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## **NEWS**

## **BIG Improvement program expands**

## East Aldine grant program now covers Facades, more

#### SUNDAY



HOUSTON - U.S. representative for Texas, Sylvia R. Garcia, announced she has COVID-19 on Wednes-





Rep. Garcia released this statement:

tested positive for COVID-19. Fortunately, I'm fully vaccinated and boosted — so my symptoms are mild. I'll follow CDC guidelines and I expect a full recovery. I'll be quarantining and focusing on getting healthy. I will work virtually, and my office will remain open and ready to serve

to the U.S. House of Representatives in represents the Texas 29th Congressional

The East Aldine Management District (EAMD) Board of Directors has established and funded the Façade Grant program for the EAMD, as part of the original BIG (Business Improvement Grant) program. The program provides grant funds to EAMD commercial property owners, within the district boundaries, in support of revitalization on a case-by-case basis.

Grants are available on a 50/50 basis with a cap of \$10,000 per grant. Grant funds will only be approved for facades and signs which are in alignment with the City's Code of Ordinances. Eligible projects include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Façade renovations (visible to the public)
  - (2) Awning installation
  - (3) Outdoor lighting
  - (4) Landscaping (5) Signage
- (6) Roof and foundation repairs



- (7) Exterior Painting
- (8) Parking Lot Improvements
- (9) Power Washing

Applications for the program are reviewed by the EAMD Board. In addition to review for basic eligibility requirements, applications will be reviewed for:

- (1) Potential to diversify the economy.
- (2) Effect and support on other businesses; and/
- (3) Consistency with local redevelopment strate-

The EAMD Board will

recommend grants based upon the following. There is no proprietary right to receive grant funds.

- (1) Amount requested. (2) Grant funds avail-
- able. (3) Condition of the building in which grant
- funds will be used. (4) Other grant requests.
- (5) Compatibility.

The EAMD Board shall consider any Application within its discretionary authority to determine what grant amount will be in the best interest of the Grant program.

#### Who Qualifies?

Any commercial lot/ structure located within District boundaries.

Residential properties, sexually oriented businesses, nightclubs, game rooms, and similar businesses (as determined by the EAMD Board) are not eligible.

The annual funding cycle begins January 1st of each year and ends December 31st. Grants are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until funds for the funding cycle

are depleted.

No grant will be awarded for work that has already been done or covered by insurance. All submitted work will be reviewed and approved before any eligible work may begin.

If awarded a Façade **Grant**, any deviation from the approved grant project may result in total or partial withdrawal of the

A Facade Grant "SIGN" must be displayed in the recipient's storefront window, upon completion, for a minimum of three (3) months to officially recognize the EAMD grant pro-

#### **QUESTIONS**

Facade Grant Application questions: Please call 832-677-0139 or 512-658-4985. Lance Dean is in charge of the program for the East Aldine District.

See Page 8 of this issue for additional information on the BIG program, and a link for rules and appli-



"This morning I

Garcia was elected November 2018. She District.

#### **Business Luncheon** targets Economic **Development for area**



East Aldine District held a Business Networking Luncheon on Thursday, April 28 at their District Office Building meeting room. The purpose of the luncheon was to let prospective businesses learn about possibilities in the East Aldine area.

Participating were real estate agents, developers, business owners and others who joined for the inaugural business networking lunch at East Aldine Town Center! Be sure to follow East Aldine District, on social media or the NORTHEAST NEWS, and sign up for a newsletter at the District website to receive info on future networking events: https:// aldinedistrict.org

## East Aldine's "Concert on the Hill" set for May 7 at Amphitheater

#### **EAST ALDINE SETS CONCERT ON SATURDAY MAY 7**

In the next performance in its Concert Series, the East Aldine District has scheduled a "Performing Arts Concert on the Hill" featuring Grammy Award Winner trumpet musician Felix Deleon.

The Concert will take place on Saturday, May 7 from 9am to 2pm at the Amphitheater in East Aldine District's Town Center on Aldine Mail Route.

The concert is free, and face painting and



food trucks and other entertainment will be available. You are invited for the day, bring a blanket and a lawn chair for comfort.

The Concert will feature AISD students and a special guest performance by Grammy **Award Winner Felix** Deleon. The event is sponsored by the East Aldine Arts Council. Other sponsors include Aldine ISD and Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

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#### 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.

#### **COMMUNITY** WATCH

#### **Shooting Incident at 792 West** Mount Houston Road

Houston police have learned the identity of an armed suspect fatally shot at 792 West Mount Houston Road about 5:45 p.m. on Saturday (April 9).

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences has identified the male as Richard Nichols, 48.

Three HPD officers who discharged weapons in the incident were not injured. The officers are assigned to the North Patrol Division. Officer D. Blackerby was sworn in as an officer in December 2018, Officer J. Pavlica in December 2014 and Officer J. Mayfield in August 2021.

HPD Special Investigations Unit Sergeant J. Hekimian and Detectives N. Arellano, W. Elliott, V. Nguyen and D. Escobar reported:

Officers received information that a male suspect, known to carry firearms, was trespassing at a business at the above address. Officers obtained the male's description and learned he had a parole violation for organized criminal activity. The officers arrived at the location and found the suspect in a small room inside the business.

While officers were giving the suspect verbal commands, he reached for a weapon. At that time, three officers discharged their weapons, striking the suspect several times. The male was transported an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

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

#### **Operation Lone Star Seizes Over** 300 Million Lethal Doses Of Fentanyl, Secures Border

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard are continuing to work together to secure the border, stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas, and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal behavior between ports of entry in response to the federal government's unwillingness to address the border crisis.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, multi-agency efforts have led to more than 236,000 migrant apprehensions, along with almost 14,000 criminal arrests and more than 11,300 felony charges. Over 3,800 weapons and almost \$30 million in currency have been seized. In the fight against fentanyl, DPS has seized over 300 million lethal doses throughout the state.

