planning - Jan. 25, 6pm

Interested in learning how to manage your affairs & prepare your assets for loved ones? Legal experts from Lone Star Legal Aid will answer your questions about Wills & Estate Planning on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:00pm.

Please register for the program to attend in person. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3FjxRfX>

You can also join us virtually on Teams using this link: <https://bit.ly/329z9Md>

Lectores avidos - Jan. 29, 10am

Join us for this adult book club as we read and discuss non-fiction book selections in Spanish.

Call for Literacy Tutors

Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? If you are interested in becoming a literacy tutor at the Aldine Branch Library, we want to talk to you! We are looking for volunteers to teach English language classes in person and virtually. Call 832-927-5410 or email for info: ald@hcpl.net

U.S. Citizenship Classes - Feb. 3, 10am

Citizenship class starts on February 3rd. We

meet every Thursday at 10 am. We'll help you prepare for the civics portion of your Naturalization interview! Study Materials included. Registration is on first day of class. For more details, call 832-927-5410 or email ald@hcpl.net or visit tinyurl.com/ALDCTZclasses.

DIG (Devouring Infinite Genres) Book Club for Adults – Feb. 5, 11am

Meets again on Feb. 5 at 11am in the library meeting room for our discussion of our science fiction selections. We will also discuss our Fran Lebowitz interview selections for our Pages & Stages meeting.

Growing Readers

HCPL has created our new Growing Readers Program to help parents with developing their child's early literacy skills. Ranging from prenatal up to preschool, Growing Readers has created a variety of activities to help bring literacy easily into daily life.

Growing Readers focus on the 5 key aspects of early literacy: Reading, Talking, Singing, Playing, and Writing.

With our Little Bud (toddler) and Little Reader (preschool) take home kits, parents can play and create with their children while focusing on improving those 5 concepts. Kits include free board books to help jumpstart your home library!

With our age targeted Flashcard sets, these cards

give parents/caregivers quick tips and activities to try at home or on the go!

Our 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program on Beanstack will help make sure your child is reading ready come school time. Sign up on Beanstack.org to receive free board book prizes as you reach your 1,000 book goal! Sign up early to receive an interactive sticker book to help your track your journey.

LENA

LENA Start is coming to Aldine Branch Library this spring! LENA Start is a 10-week program that teaches parents and caregivers of children 0-3 years how to “build babies’ brains” and make a difference in their future success through early talk and interactions!

Orientation is Tuesday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Aldine Branch Library Meeting Room. For more information on how to participate call (832) 927-5410 or email ald@hcpl.net.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent,
January 18, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

I hope all of you enjoyed your day off yesterday; even more so, I hope you had a moment to reflect on the life of Martin Luther King Jr. As an activist, Dr. King was committed not only to justice but also to the betterment of oneself. He once said, “Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.” This week, I want to encourage each of you to do something — small or big — to honor Dr. King’s life. Below are just a few ways to do so:

- Read Letter from a Birmingham Jail
- Take a moment to get to know someone from a background that is different from yours
- Learn something new

Personally, I will continue to work toward fulfilling Dr. King’s vision. Aldine ISD will continue fulfilling our strategic plan. Our collective efforts should ensure that our design, intent, and actions lead with love and care for the students, families, and communities we serve. Our students must have access to high-quality schools and learning experiences that prepare them for their futures. All Aldine ISD students will graduate with choices and opportunities.

One of my favorite quotes is from another legendary civil rights leader who marched alongside Dr. King, Representative John Lewis. And it is one that I refer back to in my work as an education leader:

“Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year; it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

To do what is necessary, we must surround ourselves with good people. Make good decisions based on good information and feedback. We must all be committed, intentional, and do work that matters. It is not a title that will mark my or your legacies but whether our work positively impacts others in our community. We must do right by our students. We must give all children every opportunity to succeed and thrive in school, college, and life.

Let’s continue to create opportunities to help students fulfill their potential and reach their aspirations. We must fulfill our promise to them. I encourage us to move with actions steeped in justice, love, and progress. Let’s all get into some good trouble for their future and future generations.

Dr. Martin Luther King and Representative John Lewis were both change-makers, which is the theme of this year’s second annual Black History Oratory Competition. The contest, which coincides with Black History Month, gives us an opportunity to hear our students’ voices and what they think about leadership. Students in grades 3-12 will describe how an African American leader has demonstrated leadership by inspiring others, connecting people of different cultures, and impacting change.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Jan. 24- Feb. 17:** Black History Oratory Campus Competition
- **Jan. 25:** Aldine ISD has partnered with the University of Houston-College of Education in the Community Teacher Equity Development (CTED) program. The CTED program is now recruiting community teachers of color, especially male teachers of color. Interested individuals can RSVP to join an information session on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. Click here for details about the CTED program, how to apply, and how to RSVP for the session.
- **Jan. 26-28:** The 63rd Annual Aldine ISD FFA Livestock Show will be held at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd. (Houston, TX 77032). Click here for details including, the Buyers’ Luncheon, the Sale of Champions, and how to view the Show online.



