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EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS IN THIS AREA:

NOTE: YOU MAY VOTE AT ANY OF THE COUNTY-WIDE LOCATIONS.

- BakerRipley East Aldine Campus
- 3000 Aldine Mail Route
- HCC North Forest Campus
- 6010 Little York Road
- Holiday Inn Airport
- 15222 JFK Blvd
- Anclamars W. Reception Hall - A
- 10330 Eastex Fwy
- Northeast Multi Service Center
- 9720 Spaulding
- Hardy St. Senior Citizens Center
- 11902 W. Hardy
- DRIVE-THRU
- Humble Civic Center
- 8233 Will Clayton
- Humble
- Houston Food Bank, 535
- Portwall Street
- Toyota Center, 1510 Polk Street
- NRG Arena, 1 NRG Parkway

Early Voting Oct. 13 thru 30 Election Day is November 3rd

Early voting started Tuesday, Oct. 13 in Harris County, and will continue through Friday, Oct. 30. Election Day is November 3rd. Voters can go to any polling location, which can be located at www.harrisvotes.com. This year you will not be able to vote a straight ticket, so it will take longer to choose each candidate by name.

Important races include President Trump versus his challenger Joe Biden. Also Texas Senator John Cornyn is running against MJ Hegar, a war-wounded veteran. U. S. Representatives that face challengers include Dan Crenshaw, Sheila Jackson Lee, Sylvia Garcia, and Brian Babin. All of these represent some part of



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local districts.

In state races, incumbents Dan Huberty and Briscoe Cain face challengers Armando Walle, Senfonia Thompson, and Ana Hernandez are running unopposed in their districts.

Several Harris County races are of interest, including District Attorney Kim Ogg with a challenger, County Attorney Vince Ryan is not running so two new candidates are vying for his position, and Sheriff

Ed Gonzalez is running for reelection. Also up for election are the County Tax Collector-Assessor, and the County Clerk.

Two area Constable Districts have candidates running, in Precinct 2 Dan Vela vs. Jerry Garcia, one of whom will replace incumbent Chris Diaz, and in Precinct 3 incumbent Sherman Eagleton is running against Andre Hines.

Several local MUD districts, ESD districts, and school board trustees are also up for election.

After much legal wrangling, the courts decided that mail-in ballots will have only one drop location in Harris County at the NRG Arena, or can be mailed.

EARLY VOTING HOURS

- EARLY VOTING**
- Oct. 13-Oct. 17, 7am-7pm
 - Oct. 18, 12noon-7pm
 - Oct. 19-Oct. 24, 7am-7pm
 - Oct. 25, 12noon-7pm
 - Oct. 26, 7am-7pm
 - Oct. 27-Oct. 29, 7am-10pm
 - * Oct. 29, open 24 hours.
 - Oct. 30, 7am-7pm

ELECTION DAY VOTING HOURS

Nov. 3, 7am-7pm

Halloween Caravan

East Aldine District is sponsoring a SAFE FUN Halloween day event for kids and families. A parade through the streets of East Aldine will hand out sweets and treats, dress in costumes, and entertain with live music, horses, and a hayride. The event will start at the East Aldine Town Center campus at 10:00 am, and end at the James Driver Park on Bentley by 2:00 pm. Families should line the streets with bags to collect the sweets, but be sure to wear Masks and keep a Social Distance from others. Everyone come and have fun and a safe Halloween! See the MAP for the Parade Route on Page 8.

Blanson appointed new Lone Star College-NH president

HOUSTON – Archie L. Blanson, Ph.D., has been named LSC-North Harris president. Blanson previously served as LSC vice chancellor of Student Services before being named LSC-North Harris interim president in January 2020.

“Dr. Blanson was the overwhelming choice of the Search Advisory Committee and was rated the highest in the forums by employees,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. “He will be a positive addition to our leadership team in this new role.”

Blanson devoted 39 years in education to Aldine ISD, finishing his career as deputy superintendent before joining LSC in June 2019.



College-North Harris has an obligation to help the community prosper, and that will be the foundation for initiatives that I implement as president.”

Blanson enjoyed many accomplishments and recognitions while serving in various roles at Aldine ISD. He was named the district’s 2003 Boss of the Year. Aldine ISD honored Dr. Blanson by naming its newest facility the Dr. Archie L. Blanson Career and Technical Educa-

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I-45 Improvement study completed

TxDOT requests comments

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR IH-45 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COMPLETED

The long-awaited document is available for review by the public

By Danny Perez

HOUSTON – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would like to announce that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now complete for the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP). Since its release in 2017, TxDOT has been reviewing and addressing public comments on the Draft EIS and preparing the Final EIS.

The proposed NHHIP would include roadway improvements to add four managed express (MaX) lanes on I-45 from Downtown Houston to Beltway 8 North,

reroute I-45 to be parallel with I-10 on the north side of Downtown Houston and parallel to US 59/I-69 on the east side of Downtown Houston, realign sections of I-10 and I-69 in the Downtown area to eliminate the current roadway reverse curves that limit capacity, and depress I-69 between I-10 and Spur 527 south of Downtown to improve safety by eliminating unsafe weaving.

The proposed project also includes reconstruction of mainlanes and frontage roads; addition of

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COVID-19
Cases as of October 13, 2020

HOUSTON AREA
19 COUNTIES

226,970 POSITIVE
3,150 DEATHS
193,679 RECOVERED

TEXAS

826,093 POSITIVE
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705,189 RECOVERED

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3,106,769 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

38,006,121 POSITIVE
1,083,875 DEATHS
26,354,211 RECOVERED

Pumpkin season has arrived

HUFFMAN – The Pumpkin Patch opens Saturday, October 11, 2020! This will be the 19th year that Lake Houston United Methodist Church has been home to a large Pumpkin Patch. The Patch includes over 1,000 pumpkins with a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Before the opening of the Patch, LHUMC members and friends both young and old unload the tractor trailer once it arrives. Everyone participates in setting up and it is a great time of fun and fellowship each year. This year is no exception, however, a pandemic and



Over 1000 pumpkins fill the grounds of Lake Houston United Methodist Church in October. The Pumpkin Patch has a great assortment of varieties as well as sizes to offer its visitors.

construction of a new sanctuary may add a little bit of a challenge. LHUMC is determined to bring this cherished annual event to their community and provide beautiful pumpkins and a fun, fall tradition for many guests.

Once the Patch opens, folks come from all over to pick out their perfect holiday pumpkins. The Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week until All Hallows Eve (Halloween), October 31. Patrons are invited to bring kids, fam-

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SCHOOL NEWS

Aldine ISD Seeks Feedback About Expanding Choice Programs

The Aldine Independent School District is seeking input from parents and community members through a survey launched today. It explores expanding and adding school choice programs in the coming years.

