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NEWS NOTES

East Aldine to hold MURAL FEST2022 on May 21 Mural Contest pays \$5000

The East Aldine District has announced they will hold a Mural Contest to choose an artist to paint a mural on the side of the High Meadows Library during MuralFest22, to be held on Saturday May 21. The painting project will be completed over a three day period at the side of the library.

Interested artists were asked to submit information to the district arts committee, at eaac@aldinedistrict.org. A mural artist will be chosen based on experience and a portfolio and a statement of interest.

Spring Fling at Avalos P-Tech Apr. 29

The Avalos P-Tech Speech & Debate department is presenting a SPRING FLING on Thursday, April 29 from 5:30-8:30pm at the school, 2430 Aldine Mail Route.

Public is welcome, bring the family and enjoy food, games, and purchase raffle tickets. Food is available for sale.

Admission is \$1 under 11, \$2 for 12 years and older.

Raffle Prizes include Dynamo Tickets, Gift Cards, Houston Zoo Admission, and Astros Tickets.

Raffle Tickets are \$1 each, no limit, and Carnival Game Tickets are \$1.

Come out and have some fun with these great P-Tech students and friends.

Jazz Fest set for Town Center on April 23

East Aldine Town Center will host a free Jazz Fest and Concert on Saturday, April 23rd, from 3pm to 7pm, with local and featured performers. The event will take place in the Park and Amphitheater at the new Town Center on Aldine Mail Route. The public is invited to attend any or all of the performances.

Activities include music, face painting, food trucks, a petting zoo, and more.

Sponsors of the event are the Texas Commission on the Arts, the East Aldine District, and the Diaz Music Institute. See page 8 of this issue for more information.



BRITNEY BLOOM

East Aldine Jazz Fest is featuring Guest Artists Britney Bloom, Robert Chapa, Felix Deleon, James Murphy, and Ernesto Vega.

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



ERNESTO VEGA

3:00 PM Waltrip High School
3:30 PM Mead Middle School
3:50 PM Hastings High School
4:10 PM Elsie High School
4:40 PM Atascocita High School
5:10 PM Hambrick Middle School
5:40 PM MacArthur High School



JAMES MURPHY

6:00 PM Baby Caliente
6:20 PM Caliente with special guest Britney Bloom, Robert Chapa, Felix Deleon, James Murphy and Ernesto Vega.

Britney Bloom is an accomplished pianist, singer and songwriter who en-

joys playing and teaching music. Her love of jazz, gospel, classical and fusion not only make her versatile but it makes her sound stand out and draw the listener in for a dreamy interpretation of musical expression. In 2015 Bloom graduated from Texas Southern University with a degree in Music Performance with an emphasis in Jazz Studies. Previously she spent 2 years at the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music where she decided that jazz studies would be her major.

Multi Genre drummer

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Annual Family Day fun at Turner Park

The 14th Annual Family Day was held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at Sylvester Turner Park, 2800 West Little York. Area residents gathered for games, music and free food, courtesy of the sponsors and the City of Houston. And many politicians were present, to greet and talk with their constituents, including Mayor Sylvester Turner, State Rep. Armando Walle and Ana Hernandez, and many others.



Mayor Sylvester Turner tries his hand at the Washboard during Family Day.

Family Day featured three stages with music and other entertainment. J. Paul Jr. and the Zydeco Nubreeds, Carver High School Performing Arts Students, Tiger Rock Martial Arts, Operation Get Fit and more performed throughout the afternoon.

Inflatable games, a rock wall to climb, train rides for the little kids, face-painting, a senior tent pro-

Continued. See Family Day Fun, Page 6

Sales Tax Holiday April 23-25 for Emergency supplies

(AUSTIN) — As we enter severe weather season, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 25.

"Whether it's fires, freezing temperatures or tornadoes, severe weather conditions can strike at any time, so it is important that families, homes and businesses have the sup-

plies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "This tax holiday can help Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations."

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save more than \$1.5 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced at less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300; and

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Aldine educator on Ch13 literacy program

HOUSTON — Director of Literacy Demedia Edwards will be part of a panel for Channel 13's "Turning the Page on Illiteracy," which will air on Wednesday, April 21, at 7 p.m.

Joining Edwards on the panel will be Jacque Daughtry, executive director of Literacy Now; Bronchelle Johnson, principal of Houston ISD's Milne Elementary; Karen Harris, principal of HISD's Cunningham Elementary; Mark Samuel, principal of HISD's Shadowbriar Elementary; and Shawn Nickerson, principal of HISD's Bruce Elementary.

Edwards said she is looking forward to sharing what Aldine ISD is doing to address literacy issues in Aldine ISD.

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In Aldine
everyone
reads the
NORTHEAST
NEWS

Literacy
Program,

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“This panel is a unique opportunity to discuss literacy in Houston, including the ongoing challenges and those made bigger during the pandemic,” Edwards said. “I want to share how we have shifted our practices in Aldine ISD to embrace the Science of Reading (SOR) and how our work is already accelerating students’ growth in reading. Our partner, Literacy Now, has been an important part of our journey. They embrace our SOR and provide instructional support to students in Ogden Elementary’s first and second grades. The data shows students are making steady growth in their reading foundation skills.”

Improving literacy rates in Aldine ISD is one of its strategic plan’s anchor goals and priorities. Two of those goals are to have all rising first-grade students enter school ready to learn and have all third-grade students reading at or above grade level.

AISD teachers are implementing high-quality lessons, both synchronously and asynchronously each day.

Ensuring equitable access to strong instructional practices is paramount to changing literacy in Aldine ISD. Educators are providing high-quality literacy instruction to provide the best educational experience for Aldine ISD students. AISD provides resources and many weekly supports, including recorded exemplar lessons, curriculum snapshot tools, coaching, a plethora of optional professional development offerings, and office hours for teachers. Additionally, resources and training sessions are created in response to teachers’ and students’ unique needs.

The town hall can be viewed on ABC13.com via stream at 7 p.m. on April 21. The video will remain on-demand after 8 p.m. Channel 13 will also cover the day on Eyewitness News at 10 p.m. Individuals can also watch on ABC13’s apps for Roku, Fire TV, Apple TV, Google TV, and via their smartphone.

