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Art Car Parade



Annual Art Car Parade was held last weekend. More Photos inside, Page 7

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NEWS NOTES

Walle Virtual Town Hall on April 19th

On Wednesday, April 19th, Rep. Armando Walle is hosting a Virtual Town Hall to discuss the 88th Legislative Session and answer questions from constituents. Please make sure to register at the link provided below to access the Zoom link. Register here to receive the Zoom link: <https://t.co/ZvJ136VizW> Wednesday Apr 19, 2023 7pm - 8pm

Lone Star College Summer & Fall Registration

Reach your highest potential! Your future awaits. Lone Star College Fall Registration Opens April 6. Register now for Summer and Fall classes. [LoneStar.edu/learnmore](https://lonestar.edu/learnmore). See more info on Page 8.

APR. 27, THURSDAY East Aldine Small Business Seminar

East Aldine District Free Luncheon Seminar series. Subject of this class is Commercial Leasing, with Speaker Joaquin Orozco. 12noon to 1pm, Thursday April 27. Reservation required, aldinedistrict.org/RSVP, or 512-658-4985.

Also register for future classes on June 22 and August 24.

APR. 29, SATURDAY EAMD Unlimited PossABILITIES Day at Town Center

A Day of Fun and Adventure at East Aldine Town Center. Where your abilities and disabilities become possibilities!

9am to 2pm at Town Center, Fun Run, Basketball, Origami, Miss AMAZING Pageant, Yoga, Face Painting, Music, Balloon Artists, Petting Zoo, Fire Truck and so much more. Everyone welcome. Bring a blanket, a chair, and come have fun. Oh, it's FREE!

BakerRipley April Events Calendar

- April 5th - Food Fair, 7:30am - 11am
- April 8th - Eggstravaganza, 10am - 1pm
- April 10th - World Autism Awareness Parent Talk, 5pm - 6pm
- April 20th - Senior Games, 11:30am - 1pm
- April 26th - Farmer's Market, 10am - 1pm
- Heads up for May..
- May 13th - Asian American & Pacific Islander Cultural Celebration, 10am - 1pm

Senate committee approves \$308 billion State Budget

\$302 bn House bill differs on distribution; must now be reconciled

AUSTIN – Texas Senate budget leaders on Wednesday approved a \$308 billion spending proposal for the next two years that would include billions of dollars in new money for mental health services, juvenile justice, property tax cuts, community colleges and pay raises for teachers and state employees.

The proposal for the 2024-25 budget cycle includes \$142.1 billion in general revenue spending — about \$5 billion higher than the proposal approved last week by the Texas House — at a time when lawmakers have a historic \$32.7 billion surplus at their disposal this session.

Neither chamber's proposal spends the entirety of the surplus, nor do they bust constitutional spending limits, budget leaders said.

Senators greenlit \$5 billion in additional money for schools that would pay for teacher pay raises and other educational programs, including costs associated with offering parents private school subsidies. It also includes \$3.7 billion for cost-of-living adjustments for retired teachers, \$650 million for measures to help schools improve security and \$650 million to revamp community college funding.

The bill also includes \$1 billion to fund water projects and a \$10 billion commitment to fund Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's priority package of legislation



addressing the stability of the electric grid. It also sets aside \$16.5 billion for property tax cuts and \$4.6 billion for border security — including more than \$1 billion for Republican Gov. Greg Abbott to use on border actions and programs that he chooses.

The Senate Finance Committee approved the budget plan by a vote of 16-0, sending it to the Senate floor for debate, which is expected to happen next week.

"Thank you all for participating in this process," said Senate Finance Committee Chair Joan Huffman, R-Houston. "It's a great budget, and I look forward to bringing it to the Senate floor."

The Senate version also includes \$900 million in new funding for mental health care — that's in addition to \$2.3 billion in a separate spending bill — and \$2.3 billion to raise base wages for personal care "community attendants" who are paid through the Medicaid program to help patients with tasks such as laundry, errands, grooming, eating and medication.

And it allots \$1.8 billion for state employee pay

raises, as well as \$370 million in new money to address issues at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, which has been wracked with problems due to understaffing.

"We do need you to turn that place around," Huffman told agency officials during the hearing Wednesday.

The agency is up for its sunset review in the Senate in the coming days, during which senators plan to make changes to address several issues that lead to complaints over youth being mistreated, said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. "Help is on the way," Whitmire said. Senate budget writers also approved \$500 million to support parks redevelopment, \$500 million for broadband development, \$500 million for Gulf Coast protection programs and \$600 million for port and ship channel funds and projects.

The vote comes less than a week after the Texas House approved its own proposal, which differs from the Senate version in several areas — putting several billions of dollars at stake when negotiations between the two chambers start later this month.

Among the notable differences between the two chambers: the absence of

Continued. See Senate Budget Bill, Page 2

Sales Tax Holiday for Emergency Supplies, April 22-24

(AUSTIN) — With the severe weather season upon us, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 24.

"While we can't know in advance when the next flood, tornado or hurricane may strike, we can make sure our families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "This tax holiday can help Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations. Don't wait for disaster to strike. Take the time now to get prepared."

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save nearly \$2 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

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

- household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and
- portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

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

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

- Purchases that do *not* qualify include:
- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
 - camping stoves, camping supplies;
 - chainsaws;
 - plywood;
 - extension ladders and stepladders; and
 - tents.

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

Explorer Post 42 Open House April 26

EAST ALDINE – The youth organization for males and females interested in law enforcement known as Explorers, will hold an Open House on Wednesday, April 26th at the East Aldine Town Center from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The address is 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, off Aldine Mail Route.

The Open House is to acquaint prospective persons with the Explorer Post and its introduction to law enforcement.

The Explorers Post 42 is headed by Deputy Terry Garza of the Harris County Sheriff's office, and meets Wednesdays at the East Aldine headquarters.

Garza said that "Law Enforcement Exploring is for people interested in law enforcement careers, ages 14 to 21. The program is registered through the Boy Scouts of America, Learning for Life, and the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Explorers receive real police training,



hands on and scenario based, to help determine if a career in law enforcement is right for them. The Explorers travel throughout Texas to compete against other Explorers in Law Enforcement Explorer Competitions."

Training is held every Wednesday at the East Aldine offices.



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Senate Budget Bill,

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the \$10 billion grid legislation funding from the Texas House bill. Meanwhile, the Senate committee declined to commit \$1 billion in funding requested by colleges and universities to allow them to freeze tuition for two years. The House committee version has that funding in it, setting up tuition freezes for a showdown in future negotiations.

The House version spends about \$137 billion in general revenue and \$306 billion in all state and federal funds.

The two chambers have also approved emergency spending bills to plug holes and bump up funding during the current biennium, adding billions of dollars more to mental health, pay raises and other projects.

Senators clashed briefly over a rider in the budget bill that bans funding from universities that use diversity, equity and inclusion practices in their hiring processes.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said recent moves by lawmakers and Abbott to ban DEI programs and practices on campuses has universities "frightened to death" because there's not enough clarity on what that includes.

