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Aldine ISD will not require Masks starting March 7. See Story.

Brittney Griner arrested at Russian Airport

Former Aldine star woman's basketball player, Brittney Griner, is reported to have been arrested at the airport as she prepared to leave Russia. She now plays for the Phoenix Mercury, and in the off-season for a Russian team.

She was detained after the Russian Federal Customs Service said it discovered cartridges containing hashish oil in her luggage at the Sheremetyevo airport. The offense could carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.



USA Basketball said in a tweet Saturday that it is monitoring the situation. "Brittney has always handled herself with the utmost professionalism during her long tenure with USA Basketball and her safety and wellbeing are our primary concerns," the tweet read.

Griner is a center for WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and has played in Russia for the last seven years in the winter. She last played for her Russian team UMMC Ekaterinburg on Jan. 29 before the league took a two-week break in early February for the FIBA World Cup qualifying tournaments.

Griner, 31, has won two Olympic gold medals with the U.S., a WNBA championship with the Mercury, and a national championship at Baylor. She is a seven-time All-Star. "We love and support her." **Continued. See Griner arrested, Page 2**

Aldine ISD lifts Mask Mandate March 7

HOUSTON, March 1, 2022 - Aldine ISD will lift its mask mandate on Monday, March 7 due to an ongoing decline in COVID-19 cases in the district, expanded vaccine eligibility for younger children and updated guidance from the CDC, state and local health officials. The district will no longer require students, staff, and visitors to wear facemasks at district facilities or events.

Superintendent LaTonya M. Goffney said that while she remains

cautious, the decision was based on the data and facts available to the district. She emphasized that the district will continue to prioritize safety while never sacrificing learning.

"We know we are not out of the woods when it comes to the pandemic. However, we have all the tools and procedures in place to ensure our students can continue to learn in a safe and healthy learning environment," said Goffney. "For the safety and wellbeing



SUPERINTENDENT LATONYA GOFFNEY

of our community, I still encourage everyone to wear masks and take precautions. I strongly en-

courage everyone to get vaccinated, to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy."

Although no longer required, the district continues to strongly encourage the wearing of facemasks, especially for unvaccinated individuals, to minimize the spread of the virus. While the COVID-19 vaccine is not required, the district encourages all eligible students and staff to get vaccinated. Aldine ISD will continue to work

with community partners to help ensure the community is educated and has access to testing and vaccines.

The district will continue to monitor local and school cases to further adjust health and safety protocols as appropriate. Aldine ISD's COVID-19 dashboard will also continue to be updated daily with active lab-confirmed cases of Aldine staff and students who have been in district schools and facilities.

County sets \$8mil for new Early Childhood program

HARRIS COUNTY, TX - February 22, 2022, Harris County Commissioners Court on Tuesday awarded grantees a combined total of \$7.9 million in American Rescue Plan funds provided by the Biden-Harris Administration to seed a targeted portfolio of early childhood programs, including resources for educators and new parents, and the expansion of home-based child care providers.

Commissioners approved the following contracts on a 3 to 2 vote:

-- \$4.6 million to Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) to implement Build the upWORDS Community-Based Universal and Targeted Intervention Model: The program will provide universal education, resources, and materials to parents of young children. Over three years, 20,000 children will be served and TCH will train 6,000 early childhood educators.

-- \$2.4 million to First3Years to implement Expand the Safe Babies Approach in Harris County: This initiative, which will be offered to 300 young children and their families over three years, is designed to improve family reunification by strengthening the relationship between birth and foster parents.

-- \$906,173 to The Alliance for Home-Based Child Care Supports to expand home-based child care operations. This effort will



HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO

create jobs, creating at least 23 licensed programs that will add child care capacity in low- to moderate-income communities.

-- Funding for independent evaluators to assess the impacts of the program

The contract awards mark a significant milestone in the \$10 million Early Childhood Impact Fund (ECIF), a historic investment in Harris County's youngest residents. The program incubator launched in October 2020, attracting a diverse array of proposals from local, national, and international applicants. A rigorous evaluation process narrowed the pool based on potential for impact, evidence base, the organization's experi-

Continued. See Early Childhood, Page 2

Rep. Walle new chair of Legislative Study Group

AUSTIN – For almost three decades, the Texas Legislative Study Group (LSG) has provided valuable policy analysis. LSG Floor Reports and detailed policy reports have played an important role in crafting legislation that benefit all Texans. Rep. Garnet Coleman has been a member of the LSG since its inception and has chaired the LSG since 2003.

With his announcement that he will retire from the House on February 28, Chair Coleman has asked Representative Armando Walle to serve as LSG Chair upon his retirement at the end of the month.

Representative Walle has been active in the LSG since he came to the Texas House in 2009. He has a working knowledge of LSG operations through his service as LSG Treasurer in addition to a proven record of pursuing policy solutions that benefit all Texans.

LSG Chair Garnet Coleman released the following statement:

"It has been an honor to serve as the Chair of the Texas Legislative Study Group. Representative Walle has a proven track record of pursuing policies that help all Texas families, and I am confident that he will do an ex-

cellent job serving as the chair."

Representative Walle released the following statement: "Chairman Coleman's record



REP. ARMANDO WALLE AT PODIUM OF TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

of public service is second to none, and his work as LSG Chair has earned the respect of his colleagues in the House and all those involved in the legislative process. I look forward to continuing the important work of the LSG as Chair as we prepare for the 2023 legislative session."

The Legislative Study Group (LSG) is a caucus in the Texas House of Representatives that is committed to developing sound public policy that benefits all Texas families. Created in 1993, the LSG has become one of the leading policy resources in the Texas Capitol.

