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# NORTHEAST NEWS

## Americanisms



"If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these acceptance speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven."

— Will Rogers

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# 87th Texas Legislature convenes in Austin

## New House speaker lays out challenges

The 87th session of the Texas Legislature opened Tuesday with COVID-19 encompassing every aspect of what the lawmakers do, according to new House Speaker Dade Phelan. "COVID, obviously, it will be a blanket over the entire session," Phelan told his hometown TV station, KFDM Channel 6, in Beaumont. "We will deal with it in every aspect of pol-

icy. It will be a huge determining factor in the budget.

Before the pandemic hit, Phelan said, legislators "were supposed to come into this budget cycle with a surplus, and now we're coming into it with a deficit..." Money will be even tighter for the next two-year budget lawmakers write during the session, he said.

"The No. 1 goal is to get the economy back on track," Phelan said.

For opening day, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and State Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth and



TEXAS STATE CAPITOL, AUSTIN

chair of the administration committee, laid out safety protocols for lawmakers and visitors to

follow at the Capitol, which recently reopened after closing in March because of the

pandemic. The opening ceremony was scheduled to be shorter than usual to reduce time spent gathering.

"It's always been difficult to be speaker. It's never been easy, but going into this session, the 87th, given the budget deficit, redistricting, and the fact that we have the first pandemic in 102 years in which to operate, I'm exceptionally proud they've given me this honor," Phelan said of the bipartisan coalition of lawmakers that voted for him to be the new speaker.

Phelan, a Republican,

stressed the bipartisan spirit of Texas and cited how well former Gov. George W. Bush worked with Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock during their time serving together at the Capitol.

"That is the Texas model. We've always worked that way," Phelan said. "If you're sitting at the speaker's dais and you're looking at all the chairs in the House chamber, there is no left side or right side, red, blue, like there is in Washington, D.C. We all sit amongst each other."

Lawmakers are scheduled to be in session until May 31.

## Eagles' linebacker Waymon Finley Named Northeast News' Defensive Player of Year

By Mike Keeney  
Contributing Writer

For the last three years, Waymon Finley has been a mainstay in the Eisenhower Eagles football program.

He's played on both sides of the ball, but is a standout linebacker who completed his senior season with 60 tackles, five tackles for losses, one forced fumble, and two sacks. Those numbers earned him the Northeast News' Defensive Player of the Year honors. He also contributed on offense by rushing for 422 yards to lead the Eagles to a 3-4 record and a berth in the Class 6A playoffs.

The 5-10, 215-pound inside linebacker is a favorite of head coach Eric Jackson, who said he would miss having the dependable Finley around now that his senior season is completed.

"Waymon is a great football player," Jackson said. "He's quick, he tackles well and is a very powerful young man. I'm going to miss coaching him."

He also served as one of the team's leaders, Jackson said. "Waymon played with a lot



Eisenhower High School linebacker Waymon Finley has been named the Northeast News' 2020 Defensive Player of the Year.

of heart. He was a three-year starter for us and we will miss him."

As a junior, Finley was named the first team all-purpose player by the District 16-6A coaches (as of this writing, the league has not voted on the all-district team for the 2020 season).

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## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS County libraries provide service in spite of Pandemic

By Jada Mier

Harris County Branch Libraries Celebrates 100 years of Service and Continue modified services during the Pandemic.

This year HCPL celebrates the library's first one hundred years and its commitment to remain a vital and vibrant asset for the people of Harris County. Edward Melton, HCPL's Executive Director says, "The growth, progress and innovation you see in the library's story over its first one hundred years mirrors that of Harris County." In preparation for their Centennial, HCPL librarians, for the first time, began systematically collecting and digitizing materials to document the library's history. Their efforts resulted in the HCPL Digital Archive, an ongoing collection of photos, articles, scrapbooks, and videos of HCPL since 1921. Each month in 2021, the Archive will present digital exhibits to tell a specific story – bookmobiles, important people



HIGH MEADOWS HARRIS COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY IN ALDINE

at HCPL, hurricanes and other disasters. It will also feature each of HCPL's 26 branches throughout 2021, with detailed timelines that trace the library's century long commitment to serve Harris County residents.

Although Harris County Branch Libraries have been closed to the public since the end of March 2020. The libraries have had alternatively a strong online presence by posting virtual programs to Facebook and Instagram pages. Since people can no longer walk into library buildings

to browse books or utilize the rows of computers, the new curbside services have made it possible for citizens to still obtain materials and print needed documents.