The school choice survey will be available from now until 11:59 p.m. on October 16 on the homepage of the District website at www.AldineISD.org. Feedback gained from this survey will help shape and guide decisions on what kinds of new programs will be added, or existing schools converted, to provide more educational options and opportunities for students.

"The transformation of Aldine ISD is a community effort," Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney said. "The survey is an important way people can help us plan for the future. The survey is an opportunity for our key stakeholders to share their voice. Again, we remain committed to our promise to stu-

dents. We remain steadfast in giving our students access to high-quality schools and programs. We want to provide parents and students with more options and choices that best meet student needs. We urge all community members, whether or not they are a current Aldine ISD parent, to take part in this survey to help shape the future of Aldine."

Aside from gaging stakeholders — families, staff, students, and community members — satisfaction and awareness of district choice programs, AISD is also seeking interest level in several options such as a young women's preparatory school, a young men's leadership academy, expanding two-way dual language program to offer additional languages (currently the program offers English/Spanish), and a newcomer school for recent immigrants at the secondary school level who have little or no English proficiency, and limited or no formal

education in their native countries. The school district is also asking about what other programs stakeholders are interested in for AISD to offer students.

All responses will be strictly confidential. AISD has partnered with an independent research and communications firm, K12 Insight, to administer the survey and compile the results. No one in the district or the child's school will know if a parent or legal guardian participates or how they respond.

Staff members and students' families will receive an invite to participate in the survey from K12 Insight. Additionally, they will also receive an email from Dr. Goffney.

Besides sharing the survey link on the district and school websites, the district will also share it on Facebook pages and Twitter. The survey is available in English and Spanish.

For more information about the survey, visit AldineISD.org

Demedia Edwards Named AISD's Director of Literacy



DEMEDIA EDWARDS

Educators have long known that literacy — the ability to read and write — is tied to student achievement in other areas. Students who struggle with reading comprehension or understanding what they read may stem from oral language weakness from early childhood. They also often understand fewer spoken words leading to not understanding what they hear and have worse spoken grammar. The district is working to change that by setting strong foundational literacy skills, which begin early in students' educational experience, setting them on the path to a successful future. Demedia Edwards, recently named director of literacy, will be leading the new literacy initiative in Aldine ISD.

Demedia Edwards joined Aldine ISD in 2001. Over the years, Edwards has served in different capacities, including elementary classroom teacher, assistant principal, skills specialists, and dyslexia specialist. Her most recent role, Edwards, was principal of Marcella Elementary School. The role of director of literacy is new, spotlighting the district's focus on getting students to master skills early in their education, so they read on grade level.

Edwards received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Henderson State University and her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Houston Baptist University. She is currently pursuing her EdD at Baylor University for learning and organizational change.

Edwards is an ardent advocate for literacy. During her time in AISD, she has worked in various committees and took leadership roles such as literacy staff developer (e.g., provided a knowledge base and resources). Since last year, the district has been working on revamping the literacy program across the district. Edwards quickly took on a leadership role in instituting some of the rigorous, progressive changes. Aldine's new literacy program launched over the summer, training staff to begin using the new program at the

start of the 2020-21 school year.

She grew up in Little Rock, AR. The city's history lit a path forward for Edwards. Little Rock is best known for the Little Rock Nine — the brave students that integrated Little Rock Central High. Edwards knows the power of literacy. It provides a path for changing the direction of a student, including herself. The strong ability to read, comprehend, write, think, and communicate allowed her to succeed in school, college, and career. Edwards is currently enrolled in Baylor University's Learning and Organizational Change EdD program studying leadership's impact on student learning in Title I schools.

The proud history of our community was the catalyst that would guide my career and focus on literacy," said Edwards. "All children, regardless of socioeconomic status, deserve an education that actively prepares them to participate in their world. As educational leaders, we are responsible for improving literacy outcomes for all students. This means more than just improving test scores. This literacy work is equity work, providing our students with the opportunities and choices in their future."

Studies show that students who read on grade level by the end of the third grade are more likely to succeed in school and their future careers. Yet, literacy rates have declined across the nation, even though educators feel that they are doing what they perceive as the "right" work. In 2019 STAAR results, only 29 percent of AISD third-graders scored proficient in reading. That

means that less than 30 percent of third-graders are reading on grade level. Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney made it clear, "We can — we must — do better."

The district's strategic plan addresses student achievement by building strong literacy foundations, providing quality resources, and improving instruction support. The plan also includes a focused group of district staff focused on the plan, the specific programs, and training.

Edwards knows what is at stake. "Getting literacy right" in AISD means ensuring every student has the literacy skills to engage, learn, grow, and achieve, opening a world of opportunities that every student deserves.

Anchor Goals for AISD

- all rising 1st graders will enter school ready
- all 3rd graders will read at or above grade level

To achieve the district's goals, the Literacy Taskforce studied and collaborated with district leaders and journalist and author of *The Knowledge Gap*, Natalie Wexler, on the science of reading. This work led to developing a stronger, more enhanced teaching and learning program framework that is coherent across all subject areas. The crux or most important part was revamping the reading and literacy instruction and teaching method and practice. According to Edwards, the new approach will increase equity and increase reading levels for all our students.

Five Key Takeaways

1. Use a knowledge building curriculum allowing students to deeply explore topics, learn complex vocabulary, and understand their world better.
2. Ensure foundational skills — comprehension, reading, and writing — are explicitly taught through second grade and are strategically included in the higher-grade levels.
3. Integrate reading and writing; students will write for various purposes in ways that connect to their interests and units of study.
4. Students will acquire traditional reading skills through their work in the unit study, not through isolated skills lessons.
5. The process engages students through high-quality lessons to build their literacy skills.

Six Aldine ISD Police Officers receive promotions



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney joined Aldine ISD Police Chief Paul Cordova and Capt. Kevin Northey at a ceremony announcing the promotion of six AISD Police Officers who were promoted to supervisors on Tuesday, Sept. 29 in the Board Room of the Donaldson Administration Building.

Six Aldine ISD Police Officers were promoted to supervisors during a swearing in ceremony held on Tuesday, Sept. 29 in the Board Room of the Donaldson Administration Building.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, AISD Police Chief Paul Cordova and Capt. Kevin Northey attended the ceremony.

"This is an exciting day for our Aldine ISD officers and their family members here with us today," Dr. Goffney said. "We have amazing officers working every day to protect our staff, teachers and our community. We have seen, heard and witnessed many good things about officers who are there for their community. This job is truly about not what you receive, but what you give. The job of a police officer is about building relationships.

