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TO OUR READERS: The current Covid-19 Pandemic and other economic conditions have caused us to combine some issues every two weeks, and to change distribution to Pick-up locations. See page 7 for 50 locations where you can get a copy of the Northeast News, and page 4 for email subscriptions. We thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19

Cases as of May 16, 2020

HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES

14,250 POSITIVE
376 DEATHS
5,475 RECOVERED

TEXAS

47,107 POSITIVE
1,301 DEATHS
25,454 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

1,463,350 POSITIVE
88,447 DEATHS
250,747 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

4,614,135 POSITIVE
310,520 DEATHS
1,668,475 RECOVERED

Aldine ISD names 2020 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

It is an incredible honor to receive top honors throughout a student's educational journey. The senior with the highest weighted grade point average (GPA) is selected valedictorian and the senior with the second-highest weighted GPA is chosen salutatorian.

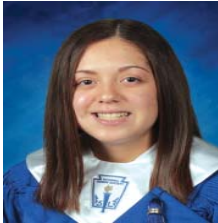
Aldine ISD has 18 students in the Class of 2020 who have achieved valedictorian or salutatorian honors. To obtain this recognition, the students had to work exceptionally hard, maintain

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Aldine Senior HS



Vina Van Tran - Valedictorian



Diana Alexa Calderon - Salutatorian

MacArthur Senior HS

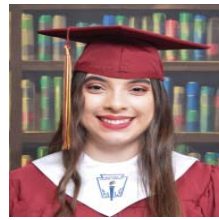


Jesus A. Ramos - Valedictorian



Sabrina Prado - Salutatorian

Carver HS

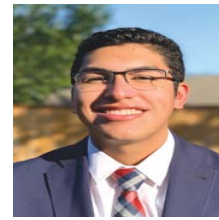


Daphne Michelle Lopez - Valedictorian



Angel Josue Reyer - Salutatorian

Davis Senior HS



Christopher Guerrero - Valedictorian



Karen Perez Lopez - Salutatorian

Burial Service held for Sgt. Scholwinski

HARRIS COUNTY — A memorial funeral service, and "End of Watch" ceremony were held Thursday, May 14 for Harris County Deputy Sgt. Raymond Scholwinski in Humble. The service was held at First Assembly of God on FM 1960.

Scholwinski, 70, died last week after battling COVID-19.

Dozens of officers from across Texas, as well as family and friends, came to honor Scholwinski, a 39-



Funeral service ceremony for Sgt. Scholwinski.

year veteran of the Sheriff's Office.

It was a somber and moving sight as fellow deputies carried his flag-draped casket into the church.

Friends and family described Scholwinski as a humble servant and kind, caring human being who was willing to help anyone.

"That's who Raymond was: he was pure gold," said Scholwinski's captain, Mike Koteras with HCSO District 2.

His adult children said his diagnosis and death from COVID-19 was not in vain.

"The medical staff came to us at the very end and said, 'we have learned so much about his condition that it went on to help so many

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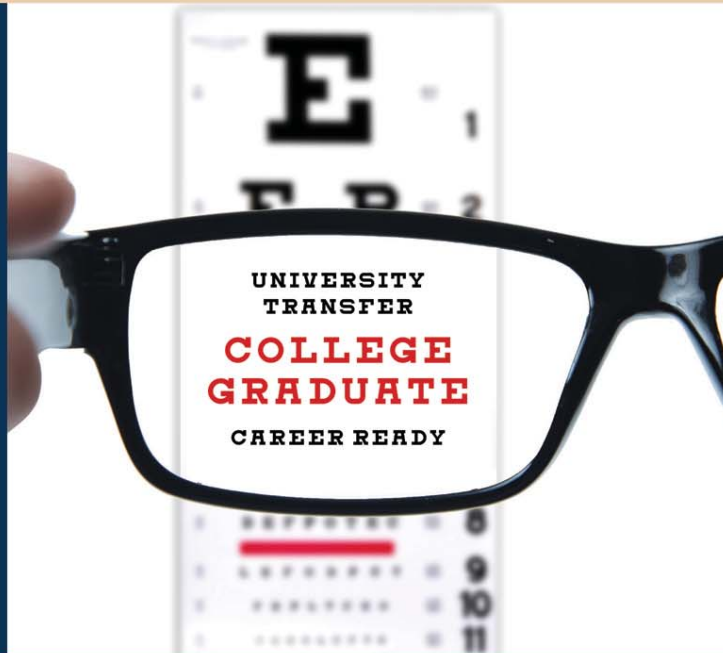
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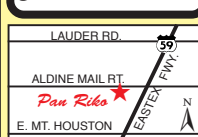
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SCHOOL / COMMUNITY NEWS

Aldine ISD Names New Principal for Hambrick Middle School

Aldine ISD is pleased to announce that José Almdarez has been selected as the new principal for Hambrick Middle School. Almdarez will continue to lead at Sammons Elementary School through the end of the year while transitioning to Hambrick MS. He will ensure several tasks and projects are completed at Sammons before he leaves, while also meeting the teams at Hambrick MS to develop plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, Superintendent of Schools, stated, "José brings a wealth of experience to our amazing team of principals. His commitment to student success, understanding of how to support teachers and their work, and willingness to build on our plan to ensure our students have access to high-quality schools and learning experiences are evident in the work he has been doing in Aldine. I can't wait to see his plans and ideas in action at Hambrick Middle School!"

Almdarez received his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas-San Antonio and his mas-



ter's degree in administration from Sam Houston State University.

Almdarez began his educational career 25 years ago in San Antonio. He started as a mathematics teacher at an alternative school in Southwest ISD. Longing to give back to his hometown, Carrizo Springs, Almdarez joined the local public school district with the same name. He served as a mathematics teacher, as well as coached the football and varsity baseball teams. Almdarez also served his community as an adult ESL educator.

