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BakerRipley Management



Rocio Witte and Rosie Hernandez are the Management Team at BakerRipley. See Story.

NEWS NOTES

East Aldine releases JFK Statue renderings

Installation scheduled for this year on JFK Boulevard

East Aldine Business Networking Luncheon April 28

All small businesspersons are invited to a free luncheon sponsored by the East Aldine Management District.

Thursday, April 28 at 12 noon in the East Aldine District Office building, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive.

Special invitation to Brokers, Real Estate Agents, Property Owners, Shopping Center Developers, and all other businesses interested in Opportunities in the Aldine area.

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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.

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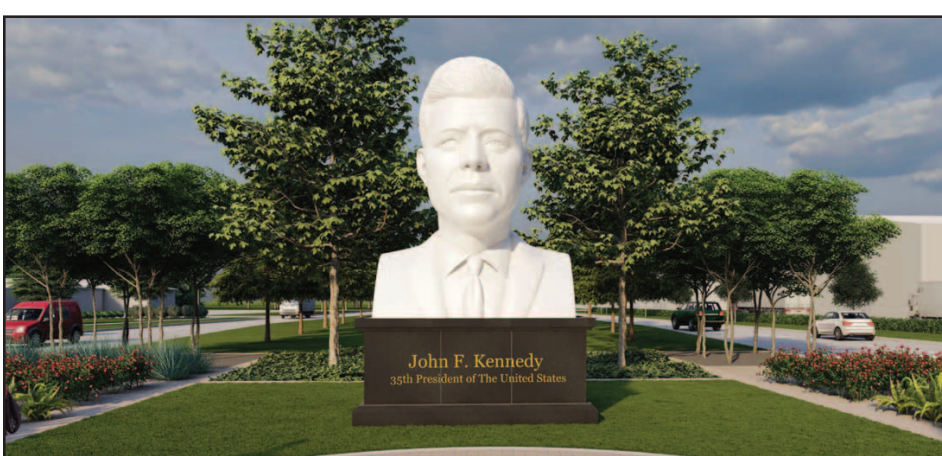
EAST ALDINE – The East Aldine District Arts Committee, with Carlos Silva as chairman, has released new artist's renderings of the proposed memorial statue that will be mounted in the esplanade of JFK Boulevard, at the Arline-Bender intersection.

Silva reported to the East Aldine board recently that the statue, which is a bust of the late president John F. Kennedy, is scheduled for construction and installation later this year. However, the consulting engineers, CobbFendley, reported that the cost for the granite base and the surrounding landscaping and pavement development had exceeded the budget, and they were working on a redesign that would cost less money.

A huge bust statue of the late president John F. Kennedy will soon mark the northern edge of the District, and greet travelers arriving from Intercontinental Airport.



ABOVE: Artists concept in rendering furnished by the Engineering Consultant shows a granite base for the statue, and extensive landscaping, paving, and lighting developed in the esplanade.



ABOVE: The artist's rendering shows detail of the JFK bust statue and the inscribed signage on the statue's granite base. Lettering is in bronze, embedded into the granite. All renderings furnished by the East Aldine District and Cobb Fendley.

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

The statue would be located in the median between the northbound and southbound lanes of JFK Boulevard, at the intersection with Aldine Bender.

According to Silva, the art committee has a number of projects that would bring public art to East Aldine. These include the Big Walls Big Dreams mural recently painted on the wall at the High Meadows library, Mini Murals on utility boxes, the JFK statue, and the

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Early Voting starts April 25; New campus manager for BakerRipley East Aldine

By Rocio Witte

HARRIS COUNTY – The Municipal and Local primary election will take place on Saturday, May 7 with a low voter turnout expected by authorities. No major candidates are on the ballot, only two state constitutional amendments and a number of bond issues for local districts, and local candidates.

Early voting will start on Monday, April 25 and continue through May 3. Hours in general are M-S 7am - 7pm, Sun 12pm - 7pm. Hours on Election Day are 7am - 7pm.

Polling places for Early Voting in this area are BakerRipley campus, Acres Homes Community Center, and Houston Community College North Forest Campus.

Since the main issues on the ballot have to do with two Constitutional Amendments that may lower your taxes, State Senator Paul Bettencourt has issue the following analysis (edited) to aid all voters:

On Propositions 1 & 2:

The public is to vote on Senator Bettencourt's Constitutional Amendments Proposition 1 and 2 on May 7, 2022.

Many voters have been finding the ballot language confusing, and I want to clarify what these amendments actually do. Homeowners over the age of 65 will see their freeze values for school taxes actually decline, aka, ISD property tax bills if Proposition 1 passes! Also if passed, Proposition 2 will lower independent school district property tax bills by increasing the homestead exemption that will save money for the 5.67 million homesteads in the State of Texas.

Below are some plain language talking points to answer many of the frequently asked questions.

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EAST ALDINE – BakerRipley has announced that Rosalva "Rosie" Hernandez is the new Manager of Community Development for our BakerRipley East Aldine Campus!

Rosie has been with BakerRipley since 2017. She started off in our Youth Program as a Community Youth Assistant at Gulfton and then got promoted to a Community Resource Specialist working with the Community Center team at Gulfton in 2018. Rosie transferred over to East Aldine in 2019, which is where she grew up and has lived her whole life. She spent some time on our Rental Assistance Team as an Intake Eligibility Specialist for about a half year



ROSIE HERNANDEZ
BakerRipley Manager

during the pandemic. Rosie has always stood out as a leader in all the roles mentioned. Her dedication and passion for serving the community has always been exemplary. She takes the time to listen and take proactive action. This combined

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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.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH:
Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with High Meadows. May 14th at 11am is Kendama Day Celebration. Come join the Japan-America Society of Houston and Michael Martin of the Houston Kendama Meet-Up as we celebrate Kendama Day! The beloved Japanese skill toy was patented on this day in 1919. Learn about the history and background of the kendama and master some cool tricks.

May 19th at 3pm is our Korean Culture Program. Join the Houston Korean Education Center as they teach us all about Korean snacks and learning to write our names in Korean.

