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# NORTHEAST NEWS

**NORTH HOUSTON SKATE PARK**



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**Greens Bayou Cleanup Event Mar. 23**

Join the volunteers to help cleanup Greens Bayou and Crowley Park. "Save the Date to Clean it Like You Mean It! See QR code on Page 8 for information on how to sign up.

Cleanup work will start at Crowley Park off Lauder Road and Vickery. Saturday, March 23.

Sponsored by Harris County Pct. 2 and the East Aldine District, with the Greens Bayou Coalition. More information, www.greensbayou.org

## North Houston Bike Park to host BMX Nationals April 19-21

**NORTH HOUSTON** – The 2024 USA BMX Lone Star Nationals will occur from April 19-21, 2024, at Rockstar Energy Bike Park in Houston, Texas. You don't want to miss these epic events that'll have you flipping, grinding, and riding all day!

Please spread the word, and let's see you there! And hey, if you decide to ride, don't forget that helmets are required. Make sure to follow the pages on social and check out the flyers for all the details.

Houston's largest bike park appeals to amateur and professional BMX riders. The 20-acre park includes concrete bowls, dirt jumps, pump tracks for all ages, a flatland freestyle

area, shaded walking trails, and public art. One side of the park is reserved for USA BMX members and hosts clinics, practices, and sanctioned racing. The other side is free and open to the public.

**@NORTHHOUSTONSK8PARK** Skateboards, roller blades, and roller skates are welcome to explore 77,000 square feet of fun – this is one of the largest skate parks in the world! The park features a competition-scale Texas-shaped bowl with a full pipe, backyard-style pools, and smaller bowls for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skaters. There's even a section designed to match the street-skating experience.



**DYLAN PARK**

An inclusive playground that removes physical and social barriers to exclusion, Dylan Park was custom-

built for kids with sight and hearing impairments, those who use wheelchairs, or who are on the autism spectrum. The colorful

grounds are dotted with engaging activities and public art. The park honors Dylan Newman and is a haven for children who want to chase the butterflies.

USA BMX free community events at North Houston Skatepark & Rockstar Energy Bike Park in the North Houston District.

Get ready to shred & ride! Did you know that North Houston Skatepark & Rockstar Energy Bike Park are right here in the North Houston District? Mark your calendars, show off your sickest tricks, or learn about these extreme sports. Whether you're a pro or just starting out, there's something for everyone!

## Primary Election: Ogg out; Teare, Lee, Cantu in

**HARRIS COUNTY** – Former prosecutor Sean Teare ousted Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg from the November ballot Tuesday following a bruising Democratic primary campaign that saw progressive county and city officials back the challenger.

In his bid for re-election to the Harris County Department of Education board, East Aldine District's Richard Cantu won by getting 64% of the vote.

In other races of interest, for Sheriff incumbent Ed Gonzalez won with 67% of the vote; in Constable races Al Rosen won 75% of the vote in Precinct 1; Jer-



DA Kim Ogg loses, Sean Teare won, Sheila Jackson Lee won, Richard Cantu won in the Primary Election.

ry Garcia won 76% in Precinct 2; and Sherman Eagleton won 82% of the vote in Precinct 3. For County Attorney incumbent Christian Menefee received 70% of the vote.

Running unopposed were Judge Joe Stephens, and State Representatives Armando Walle, Senfronia

Thompson and Ana Hernandez. State Senator Carol Alvarado ran unopposed, as did Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia. Some of these democrats will face opponents in the November general election, though.

On the Republican ticket, Briscoe Cain beat chal-

lenger Bianca Gracia for Texas House District 128.

Aiming for a third term, Ogg conceded the race shortly before 9 p.m., before any Election Day votes had been tallied. She only received 25% of the vote, to Teare's 75%.

In her speech, Ogg touted her record as district

attorney and argued financial support from outside of Houston as the reason Teare prevailed.

"I have made some powerful enemies for all the right reasons," Ogg said.

The early voting and absentee ballot returns staked Teare to a 50 percentage point lead that proved impossible for Ogg to overcome.

Teare, who resigned from a leadership position in the district attorney's office to run against Ogg last year, now has to win the November general election against former

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## HCC closes Nursing Program after unfavorable review

Plan to reopen in 2025; "Will Come Back Stronger"

**HOUSTON** – When officials at Houston Community College (HCC) saw a decline for the third consecutive year in the National Council Licensure Examination pass rate of its Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) students, they thoughtfully decided to voluntarily close the program. The goal: Strengthen curriculum alignment, ease transition into offerings of academic courses, and ensure student success.

"After careful examination, we wrote the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) and asked to close our program," said Dr. Norma Perez, Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Instructional Services and Chief Academic Officer and Administrator in Charge at HCC Coleman College. "We strongly believe that

a voluntary closure will allow HCC a reasonable time to effectively strengthen our ADN program with the intent of reopening it in 2025," she said.

HCC's ADN program is located in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center (TMC). It is uniquely positioned to provide students the opportunity for advancement in more than 20 fastest-growing careers in the health sciences. Graduates of the ADN program are sought after by hospitals and clinics in the TMC and across the region.

Stopping the program at a time when professional



HCC Chancellor Ford-Fisher

nurses are in demand was a tough decision. "HCC's ADN program has been committed to high-quality nursing education since the program opened 45 years ago," Dr. Perez noted. "Voluntarily closing the program, while difficult, reflects our adherence to the highest nursing education standards."

Colleges that voluntarily close their programs can apply with the TBON to reopen them the following year. HCC is already taking affirmative steps to reopen its program in 2025. The college is also continuing to provide instruction to 76 remaining students who are on track to graduate from the ADN program in 2024.

"We are conducting a

Continued. See HCC NURSING CLOSES, Page 2

## Sawyer Yards a Cornucopia of Art every Second Saturday

The Market at Sawyer Yards, an outdoor arts and crafts market, made its return last Saturday, March 9th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event took place in Art Alley at Sawyer Yards, conveniently located at 2101 Winter St., surrounded by The Silos at Sawyer Yards, Winter St., First Industrial and Silver Street Studios. Art Alley, once a bustling rail line serving the Mahatma Rice Company, has since been transformed into a vibrant hub for local artists.

Since its inception in May of 2016, The Market has been a staple on 2nd Saturdays, coinciding with Second Saturday Open Studios at Sawyer Yards. It has consistently offered patrons a dynamic outdoor

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The Market at Sawyer Yards 2024



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# HCC Closes Nursing Program,

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comprehensive self-assessment," said HCC Chancellor Margaret Ford Fisher, Ed.D. "We are examining our curriculum and admission policies. We are talking to hospitals and healthcare organizations to make sure our program meets the needs of healthcare providers in the TMC and across the region. We are also identifying opportunities to incorporate the latest technologies, including artificial intelligence, which is being integrated into the healthcare sector."