OBSERVATIONS**January-**
School Board Recognition Month
FebruaryBlack History Month

- **Feb. 7-11:** National School Counseling Week
- **Feb. 18:** Student Holiday/Staff Development Day
- **Feb. 21:** Presidents Day (Student Holiday)
- **Feb. 21:** ADSY Schools — Ermel and Vines — Regular Day for Students
- **Feb. 22:** School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day
- **Feb. 25:** Wellness Day — Theme is Love Your Heart Month

Aldine ISD COVID-19 UPDATESThe district leadership team is committed to doing all we can to increase the safety and health of our students, staff, and families while implementing measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We want all our students healthy, learning, and thriving in our classrooms. I ask for your continued support as we tackle the Omicron variant.

- **Face Masks:** As we have done throughout the pandemic, we continue implementing COVID mitigation protocols. While we had hoped to lift the mask mandate after the midwinter break, we decided to maintain the mask requirement until further notice with rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in the Houston area. The district will require students, staff, and visitors to wear face masks at all district facilities — schools, buildings, facilities, school buses — and events.
- **Symptoms:** We strongly encourage you to please keep your child home if they have COVID or any other communicable disease (e.g. flu, whooping cough, measles, chickenpox) symptoms. Have your child tested if you suspect it is COVID-19. Here is a link to our Health Alerts web page regarding keeping your student/child home.
- **Reduce Spread of Any Communicable Disease:** Please continue to protect yourself and others by taking precautionary measures to prevent infection of all viruses, including COVID-19: wash your hands often, cover your coughs and sneezes and keep a safe distance from others.
- **Protocols:** Our district administrative leadership team has been, and is, in constant communication. Based on CDC recommendations, we updated our protocols and guidelines. Our COVID reporting procedures have not changed. We will continue to monitor local and school cases to further adjust health and safety protocols as appropriate.
- **District Dashboard:** Families can always check the COVID-19 dashboard for an overview of the active cases by school.
- **Testing Sites:** Please get tested if you exhibit symptoms, have been exposed to someone with the virus, have been with groups of people, or travel. Click here for a list of testing sites and to register online. Additionally, each campus has a testing opportunity weekly or biweekly. A parent/guardian must consent for testing.
- **Vaccinations:** The district continues to work with local officials, including Harris County Public Health (HCPH), to communicate the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine is available to individuals five and



District Music Students
Earn All-State Honors

The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in one of 18 Texas All-State ensembles sponsored by the Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Divisions.

The Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) recently announced the area students that made All-State. Two Aldine ISD students — Victoria Cerda and Andrés Castillo — earned All-State honors.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive.

Victoria, a member of Eisenhower High School’s varsity mixed choir, will perform with the Texas All-State Mixed Choir. Andrés, a member of the Aldine High School band, made 12th chair in the state and will perform with the Texas All-State Symphonic Band.

Their performances will occur in San Antonio on February 12, 2022, at the Henry B. González Convention Center. The event will occur during the 2022 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention. TMEA expects more than 30,000 people from Texas and worldwide to attend the nation’s largest music educators convention. It will be the first time since 2020 that the convention will be held in person.

Judges selected Victoria and Andrés for the prestigious honors through a competitive process held across the district, region, and area levels. It begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions.

Andrés is a student of Vicky Williams at Aldine HS and plays flute at school under the direction of Jeremy Gray. Victoria sings at school under the direction of Sandra Walker, head director of Eisenhower HS choirs. Walker and Gray are members of the TMEA. It is Victoria’s third time performing as a member of a TMEA All-State organization. Meanwhile, it is Andrés’ first time performing as a member of the TMEA All-State organization.

Individual musicians perform selected music for judges who rank each instrument or voice part. From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA Area



competitions.

Only the top 2.6% of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians

TMEA sponsors the Texas All-State competition. According to a letter from the organization, 1,875 students were selected through a process that began with over 70,000 students. The young musicians vie each year for the honor to perform in one of 18 ensembles. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group.

As All-State students, Victoria and Andrés will participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally-recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close. For the All-State concert schedule and conductor information, go to the Performances section of www.tmea.org/convention.

Founded in 1921, the Texas Music Educators Association, headquartered in Austin, has more than 14,000 members dedicated to promoting excellence in music education. Go to www.tmea.org/convention for more information.

Carver High School Theater Director
Roshunda Jones-Koumba wins 2 Awards

Roshunda Jones-Koumba, the theater director at Carver High School for Engineering, Applied Technology and The Arts received two prestigious awards during the summer — the Stephen Schwartz Musical Theatre Teacher of the Year Award and the International Thespian Society Inspirational Theatre Educator Award. The ASCAP Foundation presented the Stephen Schwartz Award. The award represents the highest level of achievement for a middle or high school theatre teacher, with the winner receiving \$5,000 and travel to the International Thespian Festival (ITF) for the announcement and recognition. A distinguished panel of EdTA award-winning teachers, EdTA leaders, musical theatre industry professionals, and representatives of The ASCAP Foundation evaluated applications before naming the award’s recipient.