May 26th at 3pm is our Henna Program. Henna by Maha will be here to decorate your hands with Henna. Henna is a dye that stains hands and lasts up to 2 weeks if cared for properly. This program is limited to 15 customers and registration is required. Stop by the library to pick up a form to register today.

SEED LIBRARY:
Every week beginning April 25th, we will be debuting new seeds for you to stop by and pick up free of charge. Customers are

limited to one packet of seed per person.

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.

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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New Manager at BakerRipley,

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with her in-depth knowledge of and connections with the community, is what made her the best choice for Manager of Community Development for the BakerRipley East Aldine Campus.

Rosie will now be managing the day to day operations of the center such as classes, workshops and events, the center team, partnerships with other non-profits, etc. As a reminder, I moved into my new role as Community Developer over a month and a half ago so I manage the fundraising efforts/

events, in-kind donations, revenue goals for the center, partnerships with private agencies, Advisory Committee, etc. You can think of Rosie handling our internal center operations and me as external relations for the center. If you are not sure which of us to reach out to, feel free to reach out to both of us as we are both as equally available to our partners and maintain strong communication with each other.

Thanks!
Rocio Witte
Community Developer

Early Voting starts April 25,

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Proposition 1 will benefit individuals with an over 65 or disabled exemption on their homestead.

• If an individual has an over 65/disabled exemption on their home and this proposition passes, they will receive a reduction on school district property taxes.

• HB 3 from the 86th Legislature compressed school maintenance and operation tax rates across the board except for over 65/disabled because their rate was already lower than the new compressed rate for everyone else.

• This amendment will provide for the same percentage reduction in an individual's school district tax rate that everyone else received in 2019.

• There are 1.8 million over 65 exemptions and 180,000 disabled exemptions, on average these households will see a \$110 reduction the first year and \$125 reduction in the second year; the reduction will continue to grow each year.

• If there is additional school M&O tax rate compression provided by HB 3 in the future, individuals with an over 65/disabled exemption will receive the same percentage tax rate deduction automatically if this amendment passes.

• This amendment will become effective as of January 1, 2023, if it passes.

Proposition 2 will increase the homestead exemption by \$15,000.

• If this amendment passes the state homestead exemption for school district taxable value purposes will increase from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

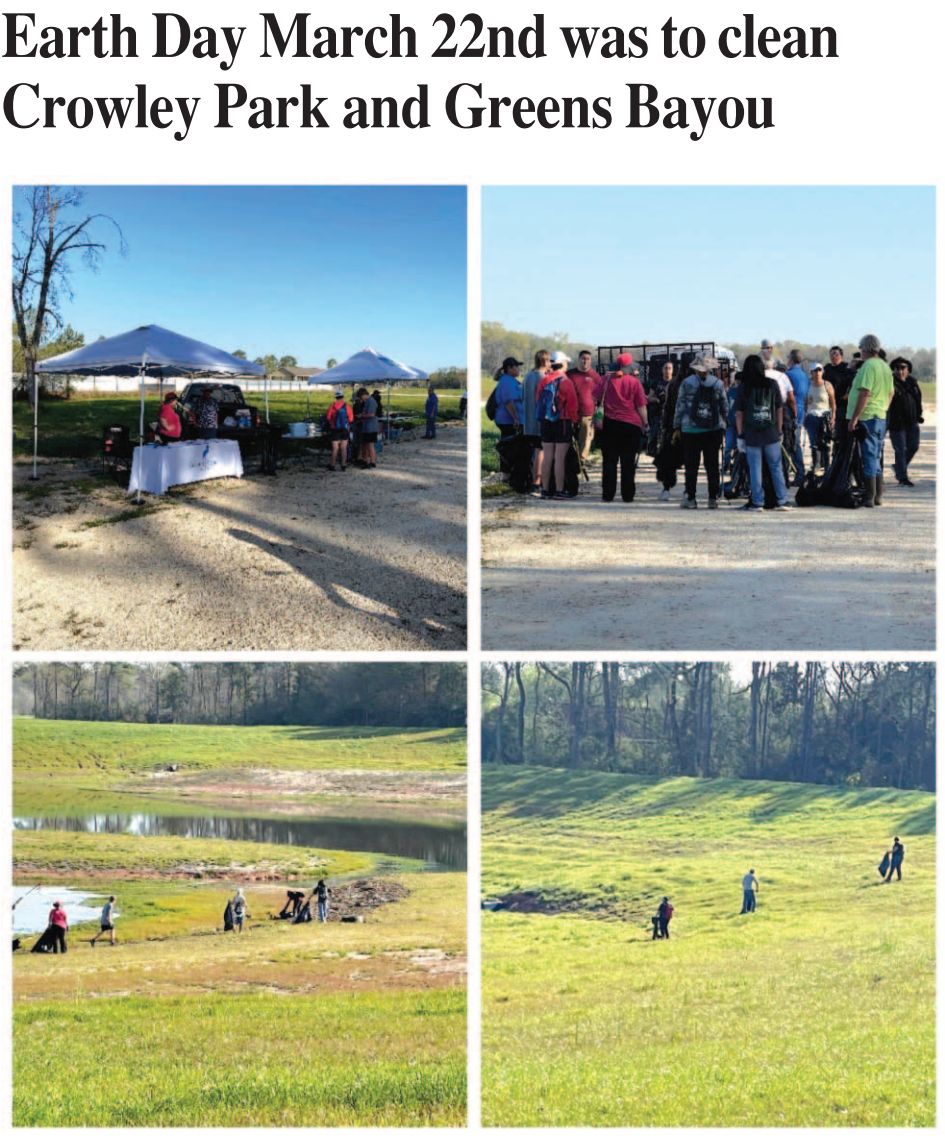
• On average, the 5.67 million homesteads in Texas will see a \$175 savings in their school district tax bill at the current average statewide school property tax rate.

• This amendment will be effective as of January 1, 2022, if it passes, so homeowners will see the savings when they receive their property tax bill this fall.

• This exemption increase is a permanent and ongoing benefit to homeowners.


If one or both of these amendments passes, no school district will lose any revenue they are entitled to receive from the school funding formulas. State dollars will replace any local dollars that a school district would otherwise lose from the passage of these amendments.