"It's about being sensitive to the community's needs, making sure that they are fair and good to the community. The badge officers wear is a powerful symbol, and with it comes great responsibility to each and every person in our community. The officers here today being sworn in for promotions are exemplary examples and role models. They have honored the oath they took. Continue to honor your oath and the community you serve. Continue to be a beacon of hope for people in need of help. And continue to do us proud," Dr. Goffney said.

Chief Cordova said he was excited for the officers and the new roles they will play.

"It is with great pride and pleasure that I announce the new supervisors for our department," he said. "I want to thank

and recognize all the applicants who applied to these positions, showing true leadership by being willing to step forward when needed. To the officers, I congratulate you on your well-deserved promotions."

Sergeant Marc Harris was promoted to the rank of Police Captain. Harris has 21 years of experience as a Texas Peace Officer and has spent 19 years with the Aldine ISD Police Department. He has also served with the Spring ISD Police Department and the Humble ISD Police Department. Harris has been a supervisor for 13 years, first as a Corporal and then as a Sergeant. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Bellevue University. He has also successfully completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy training in Supervision, Command and Executive Leadership. His current assignment is as the Administrative Sergeant, which is over Texas Best Practices, Dispatch, Fleet Management, Investigations, K9, and Alarm Technicians.

Police Officer Christopher Harris was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. Harris has nearly 12 years of experience as a Texas Peace Officer. He has served with the Aldine ISD Police Department for eight years and spent four years with the Houston ISD Police Department. Harris holds an Advanced Certification with TCOLE. He is currently assigned to Davis High School.

Police Officer Renee Hall was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. Hall has more than 15 years of service as a Texas Peace Officer. She spent a year-and-a-half

with the Aldine ISD Police Department and 13/2 years with the Aldine ISD Police Department. Hall holds an Advanced Certification with TCOLE. She is currently serving as an Investigator.

Police Officer Phylecia Lewis was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. Lewis has nearly 27 years of service as a Texas Peace Officer and has spent all 27 of those years with Aldine ISD. Lewis holds a Master Certification with TCOLE. She has served in nearly every facet of the Aldine ISD Police Department. She is currently over the Property/Evidence Room and she also serves as an Investigator as needed.

Police Officer Robert Phillo was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. Phillo has 16 years of experience as a Texas Peace Officer, all of which have been with the Aldine ISD Police Department. Phillo has an Advanced Certification with TCOLE. He is currently assigned to the night shift patrol.

Police Officer Derrick Young was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. Young has nearly 15 years of service as a Texas Peace Officer. Prior to joining the Aldine ISD Police Department, Young served at the Marlin Police Department where he was a Corporal. He has served with the Aldine ISD Police Department for nine years. Young holds a Master Peace Officer Certification with TCOLE. He also has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Bellevue University as well as a separate Bachelor's Degree in Theology. He is currently assigned as the Campus Officer for Davis Ninth Grade School.

Blanson new LSC-NH president,

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tion High School in his honor in 2018.

"While we had some excellent candidates, Dr. Blanson's experience, his knowledge of the community, his understanding of the challenges facing Lone Star College-North Harris and his efforts to date were reflected in the evaluations," said Head.

The selection process started in January and involved over 100 employees. Blanson also interviewed three separate times with Head about his expectations for LSC presidents.

"My initial priorities will be to manage the budget effectively that I have been entrusted with, share why Lone Star College-North Harris is a good fit for someone who is interested in earning transfer credits, completing workforce training and attending other enrichment classes, and to increase enrollment by fall of 2021," said Blanson.

LSC-North Harris opened its doors in 1973 and offers more than 80 programs of study, including university-transfer and numerous workforce education courses and programs. LSC-North Harris is keenly focused on leading-edge technology in emerging technical job

fields.

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 93,000+ 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 almost \$3 billion. LSC consists of seven colleges, 10 centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

More Pumpkins,

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ily and cameras for festive fall photo opportunities. Proceeds benefit LHUMC Missions. The Patch is located at 23606 FM 2100 in Huffman and is open Monday through Friday, 1-7 pm; Saturday 9 am until 7 pm; and Sunday noon to 7 pm. For more information contact the church office at 281-324-1541 or visit online at www.lakehoustomc.com or the LHUMC Facebook page.



HCC introduces new technology to train firefighters

Houston (October 8, 2020) – Firefighters face varying scenarios, from search and rescue to extreme heat when responding to structural fires. To help firefighters prepare for these conditions, Houston Community College (HCC) has introduced new training technologies that not only simulate real-world environments but also provide interactive experiences designed to elevate skills.



HCC student trains on Drager Survival System

HCC fire academy cadets at the Public Safety Center of Excellence (COE) are now able to train for various fire conditions utilizing the recently installed multi-story Drager Survival System. The Phase 5 training system is equipped with technology that replicates fire scenarios that include multiple fires simultaneously, firefighter down, missing, or trapped, forced entry, confined spaces, and fire attack with hydraulic or vertical ventilation.

"The new Drager Phase 5 training system is a gamechanger for HCC students and will enhance their skills and ability to respond to fires," says Public Safety COE dean Alvin Collins. "We are excited to

add a system that is able to mimic everything that happens at a fire scene from beginning to end."

One important scenario that the new system can replicate that is different from the existing fire training tower at HCC is the quick and extremely hot flashover fire. This flame is created as a result of ignited wood, paper, or chemicals from synthetic products found in modern homes and furnishings. Experienced faculty and former firefighters are able to replicate the flashover in a controlled and safe environment.

The COE is also introducing a drone training program for firefighters and public safety personnel. Drones are increasing-

ly being used for fire search and rescue efforts as well as assessing structures and conditions in quick and safe manner. The HCC program aims to train first responders on the use of drones and cameras and teach basic flight skills using emergency scenarios.

To further introduce public safety students to innovative teaching technologies, the use of 360 cameras and Virtual Reality (VR) are being incorporated into course curriculum. The HCC Public Safety COE offers training in fire, police and emergency medical services. For more information on certificates and degrees, call 713.718.8300 or visit hccs.edu/publicsafety.

HCDE lowers tax rate

County Department of Education

HARRIS COUNTY – On September 17, 2020, Harris County Department of Education conducted its first in-person meeting where its trustees vote to save county taxpayers money by lowering the tax rate. The decision was unanimous with trustees Amy Hinojosa, Andrea Duhon, Richard Cantu, Danny Norris, Don Summers, and Eric Dick, all voting for the lower tax rate, with Mike Wolfe being absent.