Seeking professional growth, Almdarez moved to Houston in 1999 to join Aldine ISD. Almen-

darez helped open MacArthur Ninth Grade School, where he taught algebra for three years. Almdarez went on to serve in several campus leadership positions, including as an assistant principal at Hambrick Middle School, Nimitz Ninth Grade School, and Lewis Middle School. In 2012, Almdarez accepted the principalship at Sammons Elementary.

"I believe my experience has provided me with a solid foundation to grow as a leader," said Almdarez. "It is exciting to be back at Hambrick Middle School, and I look forward to working with families, staff, and students."

Almdarez will report directly to Chief of Schools Katy Roede, who is looking forward to working with Almdarez in his new position.

"I am excited that José will take the helm at Hambrick Middle School! He is a respected instructional leader by his colleagues and has established strong ties to the communities he serves," said Roede. "José's leadership is not loud or flashy but rather focused on consistency and true collaboration."

Lone Star College salutes legacy of Florence Nightingale

HOUSTON (May 12, 2020) – Today marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing as we know it today. During this time when health care systems are being strained as never before, Lone Star College recognizes the important role nurses play keeping our community safe and healthy – and the pressing need to help train and staff nurses for the future.

"It may surprise people to learn that community colleges like Lone Star College are the largest producers of RNs in the country," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "As we reflect on the legacy of this great pioneer, it is important to know Lone Star College stands poised, ready to help train the next generation of health care heroes and help keep our communities safe."

A survey conducted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, reported 49% of hospitals and other health care settings are requiring new hires to have a bachelor's degree in nursing, while 86.3% of employers are expressing a strong preference for BSN program graduates.



Lone Star College salutes the important role nurses play in keeping our community safe and healthy.

LSC health care partners, including Houston-area institutions, expressed this need and our state responded. In 2017, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 2118 into law, allowing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to authorize certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs in nursing.

"Lone Star College was one of only a handful of Texas community colleges approved to offer the advanced degrees by the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the accrediting body for our region," said Head. "This

BSN degree is specifically designed for licensed RNs seeking to advance their professional qualifications."

Graduates of the program will have a broader understanding of the nursing profession and be better positioned to provide a higher level of care for their patients and to step into management and leadership roles.

"To all the health care workers on the front lines in our fight against COVID-19, who sacrifice self and put the health and welfare of their patients first, I extend a heartfelt thanks, said Head. "You emulate the spirit of Florence Nightingale each day."

Aldine ISD Launches Online 'Crisis Preparedness' Parent and Staff Surveys

The Aldine Independent School District strives to offer all students high-quality educational programs and equip them with the skills to achieve success in school, career, and life while providing safe learning environments. To continue to fulfill our vision and mission, AISD needs to hear from parents and legal guardians about how to best support your children.

"Our partnership with our families is more important than ever before in these unprecedented times we are living through," said Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "Thank you for partnering with us to provide students with the best possible education. We continue to need to hear from you. Let

us know what we could improve to make meaningful changes. Please take the survey and help us as we plan for the future."

The survey's questions address the overall satisfaction with Aldine's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, district and school communication and support, technology access and resources, distance learning, and student support. Results will help the district identify its strengths and develop a targeted action plan for the future.

The survey launched Wednesday, May 13. Parents and legal guardians with a current email address on file with the district will be sent a personal invitation and survey link.

Parents can also take the survey at <https://bit.ly/2WptqN>. The survey can be taken on any computer, tablet, or smartphone. District staff will also receive a survey link invitation through their Aldine ISD email address.

The survey is offered in English and Spanish; the deadline to take part is June 3. The district will share the results later this summer.

Aldine ISD has partnered with independent research and communications firm K12 Insight to administer the survey and compile the results. No one in the district or a child's school will know if a parent or a legal guardian took part or how you responded to questions.

Lone Star College-Houston North is helping students succeed

Houston (April 28, 2020) - Lone Star College-Houston North students continue to post impressive course completion rates. LSC-Houston North students had course completion rates three percentage points higher than the Lone Star College system average in fall 2019.

"LSC-Houston North is designed upon practices proven to be successful at high performing colleges across the country," said Quentin A. Wright, Ed.D., LSC-Houston North president. "Classes are in 8-week formats, all first-time-in-college students are matched with faculty mentors, and several wraparound services are provided to assist with mental health and food insecurity."

Preliminary data from the first 8-week term of the spring 2020 semester found that 9 out of 10 students completed their coursework with 8 out of 10 doing so with A, B or C grades.

LSC-Houston North, the newest LSC campus, officially began in August 2019 after two years of rigorous planning. The new campus consists of three locations that were formerly satellite sites for the LSC-CyFair and LSC-North Harris campuses. A fourth location is currently being constructed through a partnership with Fallbrook Church.

LSC-Houston North was the vision of Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor who wanted to provide more equitable opportunities for students in the north Houston region of the LSC service area. During his tenure in LSC, Head has been responsible for many programs that have led to increased completion rates of students from underrepresented populations including Black, Hispanic, and individuals that come from lower socioeconomic areas. LSC-Houston North is the most diverse campus

in the system and also has the highest Pell percentage of all campuses.

"We believe that with the right structure and the right support, all students can be successful," said Wright. "At least for this first year of the college, these students are proving this belief to be true."

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 99,000 students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. LSC consists of seven colleges, eight centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

Aldine ISD Celebrated National Police Week May 10-16

Aldine ISD celebrated National Police Week during the week of May 10-16 by honoring the Aldine Police Department.

The AISD Police Department is a fully accredited police agency employing full-time sworn police officers, community service officers, and a full complement of support staff. The officers maintain order and security on and near school facilities. They also take a proactive role in creating a positive learning environment.

Officers have the same professional training, experience, and responsibilities as officers who work in city and county law enforcement agencies. They are equipped with state-of-the-art computer equipment, access to law enforcement databases, and reporting systems. They also develop partner-

ships with local law enforcement to increase safety in the community.

"Our police officers dedicate their lives to keeping our students, staff, and school communities safe. We are grateful for the commitment and security they provide our schools and students daily," said Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

Officers engage in daily contact with students, teachers, staff, and members of the community to help promote a positive learning environment with the schools and to build cooperative partnerships between schools and communities.