The following is a link to our original press release with more information:
<https://paulbettencourt.com/2022/04/07/public-to-vote-on-senator-bettencourts-constitutional-amendments-from-sjr-2-on-may-7-2022/>
-Senator Paul Bettencourt- SD7



EARTH DAY 2022 was observed in East Aldine with a Clean-Up Day, Saturday March 26. Volunteers met at Mead Middle School on Lauder Road, and then went to Pct. 2 Crowley Park and the adjacent Greens Bayou, to clean trash. As the notice said, they brought sunscreen, hats, gloves, bug spray and work clothes for several hours of sweaty work that morning. Sponsors included the Harris County Flood Control District, Pct. 2 Adrian Garcia, Greens Bayou Coalition, and the East Aldine District. Coordinator was Marty Hughes of the Greens Bayou organization.

Armando Walle celebrates his birthday with friends April 2 at American Legion

 Ana Hernandez is with Armando L. Walle and 17 others at American Legion Post 578 Houston TX. 10h · Houston · 🌐

Great birthday fundraiser for our dear friend and my txlege colleague, Rep. Armando L. Walle! It was a beautiful day to celebrate his birthday and 14 years of public service. Happy Birthday, Walle! 🎉🎂🍰



Walle's birthday party included Judge Trevino, State Rep. Ana Hernandez, Mayor Sylvester Turner, wife Debbie, Connie Esparza, and many others, at the American Legion Post 578 In Aldine. Congrats, Armando.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

POETRY WORKSHOP
Are you interested in writing poetry but not sure where to start? Celebrate National Poetry Month with a free poetry workshop featuring local spoken word artist, award winning educator, and best-selling author Marlena Johns, "Zen Ase." Learn about spoken word, poetry reading, interactive poetry exercises for pre-teens to adults. April 30, 2pm in the meeting room.

POLLIWOG CLUB
Join us live in person or online for real live animals and lots of interesting information about them. Live in-person session is Apr. 27 at 4pm. You can also join us online here: <https://tinyurl.com/PolliwogSpring2022>.

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!

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!

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

COMPUTER CLASSES
In addition to our on-line 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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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent, April 19, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend and had the opportunity to spend quality time with your families and friends. It is hard to believe that May is right around the corner. Our hallways are bustling with excitement as students and staff participate in and prepare for art shows, athletic events, academic competitions, concerts, festivals, testing, awards ceremonies, and more. Spring always brings renewed energy to our campuses. This energy gives us the extra push we need as we head into the last weeks of school. Make sure you take a peek at Aldine ISD’s latest news stories to learn more about all the great things happening in our district.

There are two key events and an observation I would like to highlight this week. First up is National Volunteer Week, taking place this week. Please join me in recognizing and thanking our volunteers. I can’t wait to see the social media posts with the hashtag #VolunteerInAldine. Each year, Aldine has thousands of parents, grandparents, and business partners who make a difference in students’ lives by dedicating their time, creativity, and generosity. Our district is made stronger by the contributions of our volunteers. *Thank you.*

We have **two big events on Saturday, April 30:** STEMfest meets our goals to ignite interest and encourage more students to pursue STEM fields. More than 200 students have registered to engage in hands-on activities, learning workshops, and student-led exhibitions.

On **April 30**, we also have our inaugural Festival de Primavera (Spring Festival). So much thought has gone into this event, which will be entirely in español to share all things Aldine with our Spanish-speaking community. We know that language can be a barrier for some of our families, and this event seeks to remove these barriers. I encourage you and your Spanish-speaking neighbors to join us to hear more about our wide variety of programs, choices, and opportunities for our students and families. We will also have entertainment provided by our students! Mariachi Acero will perform, you can enjoy watching our ballet folklórico students and talk with some of our soccer players. We also have special guest speakers. I am also excited to get an opportunity to say a few words en español.

Don’t miss out on the district’s signature events!

One of the topics close to my heart is literacy. I hope you will tune in on **Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m.** to watch Director of Literacy Demedia Edwards. She will participate in Channel 13’s “Turning the Page on Illiteracy” panel discussion. Ms. Edwards will share what Aldine is doing to address literacy issues, such as embracing the science of reading, high-quality lessons, teacher coaching, and more. We are only in the second year of our new literacy framework. The data shows that students are making steady growth in their reading foundation skills. Our 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. Click here for details on how you can watch and hear more about our literacy journey.

Aldine ISD Hosts Transitional Job Fair and College Expo

Aldine ISD Special Education department hosted over 175 transitional students at the Transitional Job Fair and College Expo, on March 8.

The students had a chance to learn about college programs, employment opportunities and participate in onsite job interviews. The event brought together more than 25 employers from the Aldine community, to give job opportunities to students 16 and older. Representatives from Fedex, Goodwill, Lone Star College, Prairie View A&M University, Tulsa Welding School and Technology Center and several others participated in the event.



I have enjoyed celebrating our students, teachers, leaders, and staff members. Honestly, there are so many great things happening. Words cannot express the joy I feel as I see the difference we are making for the young people we serve.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendent

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- **April/May:** Click here for details and dates about STAAR testing.
 - **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.

- **April:** Click here for more information about free GED classes for Aldine ISD parents and how to register. Weeknight classes in Spanish start **April 26:** Weekend classes in English start April 30.
- **April 30:** Aldine ISD’s Inaugural Festival de Primavera (an all-Spanish event), from 9 a.m. to noon, at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center

- **April 30:** STEMfest 2022 at the Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS
April
National Volunteer MonthNational Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month

- April 17-23:** National Volunteer Week
- April 29:** Wellness Day (Global Child Nutrition Month)

- REMINDERS**
- Aldine’s Family and Community Engagement Department’s 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/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 Educators Receive SHABE Awards, 2 Advance to State Competition, 1 Student Receives a Scholarship

The organization supports individuals who educate students whose native language is not English.

The Suburban Houston Association for Bilingual Education (SHABE) recently held its annual Teacher of the Year Banquet. Several Aldine ISD teachers received honors as outstanding educators.

Margarita Cruz from La Promesa was named the Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year, and César Linares from Black Elementary School was named the Elementary Bilingual Teacher of the Year. Also receiving a top award is Anju Bhalla from Carmichael Elementary School. She received the Elementary ESL Teacher of the Year Award. Cruz and Linares will represent the SHABE district at the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) annual fall conference in Houston.