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Message from the Superintendent,
March 1, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

It's hard to believe it, but March is here, and we are almost halfway done with our second semester. Today March 1, is Texas Girls in STEM Day. As a female, a mother to a high school daughter, and a person of color, I hope you encourage the girls in your homes and classrooms to consider STEM. We need more talented women in STEM careers where they are underrepresented. Even more lacking than a representation of women overall, minority women in STEM fields. According to the U.S. Census, 73% of STEM jobs are held by males. Texas Girls in STEM Day was passed in House Bill 3435. The special observation was proposed by State Representative Rhetta Bowers “to celebrate and encourage the participation of girls in this state in fields related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.” Consider a Choice School option for your daughters as you look toward the 2022-2023 school year. We offer a wide range of STEM options, including an all-girls school. Registration for the new school year is open now.

As we move through year three of five in our partnership with The Holdsworth Center, the center is looking to collect valuable information from Aldine ISD employees. All employees should have received an email from Holdsworth last Friday, February 25. The survey will be open from March 1-8, and we strongly encourage everyone to take the time to complete the survey.

We closed February with our Black History Month celebrations, which included our 2nd annual Black History Oratory Competition. Students in grades 3-12 gave presentations, describing how an African American leader has demonstrated leadership by inspiring others, connecting people of different cultures, and impacting change. Twelfth-grader Jordan Nelson from Carver High School took first place in the Ninth Grade and High School Category; Katherine McKenzie, a seventh-grader at Young Women’s Leadership Academy at Parker, took first place in the Middle School Category; and Calvert Elementary School fifth-grader Alexa Watts took home first place in the Elementary School Category. A big congratulations to the winners. You did an amazing job, and I am so proud of you and all the students that took part.

The pandemic continues to be a part of our lives, and we have learned to live with it. Due to a continuing downward trajectory of cases, expanded vaccine eligibility, and the county reducing the threat level, we will be lifting the mask requirement on March 7. The district will no longer require students, staff, and visitors to wear face masks at district facilities, buses, or events. We did not come to this decision lightly. We continue to follow the data and experts, like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which announced that it relaxed face mask guidelines. From the beginning of the pandemic, we have continued *to go as fast as we can but as slow as we must*, ensuring we prioritize safety without sacrificing learning. We have remained flexible and continue moving forward during this pandemic. This is one of those times. I am grateful to you for your support as we navigate the pandemic together. While I remain cautious, we must follow the data and facts available to the district. The top priorities of Aldine ISD are the safety and academic success of all students. Let’s continue to create meaningful learning experiences for students — our number one priority, always. Let’s continue moving forward!

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent



- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- **March 5:** The district is hosting a **Teacher and Substitute Teacher Job Fair** on Saturday, March 5, from **9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** at Davis High School (12525 Ella Blvd. • Houston, TX 77067). Click here for details.
 - **Ongoing Until March 5:** District of Innovation (DOI) Plan Survey — The current Local Innovation Plan will expire this spring. The proposed plan is open for public comment until March 5. Click here to submit your comments on our proposal. Click here for more information.
 - **Mar. 14-18:** Spring Break
 - **Mar. 21** on Traditional School Calendar: Student Holiday and a Staff Work Day
 - **Mar. 21** on ADSY Calendar (Ermel and Vines) is regular School Day and Staff Work Day
 - **Ongoing Until May 31:** Preregistration for eligible PreK3, PreK4, and kindergarten students is open for the 2022-2023 school year. Click here for details on how to register.

- OBSERVATIONS**
- March**
- **Mar.1:** Texas Girls in STEM Day
 - **Mar. 6-12:** Texas Educational Diagnosticians’ Week
 - **Mar. 6-11:** School Social Work Week
 - **Mar. 7-11:** National School Breakfast Week, theme “Take Off With School Breakfast”
 - **Mar. 8:** International Women’s Day
 - **Mar. 11:** International SEL Day
 - **Mar. 31:** César Chávez Day

- 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 or TASFA application.
 - The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. Click here for more information.
 - 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.



District Student Named
National Merit Finalist

Renny Hoang, a student at Davis High School, has been named a National Merit Finalist for 2022.

This is the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. Students across the country will compete for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarship awards worth more than \$30 million, offered this spring.

Renny is among approximately 15,000 finalists advanced out of a nationwide pool of 16,000 semifinalists chosen in September and represented the highest-scoring entrants in each state on the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. To become a finalist, semifinalists had to submit a scholarship application, have an outstanding academic record, be recommended by a school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores confirming their qualifying test performance.

Davis High School is a traditional high school named after General Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the United States Air Force

general and commander of the World War II Tuskegee Airmen. He was the first African-American brigadier general in the USAF. In 1998, he was advanced to four-



Davis HS Principal Anthony Watkins poses with students Renny Hoang (at right, in white shirt) and Mike Rodriguez were recognized at the October 19 Board Meeting for being named National Recognition Program Scholars by the College Board. Renny was also honored as a National Merit Semi-Finalist.

star general by President Bill Clinton.

The school offers an Introduction to Aviation and Aerospace course to Grades 9-12. The Aeronautics and Aviation elective is currently held at Davis Senior High School for students interested in aviation.

Aldine ISD Names 2022 District
Teacher of the Year Finalists

Aldine ISD has announced the six 2021-2022 District Teacher of the Year finalists.

After each school selected a campus Teacher of the Year, the pool of 83 campus teachers of the year was narrowed down to six finalists. Each finalist has been interviewed by the Teacher of the Year selection committee and two teachers will be chosen to represent Aldine ISD as the 2022 District Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year.

The District Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year will be announced during the annual Educators of the Year Breakfast on March 11, and represent Aldine ISD in the Region 4 Teacher of the Year program.

Congratulations to the top six Teacher of the Year Finalists!