Dr. Perez will temporarily serve as the Interim Administrator in Charge of HCC Coleman College. She has a proven track record of leadership as a community college academic executive. Her prior work includes 15 years of

service as Assistant Dean and Dean of Health Sciences at HCC Coleman College. To focus on long-term goals, Dr. Ford Fisher brought HCC Coleman President Phillip Nicotera, M.D., M.S.Ed., to serve as Special Assistant to the Chancellor. Dr. Nicotera will in part support healthcare program growth, expansion, and development for the college district.

"Our goal is to come back stronger," the chancellor said. "These changes will strengthen HCC's ability to grow our healthcare programs and connect with healthcare organizations both locally and across the region. They demonstrate our commitment to excellence and reassures the community

that we are actively engaged in promoting the success of the institution and those whom we serve."

**ABOUT HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Houston Community College is composed of 14 Centers of Excellence and numerous satellite centers that serve the diverse communities in the Greater Houston area by preparing individuals to live and work in an increasingly international and technological society. HCC is one of the country's largest singly accredited, open-admission community colleges offering associate and bachelor's degrees, certificates, workforce training and lifelong learning opportunities.

## COMMUNITY WATCH

# House Fire on Nickerson Lane, Greater Greenspoint Area

Houston Fire Department reports a House Fire, on February 17 at 12:58 a.m. in the 14900 block of Nickerson Lane, Houston 77060.

There were no reported injuries, there was \$102,000 in estimated property saved, and \$80,000 in estimated damage.

The Cause is Under investigation (appears to be accidental).

Firefighters arrived on scene within six minutes to find smoke coming from a 1-story house. They

entered the home to extinguish the fire and conduct a primary search. The utilities were secured, and the structure was ventilated.

A fire was found and extinguished in the attic and HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin.

33 personnel responded to this incident, including crews from Stations 84, 31, 64, 58, 67, 74 and 34.

# AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

**Spring Obstacle Course**  
Your Mission: carry a basket of Easter eggs safely through a Spring-themed obstacle course. If completed: Collect a special egg-y surprise from the Bunny's Basket!  
Ages: 2 years and older/ young children. (Parents for kids under 5 are required to be present.) Monday, Mar. 11, 11am - 12pm.

**Bilingual Storytime**  
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, Mar. 12, 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.  
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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 por Windows, navegación por Internet e interface, tipos de navegadores, consejos de seguridad, correo electrónico e interface, y otros temas relacionados a la tecnología para empleos y uso personal en un nivel para principiantes.  
Importante: \* Se determinará sus nivel de habilidades en uso de tecnología en 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  
Teen Thursdays  
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, Mar. 14, 3:30 - 5:30pm.  
Mini Pop Rockets at the Pergola  
Get ready for an out-of-this-world experience- at the Aldine Library Pergola- as we delve into the fascinating realm of mini pop rockets. Kids will have the opportunity to learn the science behind these small wonders, through interactive demonstrations and hands-on practice. This program may be canceled due to weather. Thursday, March 14, 5-6:30pm.

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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 from 6-8pm. Register online (<https://>

[tiny.cc/aldinecitizenship](https://forms.office.com/r/rqSzMSpi-aTL)) or in person to save your place. Instructor: Marta Cuadrado.

**Crafty Corner - Put a Cork in It**  
Join us for Crafty Corner where this week we're crafting with corks! (This craft requires the use of hot glue, so children must attend with an adult.) Saturday, Mar. 16, 2pm

**Coffee & Conversation**  
Join us at Crafty Corner for some cork crafts and practice engaging in friendly English conversation! Saturday, Mar. 16, 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/qSzMSpi-aTL>.

**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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# Primary Election Results,

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prosecutor Dan Simons to take charge of his former workplace.

"I'm really excited because I know I've taken one step closer to actually being in the office and implementing some real change," Teare said.

Meanwhile, longtime U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee swatted away a spirited challenge by attorney and former Jackson Lee intern Amanda Edwards.

After a crushing loss in the Houston mayoral runoff in December, Jackson Lee was seen as vulnerable by Edwards, who argued Congressional District 18 voters are ready for a fresh face.

In full but unofficial vote tallies reported late Wednesday morning, other primary upsets emerged, including six incumbent state district judges who lost their benches to challengers.

The elections are part of 241 Democratic and Republican primary races across Harris County, according to County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth, along with thousands more across Texas and 14 other states holding primaries or caucuses on Super Tuesday.

Other Harris County results include:

Harris County District Attorney

Teare resigned from his leadership post in Ogg's office last year and announced his election bid with hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign funds and the backing of Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis and other Houston-area Democrats.

Ogg, who first was elected in 2016, cruised to victory in her last Democratic Primary in 2020. In the four years since, however, a series of high-profile case losses, a lingering backlog of criminal cases and public feuds with Commissioners Court left Ogg abandoned by the left flank of her party.

Teare claimed Ogg weaponized her office against political opponents and ran as a self-professed progressive who will bring criminal justice reform to bear in the county.

That message appeared to be breaking through to voters by the second day of early voting.

Juan Paloma, a 76-year-old who lives in Midtown, said he voted for Teare primarily as a vote against Ogg.

"I had never heard of him before he started running, I was just determined to vote for anybody but Kim Ogg," Paloma said.

Ogg said she had taken steps to reform the county's criminal justice system already and the political process was being weaponized against her for simply following the law.

Teare vastly outpaced Ogg to jump-start his campaign. Ogg criticized Teare for his high-dollar donors, including nearly \$700,000 from billionaire George Soros' Texas Justice and Safety PAC.

In 2016, Ogg was backed by that same PAC in her successful election challenge of Republican incumbent Devon Anderson.

Congressional District 2 U.S. Rep. Dan Crenshaw defeated far-right challenger Jameson Ellis by a comfortable margin in the Republican primary.

Crenshaw, a former Navy SEAL, has held the seat since 2018, and was initially a Republican darling after receiving national attention when a Saturday Night Live skit made fun of the eye patch he wears to cover a wound received while in service.

Since then, Republicans have soured on Crenshaw. Ellis ran as the "America First choice to challenge Dan Crenshaw."

Congressional District 18

Jackson Lee declared victory Tuesday evening at a watch party prior to most Election Day results being reported.

Edwards, in a speech around the same time, said she was waiting for more results to be reported. With final results released Wednesday, Jackson Lee's lead remained largely unchanged.