The 2021 International Thespian Society Inspirational Theatre Educator Award was given to two educators who

inspired their students and dedicated themselves to providing quality theatre education. Jones-Koumba, currently in her 18th year of education. She has dedicated all those years to AISD students, especially her theater students at Carver. In 2020, Jones-Koumba was inducted into the Texas Thespians Hall of Fame and received the inaugural Arts Educator of the Year from the TUTS Leading Ladies organization. She was also TxETA’s 2017 Educator of the Year and Aldine ISD Carver High School’s teacher of the year in 2009 and 2014. As the Carver Panther Players Director, the troupe has been successful on the state and national level at UIL One-Act Play (OAP) contests, Tommy Tune Awards, Texas Thespians State, and International Thespian Festival. Jones-Koumba is a Board member of the Texas Education Theatre Association (TxETA), Texas Thespians, Black Theatre Educator’s #39 Caucus, and UIL OAP Advisory Committee.

older. On January 3, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded the emergency use authorization for Pfizer’s COVID-19 booster vaccine in adolescents from 12 to 15 years. Booster doses are now available to everyone over the age of 12. The FDA also shortened the time to receive the booster after completing the two-dose schedule. It went from six months to five months. The FDA also authorized the third dose as part of the primary series for certain immunosuppressed children between 5 and 11. The CDC announced on January 10 that at-risk Americans (immunocompromised) are eligible for the fourth COVID dose.

REMINDERS

- Aldine’s Family and Community Engagement Department launched the Family and Community University. It provides education and

resources to empower families to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. Programming is free and open to all Aldine families. Register today.

- The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. The FAFSA application opened on October 1.
- Aldine ISD’s top priorities continue to be all students’ safety and academic success. The district will post all information related to operations along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.
- Please **stay connected** by visiting the District News and District Podcast pages to stay up to date on all the great things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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OPINION

By BILL KING



Voter Suppression and Fraud are Partisan Talking Points

When a political party claims it represents a majority of Americans but cannot consistently win elections it must come up with an explanation for its failure to do so. For our two incumbents parties their explanation is that they are being cheated at the ballot box.

For Republicans it is an allegation of voter fraud, typically either people being allowed to vote who are not qualified to do so or some shenanigans in the counting. For Democrats it an allegation that “their” voters are being prevented from voting. While there is a grain of truth in both allegations, **as recently documented by the non-partisan group, No Labels**, these allegations are mostly partisan talking points.

Let’s start with voter fraud. The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, has created a **database of proven voter fraud incidents**. Their database documents cases from 1982-2021. It contains 1,340 cases of proven fraudulent conduct around elections over that nearly forty-year period, about 35 per year. While the database indicates that some small local elections have been overturned, there is no case of a major election being reversed.

Shortly after the last presidential election, **President Trump raised millions** for legal fees to contest the election and filed about 60 lawsuits in six states where the results were close. But not a single court anywhere in the country found a basis to overturn any of the results certified by those states. According to an **analysis by the Brookings Institute**, a wide majority of judges from both parties ruled against Trump’s challenges, but the results of those suits was not as conclusive as the media depicted them to be.

That is not to say that there were not irregularities in the 2020 election, or in every election for that matter. But it is exceedingly rare for there to be enough illegal votes to affect the outcome of an election. I have been working in elections in Texas for over 50 years and during that time I can count on one hand the number of elections where I thought there were enough illegal votes to possibly affect the outcome.

However, the Democrats’ allegations that votes are being suppressed is equally fanciful. In fact, voting has never been easier than it is today and that is especially so in Texas.

In 2020, there were extraordinary accommodations made to allow voters to avoid voting in person because of the pandemic. The purpose of most of the laws passed by various states since the 2020 election was to rein in some of those accommodations.

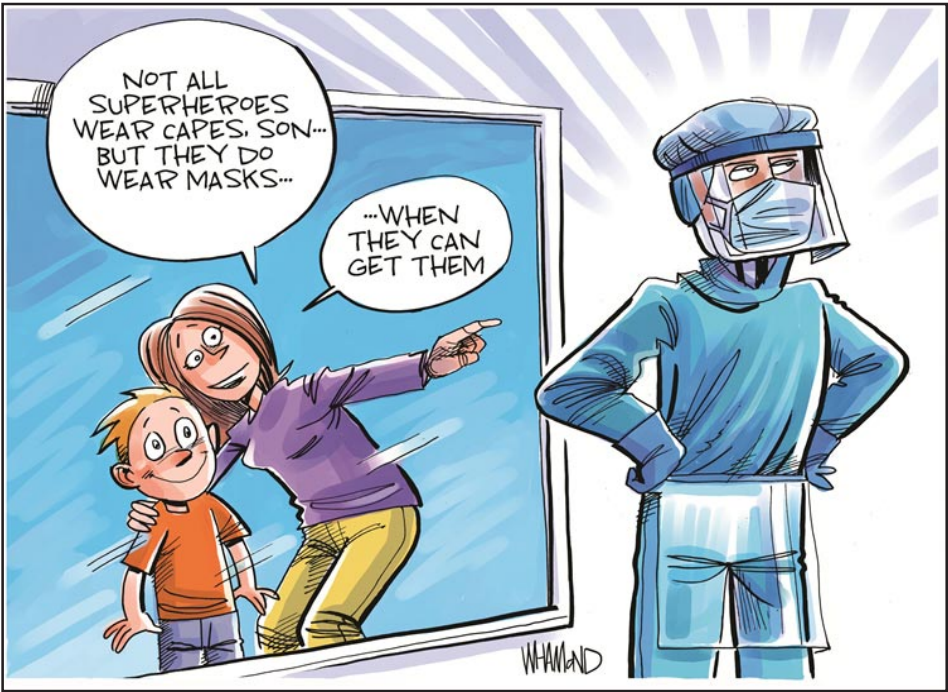
For example, Harris County proposed sending a mail-in ballot application to all registered voters, notwithstanding that mail-in voting is only allowed in certain circumstances. Such restrictions on mail-in voting is not unusual. In fact, there are only **eight states that currently allow anyone to vote by mail**. Many predominantly Democratic states, especially in the northeast, have had extremely limited mail-in voting. Of course, none of the Democrats castigating states like Georgia and Texas for limiting mail-in voting have mentioned a peep about the Democratic states that actually have more severe restrictions.