Operation Lone Star continues to fill the dangerous gaps left by the Biden Administration's refusal to secure the border. Every individual who is apprehended or arrested and every ounce of drugs seized would have otherwise made their way into communities across Texas and the nation due to President Biden's open border

## **Lone Star College students** shine at National Model **United Nations conference**



Lone Star College Honors College students took top honors at the recent National Model United Nations conference.

HOUSTON (April 28, 2022) – Students from The Honors College at Lone Star College received top honors during two separate National Model United Nations (NMUN) conferences held in New York. NMUN, the world's largest and oldest ongoing university-level Model U.N., annually draws participants from more than 130 U.N. Member States to address current global issues.

"Lone Star College is proud to offer students these types of opportunities to demonstrate academic excellence," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. "Their achievements are a testament to the hard work they and their professors do to achieve this level of success."

LSC-Kingwood and LSC-Tomball Honors College students participated in Conference A representing Oxfam International and APIMONDIA. LSC-CyFair, LSC-Montgomery, LSC-North Harris and LSC-University Park Honors College students took part in Conference B representing Gabon. Both teams were named Outstanding Delegation, the highest honor given, and were also recognized for Position Papers, Best in Committee and Outstanding Delegates.

"I could not be prouder of our students," said Dr. Sean Tiffee, LSC-Tomball Professor of Speech and NMUN advisor. "This is truly an international competition and our students compete against not just other two-year institutions, but students from four-year colleges all around the world."

Other colleges represented at the conference included the University of Ottawa, Brigham Young University, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Rutgers University, West Virginia University, Frankfort School of Finance and Management, and Baylor University.

"Being recognized as an Outstanding Delegation, the top award at the conference, is not just about individual preparedness or public speaking," said Dr. Rebecca Howard, LSC-Montgomery History Professor. "It means that every single member of the delegation remained focused, professional and engaged in their committees throughout the entire experi-

The theme for this year's conference was "Emerging Resilient, Moving Forward Together." Participants were challenged to incorporate it into their solutions for the future and showcase what they can do.

"Thank you for taking part in the Model United Nations and for believing in the power of global cooperation to solve global problems," said António Guterres, United Nations Secretary General in a prepared statement. "The world needs your energy, courage and commitment."

"The Honors College at Lone Star College is a great place for high-achieving students seeking to improve their college transcripts and transferability with challenging coursework," said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., LSC Associate Vice Chancellor Honors and International Education. "This program engages and challenges students inside and outside the classroom through small classes and close interaction with dedicated faculty."

Visit LoneStar.edu/HonorsCollege to learn more about the opportunities to travel, attend off-campus educational and cultural events, perform service-learning opportunities, join conferences and special

The National Model United Nations advances understanding of the U.N. and contemporary international issues and has positively impacted the lives of thousands of student delegates. The Outstanding Delegation award is based on the delegation's ability to represent the positions of their assigned country, participate actively in committees and follow the proper rules of procedure for diplomatic exchange.

## HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

#### **GOOD MORNING!**

The High Meadows Library weekly submission is below. Thank you so much for helping us get the word out about our programs!

#### **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 Kore-

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 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. Currently available are Chive & Bell Pepper seeds.

#### **COMPUTER CLASSES:**

The library offers a variety of computer classes including Computer Basics, Microsoft Word, and 1 on 1 assistance. If you're interested in registering for a class, please contact the library and ask for availability. Space is limited and registration is re-

#### **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

jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

#### **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-stopshop 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.

JENNIFER NANDLAL **SR ADULT PROGRAM SPECIALIST** HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY 4500 ALDINE MAIL RT I **HOUSTON, TX 77039** 832.927.5540

#### **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!

#### DIG (DEVOURING **INFINITE GENRES) BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS**

Adults, join us May 7 at 11am for our monthly book club to discuss our common appetite for books! Each month we read our own selection from an assigned genre. This month we are reading Fantasy novels! Join us for light refreshments and great conversation!

#### **BILINGUAL STORYTIME**

Join us back in the library for storytime in Englisȟ 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 improv-

ing 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-

#### **LENA**

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

Qualifying participants be eligible to receive \$100!

register To (832)927-5410 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 in-

**CALL FOR LITERACY** 

teractions!

#### **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 li-

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

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

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#### SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

## Message from the Superintendent, April 26, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

April is quickly coming to a close, but we are already looking toward summer and giving students more choices and opportunities. So much thought has gone into creating our summer programs. These programs will have students learning, getting ahead on credits, as well as exploring and diving into their interests. I hope you take advantage of these opportunities.

On the topic of our Aldine summer learning experience, we have an exciting new opportunity for our students. Through our partnership with iEducate, we are looking to hire eligible students and alumni to serve as tutors this summer. They will have the opportunity to work with selected elementary students who need additional learning support. If you or someone you know is a future teacher, this is your chance to gain some teaching experience.

Congratulations to Victory Early College High School! For a 10th consecutive year, Victory Early College earned high national and metro-area rankings. Today, in the 2022 "Best High Schools Rankings," U.S. News & World Report unveiled which public high schools rank the best.

In addition to our focus on preparing students for college and careers, our extracurriculars are a large part of the educational experience. Again, please visit our website to read about the great things our students and schools are achieving. Read about Carver High School earning three Tommy Tune nominations and our student-athletes in track and softball advancing to regionals and earning playoff berths.

During this last week of Community Outreach Month, I want to take an opportunity to highlight our police officers. They do so much more than protect our students, staff, and communities. I encourage you to visit our website to read about how officers like Ariel Holliday are working to build bridges with our students and communities.