Aldine ISD encourages community members to observe May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. It is a day that honors those

that have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community. It is also a day to honor officers that have become disabled in the performance of duty. And it is a time to recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week.

A Memorial service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of survivors and supporters of law enforcement. It became commonly known as National Police Week, which has grown to a series of events that attract thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to the Nation's Capital each year.

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other people," said his son, Anthony Scholwinski. "Even in that hospital bed, that man wanted to help others."

His daughter, Brandi DeLane Scholwinski said she was proud to be his daughter.

"The best thing I learned from my dad was how to live your life, try to be a good example, never quit," she said. "It's not about what you had or

didn't have, rich or poor, nothing like that. He was about trying to be the best person you could be."

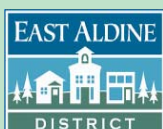
Scholwinski's sons also spoke lovingly of their father, remembering him as a man of God with a playful spirit.

His youngest son, Clinton said "The last words my dad told me were, 'I love you son. Never take life for granted. I want to be around for a long time,'

"Well, dad, I plan to live by these words, and you will forever be in my heart. I love you, dad."

As part of traditional law enforcement funerals, Scholwinski received full honors, including a bagpipe and drum escort, flag folding, last call, 21-gun salute, "Taps," and a helicopter flyover executing the "missing man" formation.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Judge Lina Hidalgo launches virus tracing program

Judge Lina Hidalgo deploys hundreds of contact tracers to assist in isolating coronavirus as Harris County reignites its economy.

Last Wednesday, May 13, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo announced the deployment of a small army of contract tracers to ensure that the county can limit spikes in COVID-19 cases that, if not traced, could overwhelm the county's healthcare system. These measures follow the Judge's plans to continue the focus on testing, tracing and treatment as Harris County phases in more public activity and reignites its economy.

Epidemiologists and other medical experts at Harris County Public Health will complete training of 200 workers this week and another 100 by next week. Current and



Judge Lina Hidalgo and contract tracers team.

former top health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say contact tracing is an essential component to effectively controlling further outbreaks. Hidalgo stressed that the team of "disease detectives" are diverse members of the Harris County community.

From college students to recently laid-off energy sector employees, the tracers will be communicating with their fellow neighbors to identify how the virus might be spreading so that the region can be smarter and more efficient about isolating risk.

Pct. 4 County Commissioner Jack Cagle's office delivers hand sanitizer to AISD schools



Precinct 4 County Commissioner Jack Cagle's office delivered 200 bottles of hand sanitizer to seven Aldine ISD schools on Thursday, May 14. The sanitizer will be distributed to area residents. One of the deliveries was made at Jones Middle School. Pictured are, (l-r): Dani Sheffield, Aldine ISD executive director of Child Nutrition Services, Kent Clinger with Commissioner Cagle's office, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and Aldine ISD Board President Paul Shanklin.

Lone Star College to host dual credit

Virtual Information Session for High School Students

High school entering juniors and seniors in the 2020-2021 school year had an opportunity to join Lone Star College-North Houston's virtual information session on Thursday, May 14.

In addition to earning college credit, dual credit courses offer your student several benefits:

- A smoother transition between high school and college
- First-hand exposure to college-level work while still in high school

- A chance to complete their bachelor's degree faster

- An opportunity to begin their freshman year of college with college credits while they also earn credits toward high school graduation

Dual credit options can provide significant cost savings over a traditional college education. Students who choose to enter college after completing a dual credit program can still take advantage of freshmen scholarships.

During the session, students and their families will learn all about:

- The criteria to enroll in dual credit courses
- The policies and practices
- The costs
- The process of getting started

Join one of the following session opportunities:

- Thursday, May 14, at 10-11 a.m.
- Thursday, May 14, at 2-3 p.m.

To RSVP, visit bit.ly/hndcinfo

Aldine ISD to launch Billboard Campaign to promote District

Aldine ISD has served as an educational institution for more than 80 years in North Harris County.

Without a doubt, members of the Aldine community have had to explain who, what and where Aldine is and to help with this effort, the ninth-largest school district in the state of Texas hopes to answer these questions by planting its flag confidently around the city of Houston via a billboard campaign.

The Aldine community will prove that its voices are "Better Together." From I-59, I-45, FM 1960 and Highway 249, "Better Together" is the phrase being printed onto eight billboards over the course of the next several months. Each billboard will conclude with the definitive and simple #WeAreAldine.

"This is a trying time for our entire community," said Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "We are faced with challenges that deal with safety and health, all while balancing the concerns related to educating our students. We know that relationships matter, and we hold those close,



especially during these uncertain times."

Aldine ISD's vision is simple: all students will receive a dynamic and unparalleled education that guarantees choices and opportunities today and in the future. This remains true, no matter where students are learning, how teachers are teaching, or what circumstances the district faces. This marketing campaign is being launched to remind the Aldine community that it will stand by its commitment to educating all of its students.

"We believe a rigorous and enriching educational experience is critical for success in college, career

and in life, and we are committed to ensuring those relationships and experiences continue, no matter what," said Chief Communications Officer Sheleah D. Reed, APR. "While we cannot stand shoulder to shoulder, we will stand by each other. We are Aldine and we are better together."

In addition to putting Aldine on the map, the billboard campaign aims to inspire and encourage the community by what is happening in Aldine, and the opportunities the district provides.

Showcase your Aldine ISD spirit by posting #WeAreAldine on social media.

Candice Moore devoted 34 of her 50 years in education to Aldine

(Editor's Note: Due to the cancellation of the Employee Awards Banquet, Aldine's Communications Department will feature employees who have announced they will retire at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year).

After 50 years in education, 34 with Aldine ISD, Candice Moore is retiring.

The likable Moore, who has served as executive director of Student Services for the last 19 years, said after stops in Iowa, Chicago, Buffalo, N.Y. and Houston, it is time to step away from the profession she loves.