Jackson Lee jumped straight from a bruising campaign for Houston mayor to the strongest challenge of her incumbency throughout her nearly 30 years in office. She ended up having an easier time defeating Edwards, a former Houston city council member, than a University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs

poll last month had suggested. That survey had the well-funded Edwards within 5 percentage points of the incumbent.

The congresswoman and 42-year-old Edwards largely agree on policy, but Edwards said the district is ready for a change after decades of representation by Jackson Lee.

While there was speculation Jackson Lee might retire rather than run for reelection after the mayor's race, Jackson Lee said she remains committed to fighting for her district in Washington, D.C.

Texas House District 128

GOP state Rep. Briscoe Cain defeated community activist Bianca Gracia by a wide margin in the safely Republican district.

Gracia challenged Cain with the backing of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who Cain voted to impeach last year. Paxton has funded primary challengers to supporters of his impeachment across Texas.

Harris County Attorney First-term Harris County Attorney Christian Menefee easily bested civil rights attorney Umeka "UA" Lewis in the Democratic primary.

Lewis brought a higher name ID to the race because of a false arrest lawsuit she filed and won against the city in 2019, but fell far behind Menefee in early returns.

Harris County Sheriff Sheriff Ed Gonzalez easily defeated three Democratic Primary challengers, well above the 50 percent threshold needed to avoid a runoff.

On the Republican side, former At-Large Houston City Council Member Mike Knox bested three others for the opportunity to face Gonzalez in the November.

U.S. Senate U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, won the Democratic Primary for U.S. Senate, setting up a November race against Sen. Ted Cruz. State. Sen. Rolad Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, came in a distant second.

Cruz easily defeated his two primary challengers.

U.S. President President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump continued their march to their parties' nominations for the second presidential election cycle in a row.

Both men easily won their primaries in Texas easily, with Trump brushing aside former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and Biden not facing any serious challenger.

--With Ed Cagley  
Houston Landing

# Sawyer Yards,

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experience complementing the serene atmosphere of the indoor art studios.

As the market approaches its 8th anniversary milestone, attendees are encouraged to mark their calendars for the upcoming markets on April 13th and May 11th. The May 11th event will hold special significance as it commemorates the 8th anniversary and marks the final market at this location.

Visitors can expect to discover a diverse array of handcrafted ceramics, woodwork, fiber art, leather

goods, and folk creations. Additionally, a variety of delectable treats will be available from packaged food vendors, ranging from cheesecake and chocolates to jams, jellies, and convenient Indian cuisine to-go. As always, a food truck will be stationed on-site.

For those seeking further information and a sneak peek of the full roster of exhibitors, the market's website, <https://sawyerstreetmarket.com/>, has all the details.

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# SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

## 35 Aldine ISD Student-Athletes Earn Athletic Scholarships

During the month of February, Aldine ISD's five high schools held signing ceremonies across the district.

Thirty-five male and female student-athletes received the chance to continue their academic and athletic careers by signing with a number of colleges and junior colleges from across Texas and the United States.

Davis High School led the way with 12 student-athletes earning scholarships, while Nimitz High School was next with nine, MacArthur High School followed with eight signings, Eisenhower High School had four signings and Aldine High School had two signings.

Signing from Aldine High School was football player Constantin Martin, who signed with Howard Payne University and soccer player Michelle Huerta, who signed with Paul Quinn College.

Davis High School student-athletes who signed national letters of intent were volleyball player Laniyah Howard who signed with Howard University, cheerleader Lorin Stewart who signed with St. Edward's, cheerleader Pariz Fountain who signed with Abilene Christian University and football players Kamryn Jackson (Henderson State), Isaiah Guidry (Henderson State), Jamarcus Hopes (Cisco College), Tre'von Bossier (Navarro College), Tyrell Bryd (Kilgore College), Ira Anderson (Allen Hancock College), De'jon Barlow (Allen Hancock College) and Kentrell Bay (Allen Hancock College) and basketball player Deadric Fikes, who signed with Newman University.

Signing from Eisenhower High School were cheerleader Sydney Page, who signed with Tulane University, athletic trainer Chelsea Mathis, who signed with North Carolina AT&T University and football players Ja'Corey Carter (Midwestern State University) and Jarrell Jackson (McPherson University).

Signing from MacArthur High School were soccer player Estrella Arriazola, who signed with LSU Eunice and football players Tavion Atkinson (Trinity Valley College), Darrien Blackshire (Trinity Valley College), JayBee Jenkins (Kilgore College), Derrick McNeil Jr. (Blinn Junior College), Ian Polk (Trinity Valley College), Yoshvanny Solache (Blinn Junior College) and Carlton Tobin (Blinn Junior College).

Signing from Nimitz High School were volleyball player T'Asia Green (Wiley College), basketball player Kyndal Roberts (Lamar University) and football players Gavin Carey (Grambling State University), Caleb Roberts (Midwestern State University), Jacoby Burns (Kilgore Junior College), James Martin (Cisco College), Dominic Rue (Mid-American Nazarene College), Da'Shawn Robinson (Texas College) and golfer Micah Wilson (Prairie View A&M University).



Aldine High School football player Constantin Martin signed with Howard Payne University.



Pictured are the eight Davis High School football players who recently signed national letters of intent.



Eisenhower football player Ja'Corey Carter recently signed a national letter of intent.



Eisenhower football player Jarrell Jackson recently signed a national letter of intent.



Pictured are the seven MacArthur High School football players who recently signed national letters of intent.



Pictured are the seven Nimitz High School football players who recently signed national letters of intent.

Other AISD student-athletes could be signing in the spring. ball players who recently signed national letters of intent.

## Nimitz Cougars Advance to Region 2 Tournament

The Nimitz High School Cougars basketball team is two games away from a trip to the Class 6A State Basketball Tournament.

Head coach Tigee Rideaux's team advanced to the Region II semifinals with a 44-42 win over Grand Oaks on Tuesday night in the third round of the playoffs at West Fork High School.

The Cougars, 25-12 on the season, will take on Rockwall (2014) on Friday,



March 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Lufkin at the Panther Activity Center.

If the Cougars win, they will take on the winner of the Cypress Ranch-Mansfield Lake Ridge game in

the Region II final on Saturday, March 2, at 1 p.m. which will also be played at the Panther Activity Center in Lufkin.

This is the deepest a Nimitz boys' team has advanced in the Class 6A basketball playoffs since 2003.

The Cougars are led by Dominic Samuel, Eric Woods, Jaden Bergeron and Ke'Lyn Washom.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and students.

