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NEWS NOTES

President's Day Celebration February 19th on JFK Blvd.

There will be a President's Day Celebration on Monday, February 19th from 5:00pm to 5:30pm at the John F. Kennedy Statue, at the intersection of Aldine Bender Road and JFK Boulevard.

Program includes a Speech and Poem by MacArthur High School students, and Jazz music by Victor Raymond.

The public is invited, and encouraged to bring a red, white or blue balloon.

The Celebration is sponsored by Bonding Against Adversity, the East Aldine District, and Univision Contigo Houston.

See additional information on Page 8.

FAFSA & TASFA Extravaganza Help Workshop Feb. 16th

Lone Star College - East Aldine Center is hosting a Help Workshop for those who want to complete their FAFSA or TASFA application forms.

The Event is Friday, February 16 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the school on Aldine Mail Route.

Event highlights include a Raffle, Scholarships, a Laptop Giveaway, and FUN.

Dunk Tank, Skee Ball, Mechanical Bull, Gladiator Joust, and a QB Blitz.

No registration required. Everyone welcome.

Buckner FHC to relocate to new campus

East Aldine organization started as Aldine YOUTH Center by Sylvia Bolling in 1990

NORTHEAST – An important Service organization located now in the East Aldine district, will move to a new home before the end of the year. Buckner Family Hope Center was originally founded in 1990 by Sylvia Bolling, a named Aldine YOUTH Center. In 2012 it was acquired by Buckner International of Dallas.

Nonprofit Buckner Children and Family Services has completed the purchase of a \$5.2 million property in North Houston from RM Real Estate Investors, LLC. The 6.88-acre site will be used by Buckner as the site for a new campus, providing ample space for the relocation of the Buckner Family Hope Center® at Aldine and the future addition of other core Buckner programs.

This is a strategic decision that will allow Buckner to better serve the community through a larger Family Hope Center, while also hosting additional core programs to serve vulnerable children and families locally.

The 6.88-acre site will be used as a new campus named Buckner Children and Family Services of Houston to reflect the intent to operate multiple Buckner programs and services from the location. The decision is aimed at optimizing the nonprofit's resources, streamlining operations, and enhancing the efficiency of services.

The property is located at 8600 Sweetwater Lane, Houston, TX 77037 and includes 37,000 square feet of classroom space, a gymnasium, and undeveloped land providing space for additional facilities and programs. It is situated



Buckner Family Hope Center will move from its location on Aldine Mail Route, to this building on Sweetwater Lane near I-45 North Freeway.

within the Aldine Independent School District, near the border with the Houston Independent School District.

Relocation of the Buckner Family Hope Center® at Aldine to the new campus is planned for late summer or fall of 2024. The new location provides spacious, updated facilities for Family Hope Center programming, having outgrown the property where it has resided for nearly 30 years. Buckner will continue to evaluate the needs of the new campus and the future addition of other core programs.

“While our first priority will be moving the Family Hope Center at Aldine to the campus this year, we are already exploring the opportunities the campus

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FFA Auction raises \$168,250 for Student Projects

By Mike Keeney

ALDINE – Once again, the Aldine community stepped up. They hit a home run for Aldine ISD FFA students and their projects at the 65th annual FFA Livestock Show and Country Fair auction, held Friday, Jan. 26, at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

Members of the community and Aldine ISD administrators and principals pledged \$168,250 to students and their projects, which was \$31,000 more than the 2023 show.

“On behalf of our FFA



Jordan Williams of Eisenhower High School raised the Grand Champion Steer at the 65th annual Aldine ISD FFA Livestock Show and Country Fair. The Superintendent's Group bought Jordan's steer for \$12,000.

students and teachers, we want to thank our administration, principals, staff, and community members for their outstanding support of our students' projects,” said Brooke Martin, executive director of career and technical education. “Every year, Aldine comes through for our kids, and we appreciate your generosity so much.”

Eisenhower High School student Jordan Williams raised the Grand Champion Steer, which the Superintendent's Group purchased for \$12,000. The Reserve Grand Champion

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North Houston's Wussow Park to get \$940,000 upgrade

NORTHEAST – The North Houston District received a \$455,013 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant for the Wussow Park Renovation project, which focuses on improving area residents' health and wellness and enhancing the natural aspects of the park. The projected project cost is \$940,000, and the TPWD grant will cover nearly half.

“Wussow Park is our signature neighborhood park, serving a densely populated community,” said North Houston District President Greg Simpson. “We are thankful for this grant and excited about the renovations that will update this twenty-two-year-old facility, allowing it to better serve local families and children.”

Improvements include: Two youth soccer fields to accompany the mini



pitch currently in progress, an accessible and shaded fitness area with multiple workout stations focused on adults of all ages and an expansion of the playground area for toddlers and children.

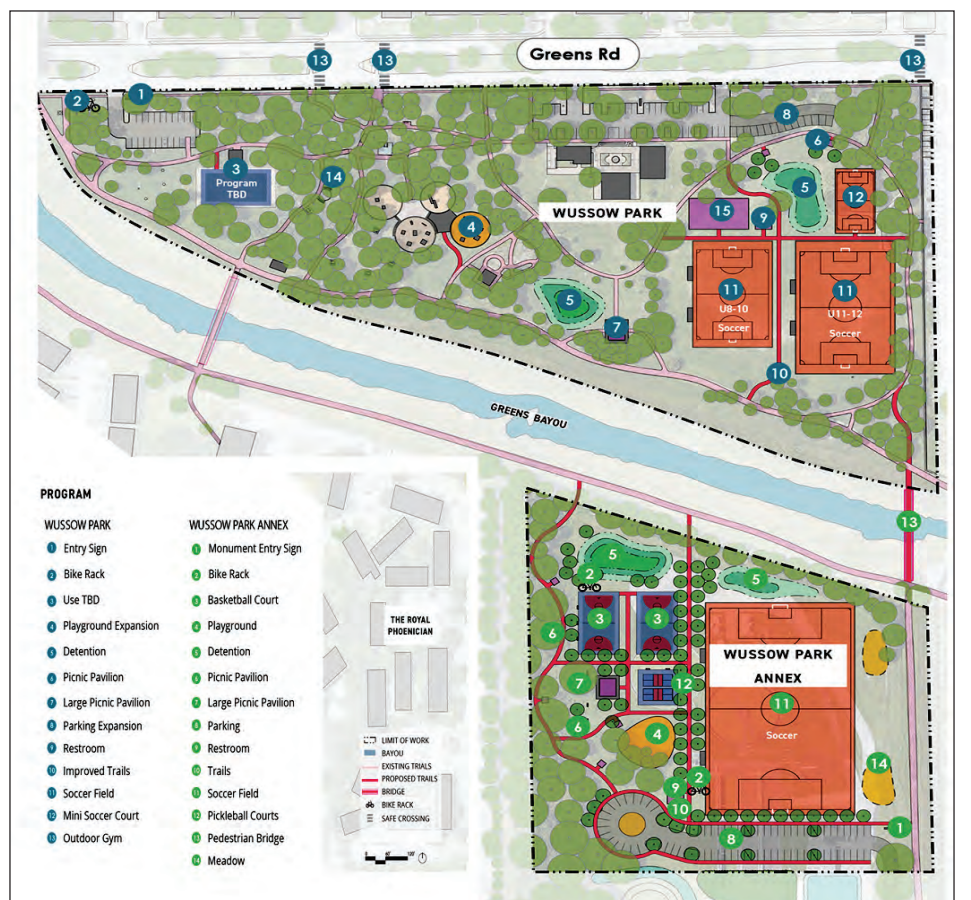
There are three separate planting areas: a coastal prairie along the bayou trail, a pollinator garden, and plantings in an on-site drainage ravine to filter pollutants that might otherwise discharge

to Greens Bayou. All of these will include interpretive signage.