Don't forget! This Saturday, Aldine ISD hosts two big events: STEMFest and Festival de Primavera (Spring Festival). I look forward to seeing you there and talking with you about all things Aldine!

Have a great week, and remember to keep moving #AldineForward.

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**

AprilNational Volunteer MonthNational Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month

• **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. Click here for details.

•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.

•Eligible Texas families who lost access to free or reduced-price meals during School Year 2021-2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic will receive P-EBT food benefits. Click here for information.

•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.

## Officer Holliday Relishes Reaching Out to the Community

Aldine ISD Police Officer Ariel Holliday has been in law enforcement for six years. During that time, she served in many capacities, including as a patrol officer and investigator. While she has enjoyed working in several roles, she relishes her newest duty, serving as the Aldine ISD Police Department's Community Outreach Officer.

When the position became available in August of 2021, she leaped at the opportunity to serve as the department's face in the Aldine community. Her job is to represent the AISD Police Department at special events, safety talks, public-facing events, and situations where police officers interact with young people. She has organized her fellow officers in basketball, kickball, and softball events with AISD students.

She has a busy schedule, attending community events such as National Night Out, visiting Aldine ISD campuses every week, and sharing her kindness and compassion with students and adults.

Holliday is the first member of her family to go into law enforcement. As a child, she remembers watching TV shows about police officers, and her father encouraged her to consider becoming a law enforcement officer.

"My dad pushed me to the police academy, and I'm thankful he did," Holliday said.

Holliday, a graduate of Elkins High School, worked for Precinct 2 in Fort Bend County, Prairie View A&M University, and returned to the Aldine ISD Police Department in April of 2021 (she had served with the ASID PD for three years before her stints with Fort Bend and Prairie View).

She's glad she came back.
Holliday is kept busy in her new
role. She visits AISD campuses
twice a week to visit students and
develop a bond with them.

With April being Community Outreach Month, Holliday knows the importance of being open and honest about her profession.

"I love seeing the different faces and interacting with people. I really like to help," she said. "My main goal is to create a bond between students, the community, and our police officers."

In addition to being one of the 'good guys,' Holliday also focuses on



bullying when visiting with students.

"I want our students to know it's not OK to bully. I also want them to know they can reach out to a teacher or me if they feel they are being bullied. I want to see it (bullying) go down. It's a problem."

While police officers put their lives on the line daily to protect the public, Holliday admitted that her profession had been seen in a negative light by different factions across the country in the past couple of years. That's why she takes her job so seriously.

"I work to develop a trust factor with our students," she said. "We need kids to respect us. One of my other goals is to change how people see us. Some always view us as being the bad guy, but we are here to provide help and assistance. I hope to expand this program and get more officers involved."

Holliday keeps a busy schedule. When she visits schools on a Monday, it's "Motivational Monday," Tuesday is "Talk it Out Tuesday," Wednesday is Wild About Wednesdays," Thursday is "Thriving Thursday," and Friday is "Thank Goodness it's Friday."

She can also be found on weekends at softball tournaments, community gatherings, and other community-based events.

Aldine ISD Police Chief Paul Cordova said he believes Officer Holliday is the perfect fit for the Community Outreach Officer.

"Officer Holliday has all the traits we love about our Aldine ISD Police Officers," Cordova said. "She is kind, compassionate, communicative, energetic, responsive, and courageous. Both kids and adults love to be around her. Reaching out to the community comes naturally to her, and she is a perfect fit for this position."

# District's New Partnership With iEducate Seeks to Hire Summer Tutors to Work With Students Who Need Extra Support

iEducate connects young adolescents and adults who aspire to teach with students who need to learn.

Aldine ISD is calling on current students and alumni to help district students who need additional learning support.

The initiative stems from a partnership with iEducate. The nonprofit connects young adults who aspire to teach with students who need to learn, embedding college and high school students alongside teachers as college readiness mentors to enhance elementary students' learning and strengthen the homegrown teacher pipeline.

"This partnership is a win-win for everyone," said Chief of Schools Dr. Katy Roede. "We want to provide students with the tools and skills to reach their full potential. The program also gives students the experience to become highly-effective future teachers. For those future teachers and those who want to give back to their community, I urge eligible students to take advantage of this incredible opportunity."

Two (2) tutors will be placed across 13 elementary schools. The student tutors will be paired with a certified teacher to help elementary students with core subjects like reading, writing, math, and

science. Student tutors will work in person with shifts available between Monday through Thursday.

The program begins June 6 and runs through the end of June. Interested individuals ages 15 and older should apply by May 8 at apply.iEducateUSA.org. No experience is required.

Gain Teaching Experience Now — Help Other Students and Earn Money!

All currently enrolled Aldine ISD high school students and AISD alumni enrolled in college, ages 15 and older, can participate.

Priority Deadline to Apply: May 8 Apply today at Apply.iEducateUSA.org 26+ Available Tutor Spots

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iEducate Training: May 31-June 3

In-Person Work: June 6-30 Shifts are available Monday-Thursday,

from 7:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

\*You must be eligible to work in the
U.S. (U.S. citizen, permanent resident,

DACA, EA, or CPT/OPT F-1 students).

Click here to view the flyer in English and Spanish. For more information, call 713-589-2427 or email
Recruiting@iEducateUSA.org

#### Eisenhower, MacArthur and Nimitz Softball Teams Earn Playoff Berths

Aldine ISD softball teams secured three of the four playoff spots in District 14-6A as Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Nimitz qualified for post-season play.