During the COVID-19 shutdown, HCDE began its "Because We Care" initiative, where it was one of the first governmental entities to distribute hand sanitizer, masks, and food supplies to residents. It also reinvested in teachers and their staff by increasing the minimum wage to \$13.50 (set to be \$15.00 in 2021). Finally, leadership utilized record low bond rates to reinvest nearly fifty-million-dollars in adult



HCDE Board Member Richard Cantu voted for the tax reduction, along with the other Trustees.

education, early childhood development, special education, therapy services (including music), and drug recovery.

Harris County Department of Education is the only governmental entity to reduce its tax rate and increase its services.

"HCDE uses its tax rate as seed money to invest in the various businesses it owns," says Board Chairman Eric Dick. "The result is that we turn \$1 of tax money collected into \$5 of governmental services. We serve as a model for being frugal and compassionate."

Lone Star College recognized as #1 school for Hispanics nationally

HOUSTON – Hispanic Outlook on Education has named Lone Star College as the #1 two-year college in the nation for the number of undergraduate Hispanic students enrolled in 2018.

"Lone Star College is proud of the educational opportunities we offer to all students," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "We appreciate this recognition and remain committed to student success."

The monthly publication, which provides education news while maintaining a unique Hispanic perspective, publishes this ranking list each year.

Hispanic Outlook on Education noted that LSC welcomed nearly 28,000 Hispanic students in 2018, representing 38% percent of the total LSC student population. The rankings were determined by the national Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, a method of surveys con-



DR. STEPHEN HEAD LSC Chancellor

LSC was also recognized by Hispanic Outlook on Education for being second in the nation in awarding associate degrees to Hispanics. More than 2,800 degrees were conferred, representing 36% of the total number of degrees LSC awarded in 2019.

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ducted by the National Center for Education Statistics. Data for 2018 was the latest available.

In addition to being recognized as a leader in Hispanic education by Hispanic Outlook, LSC is designated as an Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education, a recognition that is given to nonprofit institutes with a full-time undergraduate student enrollment that is at least 25 percent Hispanic.

"I am very proud of the role Lone Star College employees play in serving our diverse community," said Head.

I-45 Highway Study,

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bicycle/ pedestrian elements along the 44 Downtown streets that cross the freeways, including a 15-foot to 17-foot wide pedestrian buffer between the bicycle/pedestrian traffic and the vehicular traffic; addition of sidewalks along frontage roads; and addition of pass-through lanes on I-10 that will separate traffic desiring to go to Downtown from traffic destined to go through Downtown.

The Final EIS is more refined and definitive than the Draft EIS. It incorporates the input received on the Draft EIS and reflects changes to the project proposed as a result of that input. Since the release of the Draft EIS, TxDOT has continued public engagement through community meetings, multi-agency coordination and posting updated technical reports for public comments. Additionally, TxDOT recently prepared a series of white papers titled "NHHIP Project Facts & Highlights" to help distill the contents of the Final EIS to help convey concise and key information regarding matters of high priority to the public. This can be found at http://www.ih45northandmore.com/NHHIP_Project_Facts_And_Highlights.aspx.

The Final EIS and the NHHIP Project Facts and Highlights can be accessed on the project website:

www.IH45northandmore.com. Additionally, the Final EIS is on file and available for inspection at the TxDOT Houston District Office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007 by appointment.

"The TxDOT Project Team will continue to consider all input received during the lifetime of the NHHIP," said Eliza Paul, TxDOT's Houston District Engineer. "We look forward to continued coordination with the public on the development and refinement of the proposed NHHIP, which is a very important project for the region that will enhance safety and mobility for all users."

The Final EIS is comprised of three volumes. Volume I contains an executive summary and the main report. Volume II contains appendices, including the technical reports. And Volume III contains the matrices of comments to Draft EIS, comments to draft technical reports and TxDOT's response to these comments.

Individuals wishing to review the Final EIS at the TxDOT Houston District Office may visit https://www.flexbooker.com/serve/NHHIP_FEIS_APPT or call (713) 802-5207 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to make an appointment.

Due to recommendations regarding COVID-19, enhanced safety measures will be applied. This includes wearing a face mask, submitting to a temperature check prior to entry, and following social distancing practices. If anyone arrives without an appointment, they may be asked to wait outside to ensure appropriate occupancy within the room.

Comments on the Final EIS (due 30 days from the date the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register) should be sent to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251, or by email to: HOUPIOWEBmail@txdot.gov. We anticipate that the Notice of Availability will be published in the Federal Register on October 9, 2020, which would establish a comment deadline of November 9, 2020. For further information or to request a copy of the Final EIS, please contact the Director of Project Development, (713) 802-5070.

A video presentation on NHHIP can be found at <http://ih45northandmore.com/ChangesForTheBetter.aspx>. For more information, contact Danny Perez at (713) 802-5077. Also Follow us on Twitter @TxDOTHouston.

I-45 North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP)

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- Watch the Changes for the Better video and 3D Visualizations of the project
- Look up your address to find out if NHHIP impacts your property
- Review Final EIS in-person: TxDOT Houston District office, 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX 77007

(Due to Covid-19 safety measures, appointments can be scheduled at appointments-ih45northandmore.com or call 713.802.5207)

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www.houstonlibrary.org

OPINION PAGE

Bullock State History Museum Reopens

AUSTIN, TX — The Bullock Texas State History Museum's exhibition galleries and Museum Store will reopen to the public on Saturday, September 12 with key changes to limit the spread of COVID-19, including heightened safety protocols, new open hours, and timed entry.

The Bullock Museum closed on March 17, 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic and



immediately began constructing a phased plan to respond to community conditions and ensure the safest possible future reopening. During the closure, the Museum expanded opportunities for online learning through virtual education programming and web resources.

"To meet our educational mission, the Bullock Museum is excited to welcome the public onsite to the Museum once more," said Bullock Museum Director Margaret Koch. "With more than 16,000 years of Texas history on view, we are committed to providing a low-risk learning environment for the community, teachers, and families."

The Museum's phased plan, which began with the reopening of the IMAX® Theatre on September 3 for limited screenings of *Tenet* and two member-only preview days on September 9 and 10, adheres to guidelines recommended by national, state and local authorities. The Museum's new hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm, will also allow for additional cleaning while closed on Monday and Tuesday of each week.

New safety protocols include timed entry, allowing a limited number of visitors per hour into the Museum's three floors of gallery spaces. Guests are encouraged to reserve their exhibition tickets online prior to their visit. Onsite signage will provide clear information about new policies and encourage social distancing. Masks are required for all staff and visitors ages 10 and older, and sanitization stations will be available throughout the Museum. All public spaces and high-touch areas will be cleaned frequently during the day, and the full building will be disinfected each evening after closing.