Stratford, North channel, Jacinto City, Galena Park, High Meadows, and Aldine are only six of the twenty-six Harris County Branches that have adapted their services to meet their community's needs. Two of their most success-

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## SCHOOL NEWS

## NEWS NOTES

## Two HCPH Locations Offering Free COVID-19 Testing

There are two stationary sites. At the M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine, children can also be tested. Hours are 6am-1pm. Register at [www.hcphx.org](http://www.hcphx.org) or call **832-927-7575**.

For the Pasadena stationary site at San Jacinto Central Campus, people must be 13 or older to be tested and people can register at [www.doineeda.covid19test.com](http://www.doineeda.covid19test.com) or call **832-927-7575**.

## New ACCESS2Health Services now open

Pct. 2 has installed a Medical Smart Pod office in the parking lot at the Northeast Community Center on Bentley.

The public can get Free COVID-19 tests, and many other medical services. According to Dr. Bernice Koko of United Health Partners, all services are free and walk-ins are welcome, no appointment necessary.

## COVID-19

Cases as of January 12, 2021

HOUSTON AREA  
19 COUNTIES

424,203 POSITIVE  
4,456 DEATHS  
338,930 RECOVERED

## TEXAS

1,993,187 POSITIVE  
30,629 DEATHS  
1,568,710 RECOVERED

## UNITED STATES

22,775,378 POSITIVE  
379,444 DEATHS  
--- RECOVERED

## WORLDWIDE

91,374,370 POSITIVE  
1,956,635 DEATHS  
50,537,714 RECOVERED

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

City of Houston Pre-Screening  
832-393-4220  
Harris County Ask a Nurse  
713-634-1110  
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## Virtual Storytime Fun Returns on January 7 and 28

The sessions help families develop early literacy skills in our youngest learners — current and future preschoolers and kindergartners — in a fun manner.

It's time for storytime! Aldine families, please gather your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun with some of our fantastic librarians and district staff. Families will also receive tips for their children to gain early literacy and language development skills.

On the first and last Thursday of each month, AISD staff will narrate a different children's book. Sessions are in English and Spanish.

## Upcoming Storytime Sessions

Dates: Thursday, January 7 and Thursday, January 28

• Virtual link for all sessions: <https://zoom.us/j/91286173652>

• English sessions run from 5:00-5:30 p.m.

• Spanish sessions run from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Reading is the basis of learning. So how early should families begin to read to children?

"Families can start reading aloud to their baby as early as they like — the earlier, the better," said Marco Zannier Virginillo, program director for library media services. "I encourage families not to wait too long to start reading to their children. If you don't start early, it will be harder to get a child to love reading."

Virginillo added that parents impact how children view reading. If a parent states they don't like reading, children will have a negative attitude toward reading. He encourages families to read together because it promotes bonding and helps build their relationship with their children.

Dr. Martha Escalante, executive director of family and community engagement (FACE), said language, communication, and literacy are linked. She added that one of the best ways to encourage a love for reading is to create a language-rich environment. For example, ask children to talk about their day and talk about what they are doing. Talking, storytelling, playing, pretending, rhyming, engaging in activities (e.g., grocery shopping, working in the garden) together, and singing with children is just as important as

reading to/with them. The FACE Department hosts the sessions.

"When most people talk about literacy, they're talking about reading and writing," Demedia Edwards, director of literacy, said. "But before children can read and write, kids need to learn about sounds and how we communicate

staff to begin using the new program at the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Early literacy helps your child ...

- to know sounds, words, and language, and develop early literacy skills

- spark your child's imagination and stimulate curiosity —



in our world."

Literacy skills begin with phonological awareness or recognizing spoken words, sounds, and syllables. Preschoolers learn through rhyming books and songs. Listening and using language is essential. Families should ask their children questions for a response. Edwards stated to have fun making up silly words. All these activities build literacy skills in young children. Reinforce basic reading principles by allowing preschoolers to act out reading. This type of play is critical before they learn to read. These activities help preschoolers figure out how a story comes out of a book. They are learning context from pictures and memory.

As the district's head of literacy, Edwards' role is designed to align with AISD's Student Achievement strategic plan's work. Specifically, that all third-graders will read on or above grade level. The district is committed to ensuring our students are set up for a life of choices and opportunities. The director of literacy role is new, spotlighting the district's focus on getting students to master skills early in their education, so they read on grade level. Aldine's new literacy program launched over the summer, training

- as they grow, encourage them to read material and genres that interest them

- develop their brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills, and communication skills

- learn the difference between 'real' and 'make-believe.'