Sales Tax
Holiday,

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-- portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation item being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation item can be purchased tax-free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase a rescue ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Several over-the-


counter self-care items, such as antibacterial hand sanitizer, soap, spray and wipes, are always exempt from sales tax if they are labeled with a “Drug Facts” panel in accordance with federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.

Purchases that do not qualify include:

- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
- camping stoves and camping supplies;
- chainsaws;
- plywood;
- extension ladders and stepladders; and
- tents.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller’s website.

State TABC closes Aldine Nite Club for prostitution violations



The recently remodeled Las Vegas Nite Club, located at 12,600 W. Hardy Road in Aldine area, has been closed permanently by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

HOUSTON — A Houston bar’s liquor permit has been revoked after investigators from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission’s Special Investigations Unit say they discovered an alleged brothel operating there.

Vegas Nite Club in the 12600 block of the W. Hardy Road was the subject of a TABC emergency order issued this week following an investigation into allegations of prostitution and human trafficking.

On March 26, investigators reportedly made contact with multiple women believed to be working at the location, resulting in some criminal charges being filed. TABC Victim Services offered assistance to all of the possible victims of human trafficking identified that night.

TABC investigators later served the bar owner with an emergency order requiring them to stop all alcohol sales and service for 90 days. An order permanently cancelling the business’ liquor license soon followed.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code Sec. 11.61 requires the Commission to cancel a business’ liquor license or permit if it’s found that “the place or manner in which the permittee conducts the permittee’s business warrants the cancellation or suspension of the permit based on the general welfare, health, peace, morals, and safety of the people.”

“Prostitution is one of the leading indicators of even more serious organized criminal activity, including human trafficking,” said TABC Executive Director Bentley Nettles. “TABC will continue to actively investigate and put a stop to any criminal activity taking place in the businesses we license.”

The case remains under investigation.

Grandfather shot in Home Invasion in the Melrose area



Surveillance video shows one of the four men in the invasion carrying a gun toward the house.

HPD officers examine the scene of the invasion.

HOUSTON – An investigation is underway after police said a man was shot during a home invasion in north Houston Thursday while his grandson was there with him.

It happened in the 1000 block of Carby around 9:48 p.m.

Police said arriving units located a man with a gunshot wound to the head and a gunshot wound to the shoulder. The man was transported by an ambulance to a nearby hospital and is in critical condition, police said.

According to investigators, they were able to review surveillance video and said the homeowner and his 2-year-old grandson were alone in the residence when four men kicked in the front door. The man’s grandson was not harmed during the incident, officers said.

A few minutes later, the suspects were seen leaving the home with a safe. About 30 minutes later, police said the victim’s wife came home and located her husband lying on the floor.

A sledgehammer that the suspects brought with them was found just outside of the front door, but they did not use it.

The suspects are still on the run and police believe the man was targeted. The investigation is ongoing.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

JOB LAB

If you are interested in gaining or improving your resumé skills, we can help! Come join us Apr. 22, 1-2pm, in the computer lab to work on creating your resumé!

YOGA & MEDITATION

Whether you’ve done yoga before or are a beginner, join us April 23 for gentle yoga flow and guided meditation with Kevia Jones (IG@justchilloutyoga). Open to all ages and abilities, starting at 11am.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Join us back in the library for storytime in English and Spanish Wednesdays at 10:30am!

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.

TEEN THURSDAYS

New in April! Teen Thursdays are back! Join us on Thursday afternoons starting at 3:30pm. Each week we will have a fun activity for teens ages 12-18.

LENA

Registration is still open for the English session of Lena Start at Aldine Branch Library this Spring!

Qualifying participants may be eligible to receive \$100!

To register call (832)927-5410 or email ald@hcpl.net. 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!

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

COMPUTER CLASSES

In addition to our online computer classes in both English and Spanish we will now be offering computer classes in person at the library. If you want to participate, call us to register: 832-927-5410.

Tuesdays: various topics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

Wednesdays: Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps, (English computer class), 5-7pm, online

Thursdays: Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps (English computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

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HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

EARTH DAY EVENT:

Everyone is invited to stop by the library on Friday, April 22nd at 1pm for our Earth Day Event. We will have a giveaway of free trees and seeds while supplies last.

STORY TIME @ THE LIBRARY:

Children of all ages are invited to story time at the library. We have story time on Tuesdays at 11am and Thursdays at 1pm. Enjoy finger plays, stories, songs, and more!

TEEN EVENTS:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3pm are for teens at High Meadows Library. Teens are welcome to come in for anime/manga club, gaming, crafting, and more. Stop by the library and grab a calendar.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY:

We need YOU to become a friend of the library. We are currently looking for individuals who would like to help us form a group to be the voice of the community! If you have what it takes, please contact Jennifer at jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

ESL CONVERSATIONAL CLASS:

Every Thursday at 11am we offer free in person Conversational ESL classes. To register, call the library and ask for Jennifer.

BOOK CLUB:

Join our in person book club on Monday, April 25th at 6pm. Help us name our book club and choose books for the next few months.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Register to vote at your local library. We have registration forms available in English & Spanish.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to help teach our ESL Classes. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the library, please contact us and ask for Jennifer.

GRADCAFÉ:

Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library. GRADcafé is a one-stop-shop offering free services to help you decide on a career, explore education and training options, apply to college, and find the financial aid you need. Whether you want to attend college to get a degree or work on a certificate in a professional trade, we are here to guide you through every step. You’re never too young or old to get started. Services are available in English or Spanish.

FREE WIFI HOTSPOTS AT THE LIBRARY

We have FREE WiFi hotspots available on a first come, first serve basis. If you don’t have internet service where you live or if your internet is slow and unreliable, you can check out a WiFi hotspot with unlimited data FREE. All you need is an HCPL library card and if you don’t have a library card, we will get you one.

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

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent, April 11, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

Last week, I mentioned that it is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, a time to honor our volunteers for the invaluable contributions they make to help keep our district moving in the right direction — forward. Hear from volunteer and Aldine Education Foundation Board member Bill Ginder in our latest episode of All The Things: The Aldine ISD Podcast to find out how he is working with the Aldine Education Foundation to provide choices and opportunities for students.