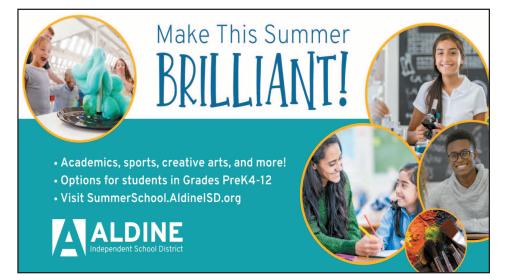
Under the direction of head coach Jocilynn Ellis, the Lady Eagles will face Willis High School in bi-district on Thursday, April 28. The game will be played at Willis High School and will begin at 7 p.m.

Under the direction of head coach Fernando Fernandez, the Lady Generals will face Oak Ridge High School on Thursday, April 28 at Oak Ridge High School. The game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Under the direction of head coach

Christie Middelton, the Lady Cougars will face Grand Oaks High School in a best two-out-of-three game series. Game 1 will be played on Thursday, April 28, at the Aldine ISD Softball Complex and will begin at 6 p.m. Game 2 will be played on Friday, April 29, at Grand Oaks High School and start at 6 p.m. If a third game is necessary, it will be played on Saturday, April 30, at Grand Oaks High School and will begin at noon.

Tickets will be on sale for all games at the gate, except for the game at the Aldine ISD Softball Complex. Those tickets will be available online. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.



#### \* OPINION PAGE



By Rich Lowry **Editor, National Review** 

## Let Disney Be An Exmaple

Just like that, tyranny has descended on Florida. The state legislature, with the support of Gov. Ron DeSantis, voted to repeal the "special independent district" enjoyed by Disney for half a

This is a sign, we are told, of the advent of an American authoritarianism that brooks no dissent Disney criticizes a measure supported by the Florida GOP, the so-called Don't Say Gay bill, and immediately gets targeted.

There's a reason this fight escalated to this point, though. Disney was the aggressor in the battle over the education bill, lied about it, and pledged to work to repeal it.

Even though the bill had nothing to do with Disney whatsoever — nothing to do with its product, its business model, or its employees. The company got pushed into its stance based on pressure from a woke segment of its employees and from progressives on the outside.

Disney's case against the bill relied on the smear that the legislation somehow threatened gay or trans people. In fact, the law merely seeks to



exclude inappropriate material from being taught to young children in the classroom — an objective that once would have been considered utterly banal.

"Classroom instruc-

tion," the law says, "by school personnel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity may not occur in kindergarten through grade 3 or in a manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards."

Based on that, Disney went to the mattresses. And it did so, not to serve its shareholders, enhance its profitability, protect its intellectual property, or align itself with its vast and politically diverse customer base.

This was, shockingly, an iconic American brand making itself into a free-floating weapon of woke cultural politics in response to the social and political influence of a small number of vocal progressives. Like so many companies before, Disney calculated the risk/reward of gratuitously taking up a left-wing political and cultural fight and considered it all reward, no risk. The Florida legislature decided to convince it that it was wrong.

Republicans have fantasized about exacting revenge on woke corporations before, but to no effect. Disney's problem is that it had a glaring vulnerability in the form of an arrangement that can easily be portrayed as a special favor.

The provisions allowing Disney to govern itself in its special independent district are so extensive that one analyst refers to the so-called Reedy Creek Improvement District as "the Vatican with mouse ears."

"Never before or since has such outlandish dominion been given to a private corporation," Florida writer Carl Hiaasen notes in his book "Team Rodent." "Disney owns its own utilities. It administers its own planning and zoning. It composes its own building codes and employs its own inspectors. It maintains its own fire department. It even has the authority to levy taxes."

For good measure, it can build its own airport and nuclear power plant. Now, that's all scheduled to go away in a year's time. Obviously, it is not a good practice for government to retaliate against a business, even a business enjoying a special status.

This fight could have welcome effects, though, if it convinces Disney that it made a mistake by allowing itself to get bullied and cajoled into becoming a combatant in the culture war, or if it convinces other corporations that there's a potential price to be paid for joining woke mobs.

Republicans don't want corporations to become tools in advancing their agenda; they just want them to exit the culture wars and focus, once again, on their business, an outcome that would lower the temperature in the country's cultural fights at least a little.

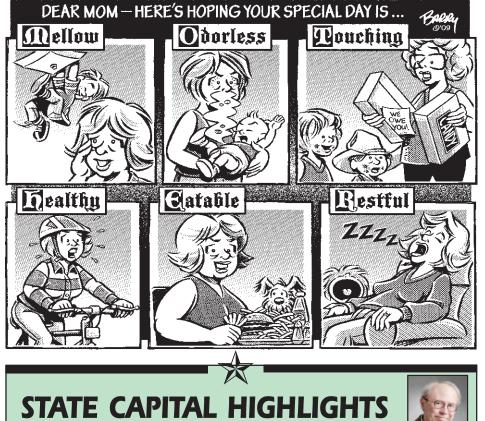
Ideally, Disney and the Florida legislature work out a renewal of the company's special district before it is set to expire, and the house of mouse and other corporations seduced into making themselves de facto left-wing pressure groups — resolves to stick to its core competency and mission.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

#### 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



## **By Gary Borders** Early Voting Underway for

Early voting began Monday for local elections and two proposed constitutional amendments relating to property tax reductions. Early voting continues through Tuesday, May 3, with election day on Saturday, May 7.

May 7 Election

One proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to limit property taxes on homesteads of elderly or disabled residents, while the other would increase the homestead exemption for school taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Voters return to the polls later in May for runoff elections in both the Democratic and Republican primaries. Voters cannot switch parties if they voted in the March 1 primary, but voters who didn't vote in the primary can participate in either party's runoff. A full list of runoff races can be found on the secretary of state's website: sos.texas.gov. Early voting for the May 24 runoff begins on May 16.