"Do you consider the university's hiring of personnel to go out and recruit students, enroll and assist to go through the

education process — mentoring and tutoring — a DEI practice that would be prohibited based on this rider?" asked West, who was not in committee when the rider was discussed last month due to a death in his family.

In a testy exchange with West, the rider's author, state Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, responded that the language pertains to personnel and hiring before mocking West's reference to universities being "frightened to death." Then Creighton told West he was "puzzled" by the question.

West said he plans to fight the rider on the Senate floor during debate and was hoping to get Creighton, whose Senate Education Committee is hearing testimony this week about DEI on campuses, to clarify what would not be allowed under the rider.

"I'm trying to make certain in terms of legislative intent, in terms of what this is actually about, that there aren't any unintended consequences," West said. "This is a big issue because of history, and I have never, ever tried to sever something on the floor of the Senate as it relates to the finance bill. But I will be compelled to do that this time because of the potential unintended consequences."

COMMUNITY WATCH

Man walking on Airline Easter morning shot 14 times by unknown assailant



ASSAILANT IS SEEN LEAVING THE AREA OF THE SHOOTING ON AIRLINE DRIVE. HE SEEMS TO BE STUFFING SOMETHING INTO A BAG HE IS CARRYING.

HOUSTON — The Houston Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying the person they believe is responsible for shooting and killing a man on Easter Sunday.

Detectives told KPRC Jose Luis Maldonado, 40, was shot 14 times while on his way home after a night out in north Houston.

Maldonado's body was found near the intersection of Airline Dr. and Aldine Bender Rd.

"The victim was shot



JOSE MALDONADO

with rifle rounds, when we see the video, we don't see a rifle that the suspect could easily be concealing so it's possible that it's an AR type pistol. The suspect appears to be a young male, wearing all black with an adidas logo

hoodie," said HPD Detective Dustin Crowder.

The suspect can be seen in surveillance video leaving the area on foot. He remains on the run.

Maldonado leaves behind a wife, three children and a grandson.

"He helped with everything. He's the only person I had here," said Maldonado's daughter Heidy.

If you have any information on the suspect you're ask to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-Tips.

Motorcyclist killed in hit and run on Homestead Road

HOUSTON Crime Stoppers and the Harris County Sheriff's Office Vehicular Crimes Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspect(s) responsible for a Hit and Run — Failure to Stop and Render Aid — Fatality.

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, at approximately 8:56 a.m., William Whiteside was riding his motorcycle in the 11800 block of Homestead Rd. in Har-

ris County, Texas. An unknown suspect failed to yield the right of way and Mr. Whiteside hit their vehicle. The suspect's fled the scene without rendering aid. Mr. Whiteside suffered major injuries, and sadly died as a result of the collision.

The suspect vehicle is described as a 2016-2023 White Chevrolet Camaro with damage to the passenger side.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

COUNTY CONNECTION
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo



Harris County provides \$6mn for Reproductive Healthcare

After the passing of the Texas Trigger Law, which bans most abortions, many providers in Texas are seeing an increased demand for reproductive healthcare services and contraception. In early March, Harris County Commissioner's Court approved a \$6 million program to support access to reproductive services such as contraceptive services, family planning education, preconception health screenings, and STI testing, prevention, and education. I want everyone in our community to be able to focus on their priorities, on their goals and their families, and have access to the resources they need to live their lives the way they want. This isn't a



PCT. 4 COMMISSIONER LESLEY BRIONES IS WELCOMED BY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO.

fight we asked for but we'll fight it on behalf of the families of Harris County.

We have another reason to celebrate! I am so happy to welcome Lesley Briones to Commissioners Court to serve Precinct Four, marking the first time two women have

served on Commissioners Court in Harris County history. I'm eager to work with her and all of our Commissioners to tackle the big challenges we are facing and continue our work to better the lives of every resident in Harris County.

Harris County Expands Fund to Assist Residents Facing Eviction

In Harris County, residents are under-represented by attorneys when an eviction is filed against them. From 2020 to 2022, 146,618 eviction cases were filed and of those cases, only 1.92% of defendants were assisted by attorneys. In these same situa-

tions, landlords almost always have legal representation. To assist renters fighting eviction, commission court last month expanded the Housing Legal Services Fund with \$4 million for legal aid that will fund support for approximately 5,010 eligible

cases total with approximately 90% receiving full representation and the remaining receiving brief services. Applications for assistance are open now.

To apply or learn more about the program, 210-952-9259.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Join us in the library for story time in English and Spanish **Tuesdays at 11:00am!**

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Perfect for kids in 1st and 2nd grade.

Focusing on conservation, students learn about recycling initiatives around the world and create an instrument out of recycled materials. **Wednesday, Apr. 19, 4:30pm.** No registration required.

CITIZENSHIP CLASS

There is still time to register for Citizenship class. We'll help you prepare for the civics portion of your Naturalization interview! Study materials included. **Wednesdays at 10am. Registration required before April 19th.** Register on the HCPL website events page. If you need one-on-one help with preparing for the interview, contact us at 832-927-5410.

TEEN THURSDAY

Teen Thursdays at Aldine Branch Library are a fun, safe environment for teens ages (12-18) to hang out after school! Join us as we play games, watch

anime, and hang out! **Thursday, Apr. 20 3:30 - 5:30pm.**

NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST - TREE DISTRIBUTION DAY (PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE BEEN PREREGISTERED IN FEBRUARY)

We are celebrating Earth Week April 22nd this spring by participating in the 14th Annual @NeighborhoodForest free tree program. Free Tree Giveaway provided by Neighborhood Forest.

Trees will be distributed to pre-registrants on **Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am - 12 pm.**

COMPUTER CLASSES

We have computer classes in Spanish and in English, online and in-person. If you want to participate, register online at: <https://forms.office.com/r/rTQyUGd1Yy>

Wednesdays: Office 365 & Google Apps, (English, Online), 5-7pm

Thursdays: Office 365 & Google Apps (Spanish, in person), 5-7pm

MAGNETIC POETRY FOR POETRY MONTH

April is National Poetry Month. Come in and create your own temporary poem on our Magnetic Poetry Board

and inspire someone! Available all day during operating hours in April.

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>

Our passport hours - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm. We also have walk-in service from 2-4pm on Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents, photos, copies, and required people present with them.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message From the Superintendent, April 6, 2023

Dear Aldine Community,

As we head into the long weekend for the spring holiday, I hope you take a moment to recharge your batteries. Spend time with family and friends, and take a moment to be thankful and joyous for all the good things in our lives!

While we are in the final stretch before the end of the school year, we are still going strong with opportunities for students and families!

STAAR Testing STAAR testing is right around the corner. This spring, TEA is launching newly redesigned assessments. Testing for eligible students will occur from April 18 through May 12. Families should receive information from their students' schools about specific dates and tests.

Families can also visit the TEA Resources Webpage to help their students prepare for STAAR testing.

We want our students to do their best. Encourage your student to feel comfortable and confident. It's important to be well-rested, so ensure they get plenty of sleep. Eat balanced and healthy meals — all students get to eat FREE for breakfast and lunch. Remind students that a STAAR test is not a race. Students must go at their own pace and take breaks. Additionally, a positive attitude goes a long way. Give your student something to look forward to by planning something special — a movie, favorite dinner, etc. — to celebrate when testing is finished.