"After 50 years, this seems like a nice round stopping point," said the Illinois native.

Moore received her bachelor's degree in math and her master's degree in special education from Drake University.

She began her career in education as a junior high math teacher in Des Moines, IA, where she started the first special education LD/ED Resource Room in the history of that district.

She then moved to Chicago, where she taught for two years before moving to Buffalo, NY, where Moore spent seven years in a Buffalo suburb serving as a special education teacher. That is where she met a woman in the district's central administration office who held a similar job that Moore would hold when she joined Aldine's Student Services Department.

After a year in El Paso, she moved to Houston and served as a special education teacher at MacArthur High School and opened the district's first content mastery classroom.

After 5.5 years at MacArthur, Moore moved to the Student Services Department, where she started as an administrative assistant, was promoted to director, and then to the executive director of Student Services, a position she has held since 2001.

Ironically, Moore, a native of Illinois, did not give education much of a thought as a profession. She aspired to be a mathematician or statistician, but it was some-



Candice Moore poses with her good friend and mentor, Ken Knippel, at Mr. Knippel's retirement ceremony in May of 2019.

thing her mother told her that made her change her mind.

"My mother said every woman should have a teaching certificate," Moore remembered. "So, while planning to be a mathematician or statistician, I dipped into courses in the college of education at Drake. I started student teaching at a Des Moines high school, where the director of math education also taught one period a day.

"Without forewarning, he presented me with a contract. I really was enjoying my student teaching and hated the idea of job hunting and leaving Des Moines, which I had come to love, so I signed it (the contract). Fifty years later, I'm still in education," she said.

Aldine and other schools where Moore taught can thank that director for noticing Moore had a gift.

Moore said she has thoroughly enjoyed her career, especially the 34 years she has spent in Aldine, which has become a second family to her.

She believes she has been able to make a difference in thousands of students' and parent's lives over the last 34 years.

"Having parents tell me their special needs children would not have graduated from high school without me means so much to me," she said. "Being a member of the Student Services team, which has always put serving the needs of the schools above all else, has also been a highlight of my career." And working with one

very special friend, she added.

"Learning from and working with Ken Knippel (who served as her supervisor as Assistant Superintendent of Administration before passing away in January 2020) was so special to me. It's been a pleasure to work with others to fund Ken's AEF (Aldine Education Foundation) scholarship fund."

During her 34 years in Aldine, Moore has made many life-long friends, and she will miss seeing them daily.

"I will miss the people I work most closely with," she said. "I will also miss the opportunity to problem-solve every day, and hopefully, I'll find new problems to solve. I'll also miss the PE-IMS process. I'm probably one of the few people who love the orderliness of proofing and organizing data."

Moore said she and her husband would be spending time with their granddaughter, who lives in Florida. She's an avid knitter and will spend time doing that and yoga. Moore has joined the Board of the Apollo Chamber Players, a string quartet in Houston, and will devote more time to supporting it and other small arts groups in the city.

And while she is retiring, she won't be going away forever.

"Hopefully, I can contract back in the district for a while," Moore said.

A lot of Moore's life-long friends would be very, very happy if she did come back!

Aldine ISD receives donation of 2,000 books from Red Oaks Foundation

Aldine ISD recently received a donation of 2,000 books from the Red Oaks Foundation.

The books were distributed to primary and elementary students who live in apartment complexes in the Greenspoint area. The district provided 40 books per box that were distributed to 50 apartment complexes in Greenspoint.

Rebecca and Jon Brumley, who founded Red Oaks 22 years ago from their home in Fort Worth, founded the Red Oaks Foundation. The goal of the foundation is to spread the joy and benefits of reading

to children, especially those who may not have enough books at home.

Since its inception, the foundation has provided more than 678,000 new, hardcover books through a variety of programs that encourage parents to read to their children from birth through the age of five.

Rebecca lived in Houston for a short time and taught English at Hambrick Middle School.

"I want to thank Board Vice President Rose Avalos for securing this generous donation," said Martha Escalante, the executive director designee of Fami-

ly and Community Engagement. "We worked with Abel Garza to identify how many of our students living in apartment complexes that do not have Internet access. We wanted to provide resources for them while they are away from school."

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Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
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Ask Rusty – About the “Earnings Test” and “Registering” with Social Security

Dear Rusty: Does tax filing status matter when calculating how much you can earn without a reduction in your monthly SS payout? My wife and I have filed a joint income tax return for years. My wife is working and I'm 62 and wondering - if I start drawing SS, does the earnings limit only relate to what I earn, or does it include what my wife earns as well? Is the earnings limit tied to our IRS filing status? I need to know if I should file my taxes as a single to be sure my wife's earnings are not combined with mine to affect my Social Security payment.

Also, I've read that it's recommended to register online with SS if you're 62. As I understand it, this should be done even if one's not intending to start benefits yet. Is this true? What are the benefits for doing this? Does it make for a quicker start of payments once the election to start benefits is made? Would it help my wife should I die prior to starting my benefits? Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering: Income tax filing status doesn't matter when it comes to determining if your earnings from work exceed Social Security "earnings limit." If you collect SS before you reach your full retirement age (FRA), your wife's earnings from working will not be counted toward your personal SS earnings limit. The earnings test looks only at your personal earnings and, if you exceed the limit, SS will take back some of your benefits. But only your personal earnings – as reported on your W-2 or Self-Employment tax return – count. If you're not working, then your Social Security benefits will not be affected by the earnings test, even if you file a joint return which has an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which is more than the annual

earnings limit because your wife works. As for your second question: it is not necessary, nor would it gain you any advantage, to "register" with Social Security before you are ready to claim your benefits. Indeed, Social Security does not even provide you with a way to do that. What they do provide is a way for you to create your own personal "My Social Security" online account, which gives you access to all of the online features provided by the Social Security Administration, including allowing you to apply for your benefits online (the fastest way to claim) whenever you're ready to do that.