- understand new or frightening events and the emotions that come with them

- develop empathy, tolerance, and other social skills

- learn about the world, their culture, and different cultures

**Want to learn more about Aldine's new literacy program? Join us at the free virtual #LiteracyMatters Conference on January 30!**

The district invites families interested in learning about the science of reading and how you can improve students' literacy skills. Nationally recognized experts include Natalie Wexler and Meredith Liben. Keynote speakers are Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, Susan Lambert, and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Todd Davis, with special sessions from TNTP, Robin McClellan, Janise Lane, and Karen Vaiteas. Register online today!

## Aldine ISD Trustees hold monthly board meeting on Dec. 15

Aldine ISD Trustees held their Dec. 15 Board meeting with some Trustees attending live in the Board Room of the Donaldson Administration Building and others via videoconference in accordance with the modified open meetings act by order of Gov. Greg Abbott. Board President Paul Shanklin, Assistant Secretary Dr. Kimberley Booker and Members Steve Mead and Randy Bates joined Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and members of her Executive Leadership Team in the Board room, while Vice-President Rose Avalos, Secretary Connie Esparza and Member Dr. Viola M. Garcia took part in the meeting via videoconference.

## AISD Trustees reorganizes

During the Dec. 15 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved a new slate of officers. Each year, the Board reorganizes in December. The Board's Nominating Committee, consisting of Member Randy Bates, and Members Steve Mead and Dr. Viola M. Garcia, recommended that Paul Shanklin serve as president, Dr. Kimberley Booker serve as vice-president, Connie Esparza serve as secretary and Rose Avalos serve as assistant secretary. Mr. Bates, Dr. Garcia and Mr. Mead will serve as members.

## Aldine ISD earns state's highest fiscal accountability rating for 17th straight year

For the 17th consecutive year, Aldine ISD received a rating of "Superior" under Texas' School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) accountability rating system. The "Superior" rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Aldine ISD's financial management and reporting system. Aldine ISD received a score of 98 out of a possible 100 points.



Carter Academy Principal Lee Wold, center, was recognized at the Dec. 15 AISD Board meeting for being named the 2020 Texas Art Education Association's Principal of the Year. Pictured with Wold is AISD Chief of Schools Katy Roede and School Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Crystal Watson Barrow.



Kujawa Elementary second-grader Dylan Virtudazo was recognized at the Dec. 15 AISD Board meeting for making a difference in his community. He raised funds to feed the homeless at Thanksgiving. Dylan, center, was joined at the meeting by his family and friends, along with AISD's Chief of Schools Katy Roede and School Assistant Superintendent of Elementary School's Crystal Watson Barrow.



United Airlines was recognized for their service to the Aldine community during the Dec. 15 Board of Trustees meeting. Pictured with United employees Andy Jamison, left, and Darrin Hall, right, is Aldine Education Foundation Director Linda Olson.

## Defensive Player award,

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"Waymon is a good kid, he's not a big talker, but he lets his action on the field do his talking for him," Jackson said.

Finley said he was happy with his season and hopes to get the opportunity to continue his academic and football career in college, where he will major in physical education with hopes of becoming a coach someday.

"I think I did good this year," he said. "I like the contact and I like to compete."

## Carver HS Takes Part in Technical Theatre Proficiency Exam

Developed in collaboration with the U.S. Institute for Theatre Technology, the BACKstage Technical Theatre Pilot Exam will test high school students' competency in a broad range of technical theatre topics. Carver High School for Applied Technology, Engineering, and the Arts will be taking part in the pilot.

The Educational Theatre Association (EdTA) and USITT hope that the program will help establish technical theatre as a viable career and technical education pathway.

The exam has been written by a team of educators and industry professionals and will be taken by several thousand students in 171 schools in 39 U.S. states and Taiwan as part

of the pilot program. A pre-test will be given between September 8 and October 22, and a post-test will be given next spring to finalize the exam further.

As a general release, EdTA and USITT aim to make the exam available publicly within a year after the pilot program completes. The organizations will also pursue state and industry recognition for the finalized test.

"I am thankful to the people over the years who have put the work into our eSET program and to the team that used that program as the basis for this exam," says USITT Executive Director David Grindle.



Jabari Collins

The Department of Theater at Carver HS for Engineering, Applied Technology, and the Arts has charted a student chapter of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT). The campus is making history. Carver is the first school to have a USITT student chapter in the Aldine Independent School District. This is the first student chapter of the USITT in the district.

A full list of participating schools can be found at [SchoolTheatre.org](http://SchoolTheatre.org).



COMMUNITY NEWS

Harris County Libraries

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ful system wide programs include Book Buddies and their Career Online High School scholarships. In the Career Online High School scholarship the students Earn an accredited high school diploma while gaining real-world career training through a flexible, supportive, online education program. Book Buddies switched from a branch run program to a county wide program, opening the program for Little Buddies all over Harris County. Book Buddies at Home is a free program that brings children in K-3rd grade (Little Buddies) and HCPL staff (Big Buddies) together to share the joy of reading in a safe online environment. For 10 weeks, the buddies met once a week for 30 minutes of one-on-one shared reading on Teams.