"With multiple opportunities to vote in the upcoming May elections, I strongly encourage all Texas voters to get informed about what's on the ballot and make a plan to cast one," Secretary of State John Scott said. To find out what is on local ballots. contact your county's local <u>election office</u>.

#### **MATERIAL SHORTAGE BEDEVILS TXDOT PROJECTS**

Shortages of steel and concrete are slowing down road projects and driving up costs, according to an internal memo from the Texas Department of Transportation's construction division director, reported last week by the Quorum Report and kut.org.

"Due to recent circumstances affected by world events, there has been significant volatility in the market for various construction materials. We have seen the availability of some materials become very limited or the material lead time has increased significantly. We have also seen significant increases

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(over 100% in some cases) in some material prices," Duane S. Milligan wrote.

TxDOT has more than 15,000 projects in the pipeline across the state. The jobs total \$156 billion, with about half either underway or set to start soon. Milligan's memo to district engineers and construction managers suggested substituting construction materials when feasible, or removing work or materifrom a road project "when the deletion will not affect the safety of the completed project."

#### **CONCERT SAFETY TASK FORCE RELEASES REPORT**

A task force has issued its findings after investigating the tragedy at the Astroworld Festival last November, when a crowd stampede resulted in multiple deaths and injuries.

The task force formed by Gov. Greg Abbott called for unified command and control, requiring permits even in unincorporated areas, crowd safety training, planning with risk assessment, and centralized resources. Details are available in an event production guide available from the <u>Texas Music Of-</u>

fice. "The recommendations, findings, and solutions detailed in this report will help the state of Texas prevent another tragedy like that at Astroworld Festival from happening again," Abbott said.

#### **DISTRACTED DRIVING SPURS FATALITY INCREASE**

deaths increased 17% in 2021 compared to the previous year, taking the lives of 431 people and seriously injuring nearly 3,000. In the wake of that, TxDOT is stepping up its "Talk. Text. Crash." campaign. The initiative urges drivers to "keep their heads up, put their phones down and just drive."

"Texans are killed each year simply because someone was distracted by their phone, radio, navigation system, eating or drinking, or even by others in the car," Marc Williams, Tx-DOT executive director, said. "When your focus isn't on driving, you're putting yourself, your passengers and everyone else on the road at risk."

The agency reminds drivers that any distraction is dangerous. It urges drivers to pull off the road entirely before talking or texting and turning off the phone while driving.

#### **GO-KIT URGED FOR** WILDFIRES, OTHER **DISASTERS**

As wildfires and tornadoes sweep the state with hurricane season just around the corner, the Texas A&M Forest Service urges Texans to assemble a go-kit that can be easily transported and includes supplies for several days. The kit should include:

- Supplies for both people and pets.
- Prescription medications or other necessary medical equipment.
- Important documents such as insurance and
- identification documents. • Food, water, clothing,
- money and a first-aid kit. • Priceless items, such as family photos and heir-

looms.

"When disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes, winter storms and tornados arise requiring you to leave your home, being prepared ahead of time can save precious time and help keep your family safe during an emergency," said Karen Stafford with the forest service.

#### **COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS**

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in the state rose to 23.363, and deaths more than doubled to 209, according to the <u>Coronavirus</u> Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed **COVID-19** hospitalizations dropped slightly, with 755 reported across the state by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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#### THE **POSTSCRIPT Carrie Classon**

#### The Job I Want

"Dress for the job you want!" was advice I heard from an early age.

I took this advice to heart. I was working a lowly job in a government office while applying for jobs in businesses around town. I had never worked in business, but I had a freshly minted business degree, so I bought some suits and, every day, I showed up for my job (answering the same boring questions on the telephone) dressed for the job I wanted rather than the one I had.

The day I got the call for  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$ an interview, I clearly remember I was wearing a lavender jacket with gray slacks and a striped blouse. It was not one of my dressier outfits, but it was still considerably dressier than what anyone else in the office was wearing—other than my boss.

"I know this is short notice..." the voice at the other end of my phone said, "but could you come in for an interview at 5:00?"

Since I got out of work a little past four, a change in wardrobe was out of the question. On my lunch break, I bought a little dragonfly pin and pinned it to the lapel of my lavender jacket. I arrived early to my interview with my dragonfly pin.

I got the job. I decided that dressing for the job you want was advice with some merit after all.

That was many years ago. My approach to dressing has remained more or less the same. Almost all the clothes I buy are used and, once I settle on an ensemble. I wear the same thing day in and day out.

When I went back to school for a degree in writing, the degree was paid for by teaching classes. Since I had never taught before, I figured I had better at least dress like a teacher. I chose a variety of full skirts and matching scarves

I didn't notice their similarity until one of my students said, "We call you 'the green lady' because you wear green every day."

But green is a good color for new beginnings, and that was what I was doing. It turned out that I didn't need to worry about dressing like a teacher anyway. I was so much older than my peers in the program that everyone assumed I knew more than they did. I did not.

During the pandemic, I nailed my "writing costume," an ensemble that consisted of black stretch pants and the same shirt in a variety of colors. One day I'm in teal, the next in purple, but the shirt is exactly the same. I'm still wearing my writing costume. Today my shirt is

But I'm starting to wonder if a change might not be in order.

My husband, Peter, and recently returned from Mexico, and spending an extended time in a different place has made me feel different. I returned to a closet full of clothes that I hardly recognize and have no desire to wear. The clothes in my closet look stodgy. The clothes in my closet seem to think I'm an older person than I amno matter what my driver's license might say.

I thought of my old mantra about dressing for the job I want. What would I wear if I were dressed for the life I wanted right now?

I honestly don't know. But I'm wearing 13 bracelets all in various shades of blue, a leftover from my time in Mexico. They are impractical and a little silly and they are making me very happy. Maybe that's a start.