This month we have added a new observation — National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month. We have so many ways to observe it, too. I am particularly excited to celebrate this year as we launched our new frameworks for multilingual learners at the beginning of the school year. The new frameworks are dedicated to cultivating biliteracy through culturally responsive practices and ensuring that students learn and progress, furthering our strategic plan initiatives of school culture and student achievement. Working with our bilingual/multilingual students are exemplary educators like Margarita Cruz from La Promesa, César Linares from Black Elementary School, and Anju Bhalla from Carmichael Elementary School. They won the top awards from the Suburban Houston Association for Bilingual Education (SHABE) at its annual Teacher of the Year Banquet. In addition, Aldine ISD student Kevin Fuentes received a scholarship from SHABE. Ms. Cruz and Mr. Linares will advance to the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) annual fall conference in Houston. We can all be proud of their dedication to student success as they represent Aldine.

I would also encourage each of you to take some time to learn more about La Promesa, Aldine’s newcomer and dual-language campus. Reading about La Promesa student Kimberly Rivas’ experience would be a great place to start. Additionally, I invite you to join us at our inaugural *Festival de Primavera* (Spring Festival) on April 30. The event will be entirely in Spanish to share all things Aldine with our Spanish-speaking community. You can find additional information and details here. You will hear more about our wide variety of programs, choices, and opportunities for your child and family. Come and listen to students in our Mariachi Acero perform, and students dance ballet folklórico.

Congratulations also go out to the MacArthur High School boys’ and girls’ varsity tennis for winning the Team Championship in District 14-6A. MacArthur and Aldine high schools each had student-athletes who qualified to advance to the Region II 6A Tennis Tournament, which takes place in Waco today and will finish tomorrow, April 12. We also have teams and student-athletes in golf advancing to the District 14-6A in Waco from April 17-21. They include Davis HS varsity boys’ (District Champion), Davis HS varsity girls, and four regional gold medalists representing Nimitz HS, MacArthur HS, and Eisenhower HS. Good luck to all!

And what an exciting season for the MacArthur High School boys’ soccer (fútbol for my Spanish-speaking friends). Our soccer program has been getting stronger every year. On their journey to the state championship, the Generals fought hard on Saturday but lost to our neighbor, The Woodlands. The team brought home second place in 6A Region 2. I am told that this year’s team took MacArthur further into the playoffs than the school has ever been. Again, a big congrats to the



team and our soccer program.

Many of our teens took part in the national 2022 #TeenBookCon on Saturday at Davis High School. It was great to see so many engaged teens actively listening and speaking with authors and picking up books. Reading is important in students’ growth. Opportunities like TeenBookCon are a great way to encourage kids of all ages to discover a genre that inspires them to want to read every day. Tomorrow, I hope you join us in observing Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day. I cannot wait to see what everyone is planning to read! You can share a picture of yourself reading on social media with the hashtag #AldineReads.

I wish everyone a great week. Don’t forget that April 15 a holiday for all students and staff.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April/May:** Click here for details and dates about STAAR testing.
- April:** Click here for more information about free GED classes for Aldine ISD parents and how to register.
- April 14:** Deadline to submit the online form to participate in STEMfest 2022. (a K-12 event)
- April 30:** Inaugural Spring Festival Aldine ISD (an all-Spanish event)
- April 30:** STEMfest 2022 at the Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center.

OBSERVATIONS

- April National Volunteer MonthNational Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month
- April 12:** Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day
 - April 15:** Student Holiday
 - April 17-23:** National Volunteer Week
 - April 29:** Wellness Day (Love Your Heart)

REMINDERS

Aldine’s Family and Community Engagement Department launched the Family and Community University. Programming is free and open to all Aldine families. Register today.

The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. Click on the FAFSA application or TASFA application links.

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/health-alerts.

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.



Student Finds Her Place at La Promesa, the Newcomer and Dual-Language Experience School

The high school will add a grade level starting in the 2022-2023 school year to serve ninth- and tenth-grade students.

“I like the attention from the teachers. They know how to listen, and everyone makes an effort to speak Spanish to us, so we understand. I enjoy all the activities at La Promesa. Truly, I love it here. I am learning so much and thriving at La Promesa.”

These are the words of ninth-grade student Kimberly Rivas at Aldine ISD’s newcomer and dual-language experience campus, La Promesa.



Kimberly arrived in the U.S. from El Salvador via a caravan. She was living with her grandmother, but it had been nine years since she had seen her mother. Although afraid and with only a little bit of money, she made the journey alone, which she described as scary. Now, living with her mother, step-dad, and two sisters, she saw the story about La Promesa on a local Spanish news station. The campus sounded like a right fit for her.

Elizabeth B. Iglesias, the family engagement specialist at the school, described Kimberly as having a basic foundation in the English language when she arrived. She has since become comfortable and is speaking English regularly. Iglesias added that Kimberly is also doing well in school.

At first, Kimberly thought the school would only offer a learning environment. The focus would solely be on learning the English language. Instead, she found a place where she could speak both her native language — Spanish — and her new adopted language, English. Kimberly attributes her progress in learning a new language and school to the encouragement to use both languages. She doesn’t feel “lost” in class or with a new concept. Kimberly can ask questions in Spanish to ensure she understands. But she also feels like she is making significant progress in communicating in English — she strives to learn a new word each day. Kimberly was also pleasantly surprised that she is getting the whole traditional high school experience like homecoming and after-school activities.

Kimberly, who has dreams of becoming a doctor in her future, already has a few favorite things. Aside from loving soccer (fútbol), music, dancing, and singing, her favorite class is Algebra 1, and her favorite teacher is Mr. Martínez (Christopher Martínez). Algebra is challenging, but Kimberly says she works hard and likes to get positive results. She enjoys Martínez’s class because he makes his class and learning fun. He also motivates students and is always willing to listen and pay attention to students.

While only in her first year, Kimberly says she is already being impacted by her time at La Promesa.

“I have always wanted to be a doctor but felt that it was something too far to reach. Now, that dream seems more like a possibility. I know that I can make it a reality, especially because I have so much support at La Promesa to help me

succeed. Here, I feel comfortable because people speak my native language. We (students) are learning better because of the dual language experience. La Promesa feels like a family. So many students have left their families and friends and everything behind. It’s a tough situation for us, and this school helps us stay the course and stay positive. La Promesa was created for just that — for students like me,” said Kimberly.