The first thing to change across the board was how patrons were able to get their physical items. Employees of branch libraries are doing phone-in reference and checkout work. Through Harris County Public Library's online cat-

alogue patrons are able to browse books, movies and CD's and call the branch directly to have items checked out. After the patron calls the branch of their choice all that is left to do is to drive to the location and pick up the requested items.

Printing services work almost exactly the same way, it's an all online process. At each Branch there is a poster explaining in detail how to print out documents directly from any device. Once a patron has uploaded their document and necessary funds through PayPal the only thing left to do is call the branch and provide them with their library card number so that an HCPL employee can take their documents to them.

Book and movie bundles are also a service offered by each branch, patrons can request a customized assortment of books through Harris County's website Hcpl.net and pick them up once they receive a conformation email or phone call. The libraries mission has always been to

service the community, the pandemic has not stopped their mission it's simply changed how they complete it

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Aldine ALDINE: 832-927-5410  
Address: 11331 Airline Dr, Houston, TX 77037

Vaccine Registration available in city

HOUSTON - The Houston Health Department launched today online registration allowing Houstonians at the highest risk of coronavirus disease to schedule appointments to receive free COVID-19 vaccinations. A Spanish version is anticipated to launch later in the day.

People age 65 and older and people age 18 and older with at least one chronic medical condition putting them at increased risk of severe illness and death may sign up to get the vaccine at HoustonEmergency.org/COVID19.

These groups are prioritized as Phase 1B of the State of Texas' vaccine distribution plan.

Frontlines healthcare workers who have yet to receive the vaccine also are eligible to sign up to get the shot through the health department. Healthcare workers are grouped as part of Phase 1A distribution.

Appointments are also available through the health

department's COVID-19 call center by calling 832-393-4220. The call center is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with hours extended until 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"The Houston Health Department is doing a phenomenal job getting the vaccine directly to people. The new online registration, in addition to the call center, will make the process more efficient. While there is great public demand for the COVID-19 vaccine, there is also a lot of hesitancy. I understand the concerns, but I encourage all eligible Houstonians to get vaccinated to help stop the spread of the deadly virus," said Mayor Sylvester Turner.

As additional doses become more plentiful in the coming weeks and months, the department will ramp up local vaccination efforts and announce other free vaccination opportunities.

Medical conditions placing

people at high risk include cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart conditions, solid organ transplantation, obesity and severe obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease and type 2 diabetes.

The department currently offers the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, recommended for people 18 years of age and older under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization.

People will receive an appointment time and the location of the vaccination clinic site during the registration process. Staff with the department will screen people when they first arrive at the clinic site, direct them to a secure area to receive the vaccination and monitor them for any adverse reaction for 15 minutes.

Information about COVID-19 vaccines, including safety and efficacy, is available online on the COVID-19 Vaccine page of HoustonEmergency.org/covid19. ;

Highlands Rotary modifies Feb. 6 Chili Feast

Raffle ON, Chili OUT, Location NEW

HIGHLANDS - The raffle associated with the Annual Highlands Rotary Chili Feast will be held at The Highlands United Methodist Church, 107 W Houston St., Highlands, on Saturday, February 6th. Due to the pandemic, there will not be a Chili dinner, auction or any other type of events that is usually associated with the Chili Feast. Just the raffle. There will be nothing held at St. Jude's Catholic church this year.

Rotarians will be at the Methodist Church from 9 am till 12 noon on Feb 6th to sell tickets and people are encouraged to come there to buy tickets if they have not bought tickets yet. Cut off for ticket sales will be 12 noon on the 6th.

There will be a live internet feed, Facebook, Clubrunner or other location. The drawing will be held in the same manner as before - all ticket stubs will be placed in the hopper and all ticket stubs will be drawn and all tickets drawn will be recorded as usual.

Prizes will be available that day at the Methodist Church and if the winner can not pick them up that day they will be taken to Weston Cotten's Law Office on the corner of Wallisville and Thompson in Highlands.

This is the Rotary Club's ONLY fundraiser for all of the projects they do in and around Highlands, including Scholarships, Partners in Education, Bay Area

Homeless Shelter, the book mobile for Highlands Library (in progress), Baytown Youth Fair, Crosby Youth Fair, Bra's for the Cause and many more, and we are asking the community to please continue their support by buying these tickets. Tickets are available in the community at the office of Larry White, DDS - 281 426 3558, Charlie's Ice House - 281 426 3632 and Jeremy Rosenkranz State Farm - 281 426 3512 and Weston Cotten Law Firm - 281 421 4050.