## Aldine ISD's Communications Dept. earns 22 TSPRA Star Awards



Aldine ISD's Communications Department took home 22 TSPRA (Texas School Public Relations Association) Star Awards at the organization's annual conference, held Feb. 26-29 in Sugarland.

The department won 2 Best of Category Awards, 6 Gold Star Awards, 11 Silver Star Awards and 3 Bronze Star Awards.

"Aldine ISD has so many inspiring and unique stories to share. The communications team continues to produce incredible work, and I couldn't be prouder of each one of them. We are honored to be recognized by TSPRA for the work we do in spreading positive school culture throughout our community," said Sylvia Saumell-Baston, Executive Director of Communications.

Aldine's Communications Department competed in the more than 40,000 student category.

The awards breakdown is as follows:

### Best of Category (2)

Video: General Event: This District Means Business: 2022 Aldine ISD Convocation Intro; Communications Dept.

E-Newsletter: Campus Key Communicator Newsletter; Leticia Fehling

### Gold Star Awards (6)

Aldine ISD's Communications Department won 22 TSPRA Star Awards.

Flyer: Festival de Primavera; Leticia Fehling & Chris Labod

Annual Report: 2022 Aldine ISD State of the District; Office of Communications

Video: General Event: This District Means Business: 2022 Aldine ISD Convocation Intro; Communications Dept.

E-Newsletter: Campus Key Communicator Newsletter; Leticia Fehling

E-Newsletter: Superintendent's Newsletter; Leticia Fehling, Chris Labod, Sylvia Saumell-Baston & Sandra Pérez

Special Event: W.W. Thorne Stadium Ground-breaking; Communica-

tions Department

### Silver Star Awards (11)

Print Materials in a Language Other than English: Cumbre Soñadores; Leticia Fehling & Chris Labod

Writing: Empowering The Minds of Students, Staff, and the Community: The Journey of the Social and Emotional Learning Department in Aldine ISD; John Hickman

Writing: Aldine ISD Leading With Passion, MacArthur Band Director James Debose Hits all the Right Notes While Building a Musical Powerhouse Aldine ISD; John Hickman

Writing: Online Learning is Helping Curve a Pathway for Aldine Students, Providing Choices and Opportunities Aldine ISD; John Hickman

Writing: Principal's Act of Kindness: Buying Shoes for Bullied Student; John Hickman

Published News or Feature: Juan Vargas: How Foreign Roots Grew a Family of Teachers and an Executive Director of Buildings and Properties; Dylan Esquina

Published News or Feature: Online Learning is Helping Curve a Pathway for Aldine Students, Providing Choices and Opportunities; John Hickman

Video-News Package: Aldine Child Nutrition Educational Field Trip; John Hickman & Carolina Pinales

Video-News Package: La Promesa Food Bank; John Hickman & Carolina Pinales

Video-News Package: NCAA Read To The Final Literacy Tour; John Hickman

Special Event: Impact Leadership Academy Ribbon Cutting; Communications Dept.

### Bronze Star Awards (3)

Writing: Heritage, Culture, and Education: Recognizing Vardemans Principal Orfelinda Todd During Hispanic Heritage and National Principal Month; John Hickman

Writing: Avalos P-TECH Students Elected to Houston's Youth Council, With Aspirations of Change; John Hickman

Special Event: Educators of the Year; Leticia Fehling & Chris Labod.

The department consists of Executive Director Sylvia Saumell-Baston, Director of Internal Communications Leticia Fehling, Director of External Communications Mike Keeney, Director of Brand Communications, Chris Labod, Bryant Stevens, Multimedia Communications Specialist, Dylan Esquina and John Hickman, Communications Specialists, Carolina Pinales and Sandra Perez Chaviano, Translators and Emily Erreguin, Administrative Assistant.

Each year, TSPRA, which has been in existence since 1962, recognizes communication departments and their employees in Texas school districts, education foundations, education associations and organizations for their work in print and electronic media categories. There are 47 main categories covering various media such as newsletters, programs, posters, reports, writing, image/identity packages, photography, graphics, video, electronic presentations, mobile apps, campaigns, events and web sites.

For the first 47 categories, the entries are divided into three divisions based on the number of students the district, foundation or organization serves – under 15,000 students; 15,000 to 40,000 students; and over 40,000 students. Independent judges evaluate and score each entry based on its own merit. Bronze, Silver and Gold Stars are awarded based on set criteria. Finally, the judges review their highest scoring Gold Star winners and select a Best of Category for each division in each of the 47 categories.

## Celebrate Women's History Month

**#MyAldine #InspireInclusion**  
Celebrate women's achievements.  
Raise awareness about discrimination.  
Take action to drive gender parity.

<p><b>MARCH 4-8</b> "Thank a Woman" post on Social Media QR Code: </p>	<p><b>MARCH 20</b> "Create Your Own Scent-Sational Essential Oil Spray" by SEL DAB &amp; BAM, 9-11 am, located in the foyer</p>	<p><b>MARCH 25</b> "Feel the Beat With Zumba" BAM 11:30 am-12 pm bring your tennis shoes</p>
<p><b>MARCH 6, 20, 27</b> "Purple Out Wednesdays"</p>	<p><b>MARCH 18-21</b> "Purple Out Photo Challenge" ILT celebration by CTE</p>	<p><b>MARCH 27</b> "Feel the Beat With Zumba" DAB 11:30 am-12 pm bring your tennis shoes</p>
<p><b>MARCH 19</b> "Strokes of Genius" by Visual Arts Dept. BAM 11 am-12 pm max 30 people Register here: </p>	<p><b>MARCH 22</b> "Strokes of Genius" by Visual Arts Dept. DAB 9-10:30 am max 30 people Register here: </p>	<p><b>MARCH 28</b> "Afternoon Delight" by FACE DAB &amp; BAM, 1-2 pm</p>

The district encourages everyone to support all girls and women in its Aldine #InspireInclusion campaign. The goal is to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness against bias and encourage everyone to take action to achieve equality.

Wear purple with jeans on Wednesdays in March

On March 6, 20, and 27, staff members can wear purple with jeans to support all of the wom-

en in Aldine ISD who are connecting, inspiring, and making an impact every day. Check out the flyer below for other events during the month of March.

Why purple? Purple has long been associated with royalty, power, ambition, and elegance. But it also symbolizes gracefulness and femininity.

Please share on social media (#MyAldine #InspireInclusion #WomensHistoryDay, and

#WomensHistory) what it means to you to be a woman in this day and age — professionally and personally. And if you are a male, share about a young girl in your life that you want to encourage or share about a woman that impacted your life. You can also share who inspired you. Share what they taught you or how they shaped you into the woman or leader you are today.