She expects to graduate with the Class of 2025.

La Promesa Univisión 45 interviewed Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. Click on the image to view the story in English and Spanish.

La Promesa, a Choice School option (Escuela de Opción) for families and students, opened in fall 2021 to ninth-graders. The high school will add a grade level starting in the 2022-2023 school year to serve ninth- and tenth-grade students. The school plans to expand into 12th grade in the 2024-2025 school year. La Promesa focuses exclusively on students new to this country, specifically students who have lived three or fewer years in the U.S. and are from non-English speaking countries or have limited English proficiency. The curriculum addresses their unique social, individual, and academic needs. The campus is one of the programs that stemmed from the district’s strategic plan, A New Way Forward.

“So much thought and care have gone into this school. Our communities continue to become more diverse as immigrant populations from multiple countries grow and bring with them a wide array of skills and cultures to our classrooms. Their stories of resilience and survival are amazing, and they inspire us all with their grit and perseverance. This school, this environment, will further support them as they journey toward success,” said Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

La Promesa is a stand-alone school housed within Aldine High School. Students will graduate from La Promesa. Working with Aldine HS, La Promesa students have the opportunity to expand their horizons through the activities they share as a school within a school. The school is like any other campus, including having fully-equipped science labs and classrooms. The district partnered with Internationals Network and many others in creating a program specific to newcomers. Every course has English learning instruction embedded in its lessons. Students work to improve their literacy skills all day, every day. In addition to English as second language services, Aldine ISD also addresses students’ special social-emotional needs, such as leaving family behind in their family in their country of origin.

“Being in a different country can be scary and intimidating, learning a new language, culture, and school system. Some of our students have left their home countries out of necessity. Some are here without their families. Some have stories so powerful that they bring you to tears. They all come here with the goal. A dream. A promise of something better — a better life for their future and their families. At La Promesa, it is important that every student feels like family, accepted, and supported. We know that it takes a village to raise our children. We work closely with our families and community partners to give our students opportunities to thrive.”

Learn More
Visit lapromesa.aldineisd.org or call 281-448-5237 to learn more about the school and how to enroll for the 2022-2023 school year.



La Promesa students and district- and school-level leaders participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 5, 2021.



STARLITE

By Gil Hoffman, Publisher

Flying the Friendly Skies

This Easter week was especially pleasant around our house, because we had a visit from our grandkids. Since they live in Ohio, we don't see them as often as we would like. Iris is 5 years old now, and Reed is 2. Like the plants they are named for (maybe), they grow up fast and we need to keep track of them on a regular basis.



GRANDKIDS IRIS AND REED, AT IAH AIRPORT

Although our daughter and their mother, Kristan, grew up in Houston, when they visit they explore wonders that seem very special to this city and different from their snowy climate in Ohio. And they keep us busy with their activities. Almost every day we spent time at an outdoor swimming pool, visited Hermann Park and Zoo, splash pad and train, played at Levi Park near Greenway Plaza, ate their favorite Chinese food in Bellaire Chinatown, visited the Childrens Museum, and more.

The trip to Houston is very special to the grandkids, and they look forward to the flight as well as the fun they have while they are here. But this trip, they had a unique experience that most of us, kids or adults, would be thrilled with. When they boarded the United Express jet for their return trip to Ohio, the flight crew asked them if the would like to sit in the cockpit. Wow, how special is that! As you can see from the photos, they had a very unique experience, and who knows, maybe it will lead to a career path, or at least a great story to tell their classmates when they return.



PILOT REED IN THE COCKPIT WITH HIS TEDDY BEAR



CO-PILOT IRIS IN THE COCKPIT

United Airlines has an expression, "Fly the Friendly Skies" and this time they certainly made a memorable time for the grandkids and their family. Thank you, United Airlines.





STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Traffic deaths spike in highway work zones

TRAFFIC DEATHS SPIKE IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES

The Texas Department of Transportation wants motorists to be aware of dangerous conditions in road construction zones after crashes in those zones killed 244 people last year. The death toll is an increase of 33% over 2020 and is the highest in 40 years. The majority of those who died were drivers or their passengers, according to TxDOT.

"It's important for drivers to remember that driving conditions in work zones can be especially challenging because of extra congestion, slow-moving heavy equipment, temporary barriers and vehicles that make sudden stops," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said. "That's why it's crucial for everyone to give driving their full attention and drive a safe speed in areas where construction and maintenance are underway."

Among the tips offered by the agency to cut accidents:

- Slow down and follow the posted speed limit.
- Pay attention, put down the phone and keep your mind on the road.
- Watch out for road crews and follow flaggers' instructions.
- Don't tailgate. Allow enough room to stop safely.
- Plan for extra time to reach your destination, since road construction can slow traffic.

Traffic fines double in work zones when workers are present.

WILDFIRE RISK CONTINUES WITH DRY, WINDY CONDITIONS

The risk of more wildfires continues this week with much of the state under drought conditions.

"Critical fire weather includes above-normal temperatures, increased wind speeds and low relative humidity levels," according to a Texas A&M Forest Service news release. Wildfires that start under these conditions may be difficult to control, the agency said. The risk is nearly statewide, as virtually all of the state remains under drought conditions.

During the first week of



April, the forest service and local fire departments responded to 117 wildfires that burned 23,560 acres.

TEXAS HISTORY INSTRUCTION EXPANDED

The State Board of Education decided last week to expand instruction in Texas history to six grade levels, meaning students in those grades will have their knowledge of the state's history tested on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills exam.

For decades, Texas history has been taught in fourth and seventh grades. Now it will also be taught in kindergarten through second grade, and sixth and eighth grades.

"With this significant increase, students will study Texas and the people and events that define it in most grade levels prior to high school," according to an SBOE news release.

The board will consider proposed revisions to the social studies aspect of TEKS at the June meeting to include Texas history content. Final revisions are scheduled for November.

PLEASE DON'T TOUCH THE WILDLIFE

With the balmy weather of a Texas spring, more folks are enjoying the outdoors. Experts at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urge people who encounter wildlife to avoid lending a helping hand.