Our sponsors will be recognized on that day through our live feed and we want you to please say thank you to all of them for their support in this difficult year.

Harris County COVID Test Sites open

HOUSTON - The Houston Health Department and its agency partners are announcing the schedule for sites offering free COVID-19 tests the week of January 11, 2020. Nineteen FREE+FAST+SAFE testing sites across Houston are on the schedule for the week.

Houston Health Department

The Houston Health Department will offer drive-thru testing at two surge sites affiliated with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Southwest Multi-Service Center, 6400 High Star Drive, and Houston Community College - North Forest, 6010 Little York Rd., will offer nasal self-swab tests.

The sites will open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Appointments are available at doineedacovid19test.com and on-site registration is also available. Each site has a daily capacity of 1,250 tests.

The department also offers free drive-thru testing via self-nasal swab at the Aramco Services Company, 9009 W. Loop South. The mega testing site will open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The site has a daily capacity of 250 tests.

People wanting to get tested at the Aramco site can call the department's COVID-19 Call Center at 832-393-4220.

The department will offer testing at three community sites that don't require appointments. Each has a daily capacity of 250 tests:

- Kingwood Community Center, 4102 Rustic Woods Dr., Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., drive thru, self-nasal swab,
- Alief Regional Library, 7979 Kirkwood Rd., Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., drive thru and walk up, self-nasal swab, and
- Clark Community Center, 9718 Clark Rd., Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., walk up, self-nasal swab.

The department will provide self-nasal swab testing at the METRO Addicks Park & Ride, 14230 Katy Freeway, and the Multicultural Center, 951 Tristar Drive, city of Webster. Appointments are available by calling the department's call center at 832-393-4220.

Texas Division of Emergency Management

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Houston Astros offer self-oral swab tests daily at Minute Maid Park (Lot C), 2208 Preston. The testing site's capacity is 1,200 tests per day.

The site features eight drive-thru testing lanes and four walk-up testing lanes. It will open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Spanish-speaking staff is available on-site.

Visit curative.com to set an appointment or obtain more information. On-site registration is also available.

TDEM and the department will also operate drive-thru sites offering tests Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at:

- HCC - Northeast Campus, 555 Community College Drive, self-mouth swab tests, and
  - HCC - South Campus, 1990 Airport Blvd., nasal swab tests by healthcare professionals.
- TDEM and the department offer drive thru, nasal-swab tests administered by healthcare professionals at LeRoy Crump Stadium, 12321 Alief Clodine Rd. The site is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appointments for TDEM sites are available at covidtest.tdem.texas.gov On-site registration is also available.

United Memorial Medical Center

United Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) will offer nasal-swab testing by healthcare professionals at drive-thru test sites at:

- Plaza Americas Mall, 7500 Bellaire Blvd.,
- Houston Community College - Southeast, 6815 Rustic, and
- UMMC Tidwell, 510 W. Tidwell Rd.

The sites don't require appointments and will offer testing Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until reaching daily capacity of 300 tests.

People needing information about UMMC test sites can call 1-866-333-COVID or visit ummscreening.com.

Curative

Curative will provide walk up, self-mouth swab tests daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at four locations, each with a 900 daily test capacity:

- Memorial Park Running Trails Center, 7575 N. Picnic Lane
  - Kroger, 1801 S. Voss Rd.
  - Kroger, 9303 S. Highway 6, and
  - Kroger, 6322 Telephone Rd.
- Appointments are required and available at curative.com.

Federally Qualified Health Centers

The health department is providing test kits, lab access and equipment to local Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) so they can expand their COVID-19 testing capacity. The centers and phone numbers people can call to set up testing appointments are:

- HOPE Clinic, 713-773-0803
- Spring Branch Community Health Center, 713-462-6565
- El Centro de Corazon, 713-660-1880
- Avenue 360 Health and Wellness, 713-426-0027
- Lone Star Circle of Care at the University of Houston, 346-348-1200, and
- Scarsdale Family Health Center, 281-824-1480.

FQHC patients pay what they can afford, based on income and family size, and are not denied services due to inability to pay or lack of insurance.

The department and its agency partners may shift locations and schedules of test sites to better meet community needs. Houstonians can visit HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 for current Houston testing sites and information about stopping the spread of the virus.

Information obtained through testing, treatment or services will not be used against immigrants in their public charge evaluation.




