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Plan to demolish Thorne Stadium; play in Spring for 2 years

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Back-2-School First Day of Classes:

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BARBERS HILL	AUG 17 WED
DAYTON	AUG 11 THU

ALDINE – Plans are underway for Aldine ISD to replace Thorne Stadium and build a new state-of-the-art facility that will open in August 2024. Thorne Stadium opened in 1979.

This news means that Aldine ISD football teams, bands, drill teams, and cheer squads will call George Stadium in Spring ISD home for the next two years. Spring ISD has partnered with Aldine ISD's varsity football teams to play their home games at George Stadium.

"We know this news could be surprising to some of our students and families who have called Thorne home, but our new facility will be a place we will all be proud of in just a couple of years," said Dre Thompson Aldine ISD's Executive Director of Athletics. "I thank our neigh-



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bors for working with us to make this possible. Playing our home games in Spring will be a small challenge for all of us, but we will embrace providing our student-athletes, performing arts students, and this community the experience they deserve. It doesn't matter where we play. It matters how we play!"

Earlier this year, Aldine ISD utilized a third party, Texas Sports & Civil Engineering, to evaluate the stadium. Texas Sports & Civil Engineering recommended two options for the district. One was a repair option, and the other was a replacement option. The district opted for the replacement option, which

will include a state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance both the student and community experience and will consist of a new press box, concession stands, restrooms, a new football field, concrete bleachers, and platforms. The new stadium will also have a front entrance on the West Side of the stadium.

At a June 14 meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved the use of \$25 million in the fiscal year 2022 and \$25 million in the fiscal year 2023 to cover the cost of replacing Thorne Stadium.

"I am super excited that we will be able to provide this gift of a showplace for our community and our students," said Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "Thorne Stadium served this community for 43



DRE THOMPSON, AISD DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

years, and it holds so many special memories for our community. As a host site for many events, it is our goal and responsibility to be proactive in ensuring that the venue in which we welcome people to spend their time meets, if not exceeds, basic safety standards. We can all agree that in addition to a high-

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Arrests of six Catalytic theft suspects tied to Aldine deputy's death

HOUSTON – A joint task force raided six locations Thursday, and arrested six persons suspected of involvement in a city-wide wave of catalytic converter thefts.

Authorities said that the raids and arrests were based on information developed after the shooting death of Sheriff's deputy Darren Almendarez. Aldine Deputy Almendarez was fatally shot last March while attempting to stop thieves who were stealing the catalytic converter from his pickup truck. Almendarez was on a shopping trip on FM1960 with his wife and another person. Three men have been charged with that theft and murder.

Several arrests have

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ABOVE, some of the 470 Catalytic converters at a raided storage site. RIGHT: Deputy Almendarez who was fatally shot while trying to stop one of the thefts.



US offers to swap Griner for Russian

WASHINGTON, DC – Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday that the Biden administration has made a "substantial" offer to Russia designed to facilitate the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner and corporate executive Paul Whelan.

Griner is a Houston and Aldine native, having played basketball for Aldine Nimitz high school. She now is an all-star for Phoenix in the WNBA.

After months of internal debate, the Biden administration has offered to exchange Viktor Bout, a convicted Russian arms trafficker serving a 25-year US prison sentence, as part of a potential deal to secure the release of two Americans held by Russia, Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan.

The revelation came during a press briefing,



From left, Viktor Bout, Brittney Griner and Paul Whelan

with Blinken laying out his plans to speak with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in the coming days.

"We put a substantial proposal on the table weeks ago to facilitate their release," Blinken said, declining to provide further details about the proposal.

Blinken's remarks come as the Biden administration faces growing calls to do more to secure the re-

lease of the two Americans who U.S. officials say have been wrongfully detained.

"Our governments have communicated repeatedly and directly on that proposal and I'll use the conversation to follow up personally, and I hope move us toward a resolution," Blinken added. A senior administration official suggested Moscow has not

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METRO HOV Lanes open Weekends for Summer

The Express Lanes that help you avoid traffic on weekdays will soon be open seven days a week as part of a regional pilot mobility program approved by METRO's Board of Directors today. HOV/HOT (Express) Lanes managed by METRO will be open on weekends beginning Saturday, July 2 through Monday, Sept. 5. This includes the Fourth of July and Labor Day holidays. Weekend and holiday operations will follow the same schedule, occupancy requirements and tolls as weekdays.

Lanes included in the pilot program run down the middle of Interstate 45, U.S. Highway 59 and U.S. Highway 290.

The lanes run in one direction, but are reversible depending on the time of day. In the mornings, vehicles travel toward downtown Houston. In the afternoons, they travel away from downtown Houston.

Toll requirements depend on the freeway, time of day and total number of people in your vehicle.

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- * Carpools, vanpools and motorcyclists ride for free.
- * Solo drivers have the option of paying a toll to use the lanes.
- * Trailer towing is prohibited.
- * No trucks with more than two axles or a gross weight capacity of one ton or greater.
- * No bicycles (motorcycles permitted).
- * No pedestrians.

COMMUNITY WATCH

Fatal Shooting at 10300 Aldine Westfield Road

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of two males at 10300 Aldine Westfield Road about 10:05 p.m. on Wednesday (July 27).

The identities of the victims are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant K. Meek and Detective C. Lafour reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting at the intersection of Aldine Westfield and Parker Road and found two unresponsive males lying in the roadway next to a white Honda Accord. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the males deceased from gunshot wounds.

A preliminary investigation indicated the unknown suspect(s) fled the scene in a black pickup truck of unknown make or model.

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

1 Dead as car goes over bridge into Bayou



HOUSTON – At least one person died Sunday after a vehicle drove off of a bridge and plunged into a bayou in northeast Houston, police said.

According to HPD, three people were inside the vehicle when the accident happened in the 7800 block of N. Loop East at Wayside around 8:11 p.m.

Police said one person was pronounced dead at the scene. The two other victims were transported to the hospital. Their conditions were not known.

No further details were immediately available.

New Stadium,

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quality education, ensuring the health and safety of anyone on district property is a top priority.”

The Athletic Department and Performing Arts Department are communi-

cating with student-athletes and performing arts students’ families to inform them of the change for the next two seasons and how they are directly impacted.

Griner Swap for Russian,

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been responsive to the “substantial offer” first presented in June, saying “it takes two to tango.”

He said it would be the first time he’s spoken with his Russian counterpart since the war in Ukraine erupted in February.