Often, the young offspring of wild animals can be mistaken as having been abandoned. Many of these human-animal encounters are unnecessary and can be detrimental to

wildlife.

Newborn fawns, for example, are often left for hours at a time by the doe as she forages for food. "During that time, people may spot a fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many people interfere with the fawn, thinking it has been abandoned by its mother and needs help. This is rarely the case," according to TPWD.

TPWD experts advise folks to leave all young animals alone unless obviously injured. Spend some time observing from a distance to determine if the animal truly is injured, since the mother may not return if humans are close by.

The same principle applies to young birds. "If the bird's eyes are open, it has feathers and is hopping around, mom and dad are likely nearby. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days," according to TPWD.

If a wild animal is sick or injured, people are encouraged to contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator, which can be found on the TPWD Wildlife Division website: tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/rehab/.

COVID-19 cases rise while deaths, hospitalizations decline

The number of new Texas cases of COVID-19 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University jumped by more than 100% in the past week to 46,375, though deaths dropped to 252 during the same time period.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas have dropped to 875 patients, the lowest level in months. The highly contagious subvariant of Omicron, dubbed BA.2, has become the dominant version worldwide and is accounting for the majority of new cases.

Like the original omicron variant, this strain is more transmissible but generally has less-severe symptoms, according to health experts. The best protection continues to be getting vaccinated and getting a booster if already vaccinated, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

DSHS says unvaccinated Texans are eight times more likely to test positive for COVID-19 and 42 times more likely to die of a COVID-19 associated illness.

As of Sunday, 17,479 million Texans — or nearly 60% of the state's population — were fully vaccinated, with 6.6 million getting a booster dose.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

A Lot of Cake

The plan was to buy everyone cake.

My husband, Peter, and I are finally getting ready to leave Mexico, and we can't say we are too happy about it.

The last two months in San Miguel de Allende have convinced us that it is a place we want to return to, and now leaving it feels very hard—especially when my sister tells me about the freezing rain hitting her home right now.

"We had to cancel our trip to visit Uncle Andy and Beal!" she tells me. "The roads were terrible!"

As I sit in the evening sunshine, in a city where people usually don't need to heat their homes and never need air conditioning, the idea of freezing rain does not exactly make me homesick.

"Why are we leaving, again?" Peter asks.

But I'm anxious to see family again. My dad is going in for a bunch of tests. My sister is getting her knee operated on. Peter's sister, Shelley, will be having a procedure done on her back. All of these things are important—if not particularly fun. So the plan yesterday was to do something festive, and I couldn't think of anything more festive than cake.

The idea for the party was Peter's.

We were so grateful to find this little hotel when we did. Our lodging on the coast turned out to be a disaster, and our choices were to either return home early or find something back in San Miguel de Allende—in the high season, without reservations. When we found this little one-bedroom apartment overlooking the courtyard filled with more than 2,000 smiling sun faces, we felt as if we had been saved.

"I am calling you Salvador," Peter told Jorge, the owner of the small hotel. "You saved us!" Jorge smiled.

The hotel used to be Jorge's family home. He was born and raised within its walls, along with his 12 siblings. In the mid-1980s, he began the process of converting it into a hotel. Now it is his pride and joy, and he spends his days putting more artwork on the walls and more plants into pots.

We ordered a chocolate layer cake with buttercream frosting. It had fresh fruit between the layers and a smiling sun face on the top. A woman at the market squeezed about 50 lemons for me, and we made fresh lemonade. Then Jorge and his employees and the three artists he keeps busy every day all gathered together in the courtyard with the 2000+ suns to eat cake.

Once we were all gathered, I found myself completely without Spanish words to thank them properly. This is what happens to me when I have something important to say in Spanish—I forget every word I ever knew. So, instead, we cut the cake and poured lemonade and smiled a lot. I think they all got the message.

"That was a good party!" Peter announced when we finally returned to our little apartment upstairs. "Jorge ate a lot of cake!"

We don't know what they really think of us, the kind people running this family hotel. We wouldn't blame them if they thought we were a little awkward or odd.

But we wanted to try to let them know how much we appreciated finding such a clean, cheerful place to live. We appreciated all the beautiful art being made, the plants being grown, the countless small kindnesses shown to us every day.

"Gracias!" we say again and again. "Thank you."

"De nada," they always reply. "It's nothing."

But, of course, it is everything.

Till next time, Carrie

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

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Mensaje de la Superintendente,
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Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

La semana pasada, mencioné que es el Mes Nacional de Agradecimiento a los Voluntarios, un momento para honrar a nuestros voluntarios por las valiosas contribuciones que hacen para ayudar a mantener a nuestro distrito, avanzando en la dirección correcta: hacia adelante. Escuche al voluntario y miembro de la Junta de la Fundación para la Educación de Aldine, Bill Ginder, en nuestro último episodio de All The Things: The Aldine ISD Podcast para descubrir cómo está trabajando con la Fundación para la Educación de Aldine para brindar oportunidades a los estudiantes.

Este mes hemos agregado una nueva observación: el Mes Nacional de Defensa del Aprendiz Bilingüe/Multilingüe. También tenemos muchas maneras de observarlo. Estoy particularmente emocionado de celebrar este año, ya que lanzamos nuestros nuevos marcos para estudiantes multilingües al comienzo del año escolar. Los nuevos marcos están dedicados a cultivar la alfabetización bilingüe a través de prácticas culturalmente receptivas y garantizar que los estudiantes aprendan y progresen, promoviendo nuestras iniciativas del plan estratégico de cultura escolar y logros estudiantiles. Trabajando con nuestros estudiantes bilingües/



multilingües hay educadores ejemplares como Margarita Cruz de La Promesa, César Linares de Black Elementary School y Anju Bhalla de Carmichael Elementary School. Ganaron los principales premios de la Suburban Houston Association for Bilingual Education (SHABE) en su banquete anual de Maestros del Año. Además, el estudiante de Aldine ISD Kevin Fuentes recibió una beca de SHABE. Cruz y Linares avanzarán a la competencia del Mejor Maestro del Año anual este otoño de la Asociación de Texas para la Educación Bilingüe (TABE) en Houston. Todos podemos estar orgullosos de su dedicación al éxito estudiantil, ya que representan a Aldine..