The same is true for early voting. For years, Texas and Georgia both have had more days of early voting than most states. Before 2020, New York, Delaware and Connecticut had no early voting and I did not hear anyone accusing them of voter suppression.

None of this is to say that our voting laws are perfect. There were several things I did not like in the Texas bill. The requirement for additional identification information on mail-in ballot applications is overly burdensome, but is just as likely to affect voters from both parties. Georgia’s law prohibiting handing out food and water to voters waiting to vote should have included the provisions like those in New York’s law that such handouts cannot identify who they are from. And we will always be tweaking the election rules, especially as technology advances.

But the assertion that either of the two incumbent parties are losing elections because of voter fraud or voter suppression is nonsense. They cannot consistently win elections because only about 25-30% of Americans claim to be affiliated with each party. They cannot put together regular election victories because neither comes close to representing a majority of the American people.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Dozens of School Districts close due to COVID-19 outbreaks

DOZENS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS CLOSE DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAKS

Several dozen school districts across the state were forced to close last week due to the omicron variant of COVID-19 sending home students, staff and teachers. Most school districts planned to reopen on Tuesday following the MLK holiday.

“Every superintendent wants to be able to have kids in the classroom and teachers in the classroom ... but you get to a certain critical place where you don’t have enough staff available and you have to shut the campus down,” Kevin Brown, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, said in a Texas Tribune report. “We want to keep kids safe, and you have to have a certain number of adults in the building.”

The Hutto school district, northeast of Austin, will remain closed at least through Wednesday with 200 staff members and 1,680 students reported absent, according to the Austin American-Statesman. In North Texas, more than three dozen school districts closed last week.

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reached a record high of 506,226, up 22% from the week before, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped slightly, with 623 reported statewide in the past week. Hospitalizations are on the uptick, with 12,071 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is up 23% from the previous week.

EMPTY SHELVES RESULT OF WORKER SHORTAGE

It feels a bit like March 2020 when one goes to the grocery store lately. But this time, it’s not necessarily supply chain woes but a shortage of workers to restock, as the omicron variant of COVID-19 sweeps the state. The Dal-



las Morning News reported shoppers should expect the shortages to continue until the fourth wave of the virus subsides.

“Either other employees work overtime, or the shift goes empty,” said Gary Huddleston, grocery industry consultant to the Texas Retailers Association. That means groceries are stuck on trailers, in stockrooms or at distribution centers, he added.

One trend since the pandemic began is the marked increase in self-checkout aisles, which now account for nearly a third of all transactions, The Morning News reported.

VOTING DEADLINE FOR PRIMARY IS APPROACHING

Folks who want to vote in the March 1 Texas primary have to be registered to vote by Jan. 31. Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texans to register as they prepare to head to the polls for early voting next month.

“We want all eligible Texans to participate in all of this year’s upcoming elections, including the primary elections in which voters will choose the candidates to appear on the November 2022 general election ballot,” Scott said. “Don’t wait until the last minute — start the registration process today!”

Texans will pick nominees in the Republican and Democratic primaries for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and all 38 members of the U.S. House who represent Texas.

HOTTEST DECEMBER IN TEXAS SINCE SUL ROSS WAS GOVERNOR

Yup, it was hot last month as we hung Christmas lights and decorations.

Texas experienced the warmest December on record since 1889. Throughout the state, temperatures ranged 5 to 9 degrees above average.

“It’s like the entire state moved south for the winter,” said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. “Amarillo got Dallas’s normal temperatures, Dallas got Corpus Christi’s normal temperatures, and Austin got Brownsville’s normal temperatures.”

“Not only is it by far the warmest December since the beginning of comprehensive weather records, it will probably also turn out to be the warmest winter month, period,” said Nielsen-Gammon.

The hot weather increased drought conditions throughout the state. More than two-thirds of the state is experiencing drought conditions, with 10% in extreme drought.

“In much of West Texas, it hasn’t rained for over two months,” Nielsen-Gammon said. “The high temperatures increase the rate of evaporation, drying out everything and leading to increased wildfire risk.”

WILDLIFE VACCINE AIRDROPS TO COMBAT RABIES

The state has resumed airdrops of oral rabies vaccines that have led to the elimination of the domestic dog-coyote and Texas fox rabies virus variants along the Texas border. DSHS began using aircraft on Jan. 12 to airdrop more than 1.17 million baits containing the rabies vaccine in 19 border counties. The project will last two weeks.

“The annual rabies vaccine/bait distribution along the border of Texas and Mexico is critical for the protection of humans, pets and livestock in Texas,” said Dr. Susan Rollo, with DSHS. “The maintenance distribution levels help keep the U.S. free of the canine strain.”

The vaccine baits are small plastic pellets dipped in fish oil and coated with fishmeal crumbles that attract coyotes, gray foxes and other wild carnivores.