SHABE bestowed the honors during its celebration banquet on April 1. More than 150 area teachers were recognized in bilingual education, English as a Second Language, and foreign language education.

Every year, SHABE recognizes Bilingual, ESL elementary, ESL secondary, and teachers of other languages during March and April. Campuses that participate in SHABE either select or nominate teachers. Each Teacher of the Year must then apply. From the submissions, the SHABE Selection Committee selects finalists who are interviewed and asked to submit student products. The Selection Committee selects winners for each

district and the three top winners for SHABE: a Bilingual Teacher of the Year, an ESL Elementary Teacher of the Year, and an ESL Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Bilingual and ESL Secondary Teachers of the Year may submit their portfolios to be considered for the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) teacher of the year. The state winner automatically becomes the TABE nominee for the National Association for Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year competition.

In addition, SHABE also awarded a \$500 scholarship to Kevin Fuentes from Davis High School.

A former Aldine ISD teacher, J.C. Harville, created the Suburban Houston Association for Bilingual Education (SHABE) to promote educational opportunities and recognition for bilingual and ESL teachers. For 21 years, SHABE has supported bilingual, ESL, and foreign language educators across the area. SHABE was founded to support teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators as they educate students whose native language is not English. The Association serves to review and disseminate the state of bilingual education in Texas. Additionally, SHABE members exchange data, studies, ideas, practices, and information with area school districts and educators.

April is a fitting month to celebrate bilingual and ESL educators since it is National Bilingual/ Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.



Suburban Houston Association for Bilingual Education
2022 Award Recipients

District Principal Named Semifinalist for Education Award

Principal Christopher Walker of Drew Academy is a state semifinalist for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Principal Award. The H-E-B Excellence in Education Award highlights public school educators across Texas who show exemplary leadership and dedication to their students and community.

H-E-B received more than 1,500 applications from educators all over Texas, with judges narrowing the field. Of those applications, 150 teachers and 50 principals were selected as semifinalists. A letter to all the finalists read: *Obviously, our readers were impressed by your written comments and extensive professional accomplishments.*

Among the criteria that H-E-B looks for in the nominees for the award are 1) Leadership and Campus Culture, 2) Instructional Leadership and Management, and 3) Communication and Community Relations.

“I feel so honored to have made it a semifinalist this year for the H-E-B Excellence in Education Award. It is such an honor to be considered among the top 50 principals in Texas representing Aldine ISD and Drew Academy,” said Walker.



As an H-E-B Excellence in Education award semifinalist, Walker received \$500 in H-E-B Gift cards as a small token of gratitude for all he does every day to inspire and enlighten young minds. He also received a certificate signed by Chairman Charles Butt, which included a quote from Robert Frost that read: I am not a teacher. I am an awakener.

In a letter to Walker, Jill Reynolds, H-E-B public affairs manager, stated, “You are helping to shape the future of Texas, and we thank you for your passion and your dedication. You are an inspiration to us all.”

The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards ceremony is on April 30 in Austin.



OPINION

By Chris Hollins
Candidate for Houston Mayor

The question whether to
legalize Marijuana

Thousands of people in Houston, disproportionately from Black and Brown communities, have had their lives upended due to the criminalization of marijuana. The criminalization of marijuana has led to arrests, convictions, and jail time. All of these make it harder for people to find housing, secure employment, or receive financial assistance for education and trade programs.

Put simply, these prohibitions are not making our city safer and are only serving to prevent many across our community from earning a good and honest living. 39 states have taken steps to decriminalize marijuana. It's time that Texas takes that same step so that we end this ongoing injustice and prioritize law enforcement resources in the fight against violent crime.

I need you to join me in telling the State of Texas to completely decriminalize marijuana, like so many other states have.

That's why I'm asking you to sign and share our petition calling on the Texas legislature to pass a statewide legalization measure in their next legislative session.

Add Your Name

Thank you for being a part of this fight.

Always Forward,

Chris Hollins

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The new fishing rod

It was just one of those things. It didn't really mean Marvin Pincus had lost his mind. Consider this yourself for a minute. Marvin had opened the mail that morning and in it was the Fenwick glass fly rod he'd ordered. Oh, it was used, of course. But there's a feel to a Fenwick that only a man dedicated to a life of using dry flies can appreciate.

Marvin had broken his ankle the previous week and was temporarily in a wheelchair. It was his right ankle, so he couldn't drive down to the creek. And there, in his hands, was the Fenwick. He put it together, attached a reel and some four-weight line and set it on the couch and looked at it.

Marjorie was off visiting her sister, so she couldn't help him. But there's a pull, an irresistible draw to a fly rod. He had to cast it. Now.

It took Marvin about 20 minutes to negotiate the front steps with that wheelchair and the Fenwick. Finally, he negotiated the sidewalk and then the edge of the street itself.

Up came the Fenwick. A few swishes in the air told Marvin he'd done the right thing in ordering the rod. So he ran out some line and began casting. About halfway across the street was a large mulberry leaf. He did a double haul on the line and sent the fly toward the leaf. It took several tries before he hit it, but when he made that cast, you could've sold tickets to it. His fly came to rest about three feet above the leaf and then fluttered gently down onto its target. Marvin's smile said it all.

Then the school bus came around the corner full of kids heading home, and Marvin realized he was casting a fly rod from a wheelchair onto dry pavement.

"Hi Mr. Pincus!" yelled one of the kids. "Catch anything?"

"A little slow today, Billy," he yelled back. "Isn't it hard to catch fish without water?" Billy yelled.