A senior administration official said that a high-level U.S. official reached

out to the families of both Whelan who was detained by Russia in 2018, and Griner who detained in February, ahead of Blinken’s remarks Wednesday. The high-level official will be having conversations with the families on Wednesday and Thursday, the source said.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

Below is our weekly submission for High Meadows Library. Thank you!

HOUSTON ASTROS TICKET DRAWING:

You can win tickets to a Houston Astros Game just by reading! Stop by the library and ask us how!

SUMMER READING PRIZE PICKUP:

Summer Reading ends on August 6th. Stop by the library to log your books, minutes, or activities and pick up your prizes.

END OF SUMMER PARTY:

Celebrate the end of our summer reading party with us on Thursday, August 4th at 11am. We will have games, snacks, crafts, and so much more! Everyone is invited!

FALL PROGRAMMING:

We are gearing up for fall programming. Follow High Meadows Library on Facebook, Instagram,

or Twitter and keep up with what we have going on. We plan on having a variety of art focused programs to celebrate American Artist Appreciation Month.

COMPUTER CLASSES:

We will be beginning a new round of computer classes ranging from Basics to Excel. If you’d like to get on the waitlist for classes, please call us and ask for Jennifer.

HEALTH FAIR:

On August 25th from 10am-2pm, we will have a health fair at the library. Children who qualify can get free to low cost immunizations. We will have representatives from Harris County Public Health here and more to be announced soon! Stay tuned.

GRADCAFÉ:

Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library. GRADcafé is a one-stop-shop of

fering 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.

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2 Alarm fire destroys 24 Greenspoint Apartments

GREENSPPOINT – Houston Fire Department reports that a 2-Alarm Apartment Fire on July 25, 2022 at 6:20 p.m. at 13011 Northborough Drive resulted in \$1,500,000 in estimated damage with 24 units burned.

Firefighters arrived on scene to find heavy smoke and fire coming from the eaves and third floor roof of a 3-story apartment building. They made an offensive attack and conducted a primary search; however, the fire began to spread through the common attic and crews initiated a defensive attack.

The fire was upgraded to a second alarm and a collapse occurred on the second floor. Once the fire was controlled, firefighters switched back to an offensive attack and finished extinguishment.

Embers spread to a nearby apartment building which suffered from signif-



Flames spread quickly through the 2 and 3 story buildings at 13,011 Northborough Drive, Greenspoint.

icant roof, attic, and damage to the top floor.

Approximately 24 units were damaged, and the American Red Cross responded to the scene to assist the occupants. The apartment building management was also on scene to assist. HFD Arson in-

vestigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. Crews from Stations 15, 4, 31, 34, 64, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 56, 58, 62, 66, 67, 74, 84, 96, 11, 8, 30, Heavy Rescue 11, Rehab 17 and The Aldine Fire Department responded to this incident.

Catalytic Converter theft suspects arrested,

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been made in connection with a large-scale catalytic converter theft ring which has possible ties to the fatal shooting of a Harris County sheriff’s deputy.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Houston, Harris County Sheriff’s Office, Houston Police Department and Texas Department of Public Safety were involved in arresting six people Thursday for their alleged roles in the ring theft.

According to a news release from Texas DPS, the six men arrested are suspected of fencing stolen catalytic converters for the three suspects previously charged in connection with the death of HCSO Sheriff’s Office Deputy Darren Almdarez. The deputy was killed while off-duty in a shootout with three alleged catalytic converter thieves, according to the Sheriff’s Office.

On March 31, Almdarez and his wife were out grocery shopping in the 2900 block of FM 1960

near Aldine Westfield when he encountered three men allegedly stealing a catalytic converter from his truck. Gunfire erupted, and Almdarez was struck. He was rushed to an area hospital where he later died.

The suspects in the shooting who are each charged with capital murder are Joshua Stewart, 23; Fredarius Clark, 19; and Fredrick James Tardy, 17.

The six suspects arrested for fencing stolen catalytic converters are Jose Martinez, 19; Armando Martinez, 18; Isaac Castillo, 21; Terance Elder, 20; and Armando Martinez Sr., 39; all residents of Houston, and Jose Sanchez, a 21-year-old resident of Dayton, Texas.

Six federal search warrants were also executed at five Houston-area residences and one storage facility as part of the multi-agency criminal investigation into the organized theft group, according to authorities.

“Our community has

been increasingly plagued by these types of crimes,” said Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. “I am thankful for all efforts made to arrest these dangerous individuals. This operation would not have been a success without the strong collaboration of several agencies within our region.”

The investigation into the organized theft group has previously resulted in the arrest of one other individual. In this raid seized were more than \$484,000 in bulk currency, one firearm, and narcotics, according to DPS.

DPS reports organized theft groups frequently target catalytic converters for the precious metals that they contain such as palladium, platinum and rhodium. The precious metals are extremely valuable, and a worldwide supply shortage has created an increased demand for them further driving up the value.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

GROWING READER TODDLER TIME

Toddlers and their caregivers can join us some quality together time reading, singing, and making things! **Aug 1, 11am.**

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

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

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club is back this Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 4:30pm and it’s Lego Night! Come and have some fun!

TEEN THURSDAYS

Teen Thursdays are back! Join us on **Thursday afternoons** starting at **3:30pm.** Drop on in!

FOOD FOR LIFE

Can healthy food be tasty & easy to prepare? Absolutely! Come see & taste for yourself how simple, affordable ingredients are turned into delicious meals. These recipes taste great, & they also support your health! Register here: <https://bit.ly/FoodForLifeALD>

Aug. 6th: How Foods Fight Heart Disease

This event was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State

Library and Archives Commission.

COMPUTER CLASSES

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

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

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

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

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**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you need to earn volunteer hours or are just looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? Volunteer at the library!

Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library or call 832-927-5410.

PASSPORT SERVICES

Do have plans to travel out of the country soon? Get on the ball and make sure you get your passport in order NOW! You can make an appointment for passport services at Aldine Branch - <https://www.hcpl.net/services/passport-services>.