Additional and upgraded lighting to improve security will be added, including new walking paths, picnic areas, and park benches.

Plans for the revamp at Thomas R. Wussow Park grew from a parks planning process the District

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Buckner FHC Moving,

offers us for future growth and expansion of programs in Houston," said Henry Jackson, president of Buckner Children and Family Services.

Buckner operates additional programs in Houston including the Buckner Family Hope Center at Reed Road located on the Cornerstone Community Campus in South Houston. The purchase of the new campus in Aldine does not impact operations at Cornerstone.

The property is currently being leased by The Association for the Advancement of Mexican-Americans, which is operating a branch of the George I. Sanchez Charter School at the location. The school is in the process of relocating by the end of February 2024. Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine staff will begin transitioning to the new campus once renovations are completed.

A capital campaign will launch this year to implement the long-term vision of Buckner ministries in Houston. "We are actively seeking financial support to supplement the costs of the campus and the money needed to renovate and further develop the property," said Jackson. "It will take the generous support of Houstonians to bring

the vision to reality."

Buckner Children and Family Services is a ministry of Buckner International. Visit Buckner.org/Houston for more information about programs offered by Buckner in Houston.

About Buckner Houston:

Buckner Houston is a faith-based non-profit ministry dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable children, families and senior adults in the greater Houston area. Buckner Houston is an extension of Buckner International, which was founded in 1879 in Texas and today serves people in the United States and internationally through a variety of programs designed to protect children, strengthen families, transform generations and serve seniors. These programs include foster care and adoption, family transition programs, community-based family preservation programs and retirement services for senior adults. Buckner also provides humanitarian aid and crisis relief to poverty-stricken children and families. Visit Buckner.org/Houston to learn more or get involved.

History of the Buckner Family Hope Center/Aldine Youth Center

Dallas-based Buckner International has a 143-year history of serving communities across the U.S., but the Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine's history tells a story of generational struggles and gaining community trust through dedication to service.

"The Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine began as the Aldine Youth Center by Sylvia Bolling, who lived in the community with her children," said Whitney Nico, director of the Christian faith-based non-profit organization's Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine. "She wanted a safe place for her children and their friends to go after school."

Bolling was dubbed the Outstanding Woman of 2015 in the category of Community Service by the North Harris County chapter of the American Association of University Women. She has been a treasure within her community since 1990, when, after realizing that Aldine offered very few after-school programs for students, she began what would become the Aldine Family Hope Center.

"She was gifted the building and she grew the program and her heart for the community," Nico said.

In 2012, Bolling's passion for community service attracted the attention of Buckner International, seeing in the Aldine Family Hope Center a shared mission of uplifting the community's youth.

"Buckner acquisitioned the Aldine Youth Center and knew we had to continue the tremendous work that had been start-

ed in the community," Nico said.

In theory, continuing Bolling's work seemed like a streamlined process. However, winning over the trust of the Aldine community proved to be a challenge.

"[Aldine] is a tight-knit community that can be wary of outsiders. We had to let families know we were invested in the community and them," Nico said. "We are here for the long term and want to see this community thrive."

The learning curve was steep for the Buckner family as well. For one, dispersing information within such a tight-knit community proved difficult.

"Letting the community know about all of the great services The Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine has to offer and them feeling like they can trust us [was challenging]," according to Nico. "It is a very close community and word of mouth is a big factor."

To address the area's poverty rate of 38 percent, the Center at Aldine sought set out to expand on Bolling's original after-school programming to also include "classes and activities for everyone in the family, so everyone feels welcome and is experiencing growth," Nico explained.

But generational change is a massive undertaking, particularly when each generation inherits its predecessor's trauma and struggles.

"We must pour knowledge and opportunities into the children of today and tomorrow by assisting and strengthening the family unit. If there is a need then we must help

or provide resources to fill in those gaps," Nico said.

The Center now offers resources for job readiness, financial literacy, GED and ESL classes and parenting classes, along with a food pantry clothing for families with needs for the basics. Also on hand is a resale shop with gently used clothing.

Armando Walle, the area's elected representative in the Texas House, said he grew up nearby in the kind of family that often needed such assistance.

"That type of family really needs, sometimes, an advocate. I would not be in the position that I'm in without the work of centers like this (that) offer the opportunity for a kid to blossom and to fulfill their full potential, and that's being productive citizens and also giving back to their community."

The organization is also stepping in as childcare and other costs of living. Moreover, the Center — located near the East Aldine Town Center — provides free counseling services to help clients address mental health issues.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child and the communities across Houston should take that motto personally," Nico said. "I'd like for Houston to provide an environment where kids have great opportunities at their fingertips to be successful in life."

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— by Caroline Cabe

COMMUNITY WATCH

Suspect sought in Zachary Murder

Houston, Texas - Crime Stoppers, in collaboration with the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division, is urgently seeking the public's assistance in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for the tragic murder of Jahlil Zachary.

On Saturday, December 30, 2023, 22-year-old Jahlil Zachary was shot in the 800 block of W Greens Dr. in Houston, Texas. During this harrowing incident, he was discovered conscious on the ground, having sustained multiple gunshot wounds. Mr. Zachary revealed that the shooting took place at the "Lake." Despite efforts to save him, Mr. Zachary

succumbed to the injuries inflicted during the incident.

The grieving family of Jahlil Zachary is reaching out to the community for support in bringing the perpetrator(s) to justice. The pain of losing a loved one is immeasurable, and they implore anyone with information to come forward and assist law enforcement in identifying those responsible for this heinous crime.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, charging and/or arrest of the suspect in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS



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(8477), submitted online at www.crimestoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

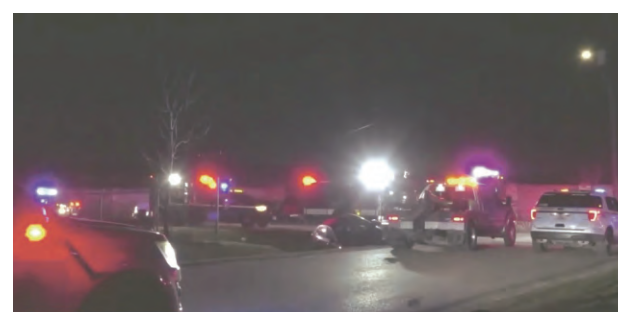
4 Teens shot, one critical, at North Harris party

HARRIS COUNTY, Texas – One teenager is in critical condition and three other teens were injured in a shooting in north Harris County on Sunday, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies received a call about a shooting at a party in the 4400 block of Mooney Road at Symbol Street around 12:30 a.m.