Community Meetings We held our first Community Meeting on Tuesday at Aldine High School. It was great to see families from all the feeder schools — primary, elementary, middle, and ninth grade — to Aldine High. Students entertained families — we have so many talented students — and heard about all the fantastic gains we have made and about our programs, initiatives, choices, and opportunities we offer families. It was a celebration, and wonderful to connect with our community. The second community meeting (all the meetings run from 6-7:30 p.m.) will be on Thursday, April 20, at Eisenhower High School. All Aldine community members are invited to attend these informative Community Meetings, whether they have children in Aldine schools or not. Join us! Hear our journey and about Aldine's future.

Equity Definition There is so much we are working on that I am excited about, including our work in equity. Over the last few years, you have heard me discuss equity and our goals to advance equity in Aldine. In the leadership discussion, we discovered we still needed to define equity. We recently took one step and put some words on paper, defining equity for Aldine ISD. Improving equity in our schools starts with understanding and listening. By better understanding the perceptions and experiences of our students, families, and community, we can take meaningful action to improve and achieve equity. We are about giving all students choices and opportunities. Remember, all mean all in Aldine.

Mark Your Calendars! Ya'll, we have so much going on this spring! We had an incredible GIRLS Empowerment Summit, Annual Youth Summit, and a fantastic showing at our PreK Enrollment Expo. We have our Soñadores Summit on April 15, our inaugural



Fun Day in the Park for families of students with autism on April 22, and our second annual Festival de Primavera is taking place on April 29. These events occur on a Saturday, so please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you and your families there!

Shout-outs and Congratulations Before I close, I need to give a few shout-outs. This week was National Assistant Principals Week. Thank you for doing fantastic work at our schools. I am incredibly proud of our dedicated school administrators and their work creating safe, welcoming school cultures. These thought leaders are instrumental in a school's success, always putting students first. April 4th and April 5th were National School Librarian and National Paraprofessionals Day. As everyone knows, reading and books have a special place in my heart. Thank you, information literacy specialists (aka librarians), for your work in cultivating a love of reading on our campuses and for the support you provide our teachers and students.

Many adults work to support student learning — teachers, counselors, related service providers, and classroom volunteers. They may also receive support from paraprofessionals. You may also hear them called ed techs, classroom assistants, instructional aides, teacher assistants, paraeducators, and paras. No matter what you call them, paraprofessionals are essential to a school's community. They provide instructional support, language support, behavioral support, physical and medical support, and so much more. They add another layer of support to the classroom, allowing students more opportunities for one-on-one support. Thank you for all that you do each and every day.

Congratulations to math teacher Helen Santiago from Houston Academy. She has been named the SHABE Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year. Helen will represent the SHABE district at the Texas Association for Bilingual Education annual fall conference in McAllen. SHABE also awarded a \$500 scholarship to soon-to-be-grad Viridiana Ruiz Dávila from Victory Early College High School, who will attend Bucknell University to major in biology and be on the pre-med program.

Bravo to Carver High School's Theater Troupe on receiving an impressive 21 Tommy Tune Nominations for their Summer: The Donna Summer Musical production! I saw the show, and it is incredible! Every nomination is well deserved! Good Job, Good Job, G-OO-D J-O-B, Good Job, Good Job! The finalists for the awards will be announced on April 7th. Good luck!

Have a great rest of your week!
With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent of Schools
Twitter: @drGoffneyContactMe
UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS FOR THE COMMUNITY
April 15: Soñadores Summit from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. at Aldine High School — For students born in and outside the U.S. (Click here for details)

April 18: AISD to Hold Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 APR at the Donaldson Administrative Building-Board Room, starting at 7 p.m.

Now-April 21: Free GED and ESL classes for AISD parents with a student enrolled in the bilingual or ESL program in AISD. Click here for details and to register.

April 22: Inaugural Fun Day in the Park for Families of Students With Autism at East Aldine District Park, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Now-Apr. 22: AISD's Health Services Department is holding monthly CPR classes.

April 29: AISD's 2nd Annual Festival de Primavera (an all-Spanish event), from 9 a.m. to noon, at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center

Now-June 1: AISD is applying to receive its share of ARP ESSER III (ESSER III) funding as determined by the Texas Education Agency. Aldine ISD seeks feedback from all district and community stakeholders to help determine how the district should best utilize these resources.

Ongoing: Family and Community University's 2022-2023

Ongoing: iEducatе is hiring college students, especially Aldine ISD grads, as tutors to work with Aldine ISD students. iEducatе accepts applications on a rolling basis, and interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS

April
National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month

Apr. 3-7: National Assistant Principals Week

Apr. 3-9: National Library Week (April 4 is School Librarian Day)

Apr. 5: Paraprofessionals Day

Apr. 7: Student Holiday (traditional & ADSY)

Apr. 10: Student Holiday/Staff Work Development Day (traditional)

Apr. 12: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)

Apr. 15-19: National Volunteer Appreciation Week

Apr. 19: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)

Apr. 26: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY)

REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Outside food and beverages are prohibited on all secondary school campuses (middle, ninth-grade, and high school campuses) premises. Click here for details.

The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. — FAFSA Application link or TASFA Application links

The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. (details).

Aldine ISD's top priorities are students' safety and academic success. The district posts information related to protocols along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/health-alerts.

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Stay connected by visiting AldineISD.org. Check out our District News and Aldine ISD Podcast pages to stay updated on all the great things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

STAAR Testing Dates

Date	Assessment Administered
April 18	End-of-Course (EOC) English 1
April 19	Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 Reading Language Arts
April 20	EOC English 2
April 25	Grade 5 and Grade 8 Science, EOC Biology
April 26	Grade 8 Social Studies, EOC U.S. History
May 2	Grades 6, 7, and 8 Math, EOC Algebra 1
May 3	Grades 3, 4, and 5 Math

Testing helps AISD gauge students' strengths and areas for improvement.

STAAR testing is right around the corner. This spring, TEA is launching newly redesigned assessments. Testing for eligible students will occur from April 18 through May 12.

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) testing for students in 4th-, 5th-, 7th- and 8th-grade and at the high school level will take tests across the state.

Redesigned assessments Families should receive information from their students' schools about specific dates and tests.

STAAR's Purpose
The Texas Education Agency implemented the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) in the spring of 2012 to fulfill requirements enacted by the Texas Legislature.

STAAR helps ensure

that Texas students compete with other students nationally and internationally. One crucial function of STAAR is gauging how well schools and teachers prepare their students academically.

The test is specially designed to measure individual student progress concerning content directly tied to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Every STAAR question is aligned to the TEKS currently in effect for the assessed grade/subject or course.

STAAR Test Dates
Tips to Prepare Students for STAAR Testing

Families can help their students prepare for performing well on state exams by:

Making sure students get a good night's rest (click here for details)

Offering a healthy and nutritious breakfast — all students get to eat FREE for breakfast and lunch

Making sure they dressed comfortably, complying with the Aldine ISD dress code

Encouraging them to think positively about the test and their abilities

Reminding them to review their work for mistakes; a STAAR test is not a race. Students must go at their own pace and take breaks.