Having an online SS account doesn't provide you with any benefit advantage, but it allows you to monitor your lifetime earnings record, get a replacement SS card if needed, and get estimates of your current and future Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim. You can create your personal "My Social Security" account by going to www.ssa.gov/myaccount. They use a "two-factor" security process, which means you'll not only need to set up a password but also a second way to confirm your identity (usually via a code sent to a text-enabled cell phone or your email account). But, even if you have this online account pre-established, your wife will still need to contact Social Security directly to claim her survivor benefit if you predeceased her. Survivor benefits must be applied for by the surviving spouse directly contacting Social Security.

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Governor, president spotlight actions in pandemic, economic downturn

AUSTIN — Texas, along with the rest of the nation and the world, continued to battle the COVID-19 pandemic last week as cases and deaths attributed to the novel coronavirus increased.

Gov. Greg Abbott on May 7 met with President Trump in the White House. The president praised Abbott's leadership in handling the months-long medical emergency and in managing the resulting slowdown of the economy in the Lone Star State.

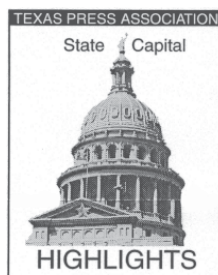
Abbott said Texas has one of the lowest COVID-19 death rates in the country, noting that half of the state's 254 counties have no cases or five or fewer cases of the virus. He said we have the knowledge and resources to contain COVID-19, adding that "It's the people of Texas who have done a great job of slowing the spread" by washing their hands, wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

"Because of that, we are now seeing more and more businesses that are opening up gradually to make sure we don't expand the spread, but we're doing so in a way that we'll make sure Texas will once again reclaim its position as being the number one economy in the United States," the governor said.

Trump asked about the Dallas-area beauty salon owner who was arrested and jailed for violating one of Abbott's executive orders by prematurely opening for business. "She's free today," the governor said during the Oval Office meeting, adding that authorities should exercise common sense in carrying out his executive orders. In the wake of the beauty salon case, Abbott modified his executive orders related to COVID-19 to eliminate confinement as a punishment for violating the orders.

On May 10, cumulative figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 37,860 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19, and 1,049

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



deaths resulting from the influenza-like virus had been confirmed.

TEA: Graduation guidance

The Texas Education Agency on May 5 announced graduation guidance for the class of 2020. Under the guidelines, ceremonies may take place as early as May 15 as the state continues the reopening of services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While school buildings remain closed to normal in-classroom instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year, the TEA, in coordination with the governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, is providing four different pathways for schools to celebrate their graduating seniors:

- Virtual ceremonies that take place entirely online with the use of videoconferencing or other technologies;
- Hybrid ceremonies consisting of a compilation of videos of students being recognized in person as they celebrate graduation in small groups;
- Vehicle ceremonies, in which students and their families wait in their cars while other graduates are recognized one at a time with their families alongside them; and
- Outdoor in-person ceremonies, which are currently permitted for certain counties.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said that "by taking the necessary precautions developed by medical experts, we can ensure we appropriately honor our class of 2020 graduates while keeping everyone safe."

"Texans' private phones are bombarded by constant calls that invade their privacy and often attempt to defraud them of their hard-earned money," Paxton said.

Preparedness week proclaimed

Gov. Abbott on May 4 issued a proclamation declaring May 3 through May 9 as Hurricane Preparedness Week in Texas. In his proclamation, the governor asks all Texans to take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones from the danger and destruction that hurricanes can bring. "There are no substitutes for having emergency supplies and a well-prepared emergency plan to protect yourself, your family," Abbott said. He encouraged Texans to visit the Texas Ready webpage, texasready.gov, to learn more about the steps they can take now to prepare for hurricane season. Hurricane season starts on June 1 and ends on Nov. 30.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

"My Signature Look"

We're at the stage where everyone is complaining about their hair.

I am not complaining. As I have frequently bragged, my husband, Peter, cuts my hair and this has continued while the beauty parlors are closed and everyone is growing increasingly cranky.

We were talking to our friends, Mary and Wolfgang, about this and Mary was expressing a bit of envy that I had gotten a haircut the previous day. I let her think that getting a haircut from Peter was like getting a haircut in a salon although, other than the use of scissors, there is very little similarity.

Professional stylists will ask you, "What do you have in mind?" and stand there and pretend to listen before they start cutting hair off. Peter dispenses with this formality. "Snip! Snip! Snip!" Peter is done in no time flat and my hair looks as good as it's going to get.

I also used to go to a hair salon to get my hair "highlighted." This was code for "bleached blond," but I always said, "highlighted" because that's what the stylist would say. Eventually, I realized I was spending a lot of money on a pitiful crop of hair. So, I took a deep breath and tried lightening it myself. The results were exactly the same so I kept doing it. Then, one day about a year ago, the package design changed and I bought the wrong color.

I realized immediately that I had made a dreadful error and had bleached my hair an alarming platinum blond.

"OH NO! What have I done?!" I went to bed wondering if I would try to cover up this disaster or just hide in my house long enough for it to grow out.

But a funny thing happened the next morning. I got out of bed, forgetting my fiasco of the previous evening, and saw myself in the morning sunshine. My hair was, as always, standing straight on end. But now it was wackadoodle platinum blond. I liked it.

"Wow. Your hair is very blond," my mother said when she saw it.

"I know," I told her. "It was a mistake."

"I like it," she told me. That settled it. Wackadoodle blond was my new signature look.

So now my hair is newly cut and blond and I am feeling better than Mary and Wolfgang.

"I used to cut Wolfgang's hair," Mary confessed, "but it's too hard now that he's going bald!"

"He just needs to pay you more," I told Mary.

"Why is that?" Wolfgang demanded. "Why do I have to pay more for less hair?"

"It's just like camping gear and lingerie," I told Wolfgang. "The less there is, the more you pay."

Wolfgang and Mary thought that was funny and probably also thought I knew something about lingerie—I didn't set them straight.

But the truth is, my underwear are an embarrassment and my nightgown has holes in it. My mother gave the nightgown to me years ago for Christmas and it is my favorite. It has reindeer on it and it is quite literally falling to pieces.