OPINION PAGE

LETTERS To The Editor

Reader comments on "Buckner FHC to relocate to new campus"

I'm sorry to see an organization such as this leave our East Aldine community. However, I can sincerely say that since Sylvia Bolling, the founder of the original organization known as Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. (now known as Buckner) left, it's never been the same.

Sylvia was a dear friend to many and strong advocate for people of all ages living in East Aldine. She has been sorely missed.

--Marina Flores Sugg, resident of East Aldine since 1975, and former President of the Aldine YOUTH board of directors.

LETTERS To The Editor

Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee Statement on SB4 Ruling

Houston, Texas – A United States federal court has issued a preliminary injunction that temporarily blocks the implementation of Senate Bill 4 (SB 4), a harsh anti-immigration law that would have allowed state law enforcement officials to arrest anyone suspected of crossing the border without documentation.

Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee gave the following statement in response:

"This is an important win for all Harris County communities. Immigrant populations should be welcomed as valued members of our society, not subjected to policies that cause them to live in a constant state of fear. The court confirmed that Republicans in Texas are once again overstepping their authority.

It shouldn't be lost on us that this decision came just a few days after a local megachurch pastor disparaged immigrants and spewed hatred to thousands of people. Mothers seeking a safe life for their children are not "garbage." Kids who just need a fair shot at life to succeed are not "undesirables." Texans are better than this rhetoric. The court's decision today shows that."

Judge Lina Hidalgo Statement in Response to SB 4 Federal Court Ruling

Harris County, TX, February 29, 2024, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo issued the following statement in response to the federal court ruling today:

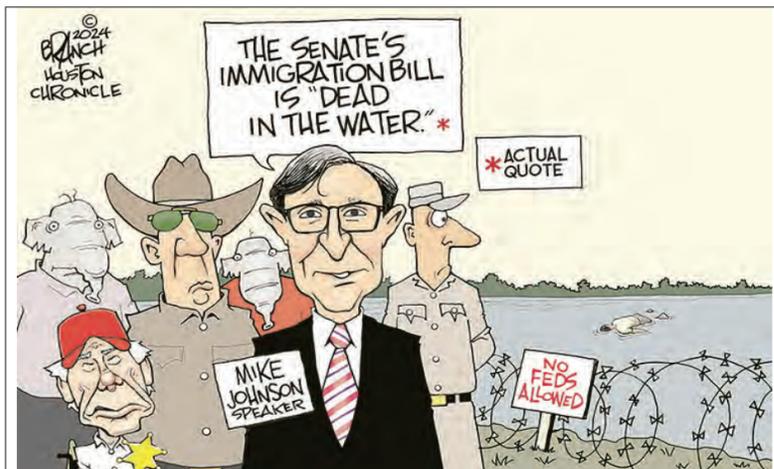
"I am in full support of this ruling. SB 4 is nothing more than a political stunt that dehumanizes immigrants and creates a culture of racial profiling and police mistrust in communities across Texas, especially within our Hispanic communities. Our immigration system's challenges urgently need a solution and we need more efficient, fairer and clearer policies. But SB 4 is not that solution. Instead of using immigrants as political tools, let's work toward bipartisan immigration policy that keeps us safe and targets bad actors like human smugglers, while allowing sufficient paths for legal immigration and a sustainable workforce," said Judge Lina Hidalgo.

Governor Abbott Statement On Preliminary Injunction Against SB 4

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement on Texas' constitutional right to defend itself following a federal judge granting the Biden Administration's motion for a preliminary injunction against Senate Bill 4, signed into law by the Governor in December 2023:

"Texas will immediately appeal this decision, and we will not back down in our fight to protect our state—and our nation—from President Biden's border crisis. The President of the United States has a constitutional duty to enforce federal laws protecting States, including laws already on the books that mandate the detention of illegal immigrants. Texas has the right to defend itself because of President Biden's ongoing failure to fulfill his duty to protect our state from the invasion at our southern border. Even from the bench, this District Judge acknowledged that this case will ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court."

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

What Cats Like



"I've been reading about cats," my husband, Peter, tells me. Peter has never had a cat before.

"Oh, yeah?" "Salt is not good for their kidneys. We have to give Felix unsalted fish."

Felix is our adopted street cat here in Mexico. He is coming back to the U.S. with us in a fancy backpack carrier I found online. It has mesh on either side, with one big plexiglass bubble in the back, so Felix can watch his fellow passengers in comfort. He hasn't flown yet, but our trips to and from the veterinarian were uneventful, so I think he will adapt to it rather well.

Felix is adapting to everything rather well, especially considering he is not the five-month-old kitten we thought he was, but fully two years old. I learned this at the vet when he got his first vaccination.

"I don't know how old he is," I told them, explaining that he was a rescued street cat.

The vet tech was nonchalant. She peeled back Felix's lips and examined his teeth. "One or two years," she declared.

"Really?" "I think so."

Then a second veterinarian's assistant came in. "How old is he?" she asked.

I told her again that I didn't know. (I figured it was good to get a second opinion.) Felix suffered the indignity of having his lips peeled back a second time in five minutes.

"At least two years old," she said.

"Two years?" I asked—for clarification. (I have misunderstood numbers in Spanish more often than I care to admit.)

"Yes," the vet tech said with certainty. "He is at least two years old." They recorded his date of birth as 2022, and Felix suddenly went from being a scrappy kitten to a remarkably playful and adaptable adult cat.

But he is very thin, and unlike a lot of rescued animals, he does not seem to be especially interested in food. The woman who fostered him said she had dry cat food available for him all the time, so that's what we did as well. But Felix was not eating much.

I bought an overpriced package of soft chicken cat food. It smelled awful. Felix tried it. He was unimpressed. The food hardened in his bowl, and he was still not putting on any weight.

"Maybe he'd like a scrambled egg," Peter suggested. "Do cats like eggs?"

I've had several cats but, as far as I can remember, I had never made breakfast for any of them. Peter scrambled up an egg and gave Felix part of it. Felix loved the scrambled egg. Then Peter got reading up on what else cats like.

"They can have fish, but they should eat all the bones for better nutrition," Peter informed me. I believed him. Peter brought home a can of mackerel. The mackerel was a huge hit. Peter kept reading.

"It says here that cats like peas. Maybe we could give him some garbanzo beans."

At this point, Peter was miles ahead of me in his study of cat nutrition. We gave Felix three garbanzo beans. Felix ate them immediately and demanded more.