Giving them something to look forward to by planning something special — a movie, favorite dinner, etc. — to celebrate when testing is finished.

Families can also visit the TEA Resources webpage to help their students prepare for STAAR testing.

We want our students to do their best. Encourage your student to feel comfortable and confident. Additionally, a positive attitude goes a long way.

Ensure your student arrives at school on time to avoid testing delays.

Carver HS Theater a Finalist in 10 Categories in the 2023 Tommy Tune Awards

Theater Under the Stars (TUTS) recently announced the 2023 Tommy Tune Awards nominations. Theater members of Carver High School for Engineering, Applied Technology, and the Arts are thrilled. The school's spring production of Summer: The Donna Summer Musical received over 20 nominations and has been named a finalist in 10 categories.

The Tommy Tune Awards Program celebrates the educational value, artistry, and community of high school musical theatre in the Greater Houston area. After evaluating the 48 participating Houston-area high school productions during the 2022-2023 school year, a team of Houston-based theatre professionals nominated students in 17 award categories.

Tommy Tune Awards are In Person This Year

Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) will return to the in-person awards show for the first time since 2019. The 2023 Tommy Tune Awards will be held on May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

2023 Tommy Tune Award Nominations for Caver HS

Performance Evaluation — Production Nominations

Outstanding Musical: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

Outstanding Ensemble: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

Outstanding Orchestra: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

Outstanding Technical Achievement: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

Performance Evaluation — Individual Nominations

(4) Outstanding Supporting: Christopher Pace (as Bruce), Alyssa Dorsey (as Diva Donna/Mama), Morgan Childs (as Disco Donna), Ryan Randolph (as Duckling Donna/Mimi)

Outstanding Singer: Morgan Childs

(2) Outstanding Dance: Giovanni Gonzalez-Cisneros (as Giorgio) and Faith Bumper (Ensemble)

(2) Outstanding Actors: Ryan Randolph and Ivan Davidson (as Neil)



Outstanding Director: Roshunda Jones-Koumba

Outstanding Music Director: Pamela Dickson

(2) Outstanding Choreographers: Densel Taylor and Camron Lettries

(2) Outstanding Lighting: Neveah Law and Isabella Escobar

(2) Outstanding Scenic Designer: Jabari Collins and Adam Gary

(3) Outstanding Costume Designer: Roshunda Jones-Koumba, Cora Frazier, and Bailey Day

(2) Outstanding Stage Manager: Emani Caston and Niya Kelly

Honorable Mention: Aja White (as Joyce/Gunther)

Carver HS Finalists List for 2023 Tommy Tune Awards

Carver High School competes in the Tier 1 Category. The following have been invited to perform in the Tommy Tune Awards Ceremony. Additionally, one student from every participating school will perform in the finale number. Delores Sells, a senior, was chosen from Carver.

Outstanding Musical: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

Outstanding Ensemble: Summer: The Donna Summer Musical

Outstanding Director: Roshunda Jones-Koumba

(2) Outstanding Lead: Alyssa Dorsey (as Diva Donna/Mama) and Morgan Childs (as Disco Donna)

Outstanding Actor: Ryan Randolph (as Duckling Donna/Mimi)

(2) Outstanding Dancers: Faith Bumper (Ensemble) and Giovanni Gonzalez-Cisneros (as Giorgio)

Outstanding Music Director: Pamela Dickson

(2) Outstanding Choreographers: Denzel Taylor and

Camron Lettries

Outstanding Stage Management: Niya Kelly

(2) Outstanding Costume Design: Bailey Day and Cora Frasier


Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, the adjudicating mentors evaluated each participating school's show, focusing on each element of the production. The adjudicating mentors comprise a group of Houston-based theatre professionals with backgrounds as performers, designers, directors, choreographers, and musicians; and with years of experience in arts education and administration.

The Tommy Tune Awards are named for Broadway legend, and Lamar High School alum Tommy Tune. A performer, director, and choreographer with more than 50 years of stage experience, Tune received nine Tony Awards for his work in the following productions: Seesaw, My One and Only, A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine, Nine, Grand Hotel and The Will Rogers Follies. He was also awarded the National Medal of Arts in 2003 by President Bush.

The National High School Musical Theatre Awards® (the Jimmy Awards®) celebrate outstanding student achievement, recognizing individual artistry in vocal, dance, and acting performance and elevating the importance of theatre arts education in schools. Of the 28 Tommy Tune Award nominees for Outstanding Performance in a Leading Role, two will be selected via a rigorous audition process adjudicated by a panel of industry professionals, ultimately winning an opportunity to represent Houston and TUTS at the Jimmy Awards. The Broadway League Foundation presents the Jimmy Awards.

OPINION PAGE

OPINION
By **BILL KING**



A Weekend on the National Mall



On Good Friday, I traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the interment of a friend's mother at Arlington National Cemetery. Cheryl and I took the rest of the weekend to hang around the National Mall. Let me tell you what we saw.

We saw thousands of our fellow Americans in every flavor you can imagine. From Americans with almost no melanin in their skin to those rich with it. Americans who had come here from every corner of the globe, many in their traditional garb. We saw dozens of interracial couples, many with their beautiful children whose faces reflected their combined heritage. We saw Americans being unfailingly kind to each other. Laughing, smiling, sharing where they were from, what they had seen, what they planned to see. We saw them volunteering to take families' pictures for each other so entire families could be included in the shot.

We saw people stopping military personnel and thanking them for their service. We saw Americans standing at the Vietnam War memorial with tears streaming down their faces. We saw tourists at Arlington stopping and removing their hats or saluting as our funerary procession passed. We saw people poring over the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, many I suspect for the first time reading the greatest speech ever written in the English language.

What we did not see was the toxic polarization that the media constantly tells us is tearing our country apart. We saw almost no hats or t-shirts with political slogans. There were no protests. There was no one arguing or yelling at each other. All we saw were thousands of our fellow Americans basking in the pride of their remarkable country and its history.


Our visit to the National Mall once again reminded me of the fundamental goodness and decency of the American people. We allow ourselves to be seduced in doubting this truism by a media fixated on showing us the relatively rare examples of Americans who are not good and decent. I wish all of us could remember that, as Hans Rosling said in his book "Factfulness," what we read and see in the media is "filtered through the mass media [executives], which love nonrepresentative, extraordinary events and shuns normality."

It also once again underscored to me how unworthy our current government is of the extraordinary people it is supposed to represent. Unfortunately, we have allowed it to become the captive of two corrupt, power-mad political parties, which are attempting to wreck our constitutional order and allow extremist minorities to rule. A danger about which almost every Founder warned us.

Dramatic reenactments of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor have attributed a quote to Japanese Admiral Yamamoto on the victory: "I fear we have awakened a sleeping giant and filled him with a terrible resolve."* The American people are long-suffering, and most are disinclined to actively participate in politics. But at some point, the two incumbent parties are going to exhaust the American people's patience and find that they have awakened a giant filled with a terrible resolve.