There were about 75 juveniles at the event, and a person later started shooting a gun.

When deputies arrived, they found a 17-year-old, who had been shot in the leg and another who had been shot in the back.



At center, Car ended up in ditch after the Party.

Two other teens arrived at local hospitals with gunshot wounds. There were four victims in total.

One of them is a 19-year-old that is in critical condition. Two other victims are 17 years old, and a third person is 18 years old.

The other teenagers

are in fair condition and expected to be OK.

Authorities are still looking for a suspect, who has not been identified. The names of the teens have not been released as well.

If you know anything about the shooting, you should call HCSO at 713-221-6000

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

OUR PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION STARTING FEB. 12

THERE WILL BE NO PASSPORT SERVICES ON FEB. 16

Blind Date with a Book - all of February

Join us every day of February at the library where you can grab an unknown wrapped-up book with a description on the front to check-out and read!

Bilingual Storytime CANCELLED DUE TO PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION

You're invited to attend Story Time every Tuesday at 11 am. Story Time is a great way for children to build early literacy skills with stories, rhymes and songs. Parents are encouraged to participate by sitting with children and singing (and learning!) new songs. Children of all ages are welcome! Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11-12pm

English Computer Class

Learn computer basics by practicing on our PC's with Instructor Nyla! We will learn about using web browsers, google apps, Microsoft suite, keeping your information safe online, and MUCH more! Join us for a weekly class on **Tuesdays from 11:30am - 12:30pm!**

Basic Computer Class Registration preferred! *Important- Instructions are in English. Google account is required (Though we can help you make one if you don't have one already)

Class format: In-person, in the computer lab at the Aldine Library.

Are Books Good?

Help us decide once and for all whether books are good. Ms. Gage and Ms. Nicole will read stories out loud, provide snacks, and vote on how good the stories actually are. For this series, we'll be reading fairy tales, myths, and modern retellings to see which ones are best! **Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5-6pm.** This program is best for ages 10 - 18.

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nivel.

Martes - 5:00 pm a 6:45 PM: Habilidades Esenciales de computación (Computer Essential skills class)- Aprenderá a como obtener las habilidades esenciales sobre: Navegación con Windows, navegación por Internet e interface, tipos de navegadores, consejos de seguridad, correo electrónico e interface, y otros temas relacionados a la tecnología con enfoque para empleos y uso personal en un nivel para principiantes.

Importante: * Se determinará sus nivel de habilidades en uso de tecnología con una evaluación en la computadora durante su primer día de su asistencia.

* requerirá una cuenta de gmail.com y outlook.com para acceder a las aplicaciones y programas gratuitos de la internet.

Importante: Instrucciones son en Español y las aplicaciones (Windows, Office 365, Google apps) son todas en Inglés

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Nivel 2- Intermedio-Jueves- 5:00 pm a 6:45 PM: Cloud Computing- Google workspace + Office 365 (Spanish computer class)

Computación en la nube: Aprenderá sobre los servicios y como usar Google (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms). Como usar: Microsoft Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint). Además, cubriremos otras aplicaciones como: Canva, Box y otras apps gratuitas. El enfoque general de de las practicas de computación serán para uso en empleos y de uso personal.

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Citizenship Preparation Class

Gain all the necessary information required to apply for US citizenship and take the citizenship test with confidence! This class will be taught in English. This session will be on Thursday evenings starting **Feb. 15 from 6-8pm. Register online (<https://tiny.cc/aldinecitizenship>) or in person to save your place.** Instructor: Marta Cuadrado.

Crafty Corner: Motivational Collage Picture Frame

Join us to make a motivational picture frame collage for the start of the new year! Take it home! Put pictures in it! **Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2pm**

Coffee & Conversation

Are you learning to speak English as a second (or third or fourth, etc.) language and would like to practice speaking English in a casual, low-stress environment? Join us for Coffee & Conversation where you can have conversations with native English speakers as we do fun activities at Crafty Corner! **Feb. 17 at 2pm.**

Adult Volunteers

Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? We are looking for adult volunteers to help with tasks and programs at the library as well as volunteers to teach English language classes, citizenship classes, or computer classes in person and virtually. Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library, call 832-927-5410, or click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qSzMSpiaTL>.

Passport Services

Do have plans to travel out of the country for the holidays? You need to get your passport in order NOW! Current routine processing is estimated at 6-8 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 2-3 weeks. 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 - Appointments required. 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 to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

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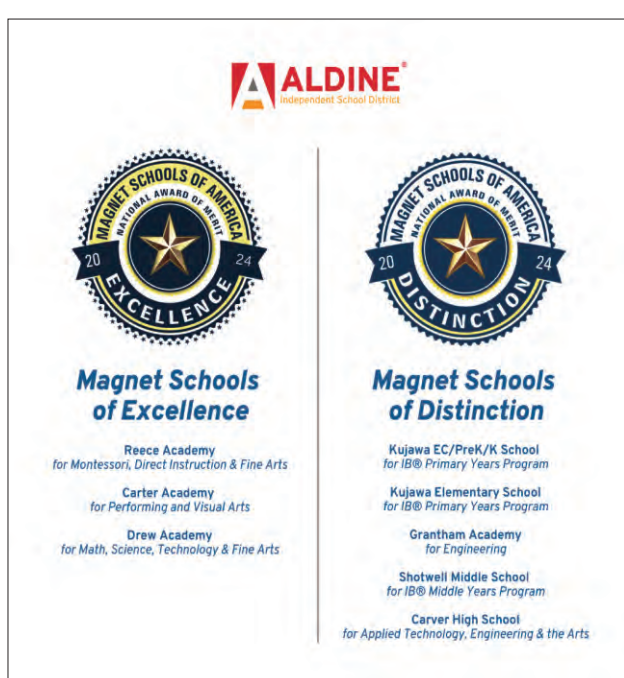
SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

8 Aldine ISD Magnet Schools Earn National Merit Awards

Congratulations to eight of our magnet schools that were honored by Magnet Schools of America (MSA) with the 2024 National Merit Awards. Three schools were named Schools of Excellence, and five were named Schools of Distinction.

“These awards celebrate the hard work of our school leaders, staff, families, and partners who contribute to the success of our schools and students,” Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney said. “The awards represent everyone’s commitment to providing high-quality learning experiences and welcoming environments so all students can grow and graduate with choices and opportunities.”