Now Peter is looking for canned fish—whole fish—complete with bones that we can give Felix for a bedtime snack. "I can get a case of salt-free canned sardines for a good price!" he announced. "Do you think Felix would like sardines?"

I looked at Felix lying contentedly in his furry bed. I don't know nearly as much about cats as I thought I did. But I'm willing to bet Felix will like sardines very much indeed.

Till next time, Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders



Largest Wildfire in State History Still Raging

A wildfire in the Texas Panhandle has consumed more than 1 million acres and as of Sunday was just 15% contained, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. It is the largest wildfire in Texas history.

The Smokehouse Creek Fire is by far the most extensive of several blazes, which also include the Grape Vine Creek Fire in Gray County, covering 30,000 acres and 60% contained, and the Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County, which covers 142,000 acres and was 60% contained.

Two deaths have been reported thus far, with hundreds of homes and other structures destroyed and thousands of cattle likely killed, according to Sid Miller, the state's agriculture commissioner. Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 60 counties, and firefighting crews from across the state have arrived to assist.

The causes of the fires have not been determined, though the Panhandle has been experiencing exceptionally dry and windy weather. The forest service is advising residents and motorists traveling through the Panhandle to be cautious and not aggravate fire conditions.

"A lot of our fires start from the roadside," Meghan Mahurin, public information officer, said. "Dragging chains, throwing cigarettes, and pulling trucks off into a bar ditch where a hot exhaust can hit tall grass can cause one."

At least one lawsuit has already been filed, blaming downed power lines owned by Xcel Energy for starting a blaze, the Texas Tribune reported.

DPS DIRECTOR TESTIFIES BEFORE UVALDE GRAND JURY

A Uvalde grand jury considering bringing possible charges against law enforcement officers for the flawed response to the Robb Elementary school shooting heard testimony behind closed doors last week from Texas Department of Public Safety Director Col. Steve McCraw.

The Austin American-Statesman reported McCraw flew from Austin on a state plane and was driven to the Uvalde County Fairplex, where the grand jury is meeting. He made no public comments.

The Statesman has previously reported that multiple



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law enforcement officers have been ordered to appear before the grand jury, including from DPS. The responding officers have come under harsh criticism for not confronting the shooter more quickly. He murdered 19 students and two teachers before being killed. McGraw's agency thus far has refused to release investigative information in the case, despite rulings to do so from a judge in lawsuit brought by the Statesman and multiple media outlets. The agency said it is doing so at the request of the Uvalde County District Attorney to protect the grand jury proceedings.

SUPREME COURT CONSIDERS STATES' SOCIAL MEDIA LAWS

Laws passed in Texas and Florida to regulate the authority of social media companies over content moderation have been challenged and are now before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Statesman reported.

Trade groups representing Facebook, YouTube, X and Instagram have been joined by the U.S. Justice Department in suing the two states, arguing the laws infringe on the companies' First Amendment right to free speech.

House Bill 20 in Texas passed in 2021. It required social media companies to publicly disclose their content moderation processes and provide recourse for Texans whose posts or accounts are removed or suspended.

The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, held a news conference after the high court hearing laws week.

"They control the new town square," he said of the social media companies. "Everybody understands that that's where people go to hash it out, to exercise their First Amendment rights, to have a discussion."

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# El Departamento de Comunicaciones de Aldine ISD gana 22 Premios TSPRA Star Awards

El Departamento de Comunicaciones de Aldine ISD se llevó a casa 22 premios Star Awards de la TSPRA (Asociación de Relaciones Públicas Escolares de Texas, por sus siglas en inglés) en la conferencia anual de la organización, celebrada del 26 al 29 de febrero en Sugarland.

El departamento. Ganó 2 premios al Mejor de la Categoría, 6 premios Estrella de Oro, 11 premios Estrella de Plata y 3 premios Estrella de Bronce.

«El Distrito Escolar de Aldine tiene tantas historias inspiradoras y únicas para compartir. El equipo de comunicaciones continúa produciendo un trabajo increíble, y no podría estar más orgullosa de cada uno de ellos. Nos sentimos honrados de ser reconocidos por TSPRA por el trabajo que hacemos en la difusión de una cultura escolar positiva en toda nuestra comunidad», dijo Sylvia Saumell-Baston, Directora Ejecutiva de Comunicaciones.

El Departamento de Comunicaciones de Aldine compitió en la categoría de más de 40,000 estudiantes.

El desglose de los premios es el siguiente:

Lo mejor de la categoría (2)

Video: Evento General: This District Means Business: 022 Aldine ISD Convocation Intro; Departamento de Comunicaciones.

E-Newsletter: Boletín Informativo del Comunicador Clave del Campus; Leticia Fehling

Premios Estrella de Oro (6)

Flyer: Festival de Primavera; Leticia Fehling y



Chris Labod

Informe Anual: 2022 Aldine ISD Estado del Distrito; Oficina de Comunicaciones

Video: Evento general: This District Means Business: 2022 Aldine ISD Convocation Intro; Dpto. de Comunicaciones

E-Newsletter: Boletín Informativo del Comunicador Clave del Campus; Leticia Fehling

Boletín electrónico: Boletín de la Superintendente; Leticia Fehling, Chris Labod, Sylvia Saumell-Baston y Sandra Pérez

Evento Especial: Inauguración del Estadio W.W. Thorne; Departamento de Comunicaciones

Premios Estrella de Plata (11)

Materiales impresos en un idioma distinto del inglés: Cumbre Soñadores; Leticia Fehling y Chris

Labod

Escritura: Empoderando las mentes de los estudiantes, el personal y la comunidad: El viaje del Departamento de Aprendizaje Social y Emocional en Aldine ISD; John Hickman

Guión: Aldine ISD Liderando con pasión, el director de MacArthur Band, James Debose, toca todas las notas correctas mientras construye una potencia musical Aldine ISD; John Hickman

Escritura: El aprendizaje en línea está ayudando a curvar un camino para los estudiantes de Aldine, proporcionando opciones y oportunidades Aldine ISD; John Hickman

Escritura: Acto de bondad del director: Comprar zapatos para un estudiante acosado; John Hickman

Noticia o reportaje pub-

licado: Juan Vargas: Cómo las raíces extranjeras hicieron crecer a una familia de maestros y a un director ejecutivo de edificios y propiedades; Dylan Esquina

Noticia o artículo publicado: El aprendizaje en línea está ayudando a curvar un camino para los estudiantes de Aldine, proporcionando opciones y oportunidades; John Hickman

Paquete de Video-Noticias: Excursión Educativa de Alimentación Escolar de Aldine; John Hickman y Carolina Pinales