Elementary Teacher of the Year Finalists

- Chantil Gill**
Kujawa Elementary
- Linda Nigro**
Vardeman Primary School
- Jordy Rios**
Oleson Elementary School

Secondary Teacher of the Year Finalists

- Mackenzie Cho**
MacArthur Senior High School
- Carissa Clohessy**
Drew Academy
- Daryle Freeman**
Davis Senior High School

ALDINE ISD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022-2023

District Traditional School Year Calendar and Additional Days School Year Calendar for 2022-2023 Available

Parents and students can start making their summer and back-to-school plans and marking key dates.

The start date is Wednesday, August 17, 2022, for schools under the district’s traditional school year calendar. The last day of school will be June 1, 2023.

For students attending the district’s four schools on the additional school days school year (ADSY) calendar — Vines Primary, Ermel Elementary, Harris Elementary, and Smith Elementary — the first day of instruction will be Monday, July 18, 2022. The last day of school will be June 16, 2023.

Thanksgiving will be a whole week for students on either school year calendar.

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved the calendar recommendations for the 2022-2023 instructional calendar during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 15.

The district received input from teachers, parents, community members, campus administrators, and support staff through an online survey on the two proposed calendars.

Traditional School Year Calendar 2022-2023 Important Dates

August 17 — First Day of School
September 5 — Labor Day Holiday
October 17 — Fall Holiday
November 8 — Election Day
Nov. 21-25 — Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22-Jan. 4 — Midwinter Break
January 16 — Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
February 20 — Presidents Day
March 13-17 — Spring Break
April 7 — Spring Holiday
May 29 — Memorial Day Holiday
June 1 — Last Day of School

Click here for a complete list of dates on the traditional school year calendar.

Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Calendar 2022-2023 For Vines Primary, Ermel Elementary, Harris Elementary & Smith Elementary Important Dates

July 18 — First Day of School
August 15 — Student Holiday
Sept. 2-6 — Student Holiday
October 17 — Student Holiday
November 8 — Election Day
Nov. 21-25 — Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 21-Jan. 6 — Midwinter Break
January 16 — Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
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OPINION

By Grace Chimene, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

League of Women Voters of Texas criticizes the March 1 Primary Election, and SB1 Voter Restrictions

AUSTIN — Today, the League of Women Voters of Texas President Grace Chimene issued the following statement about the March 1 primary election:

“Texas held the first 2022 primary election in the nation under the additional stress of a new, massive election bill, Senate Bill 1, which created even more challenges for voters in Texas.

“During the 2020 General Election, Texans all over the state benefited from more voting opportunities, such as expansion of early voting, extended hours at the polling places, and more options to return vote-by-mail ballots.

“However, as we all expected, the new election law caused heart-breaking confusion among voters in the 2022 primary elections. Most notably, the new ID number requirements that needed to be added in Ballot by Mail applications and ballot carrier envelopes complicated voting. These new requirements hit older voters and voters with disabilities particularly hard. While we don’t have the final results on how many ballots were able to be cured, we do know that an extraordinary percentage of vote-by-mail ballots were rejected. But election officials were not allowed to promote or even educate voters about the new Ballot by Mail processes under threats of criminal prosecution.

“Election officials were also overwhelmed with the major changes to the election laws. The Secretary of State’s office, which had the Herculean task of carrying out the massive updates to the Election Code, was late in providing updates to its website, in training county election officials and in sharing advisories to county election officials on these major changes. Voter education and voting access were the casualties of the draconian change in election law and severe delay in useful education.

“In addition to new voting requirements, the new election law also made election officials subject to new criminal penalties and provided more authority to partisan poll watchers. “Voters reported unplanned closures of polling sites due to lack of election workers. Not surprisingly, the new privileges given to partisan poll watchers intensified the pressure on poll workers and voters at the polls.

“Our primary election did not need to be difficult for voters. The League of Women Voters of Texas and our voting rights partners warned the Texas Legislature that SB1 would have negative consequences for voter access in our state. Because of this new election law, too many voters were silenced during our primary elections. It is critical that the Secretary of State collaborate with counties well before the November General Election to address the obstacles voters faced in the primaries. The League of Women Voters of Texas will continue to support voter education and provide useful information to encourage voters to participate in our elections.

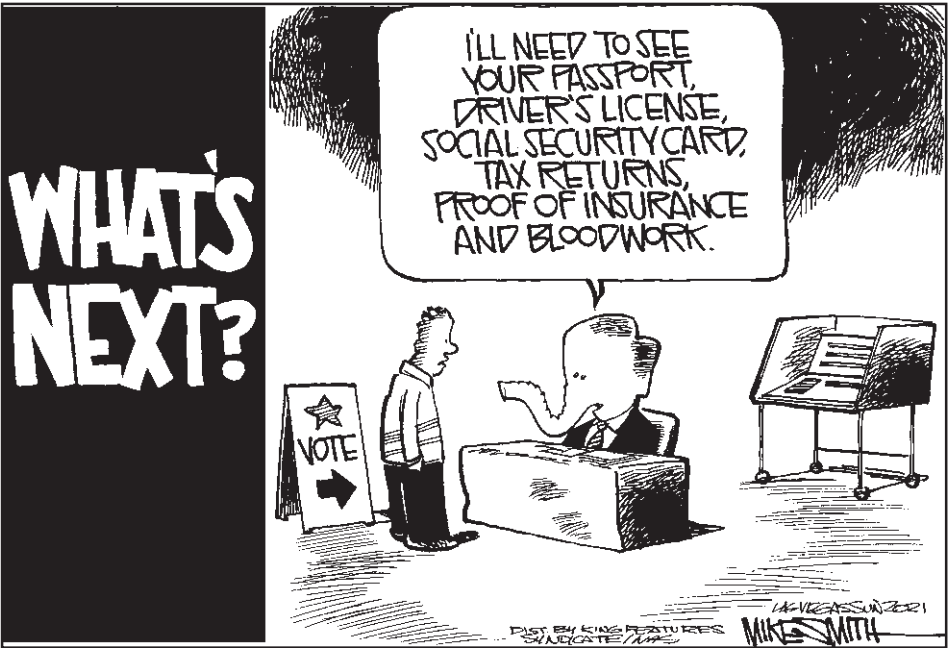
“Ensuring a safe and secure election while providing voters with the information they need to participate fully in our democracy should be a priority for the Texas Legislature, the Texas Secretary of State and county election officials. We call upon the Office of the Texas Secretary of State and county election officials to work together to improve democracy for all Texas voters.”