To receive a national merit award, schools must submit a detailed application that a panel of educators scores. These schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful desegregation and diversity efforts, and consistently delivering high-quality educational services to all stakehold-



Magnet Schools of Excellence

- Reece Academy for Montessori, Direct Instruction & Fine Arts
- Carter Academy for Performing and Visual Arts
- Drew Academy for Math, Science, Technology & Fine Arts

Magnet Schools of Distinction

- Kujawa EC/PreK/K School for IB® Primary Years Program
- Kujawa Elementary School for IB® Primary Years Program
- Grantham Academy for Engineering
- Shotwell Middle School for IB® Middle Years Program
- Carver High School for Applied Technology, Engineering & the Arts

ers. Magnet School of Excellence Awards are given to a select group of magnet schools that have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in all facets of the merit award application.

Magnet School of Distinction Awards are given to magnet schools that have met all the requirements outlined in the merit awards scoring rubric.

“We are proud of our district’s Magnet Schools of America Merit awarding-winning schools,”

said Dr. Adrian Bustillos, Chief Transformation Officer. “It takes an incredible amount of work for our magnet coordinators, principals, teachers, and Choice Schools staff to achieve these prestigious honors! It truly takes an entire village to build innovative schools that provide access, opportunity, and a strong foundation for all students.”

To learn more about the national merit awards program and all our Choice School options, please visit AldineISD.org/Choice.

AISD, Spring ISD to Remain in Region 2 After UIL Realignment

Aldine ISD’s five high schools will continue to compete against Spring ISD in District 14-6A, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced on Thursday, Feb. 1, during the UIL’s biennial realignment.

Aldine ISD’s five traditional high schools will compete with DeKalby High School, Spring High



School, and Westfield High School in athletics, performing arts, and extracurricular activities beginning in the fall of 2024.

District 14-6A will consist of Aldine High School, Davis High School, Eisenhower High School, MacArthur High School, Nimitz High School, Delaney High School, Spring High School, and Westfield High School for the next two years.

Aldine ISD and Spring ISD will compete in Region 2 for the next two years.

Aldine ISD recognizes female student-athletes as part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day

Aldine ISD will join school districts, colleges, universities and professional sports organizations across the country in recognizing their female student-athletes on National Girls and Women Sports Day, which will be celebrated on Feb. 7.

National Girls and Women Sports Day is an annual day of observance held during the first week of February to acknowledge the accomplishments of female athletes, recognize their influence of sports participation for women and girls, and honor their progress and advocacy for equality for women in sports.

“We want to wish our female student-athletes in Aldine ISD a joyful National Girls and Women Sports Day,” said Sandra Mader, Aldine ISD’s Director of Athletic Services. “May your passion for sports drive you to new heights of achievement and wellness. Sports teach us invaluable lessons about teamwork, dedication and perseverance. We are proud of the way you represent Aldine ISD in the classroom, on the field, on the court and how you serve as leaders on your respective campuses. We also want to thank our coaches for the dedica-



tion and devotion to their female student-athletes and for their guidance.”

A number of AISD’s female student-athletes will see their hour years of hard work rewarded with college scholarships in a number of endeavors.

Over the next few weeks, they will sign national letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers.

Those signing national letters of intent from Aldine High School will be:

- Feranda Alvarado – soccer (multiple offers, undecided)
 - Kenya Lopez – soccer (multiple offers, undecided)
 - Sarahi Chavez – soccer (multiple offers, undecided)
 - Aurora Cerda – soccer (multiple offers, undecided)
 - Michelle Huerta – soccer (Paul Quinn College)
- Those signing national letters of intent from Davis

High School will be:

- Jazmin Orange – volleyball (Multiple offers, undecided)
- Laniyah Howard – volleyball (Howard University)
- Lorin Stewart – cheer (St. Edwards)
- Nevaeh Tellis – cheer (undecided)
- Brooklyn Thompson – cheer (undecided)
- Pariz Fountain – cheer (Abilene Christian University)

Those signing national letters of intent from Eisenhower High School will be:

- Sydney Page – cheer (Tulane University)
- Chelsea Mathis – athletic trainer (North Carolina AT&T University)

Signing a national letter of intent from MacArthur High School will be soccer player Estrella Arriazola, who will sign with LSU Eunice.

Those signing national letters of intent from Nimitz High School will be:

- T’Asia Green – volleyball (Wiley College)
 - Kyndal Roberts – basketball (Lamar University)
- If you get the chance, please come out and support our female student-athletes during the spring semester.



National School Counseling Week

Most Aldine ISD campuses will be off the week of the national observance; schools will observe National School Counseling Week from February 12 through February 16

National School Counseling Week (NSCW) was established to honor the dedication of school counselors, who provide mental health and academic guidance to students of all ages and encourage individuals to seek professional help in person or online. This year’s theme is “School Counseling: Standards-Based, Student-Focused.” This week will focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different due to what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

When to Celebrate
The national observance falls from February 5 through February 9 this year. Following the traditional school year calendar, Aldine ISD campuses will be on a scheduled intersession (student holiday break) for the same period. Since most schools follow the traditional calendar, Aldine ISD campuses will observe their school counselors the week of February 12.

As a reminder, schools following the Additional Days School Year (ADSY) Calendar — Ermel Elementary, Harris Elementary, Smith Elementary, and Vines EC/PreK/K School —

Feb. 5, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, and Feb. 8. February 8 is a half-day for students and a work day for ADSY staff. February 9 is a staff development day/work day for ADSY staff.

How to Celebrate
Look for photos, social media posts, and more from your child’s school. Families and students can also take part! Let the school counselor at your child’s school know how much you appreciate them.

Social Media: Share posts about National School Counselor Week on social media with the hashtag #NSCW or #NSCW24 and add #MyAldine.

What Do School Counselors Do?

Josefina Treviño-García, director of guidance and counseling, stated school counselors work with all students to remove learning barriers. Their work has a tremendous impact on helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

“School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students’ academic concerns, career options, and social-emotional skills,” said Treviño-García. “School counseling programs help increase student achievement and provide a much-needed resource for students, parents, teachers, and administrators. School counselors are integral to student success.”

School counselors may have unique duties depending on their role. Some counselors may be licensed therapists and offer coun-

seling to students directly. Others may have a degree in education and take a more academic or career approach to guiding students. However, some of the school counselors’ most common roles are listed below.

- Provide mental health support and guidance.
- Offer career and college guidance
- Maintain student records
- Resolve conflict
- Communicate with parents or caregivers
- And More!

A Resource for Parents and Caregivers

It can be crucial for parents and school counselors to work together, as both are often in pursuit of the student’s well-being. It may be helpful to call, email, or have meetings with your child’s school counselor if you are having difficulty at home or want to work together to set up a better system at school for your child to succeed. Below are a few ways counselors and parents can work together:

- Establish accommodations for a child with a disability.
- Discuss topics at home that may be impacting the child’s academic performance.
- Provide early intervention for children in crisis.
- Help a child transition into a new school environment or class.
- Discuss disagreements in how the child is being taught.

Find resources available in the school and on a community level for parents, children, and families.