Visitors returning to the Bullock Museum will be able to explore the special exhibition *This Light Of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement*, a visual story of the struggle against segregation, race-based disenfranchisement, and Jim Crow laws in the 1960s. IMAX documentary screenings will resume during daily open hours and will feature the new family friendly documentary *Into America's Wild*. The IMAX Theatre will also continue screening feature films on select days and times.

"It has been a rough six months for many across Texas, and we understand that not everyone is willing or able to visit the Museum in person at this time. Opening now helps ensure that we'll be here when people feel comfortable visiting again," said Koch. "In the meantime, we'll continue to increase our online learning opportunities designed for all ages, so one never has to feel disconnected from the astounding history of this incredible state."

If community conditions allow, the Museum's Texas Spirit Theater will resume operation later this fall, and the Story of Texas Cafe will reopen in January 2021. The Bullock Museum will continue to offer educational programs and resources online for children, adults and families. For more information, please visit TheStoryofTexas.com.

About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum, a division of the State Preservation Board and an accredited institution of the American Alliance of Museums, illuminates and celebrates Texas history, people, and culture. With dynamic, award-winning exhibitions, educational programming for all ages, and an IMAX® theater with the largest screen in Texas, the Museum collaborates with more than 700 museums, libraries, archives and individuals across the world to bring the Story of Texas to life. For more information, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (866)369-7108.



THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

"The Stomachache"

I get stomachaches. I get them with regularity and always have.

"It's just gas!" my mother says, and of course, she's right.

My mother tells me I get stomachaches because I have the "Benson stomach," by which she means that I have the same stomach she has, which is the same stomach her mother had, which my grandmother inherited from her mother—who was a Benson.

It seems a little sad that the only time the Benson family comes to mind is when I have a stomachache. Seriously, I know almost nothing about the Bensons except that they were Swedish farmers prone to indigestion. It's not much of a legacy.

Yesterday I had a doozy. It started during my hike. I had eaten nothing recently and eaten nothing different so there was no logical reason to suddenly get a bad stomachache shortly after I started my hike, which typically takes an hour and forty-five minutes.

"It will get better soon," I said as I walked. It did not.

I got to the halfway point in my hike and somehow felt the stomachache should realize that I had hiked for nearly an hour and respond appropriately. It did not.

Whenever I get a stomachache, I remember stomachaches of the past. I distinctly remember my 16th birthday being ruined by a stomachache. I went to a restaurant famous for its spareribs. I haven't eaten spareribs in years, but I can still remember how I was looking forward to those.

My family and I were served our spareribs and I had to leave the restaurant after what seemed like a single bite. I'm pretty sure my family packed up their meal and joined me almost immediately, but I still remember being in the backseat of the car with an awful stomachache on my 16th birthday, overwhelmed by the unfairness of life.

By now, I should know something about stomachaches. I know, once one starts, I must not eat anything. If I eat anything, I will make it much worse and it will last much longer.

In spite of knowing this all my life, I cannot tell you how many times I have sat down to eat, felt a stomachache coming on, and decided "just this once" I can eat a little more (usually really fast) and everything will be fine. Everything is never fine when I do this.

So, now I tell my husband, Peter, "I'm getting a stomachache. If I eat, I will suffer." Somehow, saying it aloud to another person makes me more accountable. If I then go back into the kitchen and fill my plate, I am proving to Peter (and myself) what an idiot I am.

I can go for months without a stomachache. I can persuade myself that stomachaches were something that happened a long time ago and have nothing to do with me anymore. I start to think they will never happen again. It's nice thinking this. It's also not true.

But maybe dwelling on pain isn't the best idea either.

Surely, in my life, I can expect a lot worse than a stomachache to come my way. Intellectually, I know this, and yet I spend almost no time contemplating future pain. Maybe living in denial isn't the worst thing I can do. It isn't fun to anticipate pain and I'm not sure it's useful.

Instead, I try to notice all the days I feel good and I try to be grateful. Yes, there will be more stomachaches because I come from a long line of gassy farmers. But today, I feel fine.

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

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler

Early voting starts October 13; "Texas in my rearview mirror"

EARLY VOTING STARTS OCT. 13

Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order and a Texas Supreme Court decision changed some counties' plans for handling mail-in ballots for the Nov. 3 election.

Citing security concerns, Abbott ordered all 254 Texas counties to offer only one drop-off location for absentee ballots.

"These enhanced security protocols will ensure greater transparency and will help stop attempts at illegal voting," Abbott said.

Democrats accused the Republican governor of trying to suppress the vote, particularly in larger metropolitan areas. The League of United Latin American Citizens, the League of Women Voters and two individuals filed a lawsuit to challenge the order.

"Geographically, Harris County is larger than the entire state of Rhode Island," Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said. "Our population rivals that of the entire state of Colorado. To propose only a single, secure drop-off location for a county of our size during a pandemic is ludicrous."

Earlier, the Republican-controlled Texas Supreme Court issued a ruling that created a similar partisan reaction about voting security and rights. The court said Harris and other counties could not send unsolicited mail-in ballots to voters.

In-person early voting starts Oct. 13 in Texas. The Texas Library Association is encouraging its member libraries to share election guides created by the League of Women Voters.

Early voting runs until Oct. 30. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Oct. 23, and the deadline to



return a mail-in ballot is Nov. 3.

Along with visiting their local libraries and reading their local newspapers, people may go to the League's vote411.org for information about their ballots for the general election. Also, the Texas Tribune, a statewide nonprofit news initiative, offers ballot information at TexasTribune.com.

TOP EDUCATORS MAKE THE GRADE

Texas' two top teachers work in opposite ends of the Lone Star state.

The Texas Association of School Administrators honored Eric Hale, a kindergarten and first-grade teacher from the Dallas Independent School District, as the 2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year and Anthony Lopez-Waste, a history teacher from Canutillo ISD in El Paso, as the Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Hale was chosen to represent the state as Texas Teacher of the Year in the National Teacher of the Year competition. The announcement was made during the virtual convention of the school administrators and the Texas Association of School Boards.

"My students and parents have survived a category F-3 tornado and are presently living in a pandemic. It is essential

that I make sure they know I am here for them and value their educational development," said Hale, who teaches at David G. Burnet Elementary School.

Superintendent of the Year honors went to J.A. Gonzalez of McAllen ISD. Hurst-Euleless-Bedford ISD won best school board.

'TEXAS IN MY REARVIEW MIRROR'

Texas lost one of its brightest country stars when singer-songwriter Mac Davis died at age 78 of complications from heart surgery.