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

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



State High Court Hears Challenge to Abortion Law

The Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments last week on the question of whether state regulators can be sued by abortion providers hoping to block enforcement of the state’s restrictive abortion law, known as Senate Bill 8.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that abortion providers bringing the suit argued that “state agencies regulating doctors, nurses, pharmacists and the health care system have an enforcement role that makes them an appropriate target of their own lawsuit against SB8.”

Solicitor General Judd Stone II argued for the state that the law was written to say only private citizens can enforce SB8 by filing civil suits against abortion providers who violate the ban on abortions after the sixth week of pregnancy.

“The goal here is just to figure out the ordinary English meaning of this statute,” Stone argued. “There simply is no ordinary English interpretation that entertains any possibility of public enforcement (by state agencies or regulators),” the Statesman reported.

Abortion providers have filed a number of lawsuits in federal courts, with the U.S. Supreme Court declining to keep the law from taking effect last September as appeals are heard. The case heard in state court last week also will likely end up before the nation’s highest court.

COMPTROLLER HOSTING BROADBAND LISTENING TOURS

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar began touring a dozen Texas communities this month to get insight from Texans about internet access and to receive input as the state develops its first comprehensive broadband internet plan.

The events are free but require registration in advance. The first forum was held March 1 at Prairie View A&M University, with others planned in Vic-



toria, Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Amarillo, Beaumont, Waco, Tyler, Abilene, El Paso, Edinburg and San Angelo.

Further information and a link to an online survey for those who can’t attend can be found here: comptroller.texas.gov/programs/broadband/communities/tour

ABBOTT ORDERS ENHANCED PROTECTION AGAINST CYBERATTACKS

Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered two state agencies to “use every available resource” to safeguard the state’s infrastructure as the potential for Russian cyberattacks increases. Abbott sent a letter to the Texas Department of Information Resources and the Texas Department of Public Safety to that effect last week. He ordered DIR and DPS to:

- Enhance Texas’ cyber security through the use of best industry practices and other key measures.
 - Ensure Texas can quickly detect a potential cyber intrusion through the use of software services, such as antivirus and endpoint detection and response technologies.
 - Prepare for an intrusion by utilizing a cyber incident response team.
 - Maximize the state’s resilience to a destructive cyber incident.
 - Track and report any attacks from Russian sources so the public is fully aware of their tactics.
- “Protecting the state of Texas from cyber threats during this time of Russian aggression is paramount,” Abbott wrote.

ARREST MADE IN TIMBER FRAUD CASE

Law enforcement investigators with the Texas A&M Forest Service arrested a Magnolia man last week on two counts of timber theft. Philip Eugene McKenzie, Jr., 60, was charged.

“Mr. McKenzie had timber harvest agreements with two Walker County landowners and failed to pay them for the timber that was harvested from their property,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Criminal Investigator Josh Mizrany. In addition, McKenzie has a pending charge for unauthorized timber harvest in Montgomery County.

Timber theft includes harvesting timber without the landowner’s knowledge or consent, to entering into a formal agreement and not paying landowners the full purchase price and even stealing timber from logging companies.

Landowners who suspect timber theft or suspicious timber sale agreements should call the forest service timber theft hotline at [1-800-364-3470](tel:1-800-364-3470).

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR TEA STUDENT HERO AWARD

The Texas Education Agency is seeking nominations for public school students in all grades who provide an outstanding volunteer service benefiting their fellow students, schools, or their communities. One student from each of the 15 State Board of Education districts will be recognized and will receive a plaque and medal from SBOE.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone. The deadline to nominate an outstanding student is 5 p.m. March 31. The form can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/mubxb7af>.

COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE DROPPING STATEWIDE

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop steeply as the omicron variant fades, with 36,814 reported in the past week by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That is less than 10% of the number reported at the variant’s peak in mid-January. A total of 1,127 deaths were reported in the past week, also a sharp decrease. Hospitalizations are also down, with 3,949 reported as of Sunday by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who have been fully vaccinated is slowly inching up, with 17.22 million now fully vaccinated, according to DSHS, with 6.26 million Texans also getting a booster dose.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

No Time for Butter

My great-uncle John never buttered his bread.

“I don’t have time for butter!” he insisted. I never knew how much time butter took, but apparently it was more than Uncle John could spare.

Time passes so often without notice. A day seems to pass in the time it takes to butter a piece of bread. Last night, my husband, Peter, said that we met seven years ago.

“Eight years,” I corrected him.

We will celebrate our seventh wedding anniversary next month and, while the romance was quick, we had known one another for a year. We married on the one-year anniversary of the day we met.

“That’s right,” Peter said. “Time passes too quickly!”

He is always saying that. He also says that, while he doesn’t know how much time we’ll have together, he knows it will not be enough. (Peter is a romantic. There’s no denying it.)