OPINION PAGE

COUNTY MATTERS
Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee



New Federal Air Quality Standards

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced new air quality standards for fine particulate matter (PM2.5), an airborne pollution typically emitted in large quantities at refineries and plants, construction sites, and other industrial facilities. Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee had previously submitted a formal comment advocating for stronger protections.

These stronger standards will lower the amount of fine particle pollution emitted by plants and factories and better control pollution often produced in densely populated areas. The EPA estimates this could prevent up to 4,500 premature deaths across the country.

PM2.5 exposure can lead to respiratory issues, irregular heartbeat, death in people with heart or lung diseases, and aggravated asthma. Harris County's formal comments pointed to communities like Settegast in Northeast Houston where air monitors consistently report heightened PM exposure and has some of the lowest life expectancy in the county.

"Black and Brown communities in Harris County and around the country have disproportionately been affected by air pollution for decades," said County Attorney Menefee. "Many of the facilities are located directly in neighborhoods, and these guidelines will ensure that we do as much as we can to limit harmful exposures. I'm pleased to see the EPA make this move, and I will do everything I can to ensure every person living in Harris County has clean air and water"

This decision is expected to impact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) process for issuing permits to industrial facilities.

About the Harris County Attorney's Office
Christian D. Menefee serves as the elected, top civil lawyer for Texas' largest county. The Harris County Attorney's Office represents the county in all civil matters including lawsuits. Menefee leads an office of 250 attorneys and staff members. He entered office at 32 years old, making him the youngest person and first African American elected as the Harris County Attorney.

OPINION
By Jennifer Hadayia, Exec. Director, Air Alliance Houston

Moving the Needle on Particulate Matter Pollution

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released the new, more protective standard for annual Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) pollution - from 12 microns (µg) m3 to 9 µg m3. This will put the Houston Area out of attainment and require improvement plans and stricter protections to help us reach attainment of the new PM2.5 standard.

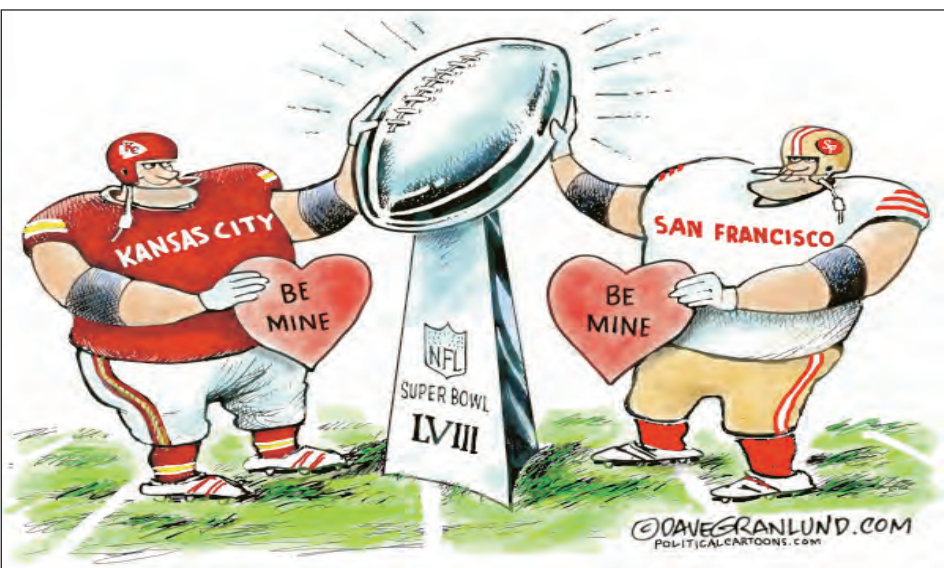
Air Alliance Houston has been working to strengthen the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM2.5.

- Our Executive Director Jennifer Hadayia, MPA, Government Relations and Community Outreach Director Leticia Gutierrez, and Community Air Monitoring Program Manager Juan Flores all went to Washington D.C. last year and talked about these issues with multiple federal offices.

- Our Research and Policy team including Dr. Inyang Uwak and Coordinator Anthony D'Souza wrote a comment letter last March on this issue. The World Health Organization's guideline level of exposure is much lower (5 µg m3) but this is a move in the right direction, and it will save lives. This was a brave decision for EPA as industry continues to lobby legislators against standards that protect community health. Read our Statement Concrete batch plants are a major source of health-harming Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM 2.5) pollution in many Houston neighborhoods. For years, AAH has held that the standard permit that these facilities are governed by does not do enough to protect communities from PM 2.5 and has advocated with residents for more protections.

We are glad to share with you that, earlier this month, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted improvements to the standard permit for concrete batch plants. While they did not go as far as we had hoped, this is a step in the right direction.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Palazzo Pants



My Facebook feed reminded me that, exactly 12 years ago, I was considering buying palazzo pants.

I found this astonishing because just that day I had been looking at palazzo pants, and I had not mentioned it to Facebook—or anyone else, except my husband, Peter. Peter did not even know what palazzo pants are.

"You know, they have really wide legs," I told him. "Isn't that what you just bought?"

I honestly wonder if Peter notices anything at all. The pants I just bought are harem pants. They have elastic around the ankles. They are 100% cotton, and they are green and blue and have pockets. They are fun to wear and very comfortable, but they are certainly not palazzo pants.

"Palazzo pants have big bells at the bottom. And they are usually slippery."
"Slippery?"
"Yeah. Kind of."
"Whatever."

I could tell no useful wardrobe advice was going to come from Peter. But I must add, in all fairness, he always dutifully tells me I look fine in whatever I wear.

I did not buy palazzo pants 12 years ago. Apparently, I considered it, but I remember I did not do it. And I guess, after that first palazzo pant flirtation, I thought the subject was closed, and I was simply not a palazzo pant wearer.

But I have heard that the periodical cicada hatches every 17 years and wreaks havoc on the fruit trees, and, when I was young, I saw a forest tent caterpillar outbreak, where every bit of green was devoured by nasty worms that appear every 10-16 years. I now suspect that the urge to buy palazzo pants is something similar. It's best to be prepared.

Once I was reminded of my close brush with a palazzo pants purchase in the past, I did what any sensible person would do. I posted my dilemma on Facebook, telling folks that I was, once again, considering it. My friends immediately weighed in.

"Resist that urge, Carrie! Stay strong!" my friend from college, Jennifer, wrote.

"I think we need more baggy pants," wrote Chris, who is a man and, like my husband, obviously had no idea what palazzo pants are.

A couple of friends said, "Go for it!" But I had the impression they would have said that if I'd suggested shaving my head, getting a navel piercing or joining a cult. These are good friends to have, but not always the best source of objective advice.

I went back to the store to look at the palazzo pants in question. I tried to imagine where I would wear these pants, and nothing came to mind. I could imagine them swishing around my ankles. I would wear platform shoes and enormous hoop earrings. I imagined the person I would be, wearing palazzo pants, and a whole new world opened up before me. A world that, in actual fact, did not exist.