I decided, with my fancy new haircut, I should bite the bullet and get a new nightgown and went looking online. The only one I found that was anything like it was exactly like it—it had reindeer prancing across the front. I bought it.

So, this summer, I'll be the wackadoodle blonde wearing a festive reindeer nightie.

One of the many nice things about getting older is that I've had time to learn what really suits me.

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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SPANISH PAGE

Aldine ISD cancela todas las fiestas de graduación patrocinadas por el distrito, reprograma ceremonias de graduación

Con la situación de COVID-19 aún en evolución, los distritos escolares se quedan anticipando cómo organizar actividades de celebración para la Generación de 2020.

Debido a la incertidumbre de las posibles órdenes extendidas para prevenir la propagación del coronavirus y el creciente número de casos de COVID-19, Aldine ISD ha decidido cancelar las fiestas de graduación patrocinadas por el distrito para las nueve escuelas preparatorias. Las ceremonias de graduación se han reprogramado para finales de julio.

“Sé que esto es doloroso”, expresó la Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney, superintendente de Aldine ISD. «Se supone que el último año de un estudiante es el año más emocionante antes de ir a la universidad o unirse a la fuerza laboral. Estamos muy tristes de que COVID-19 altere los recuerdos de nuestros estudiantes senior. Aún así, nuestra principal prioridad es que nuestros alumnos, familias y per-

sonal permanezcan seguros”.

Los líderes de las escuelas están trabajando para emitir reembolsos a los estudiantes que pagaron cuotas por actividades senior. Esto generalmente incluye camisetas, el costo de un viaje para seniors y boletos para el baile de graduación.

El distrito también está trabajando en dos planes de contingencia para ceremonias de graduación. La última semana de julio se ha reservado para ceremonias en persona. Se están explorando planes para ceremonias virtuales si las reglas y regulaciones de salud no permiten que el evento avance según lo planeado.

Los estudiantes de último año de preparatoria de AISD participarán en sus ceremonias de graduación el 23 y 24 de julio. Todas las ceremonias se llevarán a cabo en el Centro Educativo M.O. Campbell (1865 Aldine Bender Rd.).

Las fechas y horas de las ceremonias son:
Jueves 23 de julio
Hall Center for Educa-

tion – 11:00 a.m.

Preparatoria Eisenhower – 12:30 p.m.

Escuela Preparatoria Victory Early College – 3:30 p.m.

Escuela Preparatoria Davis – 6:00 p.m.

Viernes 24 de julio
Escuela Preparatoria MacArthur – 8:00 a.m.

CarverHS para Ingeniería, Tecnología Aplicada y Artes— 11:00 a.m.

Preparatoria Nimitz – 1:00 p.m.

Preparatoria Blanson Career and Technical Education – 4:00 p.m.

Preparatoria Aldine— 5:30 p.m.

Se está planeando una Semana Virtual de Espíritu Senior para la última semana de mayo para que coincida con el final del año escolar. Terminará con una breve ceremonia el 1 de junio, donde la Superintendente, Dra. LaTonya Goffney y los miembros de la Junta confirmarán oficialmente los grados de la Generación 2020, lo que les permitirá avanzar con los planes después de la escuela preparatoria.

Nombran Director Ejecutivo de Aprendizaje en la Primera Infancia a Ray Mondragon

Ray A. Mondragon cuenta con 19 años de experiencia en el área de educación pública, con 16 de esos años dedicados a la educación de la primera infancia y, más recientemente, como vicepresidente de programas en Collaborative for Children en Houston.

Como Director Ejecutivo de Aprendizaje de la Primera Infancia en Aldine, liderará todos los esfuerzos de cambio para aumentar el acceso a programas de calidad para los alumnos más pequeños del distrito. Esto incluye colaborar con socios y organizaciones comunitarias para crear más oportunidades para los estudiantes.

En 1998, Mondragon comenzó su carrera como maestro de educación de la primera infancia / Head Start en las Escuelas Públicas de Denver (DPS). Ahí ocupó varios puestos diferentes, incluyendo asesor de estudiantes, subdirector de enseñanza y aprendizaje y director. Mondragon dejó DPS en 2015 para unirse al Distrito Escolar Unificado de Oakland (Oakland, CA) como subdirector de aprendizaje temprano.

Mientras estuvo en DPS, Mondragon fue el director fundador de una se-

gunda escuela de primera infancia en DPS, Escalante-Biggs Academy. Bajo el liderazgo educativo de Mondragon, esta comunidad escolar logró un aumento del 30% en un área crítica: la lectura. El porcentaje de estudiantes de kinder que leen a nivel de grado o más alto aumentó del 59% al 89%.

“Queremos continuar dando a todos nuestros estudiantes todas las oportunidades de aprender y prosperar. Las escuelas primarias de Aldine han demostrado dar un fuerte aprendizaje fundamental. Las habilidades de alfabetización temprana y aritmética son críticas para el éxito escolar temprano y para mejorar los resultados en estas áreas. Debido a esa importancia, estamos invirtiendo en nuestro programa de educación de la primera infancia”, dijo la jefa de escuelas Katy Roede. “Nuestro plan estratégico describe la expansión de la calidad de nuestras escuelas primarias para garantizar que los estudiantes tengan las habilidades y herramientas que necesitan. Estoy emocionado de ver las opciones y oportunidades que Ray desarrollará para nuestros alumnos más jóvenes.”



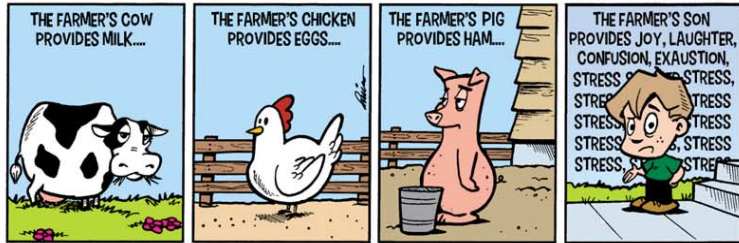
Ray A. Mondragon

doble licenciatura en Psicología y Artes Liberales con una especialización en Educación Primaria de la Universidad Estatal Adams y una maestría en liderazgo educativo y estudios de políticas de la Universidad de Denver. También posee un certificado de posgrado para completar el Programa de Liderazgo para la Primera Infancia de Buell de la Universidad de Colorado.