We are traveling in Mexico now. My temporary desk is set up against a window. I can see the progress being made on the house next door, which is acquiring a new story. I can see the spires of the churches in the distance. I can hear the traffic of cars going by, which seems unnaturally loud as they travel over cobblestones, and the sounds of the roosters and the dogs who always seem to have something urgent to report.

We are traveling again and making plans. I have actual activities written in an actual calendar. Things are slowly returning to normal and, of course, that’s a good thing. But it feels as if time is speeding up.

My days blend into one another and, before I know it, it is afternoon and I am taking my daily walk through the streets of this Mexican city, seeing something that surprises me every single afternoon saying hello to several dozen friendly strangers and greeting their dogs. The weather has been cool. I note the butcher’s very fat pug is wearing a jacket. The jacket is a little tight, and the pug looks embarrassed.

“What a nice jacket!” I say to the butcher in Spanish, and the butcher laughs. The pug wags its tiny tail but doesn’t look too sure. And another day passes.

It is a cliché, but it is still true that time is the only thing we cannot buy. It is our most limited commodity and our most precious resource. I guess that’s why it shocks me how much of it I allow to slip away without notice.

But when I think back on a year ago today, time did slow down for a while. Peter and I stayed at home and the only people we saw were Peter’s sister, Lori, and her husband. Every week, Peter cooked and I read and time seemed to slow to a stop. There was no pressure to do more—there was nothing more we could do. And so, we talked until Lori was tired and, a few days later, we did it again. Lori died later in the year.

Now time has resumed its normal pace, and it’s good to be traveling and seeing friends and family again. But sometimes it feels as if I’ve forgotten something important about the time that just passed. Sometimes it seems to me that there was a lesson in that time that I could use now, as my calendar fills.

Because the time that just passed was not like the time that came before or the time after. For a while, time took time off. For a while, I had time for butter.

Till next time.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

11-year-old dies after being shot outside NE Harris Co. residence

HARRIS COUNTY, Texas – A child has died after he was shot while standing outside of the Vireo Apartments in northeast Harris County Thursday night, authorities say.

According to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, the child was shot multiple times in the 12200 block of Tidwell.

Gonzalez said he is unsure of the child’s exact age, but he was either 11 or 12 years old.

He was taken to the hospital before being pronounced deceased.

Anyone with information is asked to contact HCSO at 713-274-9100 or 713-222-TIPS.

Update to shooting on Tidwell: the child, believed to be 11 or 12 yrs old, has been pronounced deceased at the hospital. Our condolences go out to his family. Shooting occurred in the parking lot of the Vireo Apts. If you have info, pls call us at 713-274-9100 or 713-222-TIPS.

Pct 3 deputies responded to a shooting at the 12200 blk of Tidwell.

Suspect shot by HPD officer in Shooting Incident at 7800 Tidwell

Charges are pending against a suspect who fired shots at Houston police officers and was then shot by officers at 7800 Tidwell Road about 8:40 a.m. today (Feb. 27).

The male suspect, believed to be in his 30s, was transported to an area hospital in critical condition. He is facing charges of two counts of aggravated assault against a public servant and one count of aggravated robbery. The suspect’s identity is not known at this time.

The three HPD officers who discharged their weapons are P. Foster of the Tactical Operations Division, and D. Jenkins and C. Welch of the Northeast Patrol Division. Officer Foster was sworn in as an officer in April 2008, Officer Welch in May 2017 and Officer Jenkins in May 2019.

HPD Special Investigations Unit Sergeant J. Hekimian and Detectives N. Arellano, V. Nguyen and C. Walker reported:

The suspect stole a man’s vehicle at gunpoint in the southwest area of Houston and fled the area. Officers from the Northeast Patrol Station and K-9 Units received information from a dispatcher about the robbery and vehicle. A K-9 unit officer (Foster) spotted the vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle with his lights and sirens. The suspect ignored the officer and a pursuit ensued. Other officers from Northeast Patrol assisted in the pursuit. The officers followed the suspect to the 7800 block of Tidwell Road where the suspect got out of the stolen vehicle and fled on foot. During the

foot pursuit, the suspect discharged his weapon towards the officers and K-9 Nate. At that time, the three officers returned fire and struck the suspect. Paramedics transported the suspect to the hospital.

One officer sustained a minor injury. The two other officers and K-9 Nate were not injured.

As is customary in officer-involved shootings in the city limits resulting in injury, the incident is being investigated by the HPD Special Investigations Unit, Internal Affairs Division and the Harris County District Attorney’s Office.