También les animo a cada uno de ustedes a tomarse un tiempo para aprender más sobre La Promesa, el colegio se especializa en trabajar con alumnos recién llegados de países que no hablan inglés o tienen un dominio limitado del inglés. Leer sobre la experiencia de Kimberly Rivas una estudiante de La Promesa sería una excelente lugar para comenzar.

Además, los invito a unirse a nosotros en nuestro primer Festival de Primavera el 30 de abril. El evento será completamente en español para compartir todo lo relacionado con Aldine con nuestra comunidad de habla hispana. Puede encontrar información adicional y detalles aquí. Escucharán más sobre nuestra amplia variedad de programas, opciones y oportunidades para su hijo y su familia. Vengan y escuchen a los estudiantes del Mariachi Aceiro y los estudiantes bailando ballet folclórico.

Felicitaciones también a los niños y niñas de tenis del grupo varsity de MacArthur High School por ganar el Campeonato del Distrito 14-6A. Las escuelas secundarias MacArthur y Aldine tienen estudiantes-atletas que calificaron para avanzar al Torneo de Tenis de la Región 2 6A, que se llevó a cabo en Waco hoy y terminará mañana el 12 de abril. También tenemos equipos y estudiantes-atletas en golf que avanzan al Distrito 14-6A en Waco que se llevará a cabo el 17 al 21 de abril. Incluyen el equipo varsity masculino de Davis High School (Campeón del Distrito), el equipo varsity femenino de Davis High School, y cuatro medallistas de oro regionales que representan a Nimitz High School, MacArthur High School y Eisenhower High School. ¡Buena suerte a todos!

Y qué temporada tan

emocionante para el equipo de fútbol masculino de MacArthur High School. Nuestro programa de fútbol se ha fortalecido cada año. En su viaje al campeonato estatal, los Generales lucharon duro el sábado, pero perdieron ante nuestro vecino, The Woodlands. El equipo se llevó a casa el segundo lugar en la Región 2 de 6A. Me dicen que el equipo de este año llevó a MacArthur más lejos en los playoffs en la historia de la escuela. Una vez más, felicitaciones al equipo y a nuestro programa de fútbol.

Muchos de nuestros adolescentes participaron en la #TeenBookCon nacional 2022 el sábado en Davis High School. Fue genial ver a tantos adolescentes comprometidos escuchando y hablando activamente con los autores y recogiendo libros. La lectura es muy importante en el crecimiento de los estudiantes. Oportunidades como TeenBookCon son maneras excelentes de alentar a los niños de todas las edades a descubrir un género que los inspire a querer leer todos los días. Mañana, espero que se unan a nosotros para observar el Día de Drop Everything And Read (o D.E.A.R. Day en inglés; el acrónimo significa «déjelo todo y lea» en español). ¡Estoy ansiosa por ver lo que ustedes planean leer! Pueden compartir una foto de ustedes leyendo en las redes sociales con el hashtag #AldineReads o #ALDINElee.

Les deseo a todos una

excelente semana. No olviden que el 15 de abril es un día festivo para todos los estudiantes y el personal.

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

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

•**Abril/Mayo:** Hagan clic aquí para detalles y fechas de las pruebas estatales STAAR.

En curso hasta el 31 de mayo: Se abre la preinscripción para aquellos elegibles para asistir prekínder 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.

•**14 de abril:** Fecha límite para enviar el formulario en línea para participar en STEMfest 2022. (un evento para alumnos de kínder a 12mo grados)

•**30 de abril:** 1er Festival de Primavera de AldineISD(un evento completamente en español)

•**30 de abril:** STEM-fest 2022 (un evento celebrando estudios CTIM) se llevará a cabo en el Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center.

OBSERVACIONES

•**Abril:** Mes Nacional de Apreciación del Voluntariado

•**12 de abril:** D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read) Day

•**April 15:** Student Holiday

•**April 17-23:** National Volunteer Week

Estudiante encuentra su lugar en La Promesa, la escuela para recién llegados de doble lenguaje

La escuela secundaria agregará un nivel de grado a partir del año escolar 2022-2023 para servir a los estudiantes de noveno y décimo grado.

Me gusta la atención de los profesores. Ellos saben cómo escuchar, y todos hacen un esfuerzo por hablarnos español, para que lo entendamos. Disfruto de todas las actividades en La Promesa. Verdaderamente, me encanta aquí. Estoy aprendiendo mucho y prosperando en La Promesa».

Estas son las palabras de la estudiante de noveno grado Kimberly Rivas en el campus de experiencia en dos idiomas y recién llegados de Aldine ISD, La Promesa.



Kimberly llegó a los Estados Unidos desde El Salvador a través de una caravana. Vivía con su abuela, pero habían pasado nueve años desde que había visto a su madre. Aunque asustada y con solo un poco de dinero, hizo el viaje sola, lo que describió como aterrador. Ahora, viviendo con su madre, su padrastro y sus dos hermanas, vio la historia sobre La Promesa en una estación de noticias local en español. El campus sonaba como un ajuste adecuado para ella.

Elizabeth B. Iglesias, la

especialista en participación familiar de la escuela, describió a Kimberly como una base básica en el idioma inglés cuando llegó. Desde entonces se ha sentido cómoda y habla inglés regularmente. Iglesias agregó que a Kimberly también le está yendo bien en la escuela.

Al principio, Kimberly pensó que la escuela solo ofrecería un entorno de aprendizaje. El enfoque estaría únicamente en el aprendizaje del idioma inglés. En cambio, encontró un lugar donde podía hablar tanto su lengua materna, el español, como su nuevo idioma adoptado, el inglés. Kimberly atribuye su progreso en el aprendizaje de un nuevo idioma y escuela al estímulo para usar ambos idiomas. No se siente «perdida» en clase o con un nuevo concepto. Kimberly puede hacer preguntas en español para asegurarse de que entiende. Pero también siente que está haciendo un progreso significativo en la comunicación en inglés: se esfuerza por aprender una nueva palabra cada día. Kimberly también se sorprendió gratamente de que esté obteniendo toda la experiencia tradicional de la escuela secundaria, como el regreso a casa y las actividades después de la escuela.