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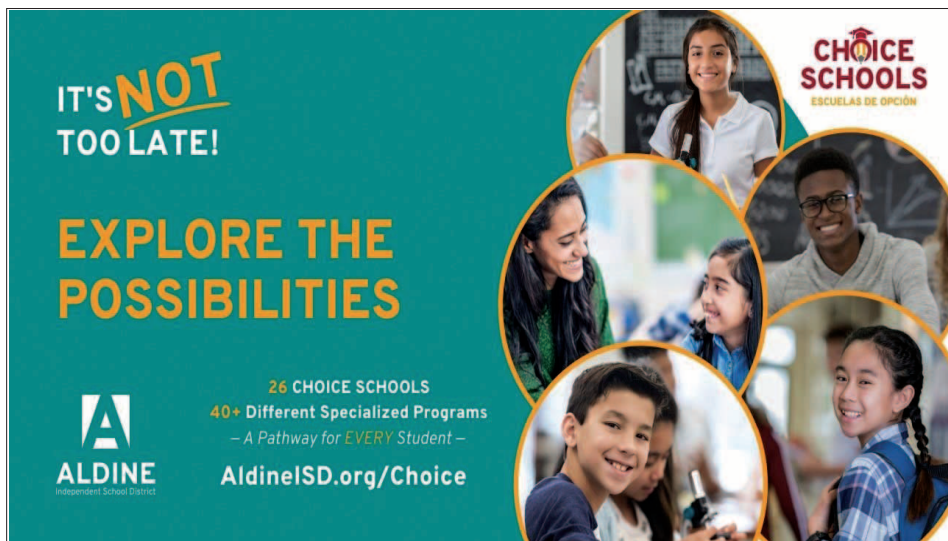
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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Choose Aldine ISD:2022-2023 Choice School Late Application Closes on August 17

Choice Schools/Specialty Programs Last Round Application Window Apply Today!



THE CHOICE IS YOURS

AISD Offers Diverse Schools and Programs Aldine ISD has 84 schools. Most district neighborhood schools offer a rigorous standards-driven curriculum and gifted, enrichment, and accelerated options. Other schools may have a specific curriculum or focus like hands-on and online learning.

Choice Schools — Another Option Aldine ISD's Choice Schools program allows families to select the school that best meets their child's educational needs based on space availability and eligibility requirements. A Choice School application is required to attend a school that is not a student's neighborhood school or to attend a Choice School.

Families can apply to have their child admitted to one of Aldine's various Choice School programs throughout the district. Families with children entering preschool through Grade 11 can begin the application process for admission for the 2022-2023 school year. The late application for Choice Schools will remain open until the start of school, which is August 17. Each Choice School provides students the support they need in their areas of interest and extracurricular activities. Choice Schools are open to Aldine ISD students who meet the criteria but must apply. Due to their popularity, the district selects students through an electronic lottery system.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO APPLY!

2022-2023 Choice Schools Late Application Closes on August 17, 2022

Why choose Choice Schools? — A Best-Fit School for Your Child

All children are unique. Each learns differently, has aspirations for different careers, and is interested in various subjects. In Aldine ISD, we believe that the more options that suit a student's interests, the better for the student. The district believes that if all students can attend a high-quality school that matches their interests, they will achieve their academic potential. Families and their children can choose from Aldine's various unique academic programs — preschool through Grade 11 — throughout the district. Each program provides students the support they need in their areas of interest and offers extracurricular activities.

Dual Language

The two-way dual-language program, launched in fall 2019 in kindergarten classrooms, is expanding by a grade level each year. Students must start the program in kindergarten at one of five campuses — De Santiago, García-Leza, Hinojosa, Magrill, and Vines. Students develop bilingual, bi-literate, and bicultural skills and knowledge. Native English speakers and native Spanish speakers receive general academic instruction in two languages. Click the links for common questions and answers in English and Spanish and the presentation.

Magnet Schools & International Bac-

calaureate Programs

The district's magnet schools offer a wide range of themes from Montessori, direct instruction, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics). The International Baccalaureate® studies program provides a rigorous, highly recognized curriculum. The IB® Diploma Program is a globally recognized honors curriculum with many colleges and universities awarding credit upon exam results. Aldine ISD students can follow the entire IB® continuum — the Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program, and Diploma Program.

Early College, CTE & P-TECH Schools and Non-Traditional Campus

Additionally, each high school Choice School offers opportunities ranging from industry certifications to associate degrees. Students will earn college credit in high school and complete their college degrees sooner. Blanson CTEHS offers 17 different programs, while Avalos P-TECH School and Carver High School have four programs and two programs, respectively, in fields that are in high demand. Carver High School offers two new CTE programs — interior design and Mechatronics. Carver HS is applying for P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High) School status this year.

Hall Success Academy is redefining what is possible for non-traditional students in Grades 8-12. The school gives students an opportunity to take control of their learning. The campus offers a student-centered blended learning experience while maintaining the pace for graduation.

Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA)

YWLA, which focuses on STEM programs, opened in August of 2021 with sixth and seventh graders and will add a grade level each year to become a Grades 6-12 campus by 2027-2028.

Impact Leadership Academy at Wilson Impact Leadership will be the name of Aldine ISD's newest Choice School option. The academy, set to open in the fall of 2022, is geared toward students in grades first through eighth. The academy's goal is to provide a culture in which students will thrive and opportunities and resources for boys to explore deeper learning and prepare them for high school and college. The all-boys campus will serve Grades 1, 2, and 6 in 2022-2023. By 2025-2026, the academy will serve Grades 1-8.

La Promesa: Newcomer and Dual Language Experience

La Promesa opened with ninth-graders in August 2021 and will add a grade level each year to become a Grade 9-12 campus by 2025-2026. The school focuses on newcomers — students living three or fewer years in the U.S. with little to no English proficiency or coming from countries where English is not the language spoken. The school embraces biculturalism, biliteracy, and bilingualism campus culture. La Promesa will add two CTE programs in the 2022-2023 school year.

Aldine Partners With Bel Furniture to Donate Beds to a Community Family



Kid laying down in a Bel furniture bunk bed

Aldine Partners With Bel Furniture to Donate Beds to a Community Family

On Wednesday, July 20, new community partner, Bel Furniture, donated two twin-over-full bunk beds to a family looking to adopt several orphaned Aldine students. After a meeting with Aldine ISD's Education Foundation and Family and Community Engagement Department, Bel Furniture's Director of Marketing, Rosa Serrano, learned of the family's situation and moved to act quickly.

The beds were brought to the home of Estefine Flores, the aunt in the process of adopting all five students, where she lives with her four children. Flores and her family watched with smiles on

their faces as the beds were brought in. "I'm excited and moved," said Flores. "Seeing this all come together has made me happy."

Community partnerships that bring value to the district are the types of connections that Aldine looks to make. The collaboration between Aldine ISD and Bel Furniture is a newly formed effort, but is already expected to provide benefits to more families of the community.