Born and raised in Lubbock, Davis was known most for his country/pop songs of the 1970s, including "Baby Don't Get Hooked on Me," and for writing a number of Elvis Presley hits, including "Don't Cry Daddy," "In the Ghetto" and "A Little Less Conversation." Davis also had a successful acting career, starring in his own variety show and the movie "North Dallas Forty."

The address for the West Texas Walk of Fame is 1501 Mac Davis Lane in Lubbock, which he sang about in "Texas in my Rearview Mirror."

"Many hearts are broken today, including my own, with the death of one of my dearest friends, Mac Davis," country legend Dolly Parton tweeted. "We lost one of the world's greatest writers, singers and entertainers."

A date for Davis' funeral is pending. In keeping with the last line of "Rearview Mirror," his wife said he will be buried in Lubbock in his jeans.

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SPORTS PAGE

Mr. Rodgers comes to town to face Texans: Cowboys look to rally around Dalton after Dak's injury

Two weeks ago, the Texans picked up their first win of the season when they defeated Jacksonville 30-14 after the firing of head coach Bill O'Brien. The win handed interim head coach Romeo Crennel his first win and the team seemed to play a lot looser. Quarterback Deshaun Watson had a nice day, throwing for 359 yards and three touchdowns.

Things get decidedly tougher this Sunday when Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers visit NRG Stadium. The Packers won their first three games before having their bye week two weeks ago and faced Tampa Bay in Tampa last Sunday. Rodgers and Co. will either arrive with a 4-0 record or a 3-1 mark and as one of the best teams in the NFC.

Texas' other NFL team suffered a huge loss two weeks ago when quarterback Dak Prescott suffered a gruesome ankle injury in his team's 37-34 win over the Giants. Prescott fractured and dislocated his right ankle and if you saw video of it, it wasn't pretty. Prescott was having a career year with 1,856 passing yards, 9 passing TDs, three rushing TDs and one touchdown reception. Cowboy's owner Jerry Jones made a smart move in the offseason by signing Andy Dalton to serve as Prescott's backup. Dalton, who has 10 years of experience as a starting quarterback in the league, came off the bench to throw for 111 yards and put the Pokes in position to win it on Greg Zuerlein's last-second field goal. Dalton is a pro who has led a team to the playoffs, thrown for 31,705 yards and 204 touchdowns in his career. He doesn't have Prescott's mobility, but he's a capable QB who should mesh with Dallas' talented receiving corps.

Other games of note this weekend has the Steelers visiting Tennessee, Tampa Bay visiting Las Vegas on Sunday Night Football and Chicago traveling to Los Angeles to take on the Rams on Monday Night Football.

In college action, Alabama travels to Knoxville to face the Volunteers. 'Bama head coach Nick Saban will be out to defeat a former assistant of his for the 22nd straight time when he faces former defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt. Oklahoma, fresh off its 53-45 triple over time



My pick, Westfield 31, Nimitz 26

NCAA

Alabama at Tennessee: It appears Saban has another high-powered offense in Tuscaloosa as evidenced by the 63 points the Crimson Tide put up at Ole Miss two weeks ago. That's the good news, the bad news is the 'Bama defense gave up 48 points to the Rebels. This week they face a Tennessee team that suffered a 44-21 loss at Georgia two weeks ago. Alabama quarterback Mac Jones (684 yards, 6 TDs) has an outstanding cast of skilled players led by running back Najee Harris (141 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receivers Jaylen Waddle (13 receptions, 276 yards, 3 TDs), John Metchie III (7 receptions, 223 yards, 2 TDs) and Devonta Smith (14 receptions, 152 yards, 1 TD). Look for Saban to shore things up on defense as he and his team make it 22 straight over former 'Bama assistants. My pick, Alabama 41, Tennessee 23

Oklahoma at TCU: Two weeks ago, the Sooners may have saved their season with their 53-45 quadruple overtime win over Texas in the Cotton Bowl. Redshirt freshman quarterback Spencer Rattler (977 yards, 4 TDs) was benched midway through the first half after he turned the ball over twice in the first two quarters. Rattler returned in the second half to lead the Sooners to the win. This week they head to the Metroplex once again to face a TCU team that dropped a 21-14 decision to Kansas State two weeks ago. The OU defense will need to contain quarterback Max Duggan (472 yards, 3 TDs/85 rushing yards, 2 TDs) if they hope to get back in the Big 12 race. My pick, Oklahoma 31, TCU 24

Iowa State at Oklahoma State: A big one in the Big 12 pits the Cyclones against the Cowboys. As of last week, both teams were undefeated in conference play and the winner of this

one could be alone at the top of the league standings. After dropping their opening, Iowa State has ripped off three straight wins heading into their bye week last Saturday. ISU is led by quarterback Brock Purdy (610 yards, 2 TDs) and running back Breece Hall (396 yards, 6 TDs). The Cowboys are led by running back Chubba Hubbard (339 yards, 4 TDs), but this will be their first game since they waylaid Kansas on Oct. 3. OSU might need to knock off the rust, but the extra time off might give starting QB Spencer Sanders more time to heal from a season-opening leg injury. I think the Cowboys balanced attack on offense will be too much for ISU as Mike Gundy's team picks up a big league win. My pick, Oklahoma State 31, Iowa State 23

NFL

Dallas at Washington: This is now Dalton's team and the Cowboys are lucky to have a veteran QB to lead them now that Prescott has been lost for the season. Look for the Cowboys to lean heavily on running back Ezekiel Elliott (365 yards, 6 total TDs) to lead the way on offense while Dalton gets comfortable with his receiving corps led by Amari Cooper, Michael Gallup and outstanding rookie CeeDee Lamb (29 receptions, 420 yards, 2 TDs). This might be a game where the Dallas defense can turn things around when it faces a struggling Washington offense. Look for Elliott to have a big day as the Cowboys take it one game at a time. My pick, Dallas 27, Washington 13

Green Bay at Houston: The last time the Packers visited Houston, Rodgers threw six touchdown passes as the Packers embarrassed the Texans on Sunday Night Football. The Texans will have their hands full not only with Rodgers, but also with running back Aaron Jones (374 yards, 4 total TDs). GB should have talented wide receiver Davante Adams back for this one after he missed the last two games with a hamstring injury. Watson (1,451 yards, 9 TDs) should be able to move the ball through the air against a suspect Packers secondary. In the win over Jacksonville two weeks ago, wide

receiver Brandin Cooks had his best game of the season with eight receptions for 161 yards and a touchdown. I think the Texans hang around in this one, but look for Rodgers to make the plays down the stretch to lead the Packers to victory. My pick, Green Bay 33, Houston 26