In the end, better sense prevailed.

I did not buy palazzo pants. I left them hanging in the store, where I am sure they will be purchased by someone much younger and hipper who already owns a lot of hoop earrings. But I now feel prepared.

I fully expect another attack of palazzo pants to hit. I'll be in my 70s when the next outbreak arrives, and I'll be ready. This time, I suspect I will buy palazzo pants—and I will probably not stop at a single pair. By the time I hit 80, I may wear nothing but palazzo pants.

And that's not a bad thing to look forward to.
Till next time,
Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



TEA Annual Report Just Released

The Texas Education Agency's annual report was released last week. It indicates per-student funding in the 2021-2022 school year averaged \$14,928 per student, up 42% since 2011. However, state funding has only risen slightly in the past decade, while local funding has increased substantially.

Texas public schools educate 5.518 million students while employing 371,778 teachers on 9,054 campuses, according to the report.

Compared to other states, Texas ranked 33rd in reading among fourth graders, and 41st among eighth grade readers, which were improvements over previous years. Texas public school students ranked 14th in math for fourth graders, down two slots, and 25th among eighth graders, up seven slots.

BORDER STANDOFF CONTINUES IN EAGLE PASS

Despite a 5-4 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that U.S. Border Patrol agents can cut razor wire placed along the Texas-Mexico border to deter migrants from crossing the Rio Grande, Texas National Guard members and state troopers continue to lay down wire as a convoy of protestors from across the country heads to Eagle Pass. The Texas Tribune reported Gov. Greg Abbott has been joined by 25 Republican governors who support his claim the state has the right to supersede the federal government's constitutionally mandated rights to control the nation's border because of the migrant "invasion."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick also defended ignoring the high court ruling.

"We believe, constitutionally, we are right. We have a right to defend our citizens. We have a right to defend this country," he said on Fox News.

Immigration rights groups say claims that immigrants are part of an invasion could lead to increased border vigilantism and violence.

WHISTLEBLOWER LAWSUIT AGAINST PAXTON CAN CONTINUE

The legal saga of a whistleblower lawsuit filed against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will continue despite his efforts to have it thrown out, even though the Texas Supreme Court issued an emergency ruling to delay his testimony temporarily, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Travis County state District Court Judge Catherine Mauzy ruled that the case, brought by



four former top aides to Paxton who allege wrongdoing on the part of the attorney general, can move forward despite Paxton saying he will not contest the suit and will comply with any settlement agreement issued by the court.

TJ Turner, an attorney for the whistleblowers, said Paxton is attempting to avoid taking the stand. "This is just the latest parlor trick in OAG's quiver that they've deployed to avoid what the Attorney General fears most, and that's testifying under oath," Turner said, referring to the Office of the Attorney General.

Mauzy noted Paxton has been willing to concede the whistleblowers' case but simultaneously maintain his innocence.

"Those seem to me to be contradictory positions," she said.

CRIMINALS IMPERSONATE STATE IN ASSET SEIZURE ATTEMPTS

Some taxpayers are receiving fraudulent letters warning the state will seize their assets and property for unpaid taxes unless payment is received with seven days, the state comptroller's office said. The letters did not come from the Comptroller's office, which said in a news release that criminals have been running these types of scams for years. The letters demand immediate payment and often provide a false link for such payment.

"Be incredibly wary whenever you receive unexpected messages like these, as they can be a trap. The criminals' threats are designed to get you to react by calling the criminals' phone number or clicking on a fake link to solve the problem. The consequences can be catastrophic," the news release said.

Victims can not only lose money but can become victims of identity theft or have malware installed on their computers simply by clicking on a scam link.

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El Jefe de Policía de AISD, Paul Córdova, se desempeñará como Presidente de HAPCA



El jefe de policía de Aldine ISD, Paul Córdova, a la izquierda, prestó juramento recientemente como presidente de la Asociación de Jefes de Policía del Área de Houston (HAPCA)

El jefe de policía de Aldine ISD, Paul Córdova, prestó juramento recientemente como presidente de la Asociación de Jefes de Policía del Área de Houston (HAPCA, por sus siglas en inglés) durante una ceremonia de juramentación en la sede de Crime Stoppers.

«Me siento humilde y honrado de poder servir en calidad de presidente de HAPCA durante 2024», dijo la jefa Córdova. «Espero con ansias un año abundante de creación de redes, intercambio de información, resolución de problemas y ser una voz relevante en la comunidad local de aplicación de la ley. Juntos, somos más fuertes, más inteligentes y más efectivos»

HAPCA es una organización de jefes de policía del condado de Houston-Harris y las jurisdicciones circundantes. La membresía consiste principalmente en jefes de policía y personal del comando ejecutivo, personal policial como subjes, comandantes y capitanes.

Los miembros comparten las tendencias delictivas, los próximos eventos que requieren la acción de las fuerzas del orden y las mejores prácticas para las operaciones diarias. HAPCA se reúne mensualmente y cuenta con oradores invitados que agregan valor a la organización.

HAPCA se formó en 1988. Antes de la juramentación del Jefe Córdova, la Fiscal de Distrito del Condado de Harris, Kim Ogg, se dirigió a los miembros de HAPCA.

El Jefe Córdova tiene 42 años de experiencia en la aplicación de la ley. Ha servido en la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Harris, el Departamento de Policía de la Universidad de Rice y el Departamento de Policía de Houston ISD. Fue nombrado Jefe del Departamento de Policía de Aldine ISD en mayo de 2020.

Ha vivido y trabajado la

mayor parte de su vida adulta en el área de Aldine. Sus dos hijas se graduaron de Nimitz High School.

El Jefe Córdova tiene una certificación de Oficial Maestro de Paz, una certificación de Carcelero Maestro, una certificación de Prevención del Delito y una certificación de Instructor de Policía con TCOLE. Obtuvo una licenciatura y una maestría en justicia penal de la Universidad Estatal Sam Houston. El jefe Córdova también se graduó de la Academia Nacional del FBI y del Colegio de Comando de Liderazgo del Instituto de Administración de Aplicación de la Ley de Texas. El Jefe Córdova es miembro de la Asociación Internacional de Jefes de Policía, la Asociación de la Academia Nacional del FBI, la Asociación de Jefes de Policía de Texas y la Organización Nacional de Ejecutivos Negros de las Fuerzas del Orden. También es miembro vitalicio del Club de los 100 de Houston.

FFA Auction raises \$168,250,

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Steer was raised by Elijah Burnett of Davis High School and was purchased by the Operation's Group for \$7,000.

The Grand Champion Pig was raised by Emilio Hernández of Nimitz High School and was purchased by the Optimist Club for \$4,000. The Reserve Grand Champion Pig was raised by Melina Palma of Aldine High and was purchased by the Aldine Vertical Group for \$4,500.