Paquete de Video-Noticias: Banco de Alimentos La Promesa; John Hickman y Carolina Pinales

Paquete de noticias en video: Gira de alfabetización NCAA Read To The Final; John Hickman

Evento Especial: Corte de Cinta de la Academia de

Liderazgo de Impacto; Dpto. de Comunicaciones Premios Estrella de Bronce (3)

Escritura: Patrimonio, Cultura y Educación: Reconociendo a la Directora de Vardemans, Orfelinda Todd, durante la Herencia Hispana y el Mes Nacional de la Principal; John Hickman

Escrito: Estudiantes de Avalos P-TECH elegidos para el Consejo Juvenil de Houston, con aspiraciones de cambio; John Hickman

Evento Especial: Educadores del Año; Leticia Fehling y Chris Labod

El departamento está formado por la Directora Ejecutiva Sylvia Saumell-Baston, la Directora de Comunicaciones Internas Leticia Fehling, el Director de Comunicaciones Externas Mike Keeney, el Director de Comunicaciones de Marca, Chris Labod, Bry-

ant Stevens, Especialista en Comunicaciones Multimedia, Dylan Esquina y John Hickman, los Especialistas en Comunicaciones, Carolina Pinales y Sandra Pérez Chaviano, Traductoras y Emily Erreguin, Asistente Administrativa.

Cada año, TSPRA, que existe desde 1962, reconoce a los departamentos de comunicación y a sus empleados en los distritos escolares de Texas, fundaciones educativas, asociaciones y organizaciones educativas por su trabajo en las categorías de medios impresos y electrónicos. Hay 47 categorías principales que cubren diversos medios, como boletines informativos, programas, carteles, informes, redacción, paquetes de imagen/identidad, fotografía, gráficos, video, presentaciones electrónicas, aplicaciones móviles, campañas, eventos y sitios web.

Para las primeras 47 categorías, las entradas se dividen en tres divisiones según el número de estudiantes a los que sirve el distrito, la fundación o las organizaciones: menos de 15,000 estudiantes; de 15.000 a 40.000 estudiantes; y más de 40.000 estudiantes. Jueces independientes evalúan y puntúan cada entrada en función de sus propios méritos. Las estrellas de bronce, plata y oro se otorgan en función de criterios establecidos. Finalmente, los jueces revisan a sus ganadores de la Estrella de Oro con la puntuación más alta y seleccionan un Mejor de la Categoría para cada división en cada una de las 47 categorías.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Isaiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 3, who made clothes for Adam and Eve out of skins? Adam, Eve, The Lord, Serpent
3. What did Jesus say His followers would never walk in? Fear, Solitude, Darkness, Shame
4. Lamentations 3 speaks of the wormwood and the ...? Fire, Gall, Fence, Fig

5. Who had a vision of a lion having eagle's wings? John the Baptist, Peter, Herod, Daniel
6. From 2 Samuel 20, who killed Amasa? Joab, Sheba, Abishai, Bichri

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) The Lord, 3) Darkness, 4) Gall, 5) Daniel, 6) Joab  
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For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

MATTHEW 12: 40,41

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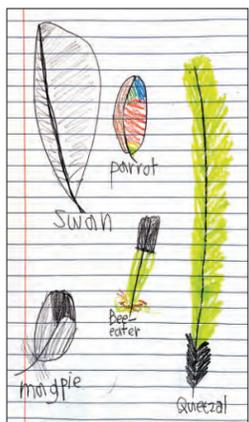
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Kids Korner: The New Generation

A note from Kristan Hoffman, daughter of publisher Gilbert Hoffman:

30 years ago, before the digital age had fully taken hold, and this newspaper was still laid out on giant paste-up boards each week, my dad marked off a small section on one of the interior pages and gifted it to me. We named it "Kids Korner," and every week I did my best to fill it with fun features like jokes, drawings, and best of all, my own writing. What a cool job for a kid! What an honor.

Now my young daughter would like a chance to follow in those footsteps. I guess newspaper ink must run in our bloodline. Anyway, I hope you will indulge and enjoy this new generation's fresh energy, creativity, and humor, just like you always did for me.



The Columnist's notes in preparation for the column.

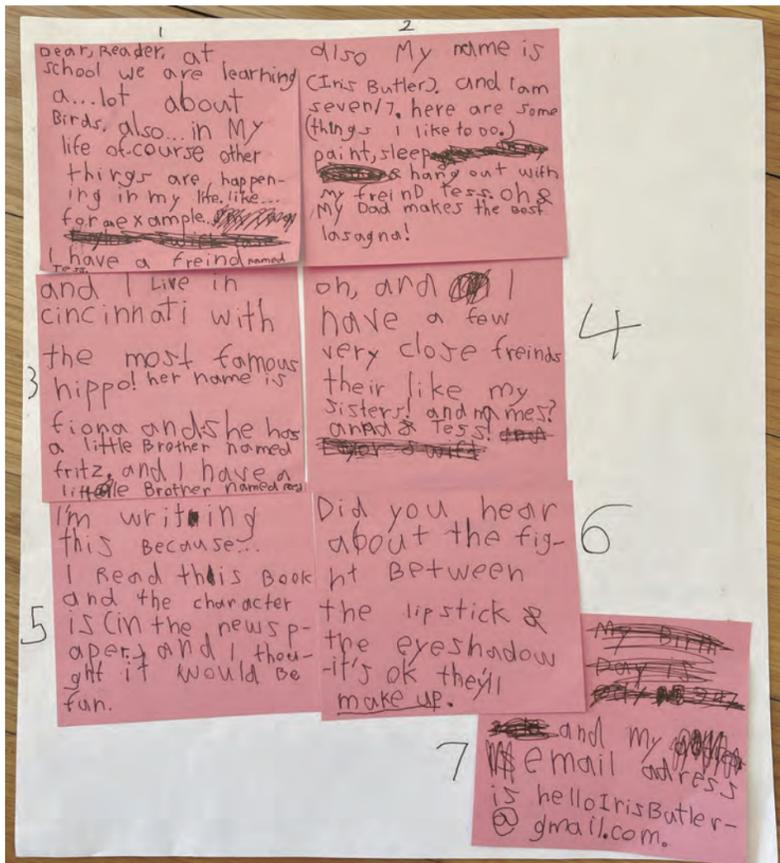
KIDS KORNER: The New Generation By Iris Butler



Columnist Iris Butler readings one of her books.



The Columnist's Family: Andy, Kristan, Iris, Reed



The Handwritten manuscript of the Kids Korner column.