Su primer día en Aldine fue el 16 de abril. Mondragon formará parte de la Oficina de Escuelas y colaborará con los Superintendentes Asistentes de la Escuela y otros departamentos para determinar las metas y prioridades.

ENTERTAINMENT

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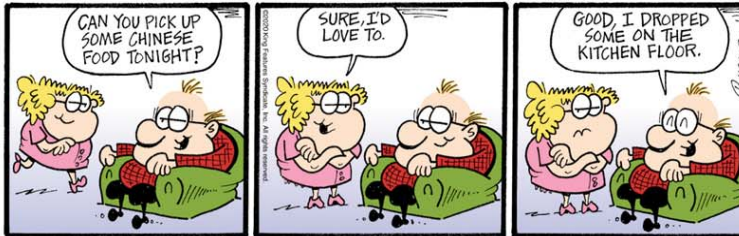
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
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HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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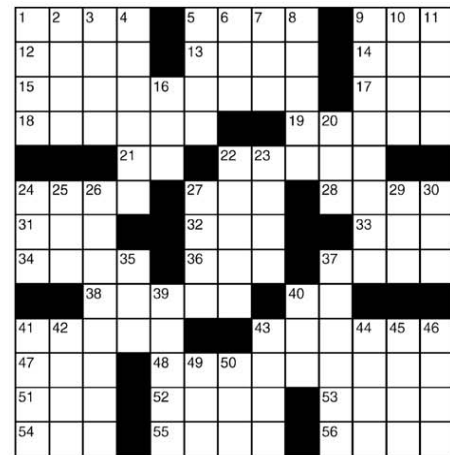
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ACROSS

- 1 Comes together
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- 9 Drenched
- 12 Met melody
- 13 From the beginning
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- 17 Back talk
- 18 Man's hat style
- 19 Confound
- 21 First word of "America"
- 22 Gotham City super-villain
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- 37 Relinquish
- 38 Occurrence
- 40 Letter after lambda
- 41 Discussion group
- 43 Insect with pincers
- 47 Hawaiian neckpiece
- 48 Crockett and Tubbs' show
- 51 Tolkien ogre



- 52 Beige
- 53 North Sea
- 9 Grain also called water oats
- 10 Satan's forte
- 11 Work at the keyboard
- 16 Parched
- 20 Society newbie
- 22 Frilly blouse accessory
- 23 Spheres
- 24 "Great!"
- 25 Clay, today
- 26 "Stop fighting"
- 27 Teller's partner
- 29 Flop
- 30 Before
- 35 Leading lady?
- 37 Not straight
- 39 "Wabbit" hunter
- 40 — tai
- 41 Walk wearily
- 42 Prefix re planes
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- 44 — E. Coyote
- 45 Warhead weapon, briefly
- 46 The Bee —
- 49 Unfriendly
- 50 Exist

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which of the 48 contiguous United States has the largest land area?
- TELEVISION: What city does SpongeBob SquarePants live in?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is cyan?
- FOOD & DRINK: In beer styles, what does the designation IPA mean?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which two countries share the longest border?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of squirrels called?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which famous author once wrote, "As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer"?
- MOVIES: In the 2020 movie, what is the real name of the superhero in "Black Widow"?
- BUSINESS: Which animal is featured in the Porsche auto logo?
- HISTORY: What was the name of the dog who was first to orbit the Earth in a space vehicle?

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Weekly SUDOKU

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CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of 2 Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the only Jesus miracle reported in all four gospels of the New Testament? Water to wine, Feeding of 5,000, Raising Lazarus, Red Sea parting
3. To which attendees of an event did Jesus refer to as "the salt of the earth"? Daniel's visions, Sermon on the Mount, Rebuilding temple, Holy congregation

4. From 1 Timothy 5, what was the minimum widow age to be put on a church's support list? 40, 50, 60, 70
 5. In Judges 9, who had 70 of his brothers killed on one stone? Belshazzar, Naboth, Hanun, Abimelech
 6. From Daniel 4, who dreamed of a tree that reached into Heaven? Obadiah, Joshua, Nebuchadnezzar, Matthew
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Feeding of 5,000; 3) Sermon on the Mount; 4) 60; 5) Abimelech; 6) Nebuchadnezzar.

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When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. JOHN 19:26, 27

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LIFESTYLE

Aldine ISD Principal Tapped for Leadership Program at Harvard University

Nimitz Ninth Grade School Principal Aisley Adams has been selected to participate in a professional development program designed to empower and inspire school leaders at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

As part of the yearlong leadership program, Adams will take part in an institute at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Principals' Center in Cambridge, Mass., paid for by the Raise Your Hand Texas Foundation.

Adams, currently in her first year as principal at Nimitz Ninth, applied for the chance to earn a spot in the 2020 cohort. She has been accepted into the Art of Leadership Institute. The program provides campus leadership teams the opportunity to expand their leadership skills. They will also explore new ways to enhance student learning and create success for themselves, their leadership team, and their school.

The Leadership: An Evolving Vision institute is the other institute principals serving Texas public schools are eligible to attend. Each institute is a



Aisley Adams

week-long professional development summer course taught by faculty at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Typically, the cohort would attend Harvard for the summer portion of the program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the courses will be held virtually.

Adams and other attendees will join education leaders from around the globe and engage in training and workshops led by international education and leadership experts. The participants will learn to apply research, and best practices focused on enhancing student engagement. They will deepen their understanding of how students learn from improving the quality of the teaching staff to shaping school culture and equity. They will also develop more sophisticated techniques for managing innovation and change.