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Americanisms



"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."
—Elmer Davis

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By **Carrie Classon**

"3,002 Suns"

Our landlord, Jorge, loves his suns. I am sure he loves his son, Jorge Jr., as well, but I am talking about the other kind of sun. This is why there are nearly 3,000 smiling sun faces decorating the hotel where we stay when we are in Mexico. Two more were added yesterday. Much of the time my husband, Peter, and I are in our little apartment in Jorge's hotel, there is a team of artists working. Fabricio is the father, and usually at least two and sometimes three of his sons work with him. They paint anything that stays still long enough for them to apply paint.

Jorge sets them to work painting ceramic suns to join the nearly 3,000 already hanging in the courtyard. They paint the outside of the hotel for the Day of the Dead and other celebrations—painting over their artwork at the end of the celebration. They paint saints on palm frond mats that are hung during Holy Week. They paint images of famous wrestlers so tourists can have their photos taken with them. They paint murals in the guest rooms. Occasionally, they even touch up the banisters in the hotel, and do not seem to mind.

Yesterday, Peter and I had lunch in the hotel. Jorge has opened up a sandwich shop in the hotel but, like so much that happens in Mexico, the long-term plan remains unclear to us.

Yesterday, for instance, we had salmon.

"Jorge is serving salmon in his sandwich shop?" I asked Peter.

"Yup."

"It's not really a sandwich shop anymore, is it?"

He also had a steak and a shrimp special. Peter and I had the salmon. It was fantastic.

Then I saw Fabricio on a ladder.

"What is he doing outside our door?" I asked aloud.

We ate. Fabricio painted. After we were through, I went upstairs. Fabricio had found room for two more suns over our door, and had roughed in the first colors.

"Oh! I love that color!" I told him.

There were two suns, side by side, and one of them was painted the blue-green color that I love. I showed him the approximately 11 to 13 bracelets I had on my wrist at the moment, all in shades of blue and green. Fabricio smiled. He kept painting.

Later in the afternoon, Fabricio had taken down his ladder. I stepped outside to see the finished project.

There were two suns: a smiling blue-green female sun with her eyes closed, and a yellow male sun with bright blue eyes—just like Peter's. I realized that none of this was by accident. Fabricio had painted the two of us, as suns, right outside our door.

"Thank you for the beautiful suns!" I told Fabricio as he was on his way out, arms full of paints and paintbrushes, paint splatters all over his T-shirt and face. "They are beautiful!"

That night, Jorge was sitting at the front desk. I told him how good the salmon was. He smiled. Then I told him that Fabricio had painted two suns—and they looked just like Peter and me!

Jorge smiled and nodded. He knew. Of course he did.

Nothing happens in this hotel that Jorge does not know about. Peter and I wander around imagining all the gentle acts of kindness that surround us somehow happen by chance.

"Gracias," I said.

I don't know if he thought I was thanking him for the salmon or the suns or the accommodations that always feel like home, or for simply creating this unique and wondrous place.

And it doesn't matter. Till next time, Carrie

Check out CarrieClassonAuthor on Facebook or visit CarrieClasson.com.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By **Gary Borders**



Dueling Tax Proposals in The Legislature

The Texas House passed a bill promising \$17 billion in tax relief, a measure that is at odds with the Senate's tax break plan, according to the Austin American-Statesman. The House bill would lower by half a home's cap on appraisal increases. It passed overwhelmingly, 141-9. However, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said that body will not approve it, preferring its plan to raise property exemptions from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

In a press conference held Thursday, Patrick reiterated his opposition, saying appraisal caps do not have much effect on property tax bills.

"So let me be very clear, I've said before this session, I've said it at the beginning of session, I've said recently, you don't negotiate on bad math," Patrick said.

House Speaker Dade Phelan took a less confrontational stand.

"I think we need to do what's best for all Texans, and that is sit down and hammer out a compromise," Phelan said in part. "We are ready, willing and able to do it in the Texas House."

PARENTAL BOOK BILL PASSES THE SENATE

The Texas Senate passed a bill last week that would require schools to inform parents of all books their children check out of school libraries. The Dallas Morning News reported. The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, said she sponsored the bill after being contacted about sexually explicit materials in school libraries.

"I cannot unsee what I saw," Paxton said on the Senate floor. "More importantly, a child cannot unsee sexually explicit materials, and this certainly shouldn't happen in a school library, of all places."

Critics say the bill could lead to politicized book bans and undermine the work of librarians. It requires school boards to create local library advisory panels made up mainly of parents.

The bill now heads to the Texas House for consideration.



DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPAND IN CENTRAL, WEST TEXAS

Warmer temperatures and less rain in March expanded drought conditions throughout the central and western parts of the state, hydrologist Dr. Mark Wentzel of the Texas Water Development Board reported. More than two-thirds of the state is affected by drought, up five percentage points from the previous month. The exception is in the eastern portion of Texas, which is now drought free.

The La Niña weather system, which is at least partially responsible for drought conditions in the state for the past two-and-a-half years, is predicted to give way by fall to El Niño conditions, which tend to be wetter, according to Wentzel.

"Why are La Niña, neutral, and El Niño conditions important to Texas? Each of these conditions sets up different atmospheric circulation patterns that impact weather around the world, including Texas," Wentzel wrote.

HUNDREDS APPLY FOR HOUSTON ISD BOARD OF MANAGERS

With the Texas Education Agency taking over management of the Houston Independent School District, nearly 400 applications have been received to join the district's Board of Managers. In a news release, TEA said it is looking for Houston residents with "a wide array of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives who believe all children can learn and achieve at high levels when properly supported and who can work together

as a governance team."

"I am looking for Houstonians with wisdom and integrity who can be laser-focused on what is best for students," Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said. "It is exciting to see so many Houstonians express a willingness to help move the school system forward in service of students."

The Board of Managers will hold public board meetings and has the same legal requirements and obligations as any elected school board, according to TEA.

MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

A bill approved last week by the Texas House would allocate additional funding to the state's 50 community college districts, the Statesman reported. The additional amount each district would receive would be based on several factors, including the number of degrees and certificates a college awards "that equip students for continued learning and greater earnings," the Statesman reported.

The bill is one of House Speaker Dade Phelan's priorities and has more than 90 co-authors.

"This would be the most significant state investment for community colleges in decades," said Ryan Franklin, senior director of policy and advocacy for Educate Texas.

Community colleges in Texas are funded by a combination of local property taxes, tuition and fees, state revenue, and various other sources. The bill guarantees a certain amount of funding for rural community college districts that are unable to raise as much in property taxes as urban districts.

MORE THAN 18,000 CATTLE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

What is being called the deadliest barn fire for cattle on record left more than 18,000 cattle dead and one worker critically injured at a dairy farm in the Texas Panhandle, The Dallas Morning News reported. The fire swept through the holding pens of Southfork Dairy Farm in Dimmitt last week as the cattle were waiting to be milked.

"It's mind-boggling," Dimmitt Mayor Roger Malone said. "I don't think it's ever happened before around here. It's a real tragedy."