Kimberly, que sueña con convertirse en doctora en su futuro, ya tiene algunas cosas favoritas. Además de amar el fútbol, la música, el baile y el canto, su clase favorita es Álgebra 1, y su maestro favorito es el Sr. Martínez (Christopher Martínez). El álgebra es un desafío, pero Kimberly dice que trabaja duro y le gusta obtener resultados positivos. Ella disfruta de la clase de Mar-

tínez porque él hace que su clase y aprendizaje sean divertidos. También motivaba a los estudiantes y siempre está dispuesto a escuchar y prestar atención a los estudiantes.

Aunque solo está en su primer año, Kimberly dice que ya está siendo afectada por su tiempo en La Promesa.

Siempre he querido ser médico, pero sentí que era algo demasiado lejano para llegar. Ahora, ese sueño parece más una posibilidad. Sé que puedo hacerlo realidad, especialmente porque tengo mucho apoyo en La Promesa para ayudarme a tener éxito. Aquí, me siento cómodo porque la gente habla mi idioma nativo. Nosotros (los estudiantes) estamos aprendiendo mejor debido a la experiencia de dos idiomas. La Promesa se siente como una familia. Muchos estudiantes han dejado atrás a sus familias y amigos y todo. Es una situación difícil para nosotros, y esta escuela nos ayuda a mantener el rumbo y mantenernos positivos. La Promesa fue creada precisamente para eso, para estudiantes como yo», dijo Kimberly.

Ella espera graduarse con la Clase de 2025.La Promesa

Univisión 45 entrevistó a la Superintendente Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney. Haga clic en la imagen para ver la historia en inglés y español.

La Promesa, una opción de Escuela de Opción para familias y estudiantes, abrió en el otoño de 2021 para estudiantes de noveno grado. La escuela secundaria agregará un nivel de grado a partir del año escolar 2022-2023 para servir a los estudiantes de noveno y décimo grado. La escuela planea expandirse



al grado 12 en el año escolar 2024-2025.

La Promesa se enfoca exclusivamente en estudiantes nuevos en este país, específicamente estudiantes que han vivido tres o menos años en los Estados Unidos y son de países que no hablan inglés o tienen un dominio limitado del inglés. El plan de estudios aborda sus necesidades sociales, individuales y académicas únicas. El campus es uno de los programas que surgieron del plan estratégico del distrito, A New Way Forward.

Se ha pensado mucho y se ha cuidado en esta escuela. Nuestras comunidades continúan siendo más diversas a medida que las poblaciones inmigrantes de múltiples países crecen y traen consigo una amplia gama de habilidades y culturas a nuestras aulas. Sus historias de resiliencia y supervivencia son increíbles, y nos inspiran a todos con su determinación y perseverancia. Esta escuela, este entorno, los apoyará aún más a medida que avanzan hacia el éxito», dijo la Superintendente Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney.

Los estudiantes de La Promesa y los líderes a nivel de distrito y escuela participan en la ceremonia de corte de cinta el 5 de octubre de 2021.

La Promesa es una escuela independiente alojada dentro de Aldine High School. Los estudiantes se graduarán de La Promesa. Trabajando con Aldine HS, los estudiantes de La Promesa tienen la oportunidad de expandir sus horizontes a través de las actividades que comparten como escuela dentro de una escuela. La escuela es como cualquier otro campus, incluyendo tener laboratorios de ciencias y aulas totalmente equipadas. El distrito se asoció con Internationals Network y muchos otros para crear un programa específico para los recién llegados. Cada curso tiene instrucción de aprendizaje de inglés incorporada en sus lecciones. Los estudiantes trabajan para mejorar sus habilidades de alfabetización todo el día, todos los días. Además de los servicios de inglés como segundo idioma, Aldine ISD también aborda las necesidades socioemocionales especiales de los estudiantes, como dejar a la

•**29 de abril:** Día del Bienestar (Mes de la Nutrición Infantil)

RECORDATORIOS

El Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad (conocido por su acrónimo FACE en inglés) de Aldine ofrece la Universidad de la Familia y la Comunidad. Toda la programación es gratuita y está abierta a todas las familias de Aldine. Obtengan más información e inscribanse hoy.

El estado de Texas requiere que los alumnos del último año de la escuela secundaria (high school) soliciten ayuda financiera para graduarse. Hagan clic en el enlace de la solicitud de FA/FA o solicitud TAS-FA.

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.

East Aldine Jazz Fest,

Family Day fun at Sylvester Turner Park,

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and percussionist, **Robert Chapa Jr** is from Houston, Texas. Musicians such as Ignacio Berroa, Michell Camilo and David Garibaldi, is where he gets his sound and style from. Since the age of three, Robert has been apart of the Diaz Music Institute where he studied the language and art of Latin American Music . His upbringing in the program has led him to play with great musicians: Brian Lynch, Tony Succar, Ndugu Chancler and countless others. As he polishes these skills and ambitions, Robert remains committed to his personal goals: achieving projects of his own, becoming another one of Houston's own dominating and upcoming musicians in the world, and contributing to the art of bringing music to life.

Born and raised in Houston, Texas, **Felix DeLeon** came from a family of Church musicians and learned at an early age how to play by ear. Felix DeLeon has been involved in numerous recordings and concerts across the nation. One specific recording won a Grammy Award and another recording was nominated. Recently Felix recorded on John P. Kee's single "I Made It Out." Felix released his first single titled "Jade" in April 2019 and is currently an artist for Austin Winds, which is a Texas based Trumpet Company. Now, Felix is in demand as a trumpeter, pianist, composer, ar-

ranger and clinician. He plays with various groups in Houston, Texas and has established himself as a diverse musician in all genres of music.

James Murphy is one of the most sought-after saxophonists in Houston. Hailing from the traditions of the Texas Tenors, his work is featured in the genres of Gospel, Jazz, Hip Hop, Pop and R&B. While attending MacArthur HS and as a member of Diaz Music Institute's "Caliente," he performed with Dave Valentin, Patrice Rushen, Ndugu Chancler, and Brenda K Starr, among others. During his professional career, he performed with Eric Marienthal, Randy Brecker, Ignacio Berroa, and Joe Sample, just to name a few.