"The partnership with Bel Furniture has proven to be fruitful," said Linda Olsen, Aldine Education Foundation Director. "We have just begun helping the community together, but are already looking forward to many more projects to come."

You Have Options in Aldine ISD! Explore Your Opportunities!

- *Anderson Academy for Montessori & Fine Arts (Grades 1-4)
- *Avalos Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School (Grades 9-12)
- *Blanson CTE High School (Grades 9-12)Carter Academy for Performing & Visual Arts (Grades 1-5)
- *Carver High School for Applied Technology, Engineering and The Arts (Grades 9-12)*
- *De Santiago Primary (EC/PreK/K) — Dual Language Program
- *Drew Academy for Math, Science, Technology & Fine Arts (Grades 7-8)
- *Eisenhower Ninth Grade School — IB® Middle Years Program (Grade 9)
- *Eisenhower High School (Grades 10-12) — IB® Diploma Program
- *García-Leza Primary (EC/PreK/K) — Dual LanguageGrantham Academy for Engineering (Grades 6-8)
- *Hall Success Academy (Grades 8-12)
- *Hinojosa Primary (EC/PreK/K) — Dual Language
- *New: Hoffman College Prep (Grades 6-8)
- *Houston Academy for Math, Science & Fine Arts (Grades 5-6)
- *New: Impact Leadership Academy

- (The all-boys campus will serve Grades 1, 2, and 6 in 2022-2023. By 2025-2026, the academy will serve Grades 1-8.)
- *Kujawa Primary School — IB® Primary Years Program (Grades Early Childhood/Prekindergarten/Kindergarten)
- *Kujawa Elementary School (Grades 1-5) — IB® Primary Years Program
- La Promesa: Newcomer and Dual Language Experience (Grades 9-10)
- *Magrill Primary (EC/PreK/K) — Dual Language
- *Reece Academy for Montessori, Direct Instruction & Fine Arts (Grades PreK-K)
- *Reed Academy for Engineering (Grades 1-5)
- *Shotwell Middle School (Grades 6-8) — IB® Middle Years Program
- *Victory Early College High School (Grades 9-12)
- *Vines Primary (EC/PreK/K) — Dual Language
- *Young Women's Leadership Academy (Grades 6-12)
- *Carver HS is applying for P-TECH School status with the state. Visit the [Choice Schools web page](#) for more information.

Aldine's Creates Pathway for Community to Advance its Equity Goals to Benefit Students

It is hard to believe that the start of school for many Aldine ISD students is less than a month away. District and campus leaders are actively working and prepping for the 2022-2023 school year. That includes recruiting and creating opportunities to hire highly-qualified teachers. One means to recruit is partnering with different organizations to ensure licensed educators lead classrooms.

The district has been working on several equity initiatives, including increasing the number of community educators of color working in schools. Earlier this year, Aldine partnered with the University of Houston College of Education to recruit community teachers for a new grow-your-own program. Why? Studies show that students of color reach better outcomes when taught by teachers of color. Students have better academic performance, improved graduation rates, and are more likely to attend college. This work is about fulfilling the district's priorities and goals of its strategic plan — All AISD students must have access to high-quality schools and learning experiences that


prepare them for their futures. The university's Community Teacher Equity Development (CTED) program seeks to dismantle inequitable barriers that limit marginalized and minoritized groups' access to teacher education programs. It also allows individuals who may have wanted to be in the classrooms an opportunity to invest in their community.

"Aldine has great diversity, and there's already unity and camaraderie between my cohorts and me. There's a network of people that are like-minded for the improvement of the community," said Lewis Echols, an associate teacher at Houston Academy. He enrolled in the CTED program this spring.

Aldine ISD is currently offering a first-year teacher salary of \$61,000. The starting salary for associate teacher hires is \$61,000 (a bachelor's degree requirement) with the possibility of receiving a \$3,000 associate teacher stipend (statement of eligibility requirement). There is also a \$1,000 sign-on bonus for all new teaching positions. The district also has a fast-track teaching initiative.

OPINION PAGE

COUNTY CONNECTION
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo



All Harris County Kids Deserve Quality Childcare

I have long been an advocate and a champion for programs that enrich the lives and secure a brighter future for Harris County children. Since taking office, my staff and I have been expanding the possibilities of what Harris County can achieve to help families. We spoke to parents and early childhood providers and experts and held community conversations in person and virtually, during which access to affordable, quality childcare was brought up again and again. We found that approximately 105,000 children with working parents under the age of three in Harris County live in a “quality child care desert,” in which there are few or no affordable options for quality child care. This, despite the numerous studies that show high-quality child care is linked to higher rates of educational attainment and adult employment, and lower drug use and criminal outcomes. To improve the quality of life for Harris County residents, investing in quality childcare for young children was simply something the data obliged us to try.

In June, Harris County Commissioners Court made history by approving a new program investing \$48 million American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds for childcare and early childhood development in Harris County. It is the largest known investment of ARPA dollars by any county or city in the nation for early childhood education. The program will increase accessibility to high quality childcare and early childhood development by 10% in Harris County and create up to 1,000 child care slots for children ages zero to three, with an emphasis on communities where there are few to no such options. It will help families afford child care, which is the second most expensive household item on average after housing in the family budget. The program will also help childcare centers recover and stabilize financially after the pandemic, support ongoing capacity-building for childcare providers, give a boost to workers by requiring participating childcare centers to pay staff \$15 an hour, and help mothers with new-found childcare return to work.

This historic program is not our first effort to assist families and children. Harris County invested nearly \$9 million in an Early Childhood Impact Fund, which is supporting home-based child care businesses, infant/toddler literacy, and resources for foster children. The county has also established the \$4.7 million COVID-19 Childcare Assistance Program to provide families with learning and childcare opportunities during the pandemic. The County created a Child Tax Credit engagement program that brought in over \$13 million in tax credits for Harris County families, and we also implemented best-in-class family-friendly workplace policies for County workers, including 12 weeks paid parental leave, additional sick leave and resources for finding child care. And I am proud to say that in July, Commissioners Court approved a \$7.7 million Maternal and Child Home Visitation Health Care Initiative for 300 of the most vulnerable mothers in Harris County (read more about this below).

All levels of government must be willing to assist in nurturing every child that is born. I am proud that Harris County has set a precedent for what local governments can do to support all of their residents and help them make a better future.



THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

“Good Enough”

I’ve decided that I’m good enough.