Till next time,

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

#### Distracted driving

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#### Mensaje de la Superintendente, 26 de Abril de 2022

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Abril está llegando rápidamente a su fin, pero ya estamos mirando hacia el verano v dándoles a los alumnos más opciones y oportunidades. Se ha puesto mucho esfuerzo en crear nuestros programas de verano que hagan que los alumnos aprendan, avancen en créditos académicos, además de explorar y sumergirse en sus intereses. Espero que aprovechen las oportunidades que estamos ofreciendo a nuestros alumnos.

Sobre el tema de la escuela de verano, tenemos una nueva y emocionante oportunidad para nuestros alumnos. A través de nuestra asociación con iEducate, estamos buscando contratar a alumnos y graduados de Aldine ISD elegibles para servir como tutores este verano. Trabajarán con seleccionados alumnos de primaria que necesitan ayuda adicional para aprender. Si usted o alguien que conoce es un futuro maestro, esta



es su oportunidad de obtener experiencia docente.

¡Felicitaciones a Victory Early College High School! Por décimo año consecutivo, Victory Early College obtuvo altas clasificaciones nacionales y metropolitanas. Hoy, en el «Ranking de las Mejores Escuelas Secundarias» de 2022, U.S. News&World Report reveló qué escuelas secundarias públicas clasifican a las mejores.

Además de nuestro enfoque en preparar a los alumnos para la universidad y las carreras, nuestras actividades extracurriculares son una gran parte de la experiencia educativa. Les urjo a que, visiten nuestro sitio

web para leer sobre las grandes cosas que nuestros alumnos y escuelas están logrando. Lean sobre Carver High School ganando tres nominaciones para los premios Tommy Tune y nuestros alumnos-atletas en atletismo y softball avanzando a regionales y ganando puestos de los playoffs.

Durante esta última semana del Mes de Alcance Comunitario, quiero destacar a nuestros oficiales de policía. Hacen mucho más que proteger a nuestros alumnos, personal y comunidades. Les animo a que visiten nuestro sitio web para leer sobre cómo oficiales como Ariel Holliday están trabajando para construir puentes con nuestros alumnos y nuestras comunidades.

¡No lo olviden! Este sábado, Aldine ISD llevará a cabo dos grandes eventos: STEMFest y Festival de Primavera. ¡Espero ver a ustedes y a sus familias allí y hablar con ustedes sobre todas las cosas de Aldine!

Que tengan una semana

excelente, y recuerdan seguir moviéndose #AdelanteAldine.

Orgullosa de nuestro distrito,

Dra. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendente

#### PRÓXIMOS EVEN-

• 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 me-

diodía, en el M.O. Campbell Educational Center

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

#### OBSERVACIONES

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•17-23 de abril: Semana Nacional del Voluntariado •29 de abril: Día del

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

#### RECORDATORIOS

•La Universidad de la Familia y la Comunidad, u n p r o g r a m a del Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad (conocido por las siglas FACE en inglés), ofrece programación gratuita y está abierta a todas las familias de Aldine. Obtengan más información.

• 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.

•El Estado de Texas requiere que todos los estudiantes universitarios entrantes deben tomar la Evaluación TSI (TSIA2). Hagan clic aquí para más información.

•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.

Las familias elegibles de Texas que perdieron el acceso a comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido durante el año escolar 2021-2022 debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 recibirán beneficios para alimentos conocido como P-EBT. Hagan clic aquí para obtener información.

M a n t é n g a n s e 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 Faœbook, Twittere Instagram.

## Victory Early College de nuevo entre las mejores escuelas secundarias del país según U.S. News 2022



En el «Best High Schools Rankings» de 2022, U.S. News & World Report reveló qué escuelas secundarias públicas clasificaron como las mejores. Por 10° año consecutivo, Victory Early College obtuvo altas clasificaciones na-

cionales y metropolitanas.

U.S. News publicó su
Clasificación de las Mejores Escuelas Secundarias 2022 esta mañana. El
sitio web publica sus clasificaciones a nivel nacional
y estado por estado anualmente, analizando las mejores escuelas secundarias
tanto en el país como en los
50 estados y las mejores
escuelas charter, magnet y
STEM en los Estados Unidos

Victory Early College High School encabeza las listas de las mejores escuelas secundarias de Texas con una tasa de graduación del 100% y una tarjeta de puntuación de 98.97. U.S. News también clasifica a Victory Early College High School como la 183ª mejor escuela de la nación, la 33ª en Texas y la 8ª en el área metropolitana de Houston. Haga clic aquí para ver la página de perfil actualizada de Victory Early College High School en U.S. News, con detalles sobre sus clasificaciones.

Las clasificaciones de las Mejores Escuelas Secundarias, disponibles solo en línea, se producen en conjunto con RTI International, una firma de investigación global. U.S. News no recopila datos directamente de las escuelas secundarias: todos los datos provienen directamente de fuentes oficiales de terceros. U.S. News recibe datos de AP e IB directamente del College Board y del Bachillerato Internacional, respectivamente, para su uso en las clasificaciones. Los datos de evaluación estatal y las tasas de graduación son de cada estado (como STAAR en Texas), y otros datos provienen del Núcleo Común de Datos del Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos.

analizó aproximadamente 17,840 escuelas secundarias públicas de las casi 24,000 revisadas durante el año escolar 2019-2020. Restringieron las clasificaciones a las escuelas secundarias públicas con una inscripción de 12º grado de 15 estudiantes o más o a las escuelas con suficiente inscripción en otros grados de la escuela secundaria.

Las escuelas se agruparon en función de seis factores: preparación para la universidad (30%), amplitud del plan de estudios universitario (10%), competencia en la evaluación estatal (20%), rendimiento estudiantil desatendido (10%) y tasa de graduación (10%).