**Highlands Rotary Club's**  
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Raffle & Auction

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OPINION PAGE

**A MESSAGE**  
From Dr. LaTonya Goffney  
Aldine ISD Superintendent

*Insurrection at the U. S. Capitol  
A Teachable Moment*

Dear Aldine Community,

Yesterday's events in our nation's Capitol and its images left many of us speechless. It seemed surreal to see mayhem, riots, and horrifying unrest unfold.

These events have created confusion, hurt, fear, disappointment, and even anger, no matter your political beliefs. January 6 will be a day we collectively remember as a sad day in history. What happened is unacceptable.

It is fitting that my word for 2021 is *Forward*. While I believe in the importance of reflection, we cannot get stuck reliving the past. We have to look to the future with hope and move forward.

That said, we must learn from what took place at the Capitol yesterday. It is a teachable moment. Democracy and civility are fundamental to our nation's success. These are values we must instill in our children to ensure they are preserved in future generations. Hate and violence have no place in our American democracy.

I still believe in the words "United we stand, divided we fall." We need each other to navigate through volatile times. Together, we are stronger. Together, we can do better and move forward.

Aldine ISD remains committed to teaching our students to understand the importance of being informed and engaged members of society. Throughout their academic journey, they will learn to value facts, honor truth, and respect differences. They will learn about the freedoms — the right to vote and exercise the democratic process — that make this country great. They will also be taught to challenge inequities and value diversity. They will have experiences that help them understand the importance of leadership and the consequences — good and bad — that come along with that responsibility.

Leadership matters. The students in our classrooms are our future leaders, and we are responsible for how we shape their hearts and minds. How we treat each other matters. Let's do better together!

We are committed to creating a culture of belonging for all students and families. The recent events at the U.S. Capitol have shown our country — including our children — that violence and hatred can and do exist in our democracy. We offer these resources as a way to talk about what is happening in our country — from the most inspiring demonstrations of democracy to the most shameful displays of racism — in hopes that the world's future leaders will take away lessons on how to build an even brighter future for our communities.

**Supportive Resources for Social and Emotional Health**

Caring for Students in the Wake of a Traumatic News Event

Five Ways to Help Students in Trauma

How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War

Aldine Educators have access to the Panorama Education Playbook — a compilation of videos, lessons, and resources to use with students (login with Google – Aldine email)

Mindfulness Practices to help with the aftermath of a traumatic event

When Bad Things Happen — tolerance.org

How to Talk to Kids About Difficult Subjects — commonsensedia.org

10 Ways to Talk to Kids About Events in the News — education.com

**Specific Resources for Current Events**

Responding to the Insurrection at the U.S. Capitol — facinghistory.org

Talking to Kids About the Attack on the Capitol — nea.org

How to talk to your kids about violence at the U.S. Capitol — denverpost.com

In Solidarity,

Dr. LaTonya Goffney

Superintendent



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Chris Cobler



*Texas is going big with its approach to COVID-19*

**Trying to speed up**

Texas is going big with its approach to COVID-19 vaccinations this week.

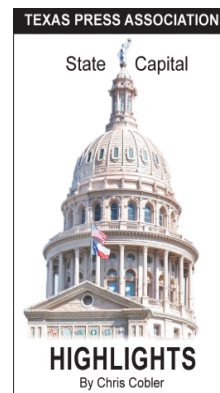
Most of the doses available this week are going to 28 larger providers that can vaccinate at least 100,000 people, Texas Department of State Health Services officials said in a statement. Some doses also will be going to smaller providers in more rural parts of the state.

"We are working hard to improve the vaccination process for everyone," Dr. John Hellerstedt, state health commissioner, said in a statement explaining the pivot to the larger vaccination hubs.

Providers that receive the larger amounts of vaccine will vaccinate health care workers, people 65 and older, and those who have a medical condition that increases their risk of severe disease or death. They also agree to provide a registration phone number and website and to vaccinate people from surrounding areas.

The Texas Department of State Health Services surveyed vaccine providers about their capacity to operate large, community vaccination sites and on Sunday published a list of vaccine hub providers. The hubs will receive a total of 158,825 doses this week.

An additional 38,300 doses will go to 206 providers. Of Texas' 254 counties,



104 will receive vaccine shipments this week.

State health officials stressed that people need to register in advance for the shots and should not just show up at one of the hubs. Officials also urged patience as supplies remain limited.

**Model behavior**

The small city of Dickinson set an example for how to handle a close election.

The race for mayor ended in a tie, but the two candidates didn't duke it out. Instead, candidates Sean Skipworth and Jennifer Lawrence followed state law, which calls for a random selection in the unlikely event of a tie.