The cause has not been determined, but Castro County Sheriff Sal Rivera told KCBD-TV that overheating electrical equipment in the holding pens may have ignited methane gas. Photos and video posted on social media show a massive plume of smoke rising from the facility.

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Mensaje de la Superintendente, 6 de Abril del 2023

Estimada Comunidad de Aldine:

A medida que nos acercamos al fin de semana largo, espero que se tomen un momento para recargar sus baterías. ¡Pasen tiempo con familiares y amigos, y tómense un momento para estar agradecidos y alegres por todas las cosas buenas en nuestras vidas!

Si bien estamos en el tramo final antes del final del año escolar, ¡todavía tenemos muchas oportunidades para nuestros alumnos y las familias!

Pruebas STAAR en primer lugar, tengan en cuenta que la versión actualizada de Texas del examen STAAR se lanza en todo el estado este mes. Los exámenes para la Evaluación de Preparación Académica del Estado de Texas se llevarán a cabo del 18 de abril al 12 de mayo. Las familias deben recibir información de las escuelas de sus alumnos sobre fechas y pruebas. Hagan clic aquí para leer un resumen del Houston Chronicle sobre el nuevo examen.

Las familias también pueden visitar la página web de TEA para ayudar a sus alumnos a prepararse para las pruebas STAAR. Queremos que nuestros alumnos den lo mejor de sí. Animen a sus hijos a sentirse cómodos y confiados. Es importante que estén bien descansados, así que asegúrense de que duerman lo suficiente. Coman comidas balanceadas y saludables — todos los alumnos tienen desayuno y almuerzo GRATIS. Recuérdelen a los alumnos que el examen STAAR no es una carrera. Los alumnos deben ir a su propio ritmo y tomar descansos. Además, una actitud positiva ayuda mucho. Dénele a su hijo algo que esperar planeando algo especial — una película, cena favorita, etc. — para celebrar cuando terminen las pruebas.

Reuniones comunitarias-



Celebramos nuestra primera reunión comunitaria esta primavera el martes en la escuela secundaria Aldine High School. Fue genial ver a familias de todas las escuelas — preescolar, primaria, secundaria y noveno grado — en Aldine High School. Los alumnos entrevistaron a las familias — tenemos tantos alumnos talentosos — y escucharon sobre todos los logros fantásticos que hemos hecho y sobre los programas, iniciativas, opciones y oportunidades que ofrecemos a las familias. Fue una celebración, y una maravillosa conexión con nuestra comunidad. La segunda reunión de la comunidad (todas las reuniones son de 6-7:30 p.m.) será el jueves, 20 de abril, en Eisenhower High School. Hagan clic aquí para todas las fechas y lugares. Todos los miembros de la comunidad de Aldine están invitados a asistir a estas reuniones informativas de la comunidad, independientemente de si tienen hijos en las escuelas de Aldine o no. ¡Acompáñennos! Escuchen sobre nuestro viaje y sobre el futuro de Aldine.

Definición de equidad Hay muchas cosas en las que estamos trabajando que me entusiasman, incluyendo nuestro trabajo en equidad. En los últimos años, me han oído hablar de la equidad y nuestros objetivos para avanzar en la equidad en Aldine. En la discusión de liderazgo, descubrimos que todavía teníamos que definir la equidad. Recientemente di-

mos un paso y pusimos algunas palabras en papel, definiendo la equidad para Aldine ISD. Mejorar la equidad en nuestras escuelas comienza con entender y escuchar. Al entender mejor las percepciones y experiencias de nuestros alumnos, familias y comunidad, podemos tomar acciones significativas para mejorar y lograr la equidad. Queremos dar a todos los alumnos opciones y oportunidades. Recuerden, todos significa todos en Aldine.

¡Marquen sus calendarios! Tenemos mucho que hacer esta primavera! Tuvimos una increíble cumbre de empoderamiento con nuestra GIRLS Empowerment Summit, la Cumbre juvenil anual, y una fantástica presentación en nuestra Expo de inscripción al prekínder. Celebraremos nuestra cumbre Cumbre Soñadores el 15 de abril, nuestro primer Día de diversión en el parque para familias de alumnos con autismo el 22 de abril, y nuestro segundo Festival de Primavera se llevará a cabo el 29 de abril. Estos eventos tienen lugar un sábado de este mes, así que por favor marquen sus calendarios. Esperamos verlos a ustedes y a sus familias.

Reconocimientos y felicitaciones Antes de terminar, tengo que dar algunos reconocimientos. Esta semana ha sido la Semana Nacional de los Subdirectores. Gracias por hacer un trabajo fantástico en nuestras escuelas. Estoy increíblemente orgullosa de nuestros dedicados administradores escolares y de su trabajo creando culturas escolares seguras y acogedoras. Estos líderes de pensamiento son instrumentales en el éxito de una escuela, siempre poniendo a los alumnos primero. Los días 4 y 5 de abril fueron el Día Nacional del Bibliotecario Escolar y el Día Nacional del Paraprofesional.

Como todo el mundo sabe, la lectura y los libros ocupan un lugar especial en mi corazón. Gracias, especialistas en alfabetización informacional (también conocidos como bibliotecarios), por vuestro trabajo cultivando el amor por la lectura en nuestros colegios y por el apoyo que proporcionan a nuestros maestros y alumnos.

Muchos adultos trabajan para apoyar el aprendizaje de los alumnos: docentes, orientadores, proveedores de servicios afines y voluntarios en las aulas. También pueden recibir apoyo de paraprofesionales. Es posible que también les llamen técnicos educativos, asistentes de aula, ayudantes de instrucción, asistentes de profesores, paraeducadores y paras. Independientemente de cómo se les llame, los paraprofesionales son esenciales para la comunidad escolar. Proporcionan apoyo educativo, lingüístico, conductual, físico y médico, y mucho más. Añaden otra capa de apoyo al aula, permitiendo a los alumnos más oportunidades de apoyo individual. Gracias por todo lo que hacen cada día.

Enhorabuena a la profesora de matemáticas Helen Santiago de la academia Houston Academy. Ha sido nombrada Maestra del Año de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL por sus siglas en inglés de Nivel Secundario de SHABE. Helen representará al distrito de SHABE en la conferencia anual de otoño de la Asociación de Educación Bilingüe de Texas en McAllen. SHABE también otorgó una beca de \$500 para Viridiana Ruiz Dávila de la escuela secundaria Victory Early College High School, quien pronto se graduará y asistirá a la universidad Bucknell University para especializarse en biología y proseguir el programa de pre-medicina.

Felicitaciones al grupo de teatro de la escuela secundaria Carver High School por recibir 21 nominaciones Tommy Tune por su producción musical Summer: The Donna Summer Musical. ¡Vi-

el espectáculo, y es increíble! ¡Cada nominación es bien merecida! ¡Buen trabajo! Los finalistas de los premios se anunciarán el 7 de abril. ¡Buena suerte a todos!

Que tengan un buen resto de semana.