I had a big birthday, and it got me to thinking, as big birthdays will, about what would change and what would stay the same in the decade to come. I found my list of self-improvement chores much shorter than in previous years.

I used to exhaust myself with these lists.

I would write them down and then worry I’d forget them—and how could I become a better person if I didn’t have my goals in mind every moment? Every day, I’d review my lofty goals of being more productive and more mindful and eating better and exercising more and accomplishing all the things I dreamed of.

But this year, I found myself making lists of all the ways I liked my life and, surprisingly, all the ways I liked myself—just as I am. In fact, I woke this morning, this morning of the big birthday, and felt that I was good enough.

Of course, I’m not perfect. There isn’t a day I don’t waste valuable time, or miss an opportunity to be kind, or generally fall short of being the person I could be. But perfection is a terrible goal to set for oneself. I was never meant to be perfect and really, now that I think about it, perfect sounds a bit dull. Instead, I’m going to be grateful that I am good enough.

“Good enough” encompasses everything.

It covers the moments of overwhelming bliss that blinds me; walking down the street and seeing a shop filled with yellow flowers, or a small girl dancing in a dirty green onesie, or a giant furry dog pounding its feet on the ground, or the sun reflecting perfectly on a shiny piece of stone on the sidewalk. It’s all the moments I catch—just in time—that cause my heart to swell and make me wonder how so much beauty could be around me so much of the time, and I am lucky enough to see it.

“Good enough” also covers the times when I feel alone and ignored. When friends don’t write back and no one seems to notice my writing and I wonder if I might be delusional, typing away every day with no one reading my novel. It covers when I am tired and a little sore and I don’t feel like taking my walk or doing my pushups or finishing the cleaning or the paperwork that seems overwhelming at that moment. “Good enough” covers it all.

And while I have always enjoyed articles about self-reinvention, I discovered with surprise, on this big birthday, that I’m not really interested in reinventing myself, because I like the self I’ve invented pretty well. Sure, she’s got a few issues. But I’m used to her issues and none of them will get her arrested. She’s good enough for me.

I realize (with a little disappointment) that this philosophy will probably not allow me to write a self-help blockbuster. “You’re Good Enough: Get Over It” probably wouldn’t make its way up the NYT bestseller list. And that’s OK too. I used to think I had a lot more advice for other people than I have today. Today, I think it’s good enough to manage my life as best I can and let others do the same. They are good enough as well.

It will be interesting to approach a new decade with fewer lofty goals and more kindness toward myself. I wanted to finish this column with words worthy of the occasion. I’ve decided this is good enough.

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

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



Walking Billboards Promote pedestrians Safety

If you happen to visit a high-traffic area in one of the state’s larger cities, you might come across some folks wearing sandwich boards, such as one seen during tax season or mattress sales. The Texas Department of Transportation has adopted this marketing device to promote its “Be Safe. Drive Smart” pedestrian safety campaign this month.

Pedestrians account for one in five traffic fatalities in the state. Last year, 5,366 traffic crashes involving pedestrians occurred, with 841 people killed. TxDOT is using the highly visible sandwich boards to remind both drivers and pedestrians to follow the rules of the road and watch out for each other. The boards are being worn by members of TxDOT’s street teams.

“Only 1% of traffic crashes in Texas involve pedestrians, yet pedestrians account for 19% of all roadway deaths,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “That’s because pedestrians lack the protective equipment—airbags, seat belts and bumpers—common to vehicles. To keep our most vulnerable road users safe, we urge motorists to always be on the lookout for people walking. Pedestrians also have the responsibility to be aware of their surroundings and follow the rules of the road.”

JULY 31 DEADLINE FOR NEWBORN ENROLLMENT IN TTPF

The deadline to open a Texas Tuition Promise Fund college savings account for a child younger than 1 year old is July 31, according to the state comptroller’s office. Participants can lock in 2021-2022 tuition and fee prices for their loved little ones at Texas public colleges and universities by establishing an account by then.

The comptroller’s report states: “According to the 2020 edition of Sallie Mae’s Higher Ambitions: How America Plans for Post-secondary Education, planners save two



times more for college than non-planners. Planners are also more likely to start investing for college when their child is young, which is associated with less expected student loan debt.”

Contributions to what are known as 529 plans, such as TTPF, are partially exempt from the federal gift tax. Up to \$16,000 annually (\$32,000 for married couples) can be given without triggering the gift tax.

WILDFIRE RISK REMAINS HIGH ACROSS STATE

As the nearly statewide drought shows no signs of abating, wildfire danger continues to spread across the state. The Chalk Mountain Fire in Somervell County and the 1148 Fire in Palo Pinto County caused local officials to urge residents to evacuate. Several lakefront homes were destroyed around Possum Kingdom Lake last week as a result of the 1148 Fire, which involved 457 acres and was about 50% contained as of Sunday, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

There were 16 active wildfires across the state, the largest being the Chalk Mountain Fire involving 6,705 acres. It was 10% contained as of Sunday. A total of 215 counties in Texas now have burn bans in place.

TREE-KILLING BEETLE SPREADS TO MORE COUNTIES

The invasive emerald ash bore has been confirmed in two additional counties this month, according to the forest service. The invasive

wood-boring pest is now confirmed in 11 Texas counties, with the addition of Morris and Rusk counties. It has killed millions of trees across 35 states since its arrival in the United States 20 years ago.

“The pest is a major threat to urban, suburban and rural forests as it aggressively kills ash trees within two to three years after infestation,” said Demian Gomez, with the forest service.

Counties where the emerald ash bore has been detected have their ash timber and lumber quarantined to prevent the spread of the pest. The beetle was first detected in Texas in 2016 in Harrison County. Since then, EAB has been confirmed in Bowie, Cass, Dallas, Denton, Marion, Morris, Rusk, Wise, Parker and Tarrant counties.

STATE AGAIN SHOWS LARGE JOB GAIN

Texas added 82,500 nonfarm jobs in June, the largest gain this year. The state again set new employment highs, as total nonfarm employment reached 13.43 million, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

“This type of sustained economic success is only possible when employers and job seekers have maximum opportunities to reach their full potential, and TWC works hard to support those opportunities,” Bryan Daniel, TWC chairman, said.

Jobs in the oil and gas industry led the increase with 4,900 new jobs, while the construction sector lost 3,000 workers. The state’s unemployment rate dropped a tick to 4.1%, down from 4.2% in May.