Mayor-elect Skipworth described a

decidedly different scene to KHOU-TV: "We get up there, one of us wins, one of us loses, and we give each other a hug or whatever, say, 'Good job' and wish you the best. Hopefully that's how it's going to be in the country in the future going forward."

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at [ccobler@texaspress.com](mailto:ccobler@texaspress.com).

**TX Comptroller estimates \$112b available**

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) today, showing the state is projected to have \$112.5 billion in revenue available for general-purpose spending during the 2022-23 biennium.

The revenue estimate represents a 0.4 percent decrease from funds available for the 2020-21 biennium. This decline is a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused revenue collections to fall well short of what was expected when the Legislature approved the 2020-21 budget; the ending 2020-21 balance will be close to a negative \$1 billion.

"As is always the case, this estimate is based on the most recent and precise information we have available," Hegar said. "It represents our efforts to provide lawmakers with the most accurate forecast possible as they craft the budget for the 2022-23 biennium and the supplemental spending bill to address the remainder of the current biennium."

"The forecast, however, remains clouded with uncertainty. The ultimate path of the pandemic and the behavior of consumers and businesses during a resurgence are difficult to gauge. It's also unclear how they'll respond once the pandemic is fully under control. As a result, there is a wide range of possible outcomes for state revenue through the end of fiscal 2023, with the possibility of revenue falling short of this forecast but also a chance revenue could exceed it, perhaps substantially."

"In any case, the Legislature will again face some difficult choices to balance the budget. While savings from agency spending cuts and federal funding could help erase the projected shortfall for this biennium, a substantial supplemental appropriations bill could increase it, thereby reducing revenue available for the next biennium."

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Mensaje de la Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney, Superintendente de Aldine ISD

Querida comunidad de Aldine:

Los acontecimientos de ayer en la capital de nuestra nación y sus imágenes nos dejaron a muchos sin palabras. Fue surreal ver el caos y los terribles disturbios.

Estos eventos han creado confusión, dolor, miedo, decepción e incluso ira, sin importar sus creencias políticas. El 6 de enero será un día que recordaremos colectivamente como un día triste en la historia de Estados Unidos. Lo sucedido es inaceptable.

Será apropiado que mi palabra para el 2021 sea 'Adelante'. Si bien pienso en la importancia de la reflexión, no podemos quedarnos estancados reviviendo el pasado. Tenemos que mirar al futuro con esperanza y seguir hacia adelante.

Dicho esto, debemos aprender de lo que sucedió ayer en el Capitolio. Es un momento propicio para la enseñanza. La democracia y el civismo son fundamentales para el éxito de nuestra nación. Estos son valores que debemos inculcar a nuestros hijos para asegurarnos de que se conserven en las generaciones futuras. El odio y la violencia no tienen cabida en nuestra democracia estadounidense.

Aún creo en las palabras «Unidos venceremos, divididos caeremos». Nos necesitamos unos a otros para navegar en tiempos volátiles. Juntos somos fuertes. Juntos, podemos hacerlo mejor y seguir adelante.

Aldine ISD mantiene su compromiso de enseñar a nuestros estudiantes a comprender la importancia de ser miembros informados y comprometidos de la sociedad. A lo largo de su trayectoria académica, aprenderán a valorar los hechos, honrar la verdad y respetar las diferencias. Aprenderán sobre las libertades, el derecho a votar y ejercer el proceso democrático, que hacen grande a este país. También se les enseñará a desafiar las desigualdades y valorar la diversidad. Tendrán experiencias que les ayudarán a comprender la importancia del liderazgo y las consecuencias, buenas y malas, que acompañan a dicha responsabilidad.

El liderazgo importa. Los estudiantes en nuestras aulas son nuestros futuros líderes y somos responsables de cómo damos forma a sus corazones y mentes. La forma en que nos tratamos es importante. ¡Hagámoslo mejor juntos!

Estamos comprometidos a crear una cultura de pertenencia para todos los estudiantes y familias. Los recientes acontecimientos en el Capitolio de los Estados Unidos le ha demostrado a nuestro país, incluidos nuestros niños, que la violencia y el odio pueden existir y existen en nuestra democracia. Ofrecemos estos recursos como una forma de hablar sobre lo que está sucediendo en nuestro país, desde las más inspiradoras demostraciones de democracia hasta las más vergonzosas manifestaciones de racismo, con la esper-



anza de que los futuros líderes del mundo aprendan lecciones sobre cómo construir un futuro aún más brillante para nuestras comunidades.