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

PRÓXIMOS Y CONTINUOS EVENTOS PARA LA COMUNIDAD

15 de abril: Cumbre Soñadores de 9 a.m. a 1 p.m. en Aldine High School; manténganse conectados para más detalles (evento para alumnos DREAMERS y sus familias; hagan clic aquí)

18 de abril: AISD celebrará una junta pública sobre el APR 2021-2022 en el Edificio Administrativo Donaldson-Sala de la Junta, a partir de las 7 p.m.

Hoy hasta el 21 de abril: Clases gratuitas de GED y ESL (inglés como segundo idioma) para los padres de Aldine que tienen un alumno inscrito en el programa bilingüe o ESL en AISD. Hagan clic aquí para más detalles.

22 de abril: Día inaugural de Diversión en el Parque para Familias de Estudiantes con Autismo en East Aldine District Park, de 11 a.m. a 1 p.m. Hagan clic aquí para inscribirse y para más detalles.

Hoy hasta el 22 de abril: El Departamento de Servicios de Salud de AISD está llevando a cabo clases mensuales de RCP (resucitación cardiopulmonar). (Hagan clic aquí)

29 de abril: 2º Festival de Primavera de AISD (un evento totalmente en español), de 9 a.m. a mediodía, en el Centro Educativo M.O. Campbell.

Hoy hasta el 1 de junio: AISD está solicitando recibir su parte de los fondos ARP ESSER III (ESSER III) según lo determinado por la Agencia de Educación de Texas. Aldine ISD busca comentarios de todas las partes interesadas del distrito y la comunidad para ayudar a determinar cómo el distrito de-

bería utilizar mejor estos recursos. Hagan clic aquí para realizar la encuesta.

En curso: El curso 2022-2023 de la Universidad Familiar y Comunitaria ha comenzado. Hagan clic aquí para inscribirse.

En curso: iEducate está contratando estudiantes universitarios, especialmente graduados de Aldine ISD, como tutores para trabajar con estudiantes de Aldine ISD. iEducate acepta solicitudes de forma continua y se anima a los estudiantes interesados a aplicar tan pronto como sea posible.

OBSERVACIONES MENSUALES

Abril

Mes nacional de apoyar a los alumnos bilingües y plurilingües

3-7 de abril: Semana Nacional de subdirectores escolares

3-9 de abril: Semana nacional de bibliotecas (4 de abril es Día del bibliotecario escolar)

5 de abril: Día de los Paraprofesionales

7 de abril: No hay clases para alumnos hoy (Calendario tradicional & ADSY)

10 de abril: No hay clases/ Día de Desarrollo Laboral del Personal (Calendario tradicional)

12 de abril: Jornada escolar ENVI2ION (Calendario ADSY)

15-19 de abril: Semana Nacional de Agradecimiento del Voluntariado

19 de abril: Jornada escolar ENVI2ION (Calendario ADSY)

26 de abril: Jornada escolar ENVI2ION (Calendario ADSY)

¡SIGANNOS!

Manténganse conectados visitando AldineISD.org. Consulten nuestras páginas de Noticias del distrito y el Podcast de Aldine ISD para mantenerse actualizados sobre todas las cosas maravillosas que suceden en nuestro distrito. También pueden conectarse con nosotros en Facebook, Twitter e Instagram.

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Secondary ILS of the Year!

William Shaller is honored to be AldineISD's Secondary ILS of the Year! Being the librarian at Hoffman_Library



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Fechas de Exámenes STAAR

Las pruebas ayudan a AISD a medir las fortalezas de los estudiantes y las áreas de mejora.

Las pruebas STAAR están a la vuelta de la esquina. Esta primavera, TEA está lanzando evaluaciones recientemente rediseñadas. Los exámenes para los estudiantes elegibles se realizarán del 18 de abril al 12 de mayo.

Las evaluaciones estatales de preparación académica de Texas (STAAR, por sus siglas en inglés) para estudiantes de 4º, 5º, 7º y 8º grado y a nivel de secundaria se realizarán en todo el estado.

Evaluaciones rediseñadas

Las familias deben recibir información de las escuelas de sus estudiantes sobre fechas y exámenes específicos. Haga clic aquí para leer una descripción general del Houston Chronicle sobre la nueva prueba.

Propósito de STAAR

La Agencia de Educación de Texas implementó la Evaluación de Preparación Académica del Estado de Texas (STAAR) en la primavera de 2012 para cumplir con los requisitos promulgados por la Ley

islatura de Texas.

STAAR ayuda a garantizar que los estudiantes de Texas compitan con otros estudiantes a nivel nacional e internacional. Una función crucial de STAAR es medir qué tan bien las escuelas y los maestros preparan académicamente a sus estudiantes.

La prueba está especialmente diseñada para medir el progreso individual del estudiante con respecto al contenido directamente relacionado con el Conocimiento y Habilidades Esenciales de Texas (TEKS). Cada pregunta de STAAR está alineada con el TEKS actualmente vigente para el grado / materia o curso evaluado.

Fechas de los exámenes STAAR

Consejos para preparar a los estudiantes para el examen STAAR

Las familias pueden ayudar a sus estudiantes a prepararse para un buen desempeño en los exámenes estatales al:

Asegurarse de que los estudiantes descansen bien por la noche (haga clic aquí para obtener más detalles)

Ofrecer un desayuno saludable y nutritivo: todos los estu-

diantes pueden comer GRATIS para el desayuno y el almuerzo

Asegurarse de que se vistan cómodamente, cumpliendo con el código de vestimenta de Aldine ISD

Animarlos a pensar positivamente sobre la prueba y sus habilidades

Recordarles que revisen su trabajo en busca de errores; una prueba STAAR no es una carrera. Los estudiantes deben ir a su propio ritmo y tomar descansos.

Darles algo que esperar planeando algo especial: una película, una cena favorita, etc. — para celebrar cuando terminen las pruebas.

Las familias también pueden visitar la página web de Recursos de TEA para ayudar a sus estudiantes a prepararse para el examen STAAR.

Queremos que nuestros estudiantes den lo mejor de sí. Anime a su estudiante a sentirse cómodo y seguro. Además, una actitud positiva recorre un largo camino.

Asegúrese de que su estudiante llegue a la escuela a tiempo para evitar retrasos en las pruebas.

MacArthur Wins District Tennis Title, Davis Finishes Second

The MacArthur Generals took first place at the District 14-6A Tennis Tournament, while the Davis Falcons finished in second place.

MacArthur's Sergio Compean finished first in boys' singles, and Hector de la Cruz finished second. In girls' singles, Audia Lacour brought home first place. In girls' doubles, the team of Calie Jasso and Jalie Jasso took first place, while the team of Ashley Ramírez and Emily Montoya finished in second



place. Eric Bonilla and Nicolas Galvan finished in second place in boys' doubles. In mixed doubles, the team comprised of Ethan Nava and Ari Ramírez finished first, while the team of Cesar Quevedo and Es-

ter Murillo finished in second place.

The Davis High boys' double team of Aldo Mora and Vincent Hoang finished first, and Manisavanh Sayrath finished second in girls' singles.

Individuals and teams who finished first or second place at the district meet have qualified for the Region II Tournament, which will take place April 11-12 in Waco at the Waco Regional Tennis Center (900 W. Lake Shore Drive).