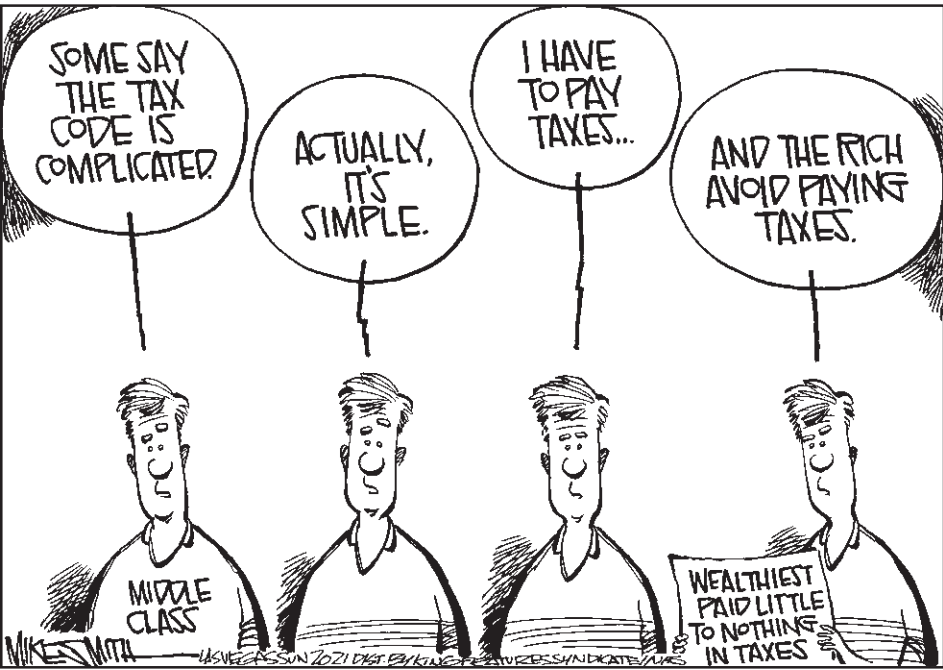
"It's okay, son," Marvin said with a grin. "I'm using a dry fly!"

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WORDS OF WISDOM
from the Editor:

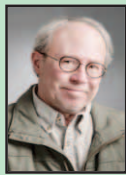
*"I am not the editor of a
newspaper and shall always try
to do right and be good so that
God will not make me one."*

--Mark Twain



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Abbott Halts Border Truck
Inspections

Gov. Greg Abbott halted the state's aggressive truck inspection at all Texas border crossings after days of bipartisan criticism over the extended delays of goods entering the United States.

According to the San Antonio Express-News and other media outlets, for more than a week Abbott had troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety stop all commercial trucks passing through Texas ports for safety inspections, leading to waits of up to eight hours. Normally it takes less than 30 minutes for trucks to cross the border.

Abbott announced on Friday the inspections would end after he signed deals with the governors of the four Mexican states that border Texas to provide better security in an attempt to slow illegal immigration into Texas. He was criticized by the Texas Trucking Association and fellow Republicans, including Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.

"I understand the concern that businesses have about trying to move products across the bridge, but I also know the anger Texans face and have that's caused by Joe Biden not securing the border," Abbott said Friday.

Democrat Beto O'Rourke, who faces the governor in November, slammed Abbott, calling the inspections a "publicity stunt."

"This was completely unnecessary and did absolutely nothing to improve the security and safety of El Paso, of Laredo, of Pharr, or anyone of our border communities of the state of Texas or of the United States of America," O'Rourke said.

Meanwhile, at least five busloads of migrants were sent to Washington, D.C. at Abbott's behest. Those migrants had already been processed and released by the Department of Homeland Security and volunteered to make the trip to the nation's capital.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS
COVER MOST OF STATE

A drier and cooler March for much of the state has expanded drought conditions, which now cover 88% of the



state, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. The drought is most severe in the Panhandle, High Plains and South Texas. Few counties have escaped the dry conditions.

The drought is expected to expand and intensify over the next few months, according to the latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service. Thanks to a Pacific Ocean weather cycle called La Niña, drought is predicted for almost the entire state by the end of June, according to Wentzel.

AGENCY WARNS AGAINST
FRAUDULENT ONLINE
BANK

Consumers are urged to be aware of a fraudulent website claiming to offer online banking services. The website claims to belong to Palm Springs Bank or PalmSpring Bank, according to the Texas Department of Banking. The fake bank's website does not indicate a physical address but does list a post office box in Fort Worth as a mailing address.

"The website is not associated with any known bank. No bank doing business under the name Palm Springs Bank or PalmSpring Bank has been authorized to provide banking services in Texas, nor is any bank by either name supervised by the Department, the FDIC, or the Federal Reserve," the news release said.

Anyone with information about the purported bank or its website should contact the Department's Consumer Assistance Activities at consumer.complaints@dab.texas.gov or call 877-276-5554.

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THE
POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

A Very Bad
Smell

Of course, we should have known something was wrong.

The nice thing about living in our new condo is that we don't have the responsibilities of a stand-alone home. There is no yard to rake, no snow to shovel. There is someone at the front desk who will take in our mail and even water our plants. We were so pleased that we could leave for an extended trip to Mexico without these worries. But then, we got a notice from our electric company that indicated our electric bill was very low. In fact, it was almost nonexistent.

"Well, we're not using any electricity!" I said to my husband, Peter, as he read the notice.

"The refrigerator would still use some," Peter said.

"There must be something wrong with the meter." I try not to invite unnecessary worries. Sometimes this leads to problems. This time, it did.

We were gone a total of 10 weeks. We don't know exactly when the power went out to the refrigerator, but our best guess is that is happened shortly after we left.

We arrived home late at night. "Something smells funny," I told Peter.

"I don't smell anything." I did. There was a very bad smell. That's when Peter opened the fridge.

"Oh, NO!"

A giant, noxious wave of smell rolled out of the refrigerator. It was strong enough to make me ill, strong enough to make my eyes water, strong enough to make me run out of the kitchen in a panic.

We had frozen salmon and chicken and shrimp in that freezer. We had bags of corn and squash from the farmers' market, boxes of butter now covered in furry mold, bags of leaking liquid that had exploded from fermentation and poured from the freezer into the refrigerator. Sitting forlornly in the middle of this wasteland were several dozen ginger cookies that Peter had spent hours baking.

Peter closed the refrigerator door.

I don't think either of us slept much that night. All night, I dreamed I was being chased by a malevolent refrigerator filled with unidentified horrors. Everywhere I went, the refrigerator was waiting for me.

In the morning, my dreams came true.