Rabies spreads through a bite of an infected animal. Skunks and bats are now the most common source of rabies in Texas.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Eating Broccoli

“I bought more broccoli because I knew you were coming,” my mother informed me.

You can never get enough broccoli, that is my belief.

I am lucky in that I never had to acquire a taste for vegetables out of some sort of concern for my health. I have always loved vegetables. My mother has a picture of me at three years old, sound asleep with a serving spoon in my hand. I had apparently offered to finish up the remaining peas. I did, then fell fast asleep at the table. I think I could still do that today.

My sister also loves broccoli, so I am inclined to think it was our upbringing that instilled our love of vegetables. She remembers the time when she had dinner at a friend’s house as a child and realized the modest-sized bowl of broccoli was intended to feed the entire table—a bowl she could easily have eaten on her own. My broccoli-eating capacity exceeds my sister’s, and this is why my mother (who prefers to buy things in small quantities) bought twice the normal amount of broccoli before my visit. We cooked it all. It was all eaten.

Eating vegetables is not something I have to worry about doing. I saw an advertisement for “vegetables in a pill” and was appalled. I have a hard time believing there is anything in those pills approximating a vegetable but, even if there were, why would anyone want it? Eating vegetables is one of my favorite things in life.

I’m reading a book about habits right now. I hesitated to buy the book because I thought I had pretty good habits already, and I thought it would be about breaking a bunch of bad habits or training myself to eat broccoli.

But it turns out that habits are even more important than I imagined. A lot of habits don’t pay off for a long time, which makes staying motivated to keep them hard. But habits will have more influence on accomplishing goals than actual goal-setting. Most of us have similar goals. Not everyone has habits that make accomplishing the goals possible.

The author suggests that, instead of celebrating big accomplishments, we should celebrate sticking to a good trajectory, staying the course, making and keeping good habits. It doesn’t sound quite as exciting as celebrating a big success, but maybe that’s OK because the morning after the big success usually means going right back to the boring habits that made the success possible. And that’s a good thing. Especially if you like broccoli.

The year is still new, and I’m trying out some new habits. I want to read more. I want to spend less time scrolling the internet. I want to do more pushups. I want to try to learn a little more Spanish, since I’ll be traveling to Mexico and I feel I’ve forgotten every word I ever knew. None of these activities will have any effect whatsoever if I only do them for a day or two. So I’m trying to get some new habits in my life and push out the things I’d be doing instead.

Progress in Spanish is slow, and pushups make me tired. I usually start too late in the day to get much reading done. But I am going to keep trying.

I like the idea that getting a little stronger or a little smarter or a little more fluent might become easier with time. None of these habits will ever be as fun as eating broccoli, but that’s a lot to ask.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon’s memoir is called “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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Thursday, March 3: For KING & COUNTRY
Friday, March 4: Ricky Martin
Saturday, March 5: Jon Pardi
Sunday, March 6: Los Tucanes de Tijuana— Go Tejano Day
Monday, March 7: Luke Bryan — First Responders Day
Tuesday, March 8: Maren Morris
Wednesday, March 9: Kane Brown
Thursday, March 10: Journey
Friday, March 11: Bun B's H-Town Takeover — Black Heritage Day
Saturday, March 12: Parker McCollum
Sunday, March 13: Dierks Bentley
Monday, March 14: Sam Hunt
Tuesday, March 15: Gwen Stefani
Wednesday, March 16: Khalid

Thursday, March 17: Chris Stapleton
Friday, March 18: Marshmello
Saturday, March 19: Brad Paisley
Sunday, March 20: Concert-only performance George Strait, with Ashley McBryde

INDIVIDUAL RODEO TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale at rodeohouston.com Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at 10 a.m. (The Online Waiting Room will open at 9:30 a.m., and customers in the Waiting Room will be randomly selected to enter the store to purchase tickets at 10 a.m.)

Ticket prices start at \$20, plus a \$4 convenience fee.

Individual Rodeo tickets can be purchased online at rodeohouston.com.

All tickets will be delivered electronically via AXS Mobile ID Delivery; please allow 48 hours for delivery.

To access your purchased tickets, download

the AXS mobile app and login with the email used to purchase tickets.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo promotes agriculture by hosting an annual, family-friendly experience that educates and entertains the public, supports Texas youth, showcases Western heritage and provides year-round educational support within the community. Since its beginning in 1932, the Rodeo has committed more than \$550 million to the youth of Texas and education. The 2022 Rodeo is scheduled for Feb. 28 – March 20. The 2022 World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, presented by Cotton Holdings, is scheduled for Feb. 24 – 26. For more information, visit rodeohouston.com and connect with #RODEOHOUSTON online via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube for all the latest news.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



DWAYNE "THE ROCK" JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD — Testosterone gone wild! Don't mess with "The Rock," even if you're Vin Diesel! Dwayne Johnson's not returning for "The Fast & The Furious 10," which is supposed to end the franchise. The Rock recently explained why: "This past June when Vin and I actually connected, not over social media, I told him directly and privately I would not be returning to the franchise. I was firm yet cordial saying I'd always be supportive of the cast and root for the franchise to be successful, but there was no chance I'd return. Vin's public post was an example of his manipulation. I didn't like that he used his children (in reference to me), in the post as well as Paul Walker's death. We'd spoken months ago about this and