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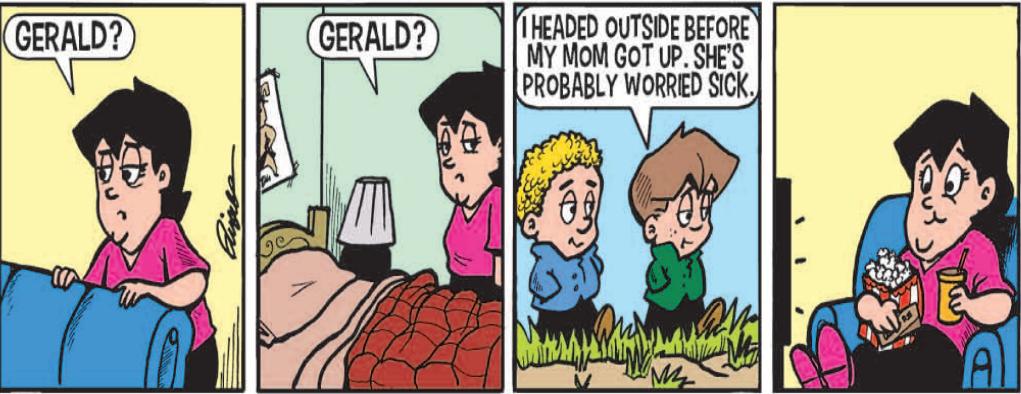
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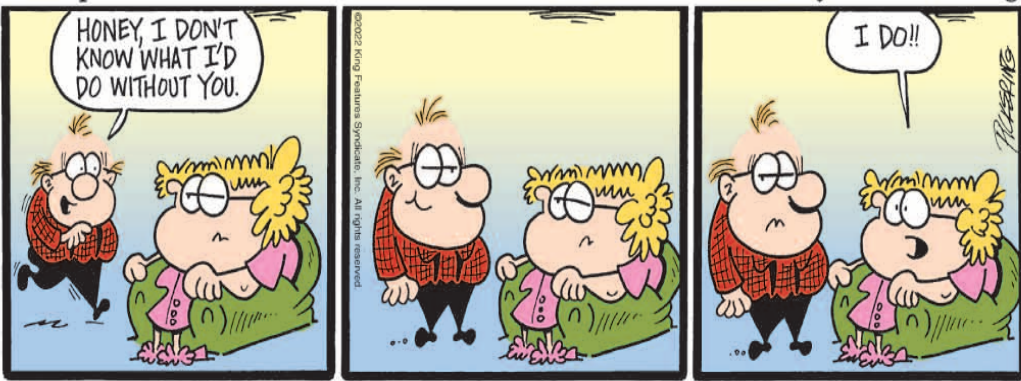
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Birdhouse is missing; 2. Handle is shorter; 3. Jacket is shorter; 4. Lamp is missing; 5. Scarf is shorter; 6. Buttons are missing.

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18 Thai or Korean
19 Oscar contenders
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28 Take five
30 Yoga pad
33 Mafia boss
34 Emulate Lincoln
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36 Dict. info
37 Nick and Nora's pet
38 Arm bone
39 Fireplace residue
41 Luminary
43 Charlton Heston film
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50 Aware of
51 Endless time or space
54 Burning heap
55 Automobile

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1 Met solo
2 Weaponry
3 Mortgage again, for short
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6 Moreover
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40 Loafers, e.g.
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43 Conks on the head
44 "May It Be" singer
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48 Harrow rival
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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which U.S. state is the Devils Tower monument located?
2. LEGAL: Which U.S. Supreme Court justice served for the longest period of time?
3. TELEVISION: Which biker drama is set in the town of Charming, California?
4. WEATHER: What kind of natural disaster is caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president founded the University of Virginia?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a young hare called?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at room temperature?
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features the characters Leopold and Molly Bloom?
9. ASTRONOMY: What planet in our solar system is the farthest from the sun?
10. MOVIES: Which movie portrays the beginnings of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg?

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1. Wyoming; 2. William O. Douglas (36 years); 3. "Sons of Anarchy"; 4. Tsumami; 5. Thomas Jefferson; 6. A leveret; 7. Bromine and Mercury; 8. "Ulysses" (James Joyce); 9. Neptune; 10. "The Social Network"

Trivia Test Answers

SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje de la Superintendente,
1 de Marzo de 2022

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Es difícil de creer, pero marzo está aquí y estamos casi a la mitad de nuestro segundo semestre. Hoy el 1 de marzo es el Día estatal de la mujer y la niña en CTIM. Como mujer, madre de una hija de secundaria y persona perteneciente a una minoría, espero que animen a las niñas en sus hogares y aulas a considerar CTIM. Necesitamos más mujeres talentosas en carreras CTIM donde están subrepresentadas. Aún más asombroso que la falta de representación de mujeres en general, es el déficit de mujeres, en especial la de aquellas pertenecientes a minorías o comunidades marginadas en campos CTIM. Según el censo de EE. UU., el 73 % de los trabajos CTIM están ocupados por hombres. El Día estatal de la mujer y la niña en CTIM se aprobó en el Proyecto de Ley 3435 de la Cámara de Representantes. La representante estatal Rheta Bowers propuso la observación especial “para celebrar y alentar la participación de las niñas en el Estado de Texas en campos relacionados con la ciencia, la tecnología, la ingeniería y las matemáticas”.

Al mirar hacia el ciclo escolar 2022-2023, consideren las Escuelas de Opción para sus hijas. Ofrecemos una amplia gama de opciones de CTIM, incluida una escuela solo paraniñas.



La inscripción para el nuevo ciclo escolar ya está abierta.

A medida que avanzamos en el año tres de cinco en nuestra asociación con The Holdsworth Center, el centro busca recopilar información valiosa de los empleados de Aldine ISD. Todos los empleados deberían haber recibido un correo electrónico de Holdsworth el pasado viernes 25 de febrero. La encuesta estará abierta del 1 al 8 de marzo y recomendamos enfáticamente a todos que se tomen el tiempo para completarla.

Cerramos febrero con nuestras celebraciones del Mes de la Historia Negra que incluyó nuestra segunda competencia anual de oratoria de historia afroamericana. Los alumnos en los grados 3-12 hicieron presentaciones, describiendo cómo un líder afroamericano ha demostrado liderazgo inspirando a otros, conectando a personas de diferentes culturas e impactando el cambio. El alumno de 12.º grado Jordan Nelson de Carver High School obtuvo el primer lugar en la categoría de noveno grado y escuela se-

cundaria; Katherine McKenzie, alumna de séptimo grado en la Academia de Liderazgo de Mujeres Jóvenes en Parker, obtuvo el primer lugar en la categoría de escuela Intermedia; y la alumna de quinto grado de Calvert Elementary School, Alexa Watts, se llevó a casa el primer lugar en la categoría de escuela primaria. Mi sincera enhorabuena a los ganadores. Hicieron un trabajo increíble y estoy muy orgullosa de ustedes y de todos los alumnos que participaron.