Peter told the building engineer, Jacob, what had happened, and he gave us a trash barrel on wheels and several heavy-duty trash bags. I put cotton up my nose and a mask over my face, donned gloves, and set to work. We filled the bags, tied them tightly, and Peter brought them downstairs to poor Jacob, who caught a whiff and wheeled the barrel out of the building as fast as he could run.

"He was like a halfback running to the end zone!" Peter said and I got my first good laugh since leaving Mexico.

Four hours later, after detergent and bleach and what felt like endless scrubbing, the fridge looked spotless. I took off my mask and removed the cotton from my nose.

The stench was terrible.

We ran a fan all night. We bought some spray that smelled like lime and sprayed it everywhere. We kept the windows open. That evening, Peter put some beans in water to soak, and we went to bed—thankfully, at the far end of the apartment.

In the morning, Peter got up and started cooking beans and, when I rounded the corner to the kitchen, finally, I smelled something that wasn't terrible.

"It smells like beans!" I told Peter.

I wasn't even sure I liked the smell of beans cooking. But this morning, they smelled terrific. In fact, I think beans are my new favorite smell.

Till next time,
Carrie

For photos from the column and other info visit: CarrieClasson.com.

SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje de la Superintendente,
19 de Abril de 2022

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Espero que hayan disfrutado del largo fin de semana y que hayan pasado tiempo con sus familias y amistades. Cuesta creer que mayo esté justo a la vuelta de la esquina. Nuestros pasillos están llenos de emoción a medida que los alumnos y el personal escolar participan y se preparan para espectáculos de arte, eventos atléticos, competiciones académicas, conciertos, festivales, pruebas, ceremonias de premios y más. La primavera siempre trae energía renovada a nuestras escuelas. Esta energía nos da el impulso adicional que necesitamos a medida que nos dirigimos a las últimas semanas del ciclo escolar. Asegúrense de echar un vistazo a las últimas noticias de Aldine ISD para obtener más información sobre todas las grandes cosas que suceden en nuestro distrito.

Hay dos eventos claves y una observación que me gustaría destacar esta semana. Primero hay que reconocer que es la Semana Nacional del Voluntariado. Por favor, únanse a mí para agradecer a nuestros voluntarios. Espero con ansias ver sus comentarios e imágenes en las redes sociales con el hashtag



#SeaVoluntarioEnAldine. Cada año, Aldine tiene miles de padres, abuelos y socios comerciales que marcan la diferencia en la vida de los alumnos al dedicar su tiempo, creatividad y generosidad. Nuestro distrito se fortalece gracias a las contribuciones de nuestros voluntarios. *Gracias.*

Tenemos dos grandes eventos el sábado 30 de abril: STEMfest (o festival de CTIM; el acrónimo de ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería y las matemáticas) cumple con nuestros objetivos de despertar el interés y alentar a más alumnos a seguir los campos de CTIM. Más de 200 alumnos se han inscrito para participar en actividades prácticas, talleres de aprendizaje y exposiciones dirigidas por estudiantes.

El 30de abril, también llevaremos a cabo nuestro primer Festival de Primavera. Se ha puesto mucho esfuerzo en este evento que será completamente en español para

compartir todas las cosas de Aldine con nuestra comunidad de habla hispana. Sabemos que el idioma puede ser una barrera para algunas de nuestras familias, y este evento busca eliminar estas barreras. Los aliento a ustedes y a sus vecinos de habla hispana a unirse a nosotros para conocer más sobre nuestra amplia variedad de programas, opciones y oportunidades para nuestros alumnos y familias. ¡También tendremos entretenimiento proporcionado por nuestros alumnos! El Mariachi Acero actuará, podrán ver a nuestros estudiantes de ballet folclórico y hablar con algunos de nuestros futbolistas. También tenemos invitados especiales. Estoy emocionado de tener la oportunidad de decir algunas palabras en español.

¡No se pierdan estos dos eventos emblemáticos del distrito!

Uno de los temas cercanos a mi corazón es la alfabetización. Espero que sintonicen el miércoles 21 de abril a las 7 p.m. para ver a la Directora de Alfabetización Demedia Edwards. Ella participará en el panel de discusión «Volteando la página del analfabetismo» del Canal 13. La Srta. Edwards compartirá lo que Aldine está

haciendo para abordar los problemas de alfabetización, tal como abrazar la ciencia de la lectura, lecciones de alta calidad, entrenamiento de maestros y más. Este es el segundo año de nuestro nuevo marco de alfabetización. Y los datos muestran que los alumnos están haciendo un crecimiento constante en sus habilidades básicas de lectura. Nuestros objetivos son que todos los alumnos de primer grado en ascenso ingresen a la escuela listos para aprender y que todos los alumnos de tercer grado lean en o por encima del nivel de grado. Hagan clic aquí para obtener detalles sobre cómo pueden ver y escuchar más sobre nuestros pasos para mejorar y promover la alfabetización.

He disfrutado celebrando a nuestros estudiantes, maestros, líderes y miembros del personal. Honestamente, están sucediendo muchas cosas geniales. Las palabras no pueden expresar la alegría que yo siento al ver la diferencia que estamos haciendo para los jóvenes a los que servimos.

Orgullosa de nuestro distrito,

“Dra. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendente

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

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

•**En curso hasta el**

31 de mayo: Familias con hijos elegibles para asistir prekínder para niños de tres años y cuatro años para el ciclo escolar

2022-2023 pueden preinscribirlos. Hagan clic aquí para obtener detalles sobre cómo matricular a sus hijos.

•**Abril:** Hagan clic aquí para detalles sobre las clases gratuitas de GED (significa Desarrollo General de la Educación) para padres de Aldine ISD y cómo pueden inscribirse. Las clases nocturnas entre semana en español comienzan el 26 de abril. Las clases de fin de semana en inglés comienzan el 30 de abril.

•**30 de Abril:** 1er Festival de primavera de Aldine ISD (un evento completamente en español), de 9 a.m. al mediodía, en el M.O. Campbell Educational Center

• **3 0 d e abril:** S T E M f e s t 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 VoluntariadoMes Nacional de Apoyar a los Alumnos Bilingües/Multilingües

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

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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 FAFSA o 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.



MacArthur Soccer team
Goes on Historic Run
in Playoffs

The MacArthur High School Generals soccer team had a playoff run for the ages this season.