Pittsburgh at Tennessee: The Steelers travel to Nashville on Sunday to face the Titans in one of the better matchups of Week 7. Two weeks ago, the Steelers went to 4-0 for the first time with Ben Roethlisberger (1,016 yards, 10 TDs) as their starting quarterback when they outscored the Eagles 38-29. As if they needed it, the Steelers found another offensive weapon to go with running back James Conner and wide receiver Juju Smith-Schuster in rookie wide out Chase Claypool (13 receptions, 261 yards, 4 TDs). All Claypool did against Philly was score on a run and three pass receptions in addition to catching seven passes for 111 yards. The Steelers are a nightmare for any defense, especially a solid one like the Titans. Tennessee can play with the Steelers thanks to quarterback Ryan Tannehill and running back Derrick Henry. The Steelers have issues in the secondary, so look for Tannehill to exploit them early and often as the Titans pick up a big conference win. My pick, Tennessee 30, Pittsburgh 27

Tampa Bay at Las Vegas: Tom Brady (1,375 yards, 12 TDs) and the Bucs hit the City of Lost Wages on Sunday Night Football to face a Raiders team that upset the Kansas City Chiefs in KC two weeks ago, ending KC's 13-game winning streak. Two weeks ago on Thursday night, Brady lost count of what down it was and threw the ball away on fourth down, which resulted in a 20-19 loss to the Bears. Things won't get any easier this week against a Raiders team that is balanced on offense led by quarterback Derek Carr (1,442 yards, 11 TDs), running back Josh Jacobs (377 yards, 5 TDs) and tight end Darren Waller (34 receptions, 285 yards, 2 TDs). Las Vegas put up 40 points on the Chiefs, but they will face a tougher defense this week. Brady will look to make more plays down field to wide

receiver Mike Evans (22 receptions, 271 yards, 5 TDs) and should have speedy wide out Chris Godwin back for this game. If the Raiders are indeed going to factor in the AFC West race, they need to begin taking care of their home field, where they've lost their first two games played in their new multi-billion dollar palace. My pick, Las Vegas 27, Tampa Bay 23

Chicago at Los Angeles Rams: Week 7 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Bears heading west to take on a very good Rams team. As mentioned earlier, the Bears picked up a 20-19 home win over Tampa Bay two weeks ago, while the Rams dominated Washington 30-10. The Rams are playing very good defense, led by defensive tackle Aaron Donald who had a career high four sacks against Washington. Quarterback Jared Goff (1,379 yards, 8 TDs) looks like he did two years ago when he led the Rams to the Super Bowl. He has been spreading the ball around nicely to wide receivers Cooper Kupp (28 receptions, 352 yards, 2 TDs), and Robert Woods (23 receptions, 365 yards, 3 TDs). LA is also getting production from running back Darrell Henderson. The Bears are led by quarterback Nick Foles (680 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Allen Robinson (35 receptions, 421 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the Rams to use the national stage to let the rest of the NFC know they are indeed back and will be a force with which to contend in 2020. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 31, Chicago 20

Analysis from Week 6

The Bill O'Brien era ended in Houston on Monday, Oct. 5 when the Texans brass gave him his walking papers after the team got off to a 0-4 start. It was probably the right thing to do.

Thus far in the 2020 season, the Texans have struggled on both sides of the ball and after losing at home to what was a winless Minnesota team the day before, Texans chairman and chief executive officer Cal McNair had seen enough.

Romeo Crennel will serve as the interim head coach for the remainder of the season as the search for a new head coach begins.

The Texans brain trust should give serious consideration to hiring a head coach who can take quarterback Deshaun Watson to the next level. Watson has the talent to be a top five QB in the NFL, but it seems his game has been stymied under O'Brien's tutelage.

Many Texans fans will want Watson's former college coach, Clemson head coach Dabo Swiney to get the job, but I think Swiney has his eyes set on replacing Nick Saban when he decides to step down as Alabama's head coach. Swiney is an Alabama graduate and was a member of the 1992 national championship team. I don't know if he would be interested in an NFL job, but the Texans should at least see if he would be interested.

While fans wait for a new head coach, there is still a season to be played and this week the Texans are supposed to travel to Nashville to face the Titans. Tennessee has been hit hard by the coronara virus and there is no guarantee the game will be played on Sunday. It will probably be a wait-and-see situation.

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2020 6A Football Schedule

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CRIME WATCH

Theft of ATM on Tidwell

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, at approximately 3:38 a.m., more than four unknown suspects caused irreparable damage to an ATM (valued at \$50,000) located in the 600 block of East Tidwell Road in Houston, Texas. During the incident, the suspects used chains that were hooked to a stolen truck to open the ATM door. The suspects then stole over \$62,000 from the ATM. The suspects fled in an unknown direction of travel.



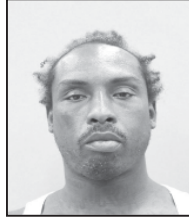
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Fatal shooting at 7313 Northline Drive

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man at 7313 Northline Drive about 5:55 p.m. last Thursday (Oct. 1).

The suspect, Marcus Lee (b/m, 39), is charged with capital murder in the 262nd State District Court for his role in the killing of Sixto Garcia, 48. A booking photo of Lee is attached to this news release.



HPD Homicide Division Detectives R. Naughton and L. Patterson reported:

Mr. Garcia drove to the apartment complex parking lot at the above address with the intention to purchase narcotics. He pulled his vehicle next to a male (Lee) and handed him cash for the drugs. Lee accepted the money, but did not provide Garcia the drugs. Lee began to walk away with the money and Garcia pulled his vehicle next to Lee to ask for his money back. At that time, Lee pulled a gun, shot Garcia several times and then left the scene on foot. Paramedics pronounced Garcia deceased at the scene.

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by Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Daniel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel 22, who said, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer?" David, Samuel, Peter, Solomon

3. 2 Kings 19 and which other book's chapter are almost alike word for word? Deuteronomy 7, Isaiah 37, Jeremiah 50, Job 16
4. From 2 Samuel 11, who was the mother of King Solomon? Ruth, Jezebel, Bathsheba, Miriam
5. As stated in Judges 16:19, who cut Samson's hair? Servant girl, Delilah, Unnamed man, Rebekah

6. From Genesis 4, who perhaps invented farming? Adam, Cain, Abel, Jubal
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) David; 3) Isaiah 37; 4) Bathsheba; 5) Unnamed man; 6) Cain
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As more and more Aldine ISD students return to their respective campuses for in-person learning beginning with the second nine week of instruction on Oct. 20, Aldine ISD's Transportation Department is working with campus principals to provide bus service for those students who request it.

Each student who is scheduled to receive bus service on Oct. 20 will receive bus route and bus stop information from their campus in the manner outlined:

- Current 'Learn at School' students will receive a letter on Oct. 14 or Oct. 15.
- Current 'Learn at Home' students will be contacted by their campuses before October Oct. 20.