NEARLY 90,000 TEXANS HAVE DIED OF COVID-19

Approximately two-and-a-half years after COVID-19 began to sweep the country, nearly 90,000 Texans have died as a result of the disease, according to Texas Department of State Health Services, with more than 6 million cases reported since 2020. The BA.5 variant is now causing most of the infections, with a rolling seven-day average of 11,905 cases reported daily. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations on Sunday in Texas totaled 3,454, according to DSHS, which is up slightly from the previous week.

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Zumbamigas celebrate their 1 year anniversary of Super Viernes (or Super Friday)

Super Viernes is a 90-minute Zumba class only held on Fridays for the past year with lead Zumba instructor Gloria Avila.

The classes began June 2021 because Gloria could only offer 45 minute Zumba classes on Mondays and Wednesdays due to her work schedule at James Driver Park. She owed her students 15 minutes per class so she decided to offer a 90-minute class on Fridays when she didn't work.

Gloria also shared that she started teaching Zumba because she met many women who felt alone and wanted to be healthy while she was a Zumba student of Marina Sugg at Buckner. Once she started teaching at James Driver All Inclusive Park, more women joined. Many have come and gone but Gloria has remained committed to supporting women always bringing great energy.

Zumbamigas really enjoy their 90-minute Zumba class as it increases their health and wellness.

Zumbamigas will celebrate their anniversary with a potluck this Friday, July 22nd at 10am at the pavilion at James Driver Park. This will occur after their 90-minute class.

Karen, Jessica and Sandy help Gloria co-lead Zumba classes when she is unable to lead a class or takes a break.



1st row - left to right - Sandy, Noemi, Janette, Herminia, Lizbeth, Norma, Karla, Gloria (lead Zumba instructor), Yolanda, Shirley R, Jessika
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Left to Right - Karen, Jessica, Gloria, Sandy

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County to study Youth Gun Violence

2020 marked a grim milestone – gun-related injuries became the number one cause of death for children. By June 1st of this year, 19 children had died as a result of gun violence in Harris County. That is unacceptable. Our recently established Gun Violence Interruption Program and Youth Reinvestment Fund programs are an important start to tackling this issue, but we need a comprehensive picture of who this is impacting, where in the County they are, what the root causes are, and what are the best, smartest, ways to tackle this crime.

Last month, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioners Court directed the Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office to work with the Justice Administration Department, the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, and any other government or research entities to evaluate and draft a report on the frequency, location, and causes of youth gun violence in Harris County from 2015 to the present. The report will include the most effective, evidence-based policy solutions to address and prevent youth gun violence and deaths of children due to gun violence and will require County researchers to consult with relevant stakeholders and consider the creation of a youth council or gun violence task force. While this doesn't replace the need for gun reform, it is an essential step in protecting Harris County residents – particularly youth – from gun violence. Harris County will continue to push our state & federal leaders for meaningful and common sense gun laws, we in Harris County will continue to do everything we can to protect our residents and our children from gun violence.

County to reduce Nuisance Properties

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will begin a sweeping effort to create safer, healthier and more sustainable neighborhoods across the County. Harris County Commissioners Court approved the initiative in July to abate or demolish properties deemed nuisances that pose a risk to public health. Examples of neighborhood nuisances include accumulated rubbish, standing water, conditions that harbor insects and rodents, abandoned swimming pools, high weeds and dilapidated structures.

"We've heard from the community that, too often, abandoned structures can be havens for criminal behavior," said Harris County Judge Hidalgo. "I'm proud to support this initiative, as part of our historic, multifaceted approach to tackle crime and work toward a more vibrant Harris County."

The Court approved HCPH to address 18 nuisance properties as part of a \$3 million American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) fund to support HCPH's Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement (NNA) Program. The Court's approval of these properties is the first step of a four-year plan to abate 1,100 nuisances in the county through the ARPA funds, which were awarded to the NNA program last February.

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3. Where was Paul on receiving his "Macedonian vision"? Troas, Gilgal, Petra, Rome
4. What Phoenician city was home to Hiram? Endor, Patara, Tyre, Sardis

- 5. From Genesis 2, what did God use to form man? Water, Dust, Robe, Wind
6. What was a publican in biblical times? Priest, Laborer, Carpenter, Tax Collector

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Aldine se asocia con Bel Furniture para donar camas a una familia de la comunidad

El miércoles 20 de julio, el nuevo socio de la comunidad, Bel Furniture, donó dos literas con cama individual superior completa a una familia que busca adoptar a varios estudiantes huérfanos de Aldine. Después de una reunión con la Fundación para la Educación y el Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad del Distrito Escolar Independiente (ISD) de Aldine, la directora de marketing de Bel Furniture, Rosa Serrano, conoció la situación de la familia y se decidió a actuar rápidamente.

Las camas se llevaron a la casa de Estefine Flores, la tía en proceso de adopción de los cinco estudiantes, donde vive con sus cuatro hijos. Flores y su familia observaban con una son-

risa en sus rostros mientras traían las camas. "Estoy emocionada y conmovida", expresó Flores. "Ver todo esto junto me ha hecho feliz".

Las asociaciones de la comunidad que aportan valor al distrito son los tipos de conexiones que Aldine busca hacer. La colaboración entre el ISD de Aldine y Bel Furniture es un esfuerzo recientemente logrado, pero se espera que brinde beneficios a más familias de la comunidad.

"La asociación con Bel Furniture ha demostrado ser fructífera", expresó Linda Olsen, directora de la Fundación para la Educación Aldine. "Recién comenzamos a ayudar a la comunidad en conjunto, pero esperamos que lleguen muchos más proyectos".

El ISD de Aldine abrirá un nuevo estadio en agosto de 2024



Prespectiva de el actual estadio de Aldine ISD

Hay planes en marcha para que el ISD de Aldine reemplace el Estadio Thorne y construya una nueva instalación de última generación que se inaugurará en agosto de 2024. El Estadio Thorne abrió sus puertas en 1979.