The Grand Champion Goat was raised by Jackie Cruz of Nimitz High School and was purchased by Beasley Tires for \$3,000. The Reserve Grand Champion Goat was raised by José Meléndez of Nimitz High School and was purchased by the Nimitz

Vertical Group for \$3,000.

The Grand Champion Turkey was raised by Joshua Williams of Eisenhower High School and was purchased by the Operation's Group for \$4,000. The Reserve Grand Champion Turkey was raised by Albert Tejada of MacArthur High School and was purchased by the MacArthur Vertical Group for \$3,200.

The Grand Champion Broilers were raised by Jordan Williams of Eisenhower High School and were purchased by the Aldine Buyer's Group for \$2,400. The Reserve Grand Champion Broilers were raised by Giselle Martínez of Eisenhower High School and were purchased by the

Operation's Group for \$1,900.

The scholarship banner was created by an Eisenhower High School senior FFA student and was purchased by the Eisenhower Vertical Group for \$2,000.

The Grand Champion Artwork was created by Emanuel Perales of Davis High School and was purchased by TCCA for \$3,100. The Reserve Grand Champion Artwork was created by Richard Zavala of MacArthur High School and was purchased by the MacArthur Vertical Group for \$3,300.

The money raised by the student's projects can be used for college scholarships or to fund projects for next year's auction.

Wussow Park Upgrade,

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conducted in 2022 and 2023, culminating with the Parks Master Plan. Wussow Park at 500 Greens Road is the District's largest, oldest, and most heavily used park.

“Our two over-arching goals for this project are to help improve the health and wellness of the community and to give the residents a more authentic and enhanced natural experience,” said Robert Fiederlein, NHD Vice President of Planning and Infrastructure. “This grant makes that possible.”

Detailed planning and permitting will be done in 2024. Construction is expected to begin in 2025. Please follow the North Houston District on social media or register to receive our newsletters for updates at northhouston.org/connect.

About the North Houston District Created in

1991 by the Texas Legislature, the North Houston District is a business improvement district that leverages public and private partnerships to provide enhanced services in transportation mobility, public safety, beautification and recreational development, marketing and strategic planning and de-

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Americanisms

“We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching.”
— Roy L. Smith

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El Boletín Oficial de la Superintendente de Escuelas

Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendente de Escuelas

Orgullosa de nuestro distrito!

Estimada Comunidad de Aldine ISD:

Desde que me uní a Aldine ISD, una de mis prioridades ha sido garantizar que creemos oportunidades de aprendizaje interesantes para nuestros alumnos. Desde entonces, hemos agregado prekindergarten para niños de tres años, un programa de lenguaje dual, abrimos dos Escuelas de Excelencia Acelerada, aumentamos nuestras oportunidades de preparación universitaria, profesional y militar, lanzamos colegios con el calendario escolar con días adicionales, abrimos dos escuelas de un solo género, inauguramos La Promesa, Avalos P-TECH School, renovamos varios marcos académicos para mejorar la enseñanza y el aprendizaje, y mucho más. También hemos aumentado las oportunidades profesionales, tecnológicas y educativas (CTE, por sus siglas en inglés). Es un orgullo compartirles que estamos agregando un programa nuevo e interesante en asociación con Memorial Hermann: el Programa de Educación y Aprendizaje Sobre la Salud (HEAL, por sus siglas en inglés).

El programa HEAL se inaugurará en el otoño de 2024 y se ubicará en la escuela Nimitz Ninth Grade School. El programa se implementará gradualmente a lo largo de cuatro años escolares. Con el respaldo de una inversión inicial de \$31 millones de Bloomberg Philanthropies, la subvención de fundación privada más grande en la historia del distrito, Aldine

ISD y Memorial Hermann desarrollarán conjuntamente el plan de estudios, que ofrecerá clases especializadas en atención médica, aprendizaje basado en el trabajo y la oportunidad de ganar dinero. credenciales y certificaciones valoradas en la industria, y más. ¡Estos son tiempos emocionantes en Aldine!

En mi último mensaje, compartí que es el Mes de Agradecimiento a la Junta Escolar. Esta semana la comunidad agradeció a nuestra reunión de la Junta Directiva por todo lo que hacen por los alumnos y el personal. Hay otro grupo al que me gustaría reconocer: nuestros trabajadores de mantenimiento. El 18 de enero fue el Día de Agradecimiento a los Trabajadores de Mantenimiento. Gracias por ser tan dedicado y hacer su parte para garantizar que nuestros alumnos tengan las mejores instalaciones y entornos de aprendizaje.

Esta semana fue la Semana de Escuelas Opción. Nuestras escuelas de opción ofrecen muchas oportunidades. Visiten nuestra página web de Choice Schools para obtener más información.

Los invito a ir a ver la producción teatral del musical The Bodyguard (El guardaespaldas) de Carver High School. Asistí al ensayo de la escuela de opción ¡fue increíble! ¡Lean este boletín para más detalles!

Hoy es el último día de la Feria Ganadera FFA (Futuros Agricultores de América) del distrito en el M.O. Campbell

Educational Center. Gracias a todos los que vinieron a apoyar a nuestros alumnos, ya sea como compradores de proyectos estudiantiles o comprando desayuno y barbaconas para el almuerzo y la cena. Todos los ingresos se destinan a becas para alumnos. El espectáculo finaliza con la Venta de Campeones — tendremos un resumen del evento la próxima semana.

Mientras atravesamos la temporada de gripe, quiero recordarles a todos que deben mantener una buena higiene de manos con regularidad; Es una forma sencilla pero poderosa de protegernos a nosotros mismos y a los demás de la propagación de enfermedades, especialmente durante estos meses más fríos.

Una vez más, tómense un momento para leer este número. Descubran a nuestros becarios Posse 2024, lean sobre la juramentación del jefe de policía Paul Córdova como nuevo presidente de HAPCA y lean sobre los alumnos de arte galardonados. También encontrarán información sobre el próximo Festival de Bookworm bilingüe, así como sobre las reuniones comunitarias del Departamento de Policía de Aldine y el Departamento Multilingüe, una colaboración para llegar a más miembros de nuestra comunidad.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ..."? Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth
3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love covereth all ..."? Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies
4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story?

Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon
 5. Where does one find the phrase "God is love"?
 Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John
 6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Truth, 3) Sins, 4) Song of Solomon, 5) 1 John (4:8, 16), 6) Marriage
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*For thus says the High and Lofty One
 Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
 "I dwell in the high and holy place,
 With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
 To revive the spirit of the humble,
 And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

ISAIAH 57:15-19

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Aldine Seniors on Day Trip to Nederland

On Thursday, February 1st we enjoyed our latest daytrip with the seniors from Aldine and the Leonel Castillo Community Center of Harris County Pct. 2.

Thanks to Commissioner Adrian Garcia for providing us retirees with this opportunity to socialize, relax, laugh, explore, and to just feel grateful for being alive.