The Generals, who finished second in District 14-6A, won four straight playoff games and were one game away from qualifying for the Class 6A State Soccer Tournament when their historic run was cut short with a 2-1 loss to The Woodlands in the Region II Finals on April 9 in Austin.

The Generals opened the postseason with a bi-district win over College Park, then defeated Tomball in the area round, Klein in the third round, and No. 10-ranked Duncanville in the Region II Semifinals before dropping a hard-fought contest to The Woodlands.

The 2022 Generals made history by going further in the playoffs than any previous MacArthur soccer team. While head coach Salvador Fernández was sad to see the season end, he was incredibly proud of how his young team performed in the postseason and is excited about the future.

“I am very proud of the team,” Fernández said. “We overcame a lot of adversity together. The team fought hard in every game this season and became a solid unit.”

With 16 lettermen returning next year, including eight of 11 starters, the Generals’ future is bright.

“I am very excited (about next season),” Fernández said. “We have 16 out of 23 varsity players returning. We also have a real good freshman class and a solid JV (junior varsity) team. We will reload and continue our quest for state.”

Fernández said the experience the team gained with its deep playoff run should be a considerable factor heading into next season.

“I think we gained a lot of confidence, and the expectations will be even higher for players, coaches, and program as a whole heading into next year,” he said. “We need to work even harder to be better. We played a tough pre-season schedule, and we played the best teams in our city, which also con-

tributed to our success. We want to thank our school, our athletic department, our district, and our community for all of their support.”

The Generals finished 17-5-4 for the season.

The team consisted of goalkeeper Juan Ruiz, midfielder Kevin García, midfielder Edgar Vázquez, defender Alexis Sánchez, defender César Barrientos, defender Walter Aguilar, forward Jay Hernández, midfielder Emiliano Pineda, midfielder Ariel Lomas, defender Alan Sánchez, midfielder Zavier Toscana, midfielder Aldo Hernández, midfielder José González, defender Benjamín Fajardo, forward David Rivera, forward Jair Robles, midfielder David Anaya, midfielder Jacob Reyes, defender Bryan González, midfielder Josué Santos, defender Abeiro San Juan, goalkeeper Francisco Patiño, and goalkeeper Ricardo Cerdá.

Assisting Fernández were junior varsity coach Sean Doyle and ninth-grade coach Jesús Zamora.

32 AISD Track Athletes
Qualify for Area Meet

Thirty-two Aldine ISD track and field athletes have qualified for the Region II Area Meet, held April 21 at Grand Oaks High School by finishing in the top three places in their respective events at the District 14-6A Track and Field Meet.

Representing the Aldine High School boys team will be Edward Mota in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter run and Josue Gonzales in the pole vault. Lady Mustangs who qualified were Elda Zuniga in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter run, Velasquez Aguilar in the 400-meter run, Rosario Rodriguez in the pole vault and Brooklyn Cooke in the pole vault.

Davis High School boys who qualified for the Area Meet where the 400-meter relay team of Aziayon, Jayden Thomas, Andre Washington and Jaylon Jones. Thomas, Washington, Jones and Johnny Perry also qualified in the 800-meter relay. Thomas also qualified in the 100-meter dash, while Lamon Houston qualified in the high jump and long jump. Lady Falcons who qualified were Victoria Moss in the 400-meter dash and Jayla Brown in the long jump and triple jump.

Eisenhower High School boys who qualified were Braylon Oliphant, Deon DeBlanc, Tyler Hutcherson and Ryan Niblett in

the 400- and 800-meter relay. Hutcherson also qualified in the 100-meter dash, while Niblett qualified in the 100-, and 200-meter dash and the long jump and triple jump. Malik Giles qualified in the 800-meter relay and the 200-meter dash. Lady Eagles who qualified were Jaiya Covington, Patience Washington, Dorien Bell Lewis and Alistine Hardwell in the 400- and 800-meter relay. Covington also qualified in the 100-meter hurdles, the 100-meter dash and the high jump. Daisha Williams qualified in the 800-meter relay, while Keiora Gaines qualified in the shot put.

MacArthur High School boys who qualified for the Area Meet were Emiliano Flores in the 1,600-meter run, Eddie Espinoza in the 3,200-meter run, Gio Silva in the 800-meter run, Edward Mota in the 3,200-meter run, Josh Calderon in the 800-meter run, Keenan Jackson in the 110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles, the high jump and the 1,600-meter relay. Jason Crampton, Raymond Farley and Saul Hernandez also were part of the 1,600-meter relay team. Hernandez also qualified in the long jump, while Ivan Vanegas and Xzavion Starks both qualified in the discus and Rudy Reyes qualified in

the pole vault. Lady Generals who qualified for the Area Meet were the 400-meter relay team of Kennedy Brooks, Aaliyah Callaway, Kayla Jones and Lenisse Addison. Brooks, Jones, Addison and Paula Trevino also qualified in the 800-meter relay, while Callaway, Jones, Emily Muagututi’a and Araby Garcia qualified in the 1,600-meter relay. Samantha Perez qualified in the 800-meter run, while Jose-lin Gonzales qualified in the 1,600-meter run, and Akyia Batisee qualified in the discus.

Nimitz High School boys who qualified for the Area Meet were Bryon Doyle in the 400-meter run and pole vault, Chris Easley in the 200-meter run, Christian Booker in the discus and shot put, Cruz Alvarez in the 3,200-meter run and Moises Rodriguez in the 3,200-meter run. Lady Cougars who qualified for the Area Meet were Antrecia Lemmons, Dai’jah Amos, Malaijha Williams and Mya Brass in the 800-meter relay and Lemons, Amos, Williams and Kerryelle Carter in the 1,600-meter relay, while Brass also qualified in the 200-meter dash. Karma Carthen qualified in the discus, while Andrea Franco qualified in the discus and shot put, while Skylar Bennett qualified in the shot put.



MacArthur Tennis Team Wins District 14-6A Title

Chicago Bears Linebacker Caleb Johnson pays a visit to Johnson Elementary

The MacArthur High School boys and girls tennis team won the District 14-6A title. In addition, 14 players qualified for the Region II Tennis Tournament, slated for April 11-12 at the Waco Regional Tennis Center.