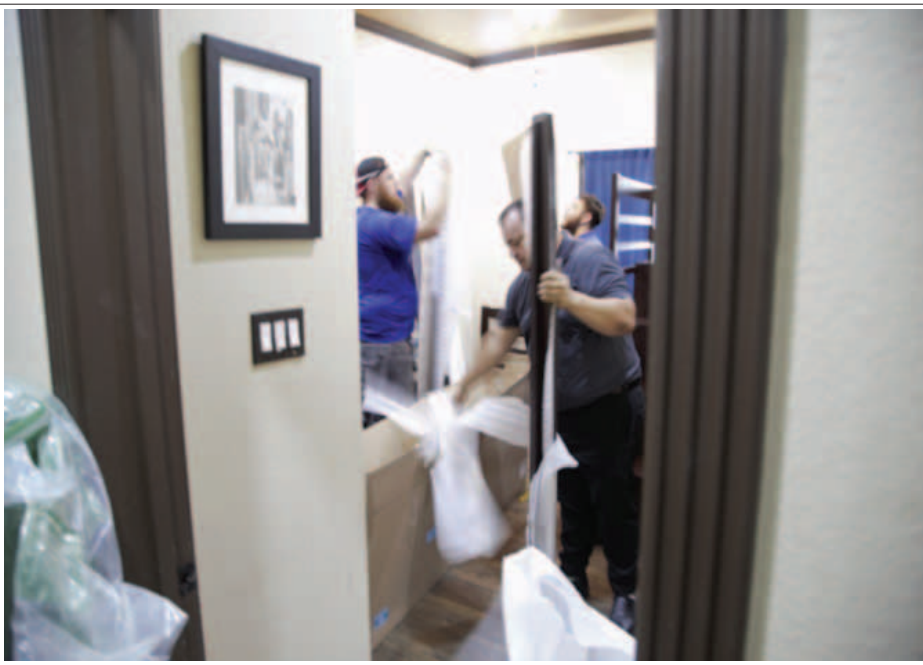
Esta noticia significa que los equipos de fútbol americano, las bandas, los equipos de ejercicios y los equipos de porristas del ISD de Aldine serán locales en el Estadio George en el ISD de Spring durante los próximos dos años. El ISD de Spring se ha asociado con los equipos universitarios de fútbol americano del ISD de Aldine para jugar sus partidos de local en el Estadio George.

A principios de este año, el ISD de Aldine utilizó a un tercero, Texas Sports & Civil Engineering, para evaluar el estadio. Texas Sports & Civil Engineering recomendó dos opciones para el distrito. Una opción era la reparación y la otra, el reemplazo. El dis-

trito optó por la opción de reemplazo, que incluirá una instalación de última generación diseñada para mejorar la experiencia de los estudiantes y la comunidad. Consistirá en una nueva cabina de prensa, puestos de comida, baños, un nuevo campo de fútbol, gradas de concreto y plataformas. El nuevo estadio también tendrá una entrada frontal en el lado oeste del estadio.

En una reunión el 14 de junio, los fideicomisarios del ISD de Aldine aprobaron el uso de \$25 millones en el año fiscal 2022 y \$25 millones en el año fiscal 2023 para cubrir el costo de reemplazar el Estadio Thorne.

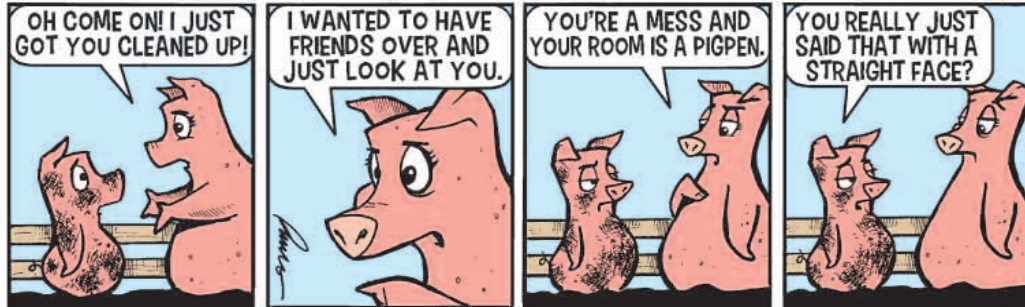
El Departamento de Atletismo y el Departamento de Artes Interpretativas se están comunicando con los estudiantes atletas y las familias de los estudiantes de artes interpretativas para informarles sobre el cambio para las próximas dos temporadas y cómo se verán afectados de forma directa.



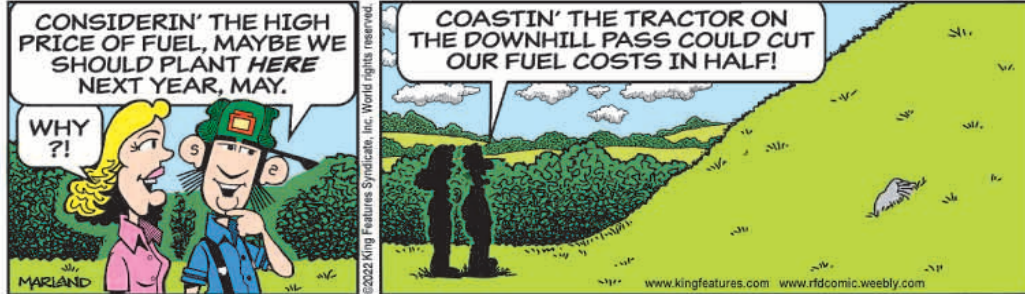
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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Neckline differs. 2. Shoes are missing. 3. Towel end is missing. 4. Snorkel is shorter. 5. Trunks differ. 6. Net is smaller.

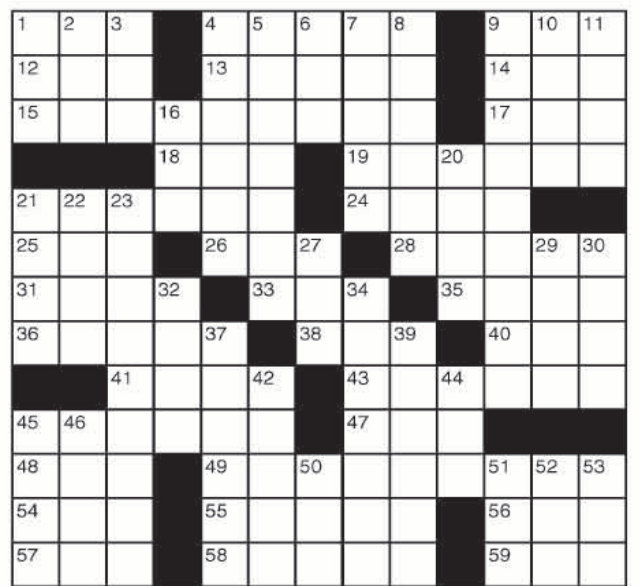
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ACROSS