CHURCH PAGE


BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Philippians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Mark 8, Jesus healed a blind man by putting what onto his eyes? Sand, Wind, Blood, Spit
3. What elderly cousin of Mary was the mother of John the Baptist? Jael, Rahab, Sarah, Elisabeth
4. In Hebrews 13:17, how should Christians act toward elders? Respectfully, In submission, Cheerfully, Timidly

5. What book of the Bible foretold the virgin birth? Joel, Isaiah, Jonah, Malachi
6. Who was Shamgar the son of? Ehud, Samson, Anath, Tola

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Spit (spittle), 3) Elisabeth, 4) In submission, 5) Isaiah 7:14, 6) Anath Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.




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*I am in the midst of lions;
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PSALM 57:4

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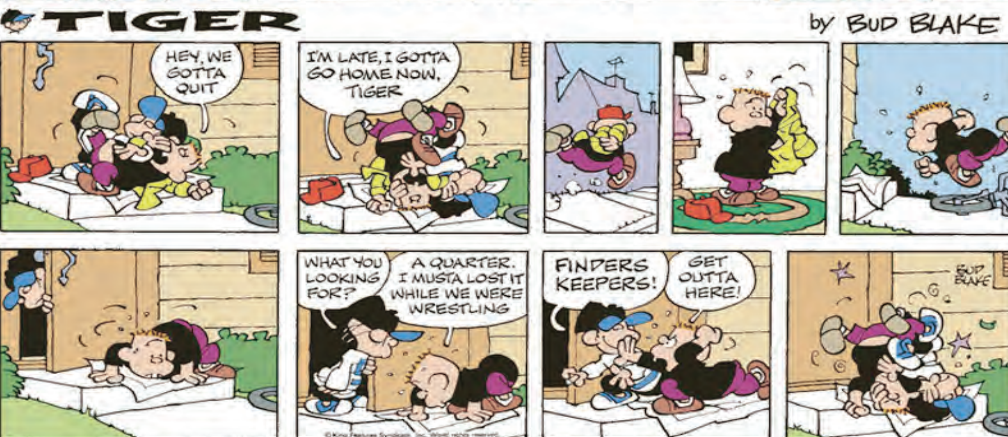
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by Linda Thistle

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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
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shrubbery is shorter. 2. Shirt is shorter. 3. Collar is different. 4. Fence is shorter. 5. Fence is shorter. 6. Fence is shorter. 7. Franchium, because it has 49 more neutrons than protons. 8. Sesame seeds. 9. New Orleans. 10. Four.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Burden
- 5 "Terrif!"
- 8 Confront
- 12 Guesser's words
- 13 Rushmore face
- 14 Big-screen format
- 15 Banner
- 16 Actuality
- 18 Prepare for printing
- 20 Staffers
- 21 Small batteries
- 22 "Today" rival, briefly
- 23 Bizarre
- 26 "The West Wing" actor
- 30 Altar constellation
- 31 Group of whales
- 32 Pledge
- 33 Was behind schedule
- 36 "Thank Me Later" rapper
- 38 — tear (raging)
- 39 Sticky stuff
- 40 Cockeyed
- 43 Worldly
- 47 Stop signal
- 49 Small iPod
- 50 Story
- 51 Calendar abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Barn storage area
- 2 Paris airport
- 3 Now, on a memo
- 4 Ersatz bookmark
- 5 Taxi costs
- 6 Help a crook
- 7 Arthur of "Maude"
- 8 Re offspring
- 9 During
- 10 Sidewalk eatery
- 11 Former mates
- 17 Mary's follower
- 19 Melancholy
- 22 Deity
- 23 Series of battles
- 24 Historic period
- 25 007 creator
- 26 Fleming
- 27 Lab eggs
- 28 Stir-fry pan
- 29 Lamb's dam
- 31 School support org.
- 34 Did nothing
- 35 Con
- 36 Medico
- 37 Bout segments
- 39 Very beginning
- 40 Jocular
- 41 Johnson
- 42 Between jobs
- 43 Actress
- 44 Elisabeth
- 45 "Downton Abbey" role
- 46 Cheer (for)
- 48 Joke

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which drama focuses on the inhabitants of Wisteria Lane?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Aswan Dam is located on which river?
- LANGUAGE: What is the only word in the English language that ends in "mt"?
- MOVIES: What is the name of Ryan Reynolds' Alaskan hometown in "The Proposal"?
- U.S. CITIES: How many buildings in New York City have their own ZIP codes, including the Empire State Building?
- SCIENCE: Entomology is the scientific study of what?
- CHEMISTRY: Which natural element is the most unstable?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the condiment tahini made of?
- LITERATURE: What is the setting for John Kennedy Toole's novel "A Confederacy of Dunces"?
- ANATOMY: How many lobes are in the human brain?

Solution time: 23 mins.

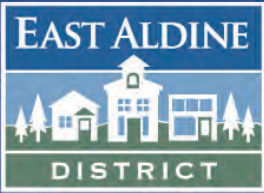
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LSC Students at Model United Nations conference

HOUSTON – Students from The Honors College at Lone Star College once again took top honors during the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference 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.

"I am very proud that Lone Star College students are able to take part in these types of opportunities to demonstrate academic excellence," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. "Their successes are a testament to the hard work they and their professors do to achieve this level of accomplishment."

LSC Honors College students represented Ghana and The Association for Women's Rights in Development. The conference recognized Lone Star College with Outstanding Delegation (awarded to the students representing Ghana) and Distinguished Delegation (awarded to students representing the Association for Women's Rights in Development).

"Lone Star College competed against, not just other two-year institutions, but students from four-year colleges all around the world," said Sean Tiffie, Ph.D., LSC-Tomball Professor of Speech and NMUN advisor. "I am so proud of what they were able to accomplish."

Colleges and universities who participated in this year's conference included the University of Montreal, Pepperdine University, the ESCP Business School of Paris, American University in Cairo and the Royal Holloway University of London.

"Every single member of the delegation remained focused, professional and engaged in their committees throughout the entire experience," said Dr. Rebecca Howard, LSC-Montgomery History Professor. "Our stu-

dents will never forget working with other students and leaders from around the world."

The theme for this year's conference was "Radical Empathy, Peace Reimagined." Students were asked to challenge traditional styles of thinking when crafting unique, reimagined solutions.

"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. "I draw hope from seeing your generation challenge the status quo and call for transformative change."

Visit LoneStar.edu/HonorsCollege to learn more about the opportunities for scholarships, travel, off-campus educational and cultural events, service-learning, conferences and special seminars. Applications for fall 2023 are now available.

"Many people are surprised to learn about the opportunities The Honors College at Lone Star College provides students both in and out of the classroom," said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., LSC Associate Vice Chancellor Honors and International Education. "It is a great place for high-achieving students seeking to improve their college transcripts and transferability with challenging coursework."

The National Model United Nations advances understanding of the U.N. and contemporary international issues and positively impacts the lives of thousands of student delegates. The Outstanding Delegation award demonstrates 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.



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



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