-By Marina Sugg



DUTCH WINDMILL MUSEUM and TEX RITTER PARK, Nederland Texas.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — The children of four-time “Superman” Christopher Reeve bare their souls in a documentary commemorating the 20th anniversary of their father’s passing at the age of 52. The documentary follows his rise to fame through 1995, when he was thrown from a horse, breaking two vertebrae in his neck and leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

I met Christopher in 1976 when he played Katharine Hepburn’s grandson on Broadway in “A Matter of Gravity.” He also starred in the soap “Love of Life” and asked me to write a story on why he was leaving the soap. The photos and story ran in Soap Opera Digest, and I invited him to stay in my guest room in Hollywood if he ever needed to.

To my surprise, he called six months later after completing a role in “Gray Lady Down” with Charlton Heston and Rosemary Forsyth, and he became my house guest. I shot new photos of him, and two of them were sent to the producers of the upcoming “Superman” movie, who saw the jawline of the future “Man of Steel” in my photographs.

He was then flown to London for testing and serious bodybuilding to become “Superman” for four films from 1978-1987. In addition, he made other classic films such as “Somewhere in Time” (1980). In 2006, despite having partial paralysis and being in a wheelchair, he directed and executive produced the computer-animated sports comedy “Everyone’s Hero,” with the voices of Rob Reiner, William H. Macy, Raven-Symone and Whoopi Goldberg. Christopher truly was a super man!

Glen Powell has become the first breakout star of 2024. His rom-com “Anyone but You” passed the \$100 million mark, possibly saving the genre. In addition to his Netflix film “Hit Man” (due June 7) and the disaster film “Twisters” with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos (due July 19), Powell is currently prepping for “Huntington,” which was inspired by the 1949 Brit-



Christopher Reeve (“Superman”)

ish comedy “Kind Hearts and Coronets.” It starred Sir Alec Guinness (Obi-Wan Kenobi from “Star Wars”).

Both Margot Robbie and Greta Gerwig of “Barbie” were afforded a great deal of airtime about being snubbed for the Best Actress and Best Director categories at the Oscars. Most reports failed to mention that Gerwig was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay — and Robbie as a producer of “Barbie.”

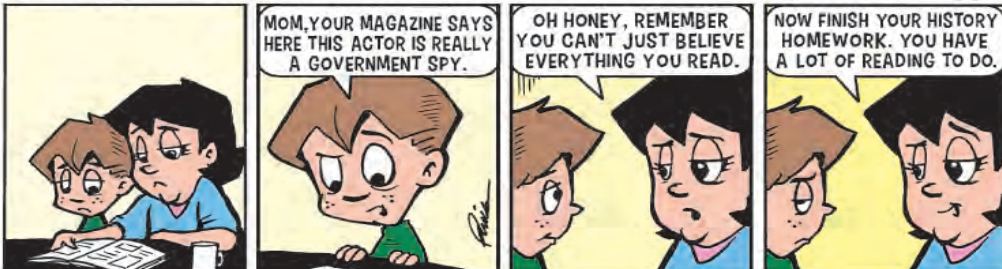
In addition, Gerwig was nominated three times before for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for “Lady Bird” (2017) as well as Best Adapted Screenplay for “Little Women” (2019). Robbie also received a Best Actress nomination for “I, Tonya” (2017) and a Supporting Actress nod for “Bombshell” (2019).

“Oscar” is not a person who snubs anyone! He’s comprised of approximately 9,500 members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who vote independently. They just thought it was harder to play Ken than it was to play Barbie!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Purse is different. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Label is higher. 4. Hair is different. 5. Saucer is missing. 6. Nametag is higher.

February 12, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

ACROSS

- "Kapow!"
- React in horror
- Pitcher Nolan
- Flamenco cheer
- Genesis shepherd
- Spanish greeting
- Squealer
- Drive -- window
- the picture!"
- 2014 biopic about actress Kelly
- Rowing tool
- Expert
- Japanese verse
- Glutton
- Ultramodernist
- Rhine feeder
- Golf prop
- Basketball tactic
- Tibetan beast
- 4, on a phone
- Dollar divisions
- Observe
- Texter's chuckle
- Where something is created
- QB Tony
- Ocho --,

DOWN

- McEnroe's rival
- Winged
- Transcending (Pref.)
- Fancy cake
- Loathe
- Lowly worker
- Fruit-filled dessert
- Horned beast
- Meditative practice
- Mr. Guinness
- Post-WWII alliance
- Pepsi rival
- URL ending
- Stable diet?
- Small battery
- Annoy
- JFK Library architect
- Convent resident
- Tolkien creature
- Approves
- Math statement
- Sub shop
- "My word!"
- Waist-cinching garment
- Tea biscuit
- Unfettered
- Baby carriage
- "Damn
- Yankees" role
- Latin 101 word
- Blaze
- Periodontist's concern
- Rapscallions
- Kvetches

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Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed “Kooks” and “Pogues”?
- HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
- MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like “Changes” and “Let’s Dance”?
- GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company’s advertising slogan is “the ultimate driving machine”?
- LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to “i.e.”?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
- MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, “Mischief. Mayhem. Soap.”?
- LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

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1. “Outer Banks.”; 2. 2004.; 3. David Bowie.; 4. England.; 5. An ostentation or a pride.; 6. BMW.; 7. Id est (that is).; 8. The Labyrinth.; 9. “Fight Club.”; 10. 37.

Trivia Test Answers



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Lone Star College celebrates Black History Month throughout February



Lone Star College will host various Black History Month events in February to highlight and celebrate African Americans' culture, contributions and achievements.

HOUSTON (Jan. 31, 2024) – For nearly 100 years, the United States has dedicated February to celebrating African Americans' significant contributions and progress in science, technology and the arts. Lone Star College will host Black History Month events to showcase how those achievements have positively impacted society.

"Black History Month provides us an opportunity to celebrate the journey of Black American culture as we reflect on the upward progress Black Americans have made," said Quentin Wright, Ed.D., LSC-Houston North president. "Celebrating Black History Month at Lone Star College is not just about recognizing the challenges faced; it's a powerful affirmation of the remarkable contributions and achievements of Black Americans in various fields. It's a time to honor their resilience, innovations, and the profound impact they have had and continue to have in shaping our society."

The LSC Office of Culture and Engagement and LSC campuses have partnered to create programming throughout February to help educate students, employees and the community on how African Americans have helped to fuel better futures for all Americans. Many events will tie into the 2024 Black History Month Theme, "African Americans and the Arts."

"Black History Month is a time to reflect, honor and celebrate the life-changing accomplishments of African Americans across the nation, including those working and serving at Lone Star College," said Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSC chancellor. "I encourage everyone to attend and participate in the various activities and events that will take place on our campuses."

Visit LoneStar.edu/BlackHistory for a list of all LSC Black History Month events that will take place starting Feb. 1.

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History® details the origin of Black History Month, starting in summer 1915 at a national event in Chicago recognizing the 50th anniversary of emancipation. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-trained historian, used that momentum to establish Black History Week Feb. 1, 1926, which grew into the monthlong celebration in 1976, incorporating Black History topics into school curriculums nationwide.

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