Dear Reader,

My name is Iris Butler, and I am 7 years old. I live in Cincinnati with the most famous hippo! Her name is Fiona, and she has a little brother named Fritz. I have a little brother too, named Reed. My mom is a writer, and my dad works at a company called P&G. Oh and my dad makes the best lasagna!

I am writing this column because I read a book where the main character writes a column for her local newspaper, and I thought it would be fun. The book is from the Front Desk series by Kelly Yang.

Here are some things I like to do: paint, swim, and hang out with my friends. I have a few very close friends. Two of them are like my sisters. Their names are Tess and Anna. We call ourselves the Three Musketeers. We are in the same first grade class, and

we play soccer together.

At school we are learning a lot about birds. My teacher used to work with birds at the Cincinnati Zoo. There is a kind of feather called semiplume, and I like it because it is fuzzy. I also like scarlet macaws, because they are red, green, and blue, from top to bottom.

I hope you liked my first column! If you would like to write me a message, my email address is helloirisbutler@gmail.com. Take care!

Jokes:

- 1. Did you hear about the fight between the lipstick and the eye shadow? Don't worry, they'll make up.
2. What do you call a fish without eyes? FSH!
3. What do you call a cow that plays the flute? A moo-sician.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes two panels of a man and a woman at a desk and a list of differences.

King Crossword March 11, 2024 Posting Date. Includes crossword grid and list of clues (ACROSS and DOWN).

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. Includes a grid of numbers and a list of 10 trivia questions.

Answers for King Crossword and Trivia Test. King Crossword answers: 1. The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air; 2. 24; 3. 'Barbie'; 4. 1 billion years; 5. Botswana, Africa; 6. Madonna; 7. Fermented flatbread; 8. An intrusion; 9. Seattle, Washington; 10. 54. Trivia Test Answers: 1. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom featured a father figure named Philip Banks? 2. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the Greek alphabet? 3. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, 'To be honest, when I found out the patriarchy wasn't just about horses, I lost interest'? 4. SCIENCE: How long is an eon? 5. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is most of the Kalahari Desert located? 6. MUSIC: Which singer once was called the Material Girl? 7. FOOD & DRINK: What is injera? 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of cockroaches called? 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Emerald City? 10. GAMES: How many blocks are in a Jenga tower?



### Lone Star College connects students to scholarships

HOUSTON (March 7, 2024) – An estimated \$100 million in scholarships goes unawarded each year in the U.S. mostly due to a lack of applicants. Scholarships make attending Lone Star College even more affordable, helping to reduce student debt and allowing students to focus more on their studies without worrying about paying for college.

“Many students think they don’t qualify for scholarships, but the truth is that many do,” said Gerald F. Napoles, Ph.D., LSC vice chancellor, Student Success. “There are numerous scholarship opportunities out there to help pay tuition and we can help you find it.”

Scholarships are awarded on various criteria, usually reflecting the values and purposes of the award donor. Scholarships can be based on merit, need, demographics or career focus.

“One big benefit of getting a scholarship is that they do not have to be repaid,” said Shannon Venezia, Ph.D., LSC senior associate vice chancellor, Financial Aid. “Searching and applying for scholarships can be time-consuming for many students, but our trained staff is ready to help them find a scholarship that’s right for them.”

Last year, LSC Foundation awarded more than \$2.6 million in scholarships to over 2,500 students and nearly \$1 million in program and emergency support to Lone Star College students.

“We are thrilled to work with the Lone Star College Financial Aid office to help students find scholarships from Lone Star College Foundation,” said Nicole Robinson Gauthier, CFRE, LSC Foundation executive director.

Applying for scholarships is a great way to reduce student debt and free up time for studying, which can lead to better grades. Visit [LoneStar.edu/Financial-Aid](http://LoneStar.edu/Financial-Aid) to learn more about how you can pay for college.

Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow’s workforce today and re-defining the community college experience to support student success. Mario K. Castillo, J.D., serves as Chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area. LSC has been named a 2023 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and recognized by Fortune Magazine and Great Place To Work® as one of this year’s Best Workplaces in Texas™. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

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### Lone Star College awarded \$2.3 million in job training grants

HOUSTON – Lone Star College was awarded \$2,337,057 in Skills Development Fund (SDF) grants by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in 2023.

“As the Texas economy continues to grow, so does the need to invest in our workforce through skills development programs,” said Governor Greg Abbott in a statement. “These SDF grants to Lone Star College will help equip hardworking Texans in the Greater Houston area with the training they need to continue to thrive and advance in high-demand careers. I thank the Texas Workforce Commission and Lone Star College for their partnership as we build a brighter economic future for every Texan.”

LSC received \$321,812 in February, \$168,399 in June and \$1,846,846 in August to provide customized training to upskill over 1,150 employees of GCP Paper, Conroe Concrete Products, Bauer Equipment America, National Oilwell Varco – Grant Prideco, AmeriTex Machine & Fabrication, McCarthy Building Companies Inc., Memorial Hermann and Tenaris. The \$2.3 million SDF will provide a trained workforce in various industries like production, construction, energy, healthcare and machining. “The Skills Development



Governor Greg Abbott recently announced the Texas Workforce Commission awarded Lone Star College \$1,329,329 in Skills Development Fund (SDF) grants. LSC has received \$2,337,057 in SDF grants from the TWC in 2023 to provide customized training to over 1,000 employees in the construction, energy, healthcare and machining industries.

Fund is important to the Texas economy because it supports market-driven, local prioritization of workforce and business needs,” said Bryan Daniel TWC chairman in a statement. “Community partners like Lone Star College excel in providing programs that reskill and upskill employees to fill critical, in-demand jobs.”

SDF is the state’s workforce training grant program to help businesses upskill their new or incumbent workforce. In partnership with the public community and technical colleges, workforce development boards, and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, TWC collaborates to provide customized, innovative training to Texas businesses of all sizes.

The SDF grant program has provided training opportunities in partnership with more than 4,800 employers to upgrade or support the creation of over 420,000 jobs throughout Texas since the program’s inception in 1996. “Lone Star College is proud to work with the Texas Workforce Commission to keep Texas working,” said Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSC chancellor. “We are excited about this new collaboration and look forward to helping our students succeed and enter the workforce.”

In addition to eight campuses, LSC is also home to eight Workforce Centers of Excellence that provide specialized equipment to offer hands-on learning. Spring 2024 registration is underway. Learn more at [LoneStar.edu/Start](http://LoneStar.edu/Start).



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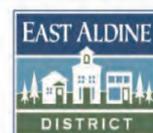


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