Clarinetist, Saxophonist and Composer, **Ernesto Vega** is a graduate of the Higher Institute of Art in Havana, Cuba. At the age of seventeen, Down Beat Magazine recognized his interpretative style on the clarinet recalling the legendary jazz clarinetist, Artie Shaw. In 2003, Vega won the first prize at the National Jazz contest Jójazz in Havana Cuba. He performed with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis on their visit to Cuba. Ernesto has collaborated with Cuban legends such: Frank Emilio, Chucho Valdés, Bobby Carcasses, Ernan Lopez Nussa, Jorge Reyes, and Changuito among others.

vided a place to gather for our seniors and the Zoomobile brought some animals to meet.

The Major League Baseball/Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy at the Park held youth baseball games on three of the park's fields beginning at 12 noon.

Food was plentiful and free. Feast on turkey legs, hot dogs, sausage on a stick, corn on the cob, nachos, popcorn and snow cones.

Family Day at Sylvester Turner Park is produced by the Greater North Houston Youth Alliance and the Mayor's Office of Special Events. Special thanks to the Houston Police Department for organizing security. Big thanks to our sponsors: AT&T, Aldine ISD Police Department, Amerigroup, CenterPoint Energy, Coca-Cola, Comcast, Precinct 1 Constable Alan Rosen, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, HEB, the Houston Astros Foundation, Infra-mark, MLB/Houston Astros Urban Youth Academy, Major League Baseball, Pepsico, Plumbbers Local 68, ReddyIce, Turkey Leg Hut and the following Houston City departments: Police, Neighborhoods, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Solid Waste.



Mayor Turner and other city and state officials view the crowd from one of the three performance stages at the Family Day event.



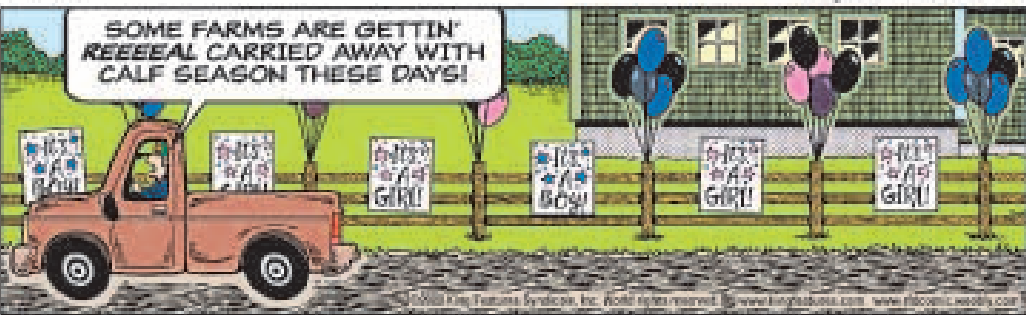
Having fun at the Turner Family Day event were some of our local officials, including Judge Victor Trevino III with Gregory Hernandez, State Rep. Ana Hernandez, Mayor Sylvester Turner, city official, and State Rep. Armando Valle.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



R.F.D.



The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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1 Facts and figures

5 Bygone jet

8 Son of Seth

12 Latin love

13 Historic period

14 "Peter Pan" pooch

15 "No problem!"

17 Darkens

18 Skip

19 "Delicious" crop

21 Three, in Rome

22 Hold sway

23 Zsa Zsa's sister

26 Stitch

28 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg

31 Missing

33 Pouch

35 Shri!l barks

36 Toy (with)

38 Prattle

40 Make lace

41 Beer, slangily

43 Capote nickname

45 Black Sea port

47 Indigenous

51 Accomplishes

52 "Yes?"

54 Garfield's pal

55 Napoleon's

title (Abbr.)

56 Actress Turner

57 Breaks down

58 Coifs

59 Stretches (out)

DOWN

1 Calendar squares

2 Mine, in Montreal

3 Talk up

4 Lingo

5 Small sofas

6 Lanka lead-in

7 Early Mongolian

8 Bridge tactic

9 Aced a test

10 "My treat"

11 Lip

16 Partially mine

20 Tavern

23 Sprite

24 Book-spine abbr.

25 "In my view ..."

27 Witty one

29 Clean air org.

30 Trio after Q

32 Bridge supports

34 Short snoozes

37 Super Bowl stats

39 Unruly kid

42 Cut lumber

44 Of service

45 Scent

46 Nitwit

48 Author

49 Tarzan's commuter line?

50 LAX guesses

53 Med. plan

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Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

1. Four: Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter, Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt 2. Buzz Lightyear, "Toy Story" 3. Five (American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands) 4. Tyche 5. Four (Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia) 6. Estimates range from 25 million to 200 million 7. Troposphere 8. "The Simpsons" 9. AT&T 10. "Thinker, Trader, Soldier, Spy"

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

2. MOVIES: Which Disney character's catchphrase is "To infinity and beyond!?"

3. GEOGRAPHY: How many permanently inhabited territories does the United States have?

4. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek goddess of chance?

5. U.S. STATES: How many states call themselves commonwealths?

6. HISTORY: How many people worldwide were killed by the Black Death pandemic in the 1400s?

7. SCIENCE: What layer of air is closest to Earth in the atmosphere?

8. TELEVISION: Which animated TV comedy includes the fictional school Springfield Elementary?

9. ADVERTISING: A sales clerk named Lily promotes which company in advertisements?

10. LITERATURE: George Smiley is a character in which 1974 novel?

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CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —
1. Is the book of Astaroth in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. In Exodus 4, from what tribe of Israel did all priests come? Judah, Ephraim, Levi, Manasseh
3. From Matthew 7, upon what did the wise man build his house? Bush, Sand, Rock, Sea
4. Which book first accredited Jesus as the Prince of Peace? Isaiah, Daniel, Luke, Romans

5. What does the Epistle of Jude primarily warn against? Stranger cruelty, Gossiping, False teachers, Lusting
6. Who was the father of Moses? Chemosh, Jacob, Marduk, Amram

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Levi; 3) Rock; 4) Isaiah 9:6; 5) False teachers; 6) Amram
"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.
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