Raise Your Hand Texas, selects about 100 educators each year to take part, covering all the expenses – investing, on average, about \$9,200 per attendee.

Adams sees the opportunity to grow as a leader. She is looking forward to working with and establishing connections with other school leaders this summer. Adams added that participants also have the option to participate in Harvard's virtual course Leadership Schools.

"It is an honor to have been chosen by Raise Your Hand Texas," Adams

said. "I am excited about the impact this will have on students at Nimitz Ninth, colleagues, and the district. This cohort is an opportunity to transform learning and instruction that positively impact our students. They deserve first-class instruction, grounded in meaningful relationships."

The program requires Adams' to conduct pre-planning, goal setting, and reading before attending the institute. She will share with institute scholars her campus data and performance plan for review and feedback. She will be responsible for taking part in group and individual presentations during and after the institute, as well as monthly meetings with the other participating principals and a site visit to Nimitz Ninth Grade School.

Adams has 13 years of experience in education, with two of those years in Aldine ISD. She previously served as a skills specialist in the 2013-2014 school year and returned in March of 2019 as principal of Nimitz Ninth. Over the years, she has served in many capacities, including teacher, curriculum coordinator, and dean of instruction.

Adams is "paying it forward" in honor of the teachers that impacted her life. She seeks to be a voice and advocate for her students, teachers, and families.

"Public education is essential to our society. Every child deserves a high-quality educational experience. We must prepare students for success in life after they graduate. Leadership matters to improve public education. The decisions made by leadership directly impacts teachers and students. I believe in the power of public education. It can truly change one's trajectory in life for the better."

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Aldine ISD Top Students,

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focus throughout high school.

"We are excited to honor and recognize 18 outstanding senior students in the Class of 2020 as our valedictorians and salutatorians," Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney said. "I am happy to acknowledge our valedictorians and salutatorians for maintaining an impressive academic record during their educational journey. We applaud you and we are confident that each of you will continue to be successful in everything you choose to do."

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved a resolution to establish updated guidelines to that create local policy guiding class rank and honors during their March 24 board meeting. The action was taken to guide parents and students while the district is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It

Eisenhower Senior HS

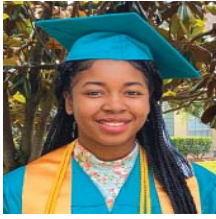


Itzel Anahi Gomez - Valedictorian



Julieanne Ehlers - Salutatorian

Hall Center for Education



Kristena Jackson - Valedictorian



Tralicia Howard - Salutatorian

Nimitz Senior HS



Roland Angelo Saulo Reyes - Valedictorian

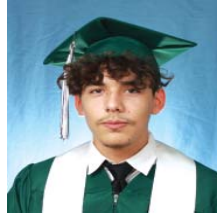


Elizabeth Doreen Manriquez - Salutatorian

Victory Early College HS



Emilio Arguello - Valedictorian



David DeLa Rosa - Valedictorian

Josiah Gael Valdez - Valedictorian
Ricardo Jose Palma - Salutatorian

CARVER HIGH SCHOOL
Daphne Michelle Lopez - Valedictorian
Angel Josue Reyes - Salutatorian

DAVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Christopher Guerrero - Valedictorian
Karen Perez Lopez - Salutatorian

EISENHOWER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Itzel Anahi Gomez - Valedictorian
Julieanne Ehlers - Salutatorian

HALL CENTER FOR EDUCATION
Kristena Jackson - Valedictorian
Tralicia Howard - Salutatorian

MACARTHUR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Jesus A. Ramos - Valedictorian
Sabrina Prado - Salutatorian

NIMITZ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Roland Angelo Saulo Reyes - Valedictorian
Elizabeth Doreen Manriquez - Salutatorian

VICTORY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
Emilio Arguello - Valedictorian
David DeLa Rosa - Salutatorian

is specific to students who are part of the Class of 2020.

The approved resolution allowed Aldine ISD to calculate class rank for the Class of 2020 based on all grade points earned from the ninth grade through the last day of the second

nine weeks of the first semester of the students' senior year. This rank was used to determine the valedictorian and salutatorians at each of our high schools.

All Aldine ISD seniors will receive their official class rank information from their school

counselor. Final class rank is often needed for students to complete college acceptance applications and scholarship requests. For more the most recent updates and information about the Aldine ISD Class of 2020 please visit the Aldine ISD Class of 2020

webpage.

Congratulations to our 2020 Valedictorians and Salutatorians:
ALDINE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Vina Van Tran - Valedictorian
Diana Alexa Calderon - Salutatorian
BLANSON CTE HIGH SCHOOL

Testing intimidating but relatively simple

By Lewis Spearman
Northeast News

Getting tested for COVID 19 is in the best interest of the area and nation overall but actually doing it requires registration and a willingness to follow instructions but nothing to be intimidated by.

Harris County Public Health encourages people who have a fever* above 100.4°F (38°C) and with respiratory symptoms, had close contact** with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, have health conditions like (diabetes, lung disease, heart disease, pregnancy), are age 60 and older, are residents of nursing homes (or other senior living facility) are part of

an investigation of a cluster or an outbreak, are asymptomatic who believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 to get tested.

One must register by either going to readyharris.org or http://covcheck.hctx.net or telephone (832) 927-7575 to set up your test by registration. At this time, once successfully registered, one will be issued a code to take with them to wherever the test is being administered. In Highlands or Crosby one will probably be sent to Stalworth Stadium in Baytown off of Sjolander Road onto Archer Road and follow the signs.

One will be directed to a tent where officers give

directions and a health-care worker checks your code and places a package on your windshield and you will be directed to the next station.

The final station before exit a rolling bench will put a package with three pieces inside, one is a briefing about everything COVID related, a stick inside a plastic bag and a capped little bottle. You will be instructed to stick the cotton ended swab up your right nostril and swirl and hold for 15 seconds, then insert the swab into your left and repeat that action. One then inserts the swab into the little bottle and closes the bottle tightly. Then you are instructed to leave.

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