Al obtener una clasificación nacional en el 40% superior, Victory Early College High School alcanzó el estatus de U.S. News Best High School. También obtuvo elegibilidad para mostrar una «insignia» del premio 2022 Best High Schools de marca registrada por U.S. News.

## 15 atletas de pista de AISD clasifican para la Reunión de

Quince atletas de Aldine ISD se han clasificado para el Encuentro de Atletismo de la Región II, que se llevará a cabo del 29 al 30 de abril en Waco en Midway High School.

la Región II

El equipo de relevos de 400 metros masculino de Eisenhower High School de Braylon Oliphant, Deion Deblanc, Tyler Hutcherson y Ryan Niblett terminó en primer lugar con un tiempo de 40.85. Niblett. También se clasificó en los 100 metros planos (primer lugar, 10.47), los 200 metros lisos (primer lugar, 21.79) y el salto de longitud (primer lugar, 22-8). El equipo de relevos de 800 metros Eagles de Oliphant, Malik Giles,

Hutcherson y Deblanc se clasificó con un tercer lugar con un tiempo de 1:28.16.)

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Nimitz High School estará representada en la reunión regional por Byron Doyle, quien terminó cuarto en los 400 metros lisos (50.78) y por Karma Carthen, quien terminó en cuarto lugar en el disco.

# Equipos de softbol de Eisenhower, MacArthur y Nimitz avanzan a semifinales

Los equipos de softbol de Aldine ISD aseguraron tres de los cuatro lugares de playoffs en el Distrito 14-6A cuando Eisenhower, MacArthur y Nimitz se clasificaron para el juego de postemporada.

Bajo la dirección de la entrenadora en jefe Jocilynn Ellis, los Lady Eagles se enfrentarán a Willis High School en dos distritos el jueves 28 de abril. El juego se jugará en Willis High School y comenzará

a las 7 p.m. Bajo la dirección del entrenador en jefe Fernando Fernández, las Lady Generals se enfrentarán a Oak Ridge High School el jueves 28 de abril en Oak Ridge High School. El juego comenzará a las 6:30 p.m. Bajo la dirección del en-

trenador en jefe Christie Middelton, las Lady Cougars se enfrentarán a Grand Oaks High School en una serie de dos de tres juegos. El Juego 1 se jugará el jueves 28 de abril en el Complejo de Softbol Aldine ISD y comenzará a

las 6 p.m. El partido 2 se jugará el viernes 29 de abril en Grand Oaks High School y comenzará a las 6 p.m. Si es necesario un tercer juego, se jugará el sábado 30 de abril en Grand Oaks High School y comenzará al mediodía.

Los boletos estarán a la venta para todos los juegos en la puerta, excepto para el juego en el Complejo de Softbol Aldine ISD. Esos boletos estarán disponibles en línea. Los boletos cuestan \$ 3 para adultos y \$ 2 para estudiantes.

# Clases gratuitas de GED para padres de Aldine – La inscripción se abre el 5 de abril



El departmanet multilingue de AISD en alianza con Lone Star Collage-East Aldine Center Ofrece:

Clases para diploma de Escuela Secundria (GED) gratuitas para Padres de familia de Aldine.

Padres de familia con un

estudiante inscrito en el programa bilingüe o de ESL en Aldine ISD son elegibles y pueden escoger class entre semana o los fines de semana pero deberán comprometerse con todas las sesiones. Lasclass serán en el plantel Lone Star College-East Aldine Center. Inscripciones abiertas a

partir del 5 de abril.

Los organizadores del programa se comunicarán con los padres elegibles para programar su clase.

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Use el código QR para inscribirse



## 15 AISD track athletes qualify for Region II Meet

Fifteen Aldine ISD track and field athletes have qualified for the Region II Track and Field Meet, which will be held April 29-30 at in Waco at Midway High School.

The Eisenhower High School boys' 400-meter relay team of Braylon Oliphant, Deion Deblanc, Tyler Hutcherson and Rvan Niblett finished in first place with a time of 40.85. Niblett. Also qualified in the 100-meter dash (first place, 10.47), the 200-meter dash (first place, 21.79) and the long jump (first place, 22-8). The Eagles 800-meter relay team of Oliphant, Malik Giles, Hutcherson and Deblanc qualified with a third-place finish with a time of 1:28.16.

The Lady Eagles will be represented at the regional meet by Jaiya Covington, who finished first in the 100-meter hurdles (13.42) and second in the high jump (5-6).

Nimitz High's Skylar Bennett qualified for the Region II Meet with a first-place finish in the shot put (38.3.50).

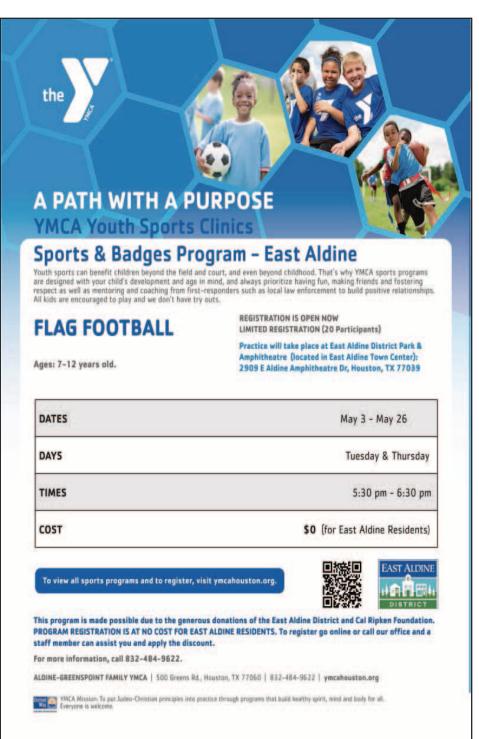
Lamon Houston of Davis High School qualified for the regional meet with a second-place finish in the high jump (6-6), while Andre Washington qualified with a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash (22.35) and Jaydon Thomas qualified with a fourthplace finish in the 100-meter dash (10.76).