The team is under the direction of head coach Brandon Blake.

Héctor de la Cruz finished first in boys' singles in boys' singles, while Arthur Galván finished in second place. Both advanced to the regional tournament.

In girls' doubles, the team of Abigail Pérez and Leslie Ramírez finished in first place, while the team of Briana Valentín and Jasmine de León finished in second place. Both teams advanced to the regional tournament.

In boys' doubles, the team of Juan Torres and Anthony Vargas finished in first place, while the team of Pedro Gutiérrez and Eleazar Lara finished in second place. Both teams advanced to the regional tournament.

Aldine High School's Mariana Vargas finished in first place in girls' singles and qualified for the regional tournament. Lindsey Eichelman coaches her.

Chicago Bears linebacker, Caleb Johnson, recently stopped by Johnson Elementary to visit with students. During the visit, Johnson met with the campus's fourth and fifth-grade boys. He encouraged them to "invest their time in something that they love." Additionally, he answered questions from the students, visited the library, and read to second-grade students.



Aldine ISD Class of 2022 Graduation Information

Carver High School Orchestra Receives Top Honors at UIL

Aldine ISD looks forward to celebrating the Class of 2022 with graduation ceremonies **May 26-28** at M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd. Share your senior celebrations with us by tagging Aldine ISD in your photos on Instagram and Twitter and using the hashtag **#AISDClassof2022**



Carver High School Orchestra students recently attended the UIL and Sight Reading competition, on March 10. The students received straight 1's on all of their performance pieces and sight reading piece. They were also awarded with Sweepstakes status. The Carver High School Orchestra is led by Director Carlos Quiroz and



Assistant Director Gabriella Garces, with assistance from Drew Academy Orchestra Director Grace Lewis.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

I TELL YA, DAD, IT SEEMS THE OLDER I GET THE LESS I UNDERSTAND.

WOW, DOES THAT MEAN WHEN I'M YOUR AGE I'LL BE EVEN MORE BAFFLED?

NAH, WHEN YOU GET TO MY AGE YOU CONCERN YOURSELF WITH OTHER STUFF.

LIKE "WHAT TIME IS DINNER" AND "WHAT'S THE FORECAST TOMORROW?"

by Dave T. Phipps

R.E.D.

SORRY, WE'RE NOT OPEN FOR THE SEASON YET, MA'AM.

BUT FOR FIVE BUCKS I COULD LET YOU INTO THE GREENHOUSE TO PREVIEW THE COMING ATTRACTIONS.

by Mike Marland

The Spats

IT'S TOUGH SITTING AROUND DOING NOTHING ALL DAY...

...YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE DONE!

by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Trivia Test

by Ed Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What is the practice of chiro-mancy?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is unusual about the date the Chinese New Year is celebrated each year?

3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does "http" stand for?

4. MUSIC: Which Beatles' song asks listeners to "take a sad song and make it better"?

5. TELEVISION: What is the name of Sponge-Bob Squarepants' best friend in the animated series?

6. GEOGRAPHY: Nairobi is the capital of which African country?

7. MOVIES: Which two male actors starred in "The Sting" (1973)?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby oyster called?

9. HISTORY: In its planning stages, which World War II attack was coined "Operation Z" by the Japanese?

10. LITERATURE: During which war is the novel "All the Light We Cannot See" set?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Trivia Test

by Ed Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What is the practice of chiro-mancy?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is unusual about the date the Chinese New Year is celebrated each year?

3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does "http" stand for?

4. MUSIC: Which Beatles' song asks listeners to "take a sad song and make it better"?

5. TELEVISION: What is the name of Sponge-Bob Squarepants' best friend in the animated series?

6. GEOGRAPHY: Nairobi is the capital of which African country?

7. MOVIES: Which two male actors starred in "The Sting" (1973)?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby oyster called?

9. HISTORY: In its planning stages, which World War II attack was coined "Operation Z" by the Japanese?

10. LITERATURE: During which war is the novel "All the Light We Cannot See" set?

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —

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

2. From Exodus 16, what bird served as miracle food for the Israelites? Raven, Dove, Quail, Duck

3. In Genesis 29:17, what part of Leah was tender (weak)? Foot, Hand, Mind, Eyes

4. From Jonah 1:15, how did he (Jonah) end up in the sea? Drunkenness, Fell in, Capsized ship, Cast in


5. In Matthew 17, what size faith did Jesus say was needed? Mountain, Mustard seed, Ant hill, One's heart

6. James and John were the sons of ... ? Bartholomew, Zebedee, Zadok, Barnabas

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Quail; 3) Eyes; 4) Cast in (thrown); 5) Mustard seed; 6) Zebedee

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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East Aldine releases JFK Statue renderings

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gigantic mural scheduled for the lobby wall of the new East Aldine District office building, that tells the story graphically of the history of the Aldine Area. The public is welcome to visit the lobby of the East Aldine building to see the mural.

Also planned by the art committee is MURAL-FEST22, a day-long event commemorating community art and the repainting of the mural on the side of the High Meadows library.

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

The JFK statue proposal has received wide acclaim, bringing high quality art to the district which will enhance our reputation city-wide. Consultant David Hawes commented that in 20 years, the District has spent \$60 million for water and sewer improvements, and public safety, so “it is time to improve the appearance in the District by spending these dollars.” The introduction of an art program is consistent with the original intent to enhance the quality of life in the district.

Born 1927 in Huntsville, Texas, David Adickes earned his undergraduate degree in physics and mathematics from Sam Houston State College (now University). The summer after graduation, he attended the



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



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



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

Kansas City Art Institute and realized that art was what he really wanted to do. Adickes used his G.I. Bill to study painting in Paris with the modern master, Fernand Leger. He returned to Houston and began painting full-time.

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

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

His workshop in Houston is open to the public and features many of his most outstanding works. Not intended to be a destination, the workshop/gallery has turned into a destination, an often surprising site where one can see something out of the ordinary in the middle of an industrial part of Houston, Texas. Giant heads will occasionally sit in the parking lot and huge sculptures of the Beatles and former President Bush can be seen from the street. Occasionally one will find Adickes working in the shop, with his six employees, slowly crafting ever more extravagant work.

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