I thought we came to a clear understanding. It's unfortunate this public dialogue has muddled the waters." Diesel revealed, over the summer, the bad blood between them was due to his using "tough love" while producing Johnson in "The Fast & The Furious 8." He told Men's Health magazine he used the approach "to as-

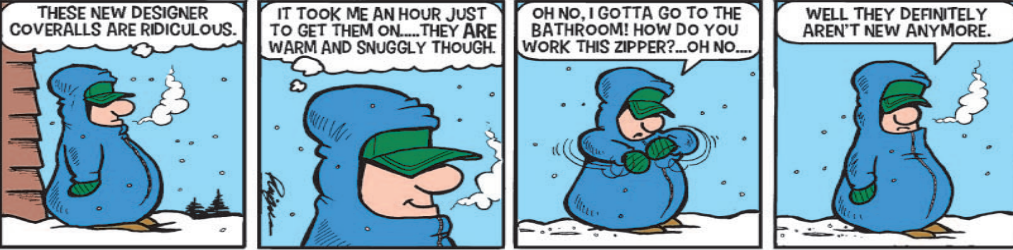
sist in getting that performance where it needed to be." Dwayne Johnson's one of the busiest and highest paid actors in the world. Small wonder he objected to anyone, even Diesel, assuming he couldn't cut it. With or without "The Rock" this is not the end for the F&F universe — there are plans for additional spin-offs and TV shows.

The still beautiful Jane Fonda, one of the last four living stars from the Golden Age of Hollywood, has completed the last 12 episodes of "Grace & Frankie." The show was shut down due to the pandemic after four episodes, which aired already, with the remaining episodes to air via Netflix soon. While waiting for "Grace & Frankie," she completed "Luck The Dragon," a computer animated comedy co-starring Whoopi Goldberg dropping on Apple TV Feb. 18. At 84 Jane shows no signs of slowing down — happily, because we're all still "Fonda" Jane.

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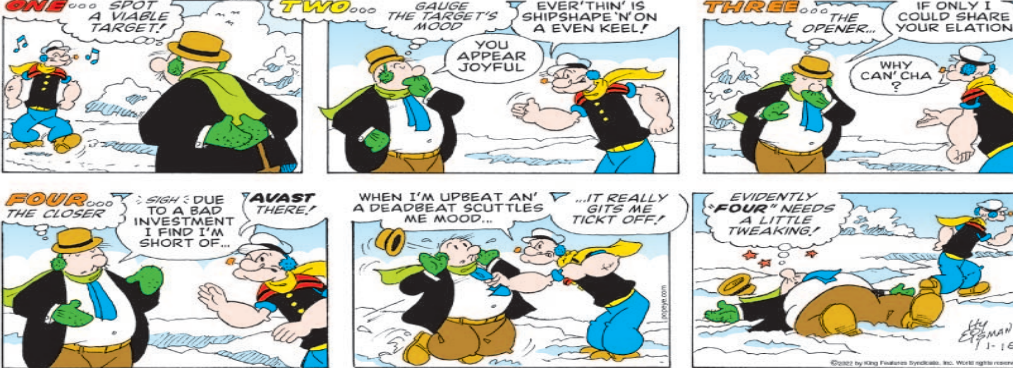
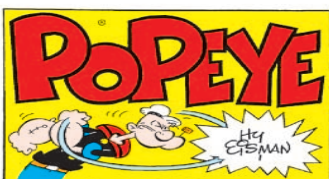
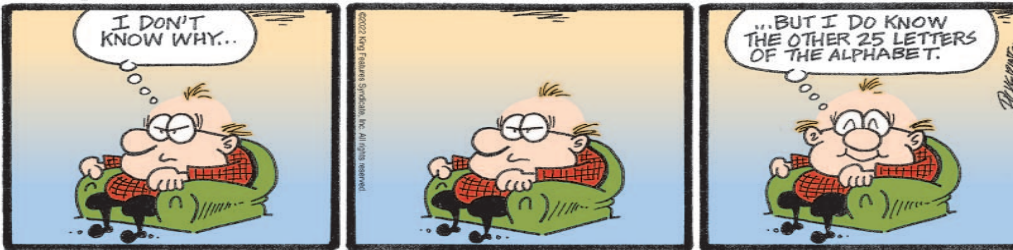
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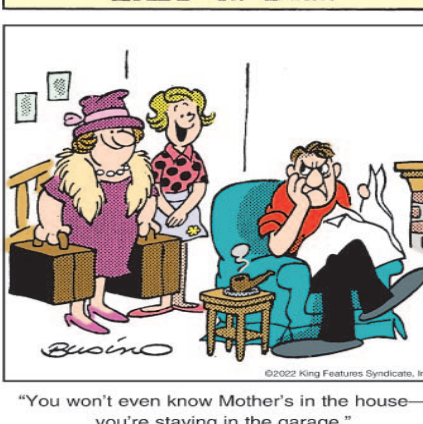
The Spats



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Swap
DATER
Warrior
PARANTS
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TODAY'S WORD

January 24, 2022 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Shade
12 100 percent
13 Dutch cheese
14 Pedestal occupant
15 Cowboy's sweetie
16 Do math
18 Slowpoke
20 Hydrocarbon suffix
21 Cushions
24 Persian Gulf emirate
28 Nutritional label info
32 Flamingo's color