Jayla Brown of Davis High School earned a trip to the regional meet with a second-place finish in the triple jump (35-10).

Xzavion Starks of MacArthur High School qualified for the regional meet with third-place finish in the discus (160.8.50).

Nimitz High School will be represented at the regional meet by Byron Doyle, who finished fourth in the 400meter dash (50.78) and by Karma Carthen, who finished in fourth place in the discus.





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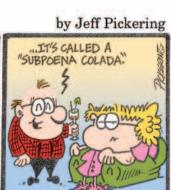






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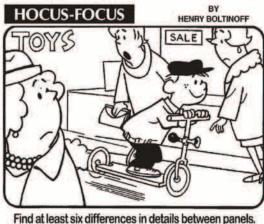
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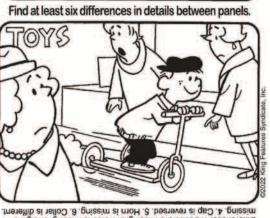
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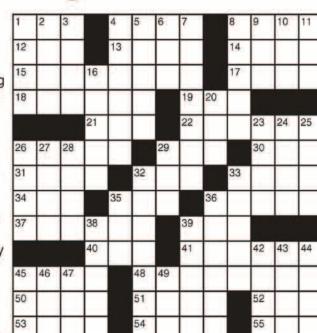
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- 1. SCIENCE: What is an organism that depends entirely upon another organism for its existence? 2. HISTORY: When did the Suez Canal open?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: What nation's second largest island is called Mindanao?
- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was sherry invented? 5. MUSIC: Who was known as "the king of
- 6. DISCOVERIES: In what century was the ancient city of Troy rediscovered by archaeologists?
- 7. GOVERNMENT: Who was the longest-serving U.S. House Speaker?
- 8. MOVIES: Who directed the movie "It Happened One Night"? 9. ARCHITECTURE: How many churches did
- Christopher Wren design for London after the Great Fire of 1666? 10. TELEVISION: On "The Flintstones," what is Bam-Bam's last name?
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Solution time: 26 mins. Answers

— King Crossword —

7. Sam Rayburn (17 years); 8. Frank Capra; 9. 52; 10. Rubble 1. Parasite; 2. 1869; 3. Philippines; 4. Spain; 5. Benny Goodman; 6. 19th; Trivia Test Answerst

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by Wilson Casey —

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

2. After being banished, which king had his hair grow as long as eagles' feathers? Solomon, Herod, Asa, Nebuchadnezzar

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5. Who made the infamous golden calf that the Israelites worshiped? Aaron, Moses, Enoch, Abraham 6. From 2 Kings 2:11, what took Elijah into heaven? Arrow, Flood, Whirlwind, Boat

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Nebuchadnezzar; 3) Rahab; 4) 1st; 5) Aaron;

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Being named the alternate means that Carver does not advance unless the advancing one-act-play cannot compete or is disqualified.

Director Roshunda Jones-Koumba and technical director Jabari Collins lead the

Carver HS Area Competition Results:

Alternate Play to Re**gion** — Bury the Dead by Irwin Shaw

All-Star Cast — LaShawn Bolton

Honorable Mention — Rvan Randolph

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J'Kyil Poole Carver HS Bi-District One-Act Play Contest Re-

Advancing Play — Bury the Dead by Irwin Shaw

All-Star Cast - Ryan Randolph

All-Star Cast — Emma Montiel

Honorable Mention -Camron Lettries

Outstanding Technician — April Guzmán

Best Technical Crew — Morgan Childs, April Guzmán & Amani Turner

Carver HS One-Act Play **Company Members:** 

LaShawn Bolton, Tyler



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## Victory Early College Again Among **Top Campuses in U.S. News 2022 Best High Schools Rankings**

In the 2022 "Best High Schools official third-party sources. U.S. News unveiled which public high schools rank the best. For a 10th consecutive year, Victory Early College earned high national and metro-area rank-

High Schools Rankings this morning. The website releases its nationwide and state-by-state rankings annually, looking at the best high schools in both the country and all 50 states and the top charter, magnet, and STEM schools in the United States.

Victory Early College High School tops the Texas best high school lists with a graduation rate of 100% and a 98.97 scorecard. U.S. News also ranks Victory Early College High School as 183rd best school in the nation, 33rd in Texas, and 8th in the Houston metro area. Click here to view Victory Early College High School's updated U.S. News profile page, with details about its rankings.

The Best High Schools rankings, available online only, are produced in conjunction with RTI International, a global research firm. U.S. News doesn't collect data directly from high schools – all data comes directly from award "badge."

Rankings," U.S. News & World Report receives AP and IB data directly from the College Board and International Baccalaureate, respectively, for use in the rankings. The state assessment data and graduation rates are from each state (such as STAAR in Texas), and other data comes from the U.S. U.S. News released its 2022 Best Department of Education Common Core of Data.

> U.S. News ranked and analyzed approximately 17,840 public high schools out of the nearly 24,000 reviewed during the 2019-2020 school year. They restricted the rankings to public high schools with a 12th-grade enrollment of 15 students or greater or schools with sufficient enrollment in other high school grades.

The schools were grouped based on six factors: College Readiness (30%), College Curriculum Breadth (10%), State Assessment Proficiency (20%), Underserved Student Performance (10%), and Graduation Rate (10%).

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