La pandemia sigue siendo parte de nuestras vidas y hemos aprendido a convivir con ella. Debido a una trayectoria descendente continua de casos, elegibilidad ampliada para vacunas y el condado reduciendo el nivel de amenaza, eliminaremos el requisito de mascarillas el 7 de marzo. El distrito no requerirá que los alumnos, el personal y los visitantes usen mascarillas en las instalaciones del distrito, autobuses escolares ni en nuestros eventos. No tomamos esta decisión a la ligera. Seguimos siguiendo los datos y los expertos, como los Centros para el Control de Enfermedades (los CDC) que anunció nuevas pautas sobre el uso de mascarillas.

Las nuevas pautas son más flexibles. Desde el comienzo de la pandemia, hemos continuado *yendo tan rápido como podemos pero tan lento como debemos*, asegurándonos de

priorizar la seguridad sin sacrificar el aprendizaje. Nos hemos mantenido flexibles y seguimos avanzando durante esta pandemia juntos. Éste es uno de esos momentos. Les agradezco su apoyo mientras navegamos por la pandemia. Si bien sigo siendo cauteloso, debemos seguir los datos y los hechos disponibles para el distrito. Las principales prioridades de Aldine ISD son la seguridad y el éxito académico de todos los alumnos. Sigamos creando experiencias de aprendizaje significativas para los alumnos: nuestra prioridad número uno, si empre. ¡Sigamos avanzando!

Orgullosa de nuestro distrito,
Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendente

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

- **5 de marzo:** El distrito organizará una **Feria de trabajo para maestros y maestros sustitutos** el sábado 5 de marzo de **9:00 a. m. a 11:00 a. m.** en Davis High School (12525 Ella Blvd. Houston, TX 77067).
- **En curso hasta el 5 de marzo:** Encuesta sobre el Plan del Distrito de Innovación (DOI) — El Plan de Innovación Local actual vencerá esta primavera. El plan propuesto está abierto para comentarios públicos hasta el 5 de marzo. Hagan clic aquí para enviar sus comentarios sobre nuestra propuesta. Hagan clic aquí para más información.
- **14-18 de marzo:** Vacaciones de primavera

El **21 de marzo** bajo el calendario tradicional no habrá clases pero es un Día de trabajo para el personal

El **21 de marzo** bajo el calendario con días escolares adicionales (Ermel y Vines) será un día de asistencia escolar y día de trabajo para el personal

En curso hasta el **31 de mayo:** Se abre la preinscripción para aquellos elegibles para asistir prekinder para niños de tres años y cuatro años para el ciclo escolar 2022-2023. Hagan clic aquí para obtener detalles sobre cómo matricular a sus hijos.

OBSERVACIONES-March

- **1 de marzo:** Día estatal de la mujer y la niña en CTIM o Día de las niñas en CTIM
 - **6-12 de Marzo:** Semana de especialistas de Texas que realizan diagnósticos educativos
 - **6-11 de Marzo:** del Trabajador Social Escolar
 - **7-11 de marzo:** Semana Nacional del Desayuno Escolar, tema «Despega bien tu día con el Desayuno Escolar»
 - **8 de marzo:** Día Internacional de la Mujer
 - **11 de marzo:** Día Internacional del Aprendizaje Socioemocional
 - **31 de marzo:** Día de César Chávez
- RECORDATORIOS**
- El Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad (conocido por su acrónimo FACE en inglés) de Aldine lanzó un nuevo programa este año escolar, Universidad de la familia y la comunidad. Pro-

porcionar el conocimiento y los recursos necesarios para generar confianza y empoderar a las familias para que apoyen a los alumnos académicamente y fomentar el desarrollo de habilidades socioemocionales. Toda la programación es gratuita, se ofrece de forma virtual y en persona, y está abierta a todas las familias de Aldine. Obtengan más información e inscribirse hoy.

El estado de Texas requiere que los alumnos del último año de la escuela secundaria (*high school*) soliciten ayuda financiera para graduarse. La solicitud de FAFSA o una solicitud TASFA.

The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. Click here for more information.

Las principales prioridades de Aldine ISD continúan siendo la seguridad y el éxito académico de todos los alumnos.

Publicaremos toda la información relacionada con nuestras operaciones junto con cualquier actualización en www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

Manténganse conectados visitando la página de Noticias del Distrito y el Podcast del Distrito para mantenerse actualizados sobre las cosas maravillosas que suceden en nuestro distrito escolar.

También pueden conectarse con nosotros en Facebook, Twitter e Instagram.

SEMANA DE ACTIVIDADES DE VACACIONES DE PRIMAVERA

14-18 DE MARZO
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ACTIVIDADES PARA NIÑOS

- LUNES, 14 DE MARZO -DIA DE PI

11am-12pm: Concurso de Memoria de Pi y Actividad de Arte

12-1pm: Concurso de Comer Pie
- MARTES, 15 DE MARZO - DIA DE FABLAB

11am-12pm: Actividad de Etiqueta de Nombre Con Crayola

12-1pm: Freeze Tag
- MIÉRCOLES, 16 DE MARZO - DIA DE JUEGOS DE MESA

11am-12pm: Juegos de Mesa y Premios

12-1pm: Carreras
- JUEVES, 17 DE MARZO- DIA DE FABLAB

11am-12pm: Fabricación de Jabón del Día de San Patricio

12-1pm: Simon Says
- VIERNES, 18 DE MARZO - DIA DE DIVERSION EN EL SOL

11am-12pm: Arcilla de Nubes

12-1pm: Diversion con Globos de Agua

ACTIVIDADES PARA PADRES

- LUNES, 14 DE MARZO- TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE

11am-1pm: Clase de Jardinería en Contenedores
- MARTES, 15 DE MARZO- SALUD EN MIS MANOS (SEMM)