- 33 Copper head?
34 Lauder of cosmetics
36 Summer on the Seine
37 Guns the engine
39 Toe of Italy's boot
41 Fashion
43 Hit with a stun gun
44 Ms. Thurman
46 Gossip
50 Baseball's "Iron Man"
55 Deluge refuge
56 Now, in a memo

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59 Quick swims
60 Winter blanket
61 Novelist Rand
- 8 Accumulate
9 Hollywood's Lupino
10 Nanny's charge
11 Hearty quaff
17 German conjunction
19 Wall St. debut
22 Platter
23 Attack
25 Coffin stand
26 Con
27 Furniture brand
28 2006 Pixar film
29 Help a hood
30 Tax
- 31 Actress Ward
35 "Calm down!"
38 Drinks noisily
40 Spell-off
42 Brit. record label
45 LAPD alerts
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48 Helen's home
49 Related
50 Scoundrel
51 "— was saying ..."
52 Napkin's place
53 "— -Tiki"
54 "Evil Woman" band

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: How many ribs are in the human body?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is a flying fox?
3. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water does the island of Malta lie?
4. U.S. STATES: What animal is featured on the state flag of Louisiana?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of the fictional airline whose jet crashed on an island in "Lost"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ran on the slogan "Vote Yourself a Farm and Horses"?
7. MOVIES: What is the name of Thor's hammer in the earlier "Avengers" movies?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The "Iron Chef" TV cooking show originated in which country?
9. HISTORY: In what year did the Cold War end?
10. SCIENCE: What weather condition is measured in millibars?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Chair is moved; 2. Machine differs; 3. Handle is missing; 4. Glasses are different; 5. Apron is different; 6. Pants are different.

SPOILED

Today's Word

3. Latent; 4. Radio

1. Trade; 2. Spartan

Solution

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals G

KXW TCVOFWTJ IF GFDI FXI IQT

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DTSFB CHGHHFBG:

PB HBITO VDFSTGGFD.

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10. Atmospheric pressure
9. Japan
8. Mjolnir
7. Abraham Lincoln
6. Oceanic Airlines
5. Pelican
4. Mediterranean Sea
3. A type of bat
2. A type of bat
1. 24



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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Aldine ISD Seeks to Hire More Male Teachers of Color

The district has partnered with the University of Houston to recruit community teachers in a new grow-your-own program.

Our Why

Aldine ISD is pushing forward with efforts to increase the number of community educators of color working in schools through a community-based grow-your-own program. Chief of Staff Sheleah D. Reed said the actions form part of the district’s equity work. Aldine ISD’s student of color growth is outpacing the need for highly-qualified community teachers of color. In a field dominated by women, AISD also seeks to increase male teachers of color, which is a focus of CTED’s recruitment efforts this spring.

The district has partnered with the University of Houston College of Education in the Community Teacher Equity Development (CTED) program to advance its equity goals. The mission is to dismantle inequitable barriers that limit marginalized and minoritized groups’ access to teacher education programs by creating pathways that support their ability to become teachers in K-12 classrooms. CTED also has partnerships with Alief and Houston school districts.

“This is a bold effort as we move forward,” said Reed. “We’re excited about the Community Teacher Equity Development Program. We know that students of color reach better outcomes when taught by teachers of color. Students have better academic performance, improved graduation rates, and are more likely to attend college. This work is about fulfilling the priorities and goals of our strategic plan. All of our students must have access to high-quality schools and learning experiences that prepare them for their futures. All Aldine ISD students will graduate with choices and opportunities.”

CTED focuses on developing high-quality teachers to diminish educational inequity for all students. The goal is to advance equity in teacher development and school systems by nurturing culturally responsive, equity-focused educators who:

Community Teacher Equity Development (CTED) Program is Now Recruiting

CTED is committed to dismantling inequity in teacher development and school systems through supporting the academic and professional advancement of ethnoracially, culturally, and linguistically diverse educators.

Who Should Apply to the Aldine ISD CTED Program?

Community members, paraeducators, parents, substitute teachers, and school-certified staff interested in becoming teachers should apply. African American men are strongly encouraged to apply. They should:

Learn more about the program at an information session on January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/ewA2tq4AHK6EY4wy7>

The virtual meeting link will be provided after filling out RSVP information.

For more information contact: cted@cougarnet.uh.edu

COMMUNITY WATCH

Fatal Shooting at 5135 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male that occurred at 5135 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) service road about 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday (Jan. 19).

The identity of the victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives J. Brown and M. Condon reported:

The victim pulled into a parking space in an apartment complex at the above address and was immediately shot by an unknown suspect. The suspect fired a rifle through the victim’s passenger window, striking the victim multiple times. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect fled in a black Chrysler or Impala sedan in an unknown direction.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Suspects wanted who stole over \$100k in gold coins

Crime Stoppers and the Harris County Constable’s Office Precinct Two need the public’s assistance identifying the suspects responsible for a Burglary of a Vehicle.

On Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at approximately 3:00 p.m., two male suspects burglarized a vehicle in the 11800 block of East Freeway in Houston, Texas. During the incident, the suspects were captured on video surveillance in the parking lot burglarizing vehicles. The suspects stole over \$100,000 of gold coins. The suspects fled the scene in an unknown direction.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

Fatal Shooting at 301 West Little York Road

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man and woman that occurred at 301 West Little York Road about 4:50 a.m. on Monday (January 17).