Students who are eligible for transportation and would like bus service should reach out to their campus to request transportation services. The campus will process requests on behalf of the parents and students. Transportation services will begin in accordance with the schedule below:

If campus administrators requested transportation service Oct. 4-16, students will receive transportation services in the afternoon on Oct. 26.

Campus administrators who requested transportation service Oct. 17-23, students will receive transportation in the afternoon of Nov. 2.

Campus administrators who requested transportation service Oct. 24-Oct. 30, students will receive transportation in the afternoon of Nov. 9.

Campus administrators who requested transportation service Oct. 31-Nov. 6, students will receive transportation in the afternoon of Nov. 16.

Campus administrators who requested transportation service Nov. 7-Nov. 13, students will receive transportation in the afternoon of Nov. 30.

Campus administrators who requested transportation service Nov. 14-Nov. 27, students will receive transportation in the afternoon of Dec. 7.

Campus administrators who requested transportation service Nov. 28-Dec. 4, students will receive transportation in the afternoon of Dec. 14.

MacArthur graduate serving in Air Force

HURLBURT FIELD, Fla. – Daisy Aguilar felt a calling to join the Air Force since she saw uniforms, crisp drill movements and ceremonial rifles of Junior ROTC members when she was 14 years old.

Aguilar joined MacArthur Senior High School's Junior ROTC program in Houston, Texas, getting a taste of the military's camaraderie and high fitness standards.

"I knew I wanted to join the military," said Aguilar, who is now a senior airman and financial technician with the 1st Special Operations Comptroller Squadron. "I didn't join right after high school because I was scared of leaving my family."

Aguilar's family selflessly moved to the United States approximately 30 years ago to create a better life for their four future children.

"When my parents came to the United States, it was for us, it wasn't for them," Aguilar said. "I know they moved here for a better quality of life, better experiences and more opportunities for us."

Aguilar's parents were not initially supportive of her decision to join the U.S. Air Force, but that did not stop her drive on the tough road to becoming an Airman.

"They didn't understand the benefits that the Air Force has to offer," said Aguilar. "They support me now."

Aguilar left home for basic military training in the warm summer of 2018 and has worked at Hurlburt Field for more than two years. When Aguilar finally arrived at her first duty station, eight years after her calling to join, her squadron commander politely asked her for her first name. Aguilar, beaming with pride, said with a smile, "please call me Airman Aguilar."

"Joining the Air Force was the hardest thing I've ever done," Aguilar said. "Hearing the title Airman reminds me of all of my hard work and dedication."

When Aguilar hears the title 'Airman' she is reminded of her parent's sacrifices that allowed her to be where she is today and her tough uphill battle to become an Airman.

After working in the 1st SOCPPTS for more than a year, Aguilar's work ethic and attention to detail led her to be selected to the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard.

"She's a joy to be around, a very hard worker and very outgoing," said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Jarad Royster, the flight chief of financial operations with the 1st SOCPPTS. "She's a testament to how people can grow in the Air Force."

Aguilar left Honor Guard in the summer of 2020, returned to the 1st SOCPPTS and was recently promoted to senior airman. She currently manages the 1st Special Operations Wing's debt program, correcting all debt issues Air Commandos may encounter.

"There are many moving parts in military pay, especially being the [a part of the] most deployed wing in the Air Force," Royster said. "Aguilar attacks all of her tasks head-on."

Aguilar's family, Hispanic culture and life experiences contributed to her drive to be and excel as an Airman.

The U.S. Air Force is composed of diverse Airmen of all genders, races, sexual orientations and religions. National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15. It celebrates the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

"Diversity is very important," said Royster. "When you move, you take a little bit of everyone with you, and it helps you grow as a person."

Aguilar's parents always told her "hagas lo que hagas, hazlo con pasión," which translates to "whatever you do, do it with passion," she said.

"I wanted to repay my country for all of the opportunities it opened up for me and my family," said Aguilar.




Airman Daisy Aguilar

Photo and Story by Airman 1st Class Blake Wiles

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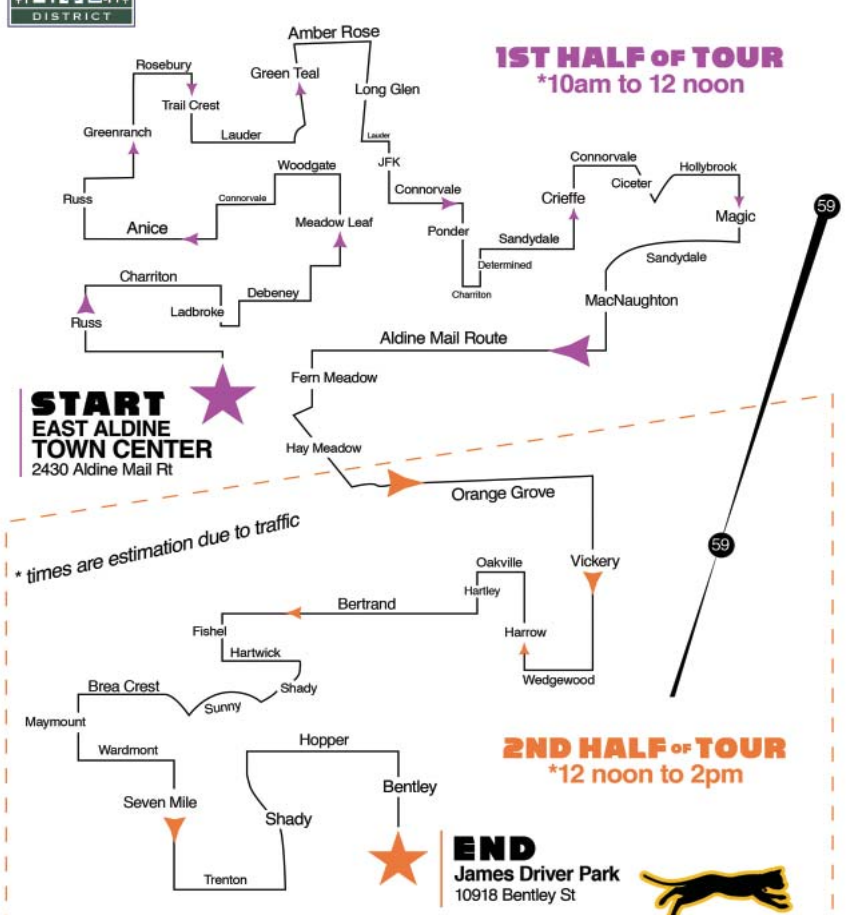




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