- 1 Witty one
- 4 Brings in
- 9 Rail
- 12 Mess up
- 13 Unconventional
- 14 Quarterback Manning
- 15 Airhead
- 17 Heavy weight
- 18 Verily
- 19 Made finer, as flour
- 21 Rope parts
- 24 "Holy —!"
- 25 Prefix with gram or center
- 26 Spasm
- 28 Picture puzzle
- 31 Towering
- 33 "Eureka!"
- 35 Nickelodeon's "Explorer"
- 36 Politico Stevenson
- 38 Branch
- 40 Klutz
- 41 Village People hit
- 43 Place of worship
- 45 Thief
- 47 Equal (Pref.)
- 48 Terre Haute sch.
- 49 Inflatable pool toy



- 54 Prof's degree
- 55 Point of view
- 56 Noon, on a sundial
- 57 Blue
- 58 Portals
- 59 Moray, for one
- 6 — glance
- 7 Spectrum creator
- 8 Soon-to-be grad
- 9 Cartoon vamp
- 10 Medicinal plant
- 11 Peel
- 16 Coloring agent
- 20 Skedaddled
- 21 Greek salad cheese
- 22 Apple tablet
- 23 Melville sailor
- 27 Dance syllable
- 29 Russian river
- 30 Ump's call
- 32 Gentle soul
- 34 Newspaper piece
- 37 Headache aid
- 39 Fits together
- 42 Where the action is
- 44 Unruly group
- 45 Tears
- 46 Job-safety org.
- 50 Literary rep
- 51 Chopping tool
- 52 Fish story
- 53 Dogpatch adjective

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. AD SLOGANS: Which product's advertising slogan is "Look, Ma, no cavities!"?
2. MOVIES: The movie "300" is based on which famous historical battle?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have served more than two terms?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How far can a skunk's spray reach?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the southernmost major city on the continent of Africa?
6. LANGUAGE: What is a funambulist?
7. HISTORY: Who was the first woman to complete the Boston Marathon (unofficially)?
8. TELEVISION: What was the name of the cruise ship on the sitcom "The Love Boat"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which colors make up the five-ring Olympic symbol?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Which plant produces cacao beans, which are used to make chocolate?

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

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Answers

1. Crest; 2. The Battle of Thermopylae; 3. One; Franklin D. Roosevelt; 4. About 10-20 feet; 5. Cape Town; 6. Tighrop walker; 7. Bobbi Gibb, 1966. The race was opened to women in 1972; 8. Pacific Princess; 9. Blue, yellow, red, green and black; 10. Cacao trees.

HCC and TSU agreement allows student transfers into Industrial Technology

HOUSTON (July 27, 2022) — Houston Community College (HCC) and Texas Southern University (TSU) have signed a memorandum of understanding that will help graduates from HCC's Drafting and Design program transfer seamlessly into TSU's College of Science, Engineering and Technology to obtain a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology.

The agreement aims to provide a seamless transfer for students who enroll at TSU following the completion of their two-year degree at HCC. The agreement also provides an uncomplicated path for graduates from HCC's English program to transfer into TSU's College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences. All credits earned by HCC graduates will automatically transfer to TSU.

Leaders of both colleges signed the agreement at HCC's Central College yesterday.

On hand was HCC Board Chair Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary, Trustee Dr. Adriana Tamez of District 3, Dr. Reagan Flowers of District 4, and Central College President Dr. Mudassir Siddiqi.



HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E., and TSU President Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young

"It's a priority for HCC students to transfer to other higher educational institutions, especially those fine universities in Texas like TSU," said Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E. "With that said, this agreement offers HCC Design and Drafting graduates access to an excellent opportunity to achieve their educational goals.

"We continue to hear reports of our students excelling beyond HCC," Maldonado said. "I am certain our students will continue that tradition at TSU."

Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young, TSU President said, "This agreement allows Texas Southern to

continue transforming lives of students interested in pursuing careers in critical STEM fields such as industrial technology, and areas of education that are important in our nation. Our cooperative effort with Houston Community College provides an accelerated pathway for students to earn a bachelor's degree and ultimately serve the Houston region and the nation with the knowledge and experience they've gained."

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HCC named Generation Hope partner for 'parenting' students

HOUSTON (July 13, 2022)—Houston Community College has been named a partner in a group of colleges recognized for their excellent support of college students who juggle attending school and parenting children.

The nonprofit organization, Generation Hope in Washington D.C., named HCC as part of its FamilyU partnership along with a half a dozen other colleges and universities across the country. Its goal is to remove barriers and invest in support systems to ensure more parenting students succeed and graduate.

About one in five undergraduate college students nationwide is actively parenting. While such students generally do better in school, they are about 10 times less likely to graduate due to inadequate support systems on their college campuses.

University.

To learn more about the Generation Hope mission, visit <https://www.generationhope.org>.

About Houston Community College

Houston Community College (HCC) is composed of 14 Centers of Excellence and numerous satellite centers that serve the diverse communities in the Greater Houston area by preparing individuals to live and work in an increasingly international and technological society. HCC is one of the country's largest singly accredited, open-admission community colleges offering associate degrees, certificates, workforce training and lifelong learning opportunities. To learn more, visit hccs.edu.

Charlene Ward Johnson elected new HCC Trustee for District II

HOUSTON -- Charlene Ward Johnson is the newly elected trustee to the Houston Community College (HCC) Board of Trustees. She officially joined the college's governing board as the trustee for District II following a brief swearing-in ceremony Wednesday, June 29, at 3100 Main St. in Houston.

Texas State Representative Jarvis Johnson (District 139) administered the oath of office to the new trustee in a ceremony attended by U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, other distinguished guests, family and friends.

Trustee Johnson was elected to the HCC Board of Trustees following a runoff election held Saturday, June 18. She will fill the unexpired term in the single-member district through December 31, 2025.

Governing the nation's fifth largest public community college system, members of the HCC board are elected to staggered six-year terms and serve without compensation.

Other HCC current



HCC District II Trustee Charlene Ward Johnson with U.S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

board members include Dr. Cynthia Lenton-Gary, Chair, District VII; Monica Flores Richart, Vice Chair, District I; Eva Loreda, Secretary, District VIII; Dr. Adriana Tamez, District III; Dr. Reagan Flowers, District IV; Robert Glaser, District V; David Wilson, District VI; and Dr. Pretta VanDible Stallworth, District IX.

Johnson graduated from the University of Houston in 1991, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology. She received her Master of Arts degree in Organizational Management with a Specialization in Public Administration from the University of Arizona Global Campus in May 2021.

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