The victims, Naryssa Wright, 26, and Malakai Williams, 21, were both pronounced deceased.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant R. Olive and Officer T. Tyler reported:

Officers responded to a report of a shooting at an apartment at the above address and found Ms. Wright had suffered from a gunshot wound to the head. She was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest where she was pronounced deceased. Mr. Williams was found in a different area of the apartment and had also suffered a gunshot wound to the head. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A resident of the apartment reported they heard a gunshot and saw an unknown suspect shoot Wright. The suspect also shot at the resident and then fled the location in an unknown direction.

The suspect is described only as a black male known as “Dre”, approximately 20 years old, about 5’7” tall and 135 pounds. He was wearing a red hoodie and light blue jeans. His hair has long, twisted braids.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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Texas Reskilling grant helps displaced workers train at HCC

The Texas Reskilling Grant Program aims to support displaced Texas workers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic who need to learn new skills or further develop current skills in order to return to the workforce. Texas students who were previously attending HCC for a certificate or degree but have not completed it also qualify.

Eligible candidates can receive grant funding to cover tuition and fees for the Fall 2021 semester.

This is a last-dollar grant program, meaning that it will only cover directly billed tuition and fees that are left-

over after other grants and scholarships are awarded. Priority will be given to students who are pursuing degrees/certificates in high-growth and high-demand job areas as well as undergraduate students who are near the end of their degree plan. Learn more at hccs.edu/texasreskilling

District Students Earn 5 Gold Keys and 25 Silver Keys at the 2022 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Amiee Mahindarante, Danna Santamaria and Shonease Murphy of MacArthur HS, and Jade Jiménez of Carver HS were recognized during the January Board of Trustees meeting for earning prestigious Gold Key in the 2022 regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards contest. Also pictured are Chief Academic Officer Dr. Todd Davis, MacArthur HS Principal Shauna Showers and Assistant Principal Aquilla Aubry, Director of Visual Arts Kaileigh Newman, and Carver HS Principal Dr. Tracie Robinson.

The competition recognizes the vision, ingenuity, and talent of creative teens. Notable alumni of Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are Stephen King, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, Truman Capote, Andy Warhol, Ken Burns, Joyce Carol Oates, Cy Twombly, Marc Brown, Richard Linklater, Zac Posen, and Amanda Gorman.

Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) recently announced the teens for the 2022 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Four Aldine ISD students — Jade Jiménez, Aimee Mahindaratne, Shonease Murphy, and Danna Santamaria — earned Gold Keys in Art, with Danna earning two Gold Keys for two different pieces. Additionally, 23 received Silver Keys, with two of those students earning two Silvers for different artworks. The awards in the writing competition will be announced later in January.

HCDE annually sponsors the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. School districts, private schools, and home schools are represented as students earning Gold Key, Silver Key, and honorable mention awards. Each year, students submit their work through teachers who support and participate in HCDE's regional competition. Several hundred volunteer art and writing professionals judge the submissions.

All Scholastic Art and Writing competition entries are considered for multiple awards, with the Gold Key being the pinnacle award. These awards are presented to students during celebration ceremonies and exhibitions in each region of the state. Jurors look for work that exemplifies the Awards' core values: originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

The regional Gold Key entries are automatically considered for national awards in New York City, where world-renowned creative professionals will judge them. En-

tries are selected for awards without knowledge of the student's gender, age, ethnicity, or hometown by some of the foremost visual and literary arts leaders. Many Scholastic Awards alumni have lent their expertise as jurors, including Michael Bierut, Philip Pearlstein, Edward Sorel, Red Grooms, and Gary Panter. Other luminaries who have served as judges include Langston Hughes, Robert Frost, Judy Blume, Billy Collins, Paul Giamatti, Francine Prose, Edwidge Danticat, David Sedaris, Lesley Stahl, Nikki Giovanni, Roz Chast, Wangechi Mutu, Andres Serrano, Kiki Smith, Jill Kraus, Shinique Smith, Rashid Johnson, and Waris Ahluwalia.

The national winners will be announced in March and awarded in June at a ceremony at Carnegie Hall.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running prestigious recognition program for creative teens. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were founded in 1923 and, for nearly a century, have inspired bold ideas in creative teens throughout the country. Notable Alumni include Stephen King, Dan Fogelberg, Sylvia Plath, Robert Redford, Truman Capote, Andy Warhol, Joyce Carol Oates, Marc Brown, Jaida Jones, and Amanda Gorman. They all earned awards as Scholastic Art & Writing Awards as teens.

Gold Keys Represent the Top 5 Percent of Entries

In the 2022 art categories, Aldine ISD students earned five Gold Keys, 25 Silver Keys, and 39 Honorable Mention awards.

To view all the regional award recipients and information about receptions and award ceremonies, visit the HCDE website. Visit the Scholastic Art & Writing website to learn more about the competition.

Bridging the digital divide at HCC

To help bridge the digital divide for students with limited access to technology, HCC Information Technology offers a range of resources to ensure that HCC students have the technological tools needed to complete their academic pursuits at the college.

HCC continues to

- evaluate needs and add new resources as necessary. HCC offers the following programs:
- Technology Loaner Program through library system (laptops and Wi-Fi hotspot devices)
- Free software for students
- Technical support

for students

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