11am-1pm: Prevención del Cáncer de Mama y del Cáncer Cervical
- MIÉRCOLES, 16 DE MARZO - EDUCACION PARA COMPRADORES DE CASA

11am-1pm: Pasos para Comprar Una Casa
- JUEVES, 17 DE MARZO - BANCO FIRST CONVENIENCE

11am-1pm: Educación Financiera
- VIERNES, 18 DE MARZO- MANUALIDAD Y PREPARACION DE MERIENDA

11am-1pm: Coronas de Pascua y Preparación de Una Merienda

KIDS ACTIVITES

- MONDAY, MARCH 14TH -PI DAY

11am-12pm: PI Memory Contest & Art Activity

12-1pm: Pie Eating Contest
- TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH - FAB LAB DAY

11am-12pm: Crayon Name Tag Activity

12-1pm: Freeze Tag
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH - BOARD GAME DAY

11am-12pm: Board Games and Prizes

12-1pm: Sack Races
- THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH- FAB LAB DAY

11am-12pm: St. Patrick's Day Soap Making

12-1pm: Simon Says
- FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH - FUN IN THE SUN DAY

11am-12pm: Cloud Clay Making

12-1pm: Water Balloon Fight

PARENT ACTIVITES

- MONDAY, MARCH 14TH- TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE

11am-1pm: Container Gardening Class
- TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH- SALUD EN MIS MANOS (SEMM)

11am-1pm: Breast Cancer & Cervical Cancer Prevention
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH - HOME BUYER EDUCATION

11am-1pm: Steps to Buying a House
- THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH - FIRST CONVENIENCE BANK

11am-1pm: Financial Education Workshop
- FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH- CRAFT & SNACK PREPARATION

11am-1pm: Easter Wreaths & Preparing a Snack

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CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

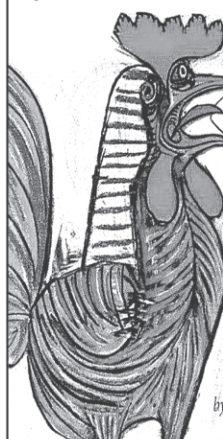
by Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Zacharias in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. According to church tradition dating from the 2nd century, who wrote the book of Acts? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

3. Which book's first verse is, "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people?" Judges, Ruth, Ezra, Lamentations

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...Those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

"A Rooster"
by Pablo Picasso
(1938)

MATTHEW 26: 73-75

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4. Who is the only Old Testament person mentioned as being buried in a coffin? Adam, Eve, Moses, Joseph

5. From Hebrew 7, what priest was without a mother or father? Jehoiada, Melchizedek, Eleazar, Leviticus

6. Who ended many of his letters, "Grace be with you"? James, Paul, Titus, Jude

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Arts Center unveils Martin Luther King Jr. Mural

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. February 23, 2022 at the Houston Culture Arts Center, 13334 Wallisville Rd. celebrating Black History Month was the unveiling of a 12'X10' mural of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Program Manager Gayla Wilson of Volunteer Houston was the Mistress of Ceremony. She said the mural was created by 80 individuals who each painted a part of it by painting individual panels approximately 12"X12". Drawing on their own emotions and perspectives around Dr. King's messages of service, perseverance, and injustice and their part in creating and contributing to his vision of the Beloved Community.

Michelle L. Bonton, M.Ed, Executive Director said, "Dr. King's dream of an overall better quality of life through peace and unity was big. Like Dr. King, Harris County Cultural Arts Council is doing something big! We're using the arts to improve the quality of life and promote unity between people from different backgrounds in unincor-

Harris County Cultural Arts Center displays Kuba mask at MLK opening



The unveiling of The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mural was done by Program Manager Gayla Wilson of Volunteer Houston, a program of Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston and Michelle L. Bonton, M.Ed, Executive Director of The Harris County Culture Arts Center (HCCAC) . (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Individuals witnessing and helping with the unveiling are, L to R: Nelson Espitia (Pct. 2), Darnella Wilkerson (Judge Joe Stephens Office), Ammir Shan Ibrahim (Pct.1), Cindy Miller (Pct. 2), Lawrence Bell (Pct. 3), Vinicius I Goodin - Mayeda (Home Depot), Brenda Roberts-Hurd (Home Depot), Ex. Dir. HCCAC & Pro. Mgr. Gayla Wilson (Photo by Allan Jamail)



Kuba Ceremonial Dance Headdress Mask is one of the many art items on display at the HCCAC. Free tours of the art center are available by calling 832-356-4378. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

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The Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 74 (District) is requesting bids for the rehabilitation and repainting of the 250,000 gallon elevated water storage tank at Water Plant #2 and the 750,000 gallon ground water storage tank at Water Plant #1. Water Plant #2 is located at 4913 Winfield Road, Houston, Texas 77039 and Water Plant #1 is located at 4735 Winfield Road, Houston, Texas 77039. The work to be performed under this project includes the rehabilitation, repainting and structural steel repairs of each water storage tank. Only one tank will be able to be out of service for rehabilitation at a time.

Bids in duplicate copies must be sealed and marked "Water Plant No. 1 & 2 Storage Tanks Rehabilitation" and delivered at the District's Office located at 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, Texas 77039, to arrive no later than 10:00 A.M., local time, Wednesday, March 30, 2022. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time.

Copies of Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com, search Harris County WCID #74 – Water Plant No. 1 & 2 Storage Tanks Rehabilitation. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download plans and specifications for this project. There is NO charge to view or download documents from the website.

The Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #74 reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to accept any bid which it deems advantageous to the District. Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the District, the Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

Bids may be held by the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District #74 for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

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