Recursos de apoyo para la salud social y emocional

Cuidar a estudiantes en el evento de situaciones traumáticas en las noticias

Cinco formas de ayudar a estudiantes traumatizados

Cómo hablar a los niños sobre la violencia, el crimen y la guerra

Los educadores de Aldine tienen acceso al Panorama Education Playbook — una recopilación de videos, lecciones y recursos para usar con los estudiantes (iniciar sesión con Google — correo electrónico de Aldine)

Prácticas para ayudar con las secuelas de eventos traumatizantes

Cuando cosas malas suceden — tolerance.org

Cómo hablar con los pequeños sobre temas difíciles — commonsensemedia.org

10 formas de hablarle a sus hijos sobre lo que sucede en las noticias — education.com

Cómo hablar con los niños sobre las tragedias y otras malas noticias

Consejos para padres para cuidar la salud mental de sus hijos durante una crisis pública

Recursos específicos para los eventos actuales

Respuesta a la insurrección en el capitolio de los Estados Unidos — facinghistory.org

Hablar a los niños sobre el ataque en el Capitolio — nea.org

Cómo hablar a sus hijos sobre la violencia en el Capitolio de los Estados Unidos — denverpost.com

En solidaridad,

Dra. LaTonya Goffney Superintendente



VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Online every week hear stories that live in books.

¡Acompáñenos este 7 de enero! Vuelve la diversión de la lectura virtual de cuentos

Las sesiones ayudan a las familias a desarrollar destrezas de alfabetización temprana en nuestros estudiantes más pequeños — actuales y futuros alumnos de preescolar — de una manera entretenida.

¡Es hora de leer cuentos! Familias de Aldine, por favor reúnan a sus hijos en edad preescolar y niños pequeños para disfrutar de historias, rimas, canciones y alegría con algunos de nuestros fantásticos bibliotecarios y personal del distrito. Las familias también recibirán consejos para que sus hijos adquieran habilidades tempranas de alfabetización y desarrollo del lenguaje.

El primer y último jueves de cada mes, el personal de AISD narrará un libro infantil diferente. Las sesiones están en inglés y español.

Próximas sesiones de lectura de cuentos

Fechas: Jueves, 7 de enero y jueves 28 de enero

Enlace virtual para todas las sesiones: <https://zoom.us/j/91286173652>

Las sesiones en inglés serán de 5:00 a 5:30 p.m.

Las sesiones en español serán de 5:30-6:00 p.m.

La lectura es la base del aprendizaje. Entonces, ¿cuán temprano deben comenzar a leer las familias a los niños?

«Las familias pueden comenzar a leer en voz alta a su bebé tan pronto como quieren, cuanto antes, mejor», recomienda Marco Zannier Virginillo, director del programa de servicios de medios bibliotecarios. «Animo a las familias a no esperar demasiado para empezar a leer a sus hijos. Si no empiezan temprano, será más difícil conseguir que a un niño le guste leer.»

Virginillo añadió que los padres influyen en la forma en que los niños ven la lectura. Si un padre afirma que no le gusta leer, los niños tendrán una actitud negativa hacia la lectura. Alimenta a las familias a leer juntos porque promueve la unidad y ayuda a construir su relación con sus hijos.

La Dra. Martha Escalante, directora ejecutiva de participación departamento de relaciones con la familia y la comunidad (FACE), refirió que el lenguaje, la comunicación y la alfabetización están vinculados. Añadió que una de las mejores maneras de fomentar el amor por la lectura es crear un ambiente rico en lenguaje. Por ejemplo, pida a los niños que hablen sobre su día y hablen sobre lo que están haciendo. Hablar, contar historias, jugar, fingir, rimar, participar en actividades (por ejemplo, ir de compras, trabajar en el jardín) juntos y cantar con niños es tan importante como leer con ellos. El Departamento DE FACE organiza las sesiones.

«Cuando la mayoría de la gente habla de alfabetización, están hablando de lectura y escritura», expresó Demedia Edwards, directora de alfabetización. «Pero antes de que los niños puedan leer y escribir, los niños necesitan aprender acerca de los sonidos y cómo nos comunicamos en nuestro mundo.»

Las habilidades de alfabetización comienzan con la conciencia fonológica. El reconocimiento de palabras habladas, sonidos y sílabas, que a menudo se aprende a través de libros de rima y canciones se resaltan durante la historia. Edwards refirió que escuchar el ritmo del habla y rimar palabras, hacer preguntas para responder, inventar palabras tontas, todo ello desarrolla destrezas de alfabetización en niños pequeños. Los principios básicos de lectura se refuerzan cuando los niños pueden simular que leen antes de saber leer. Estas actividades ayudan a los niños en edad preescolar a descubrir cómo es que una historia sale de un libro a la vez que aprenden sobre el contexto desde imágenes y la memoria.

Como jefe de alfabetización del distrito, el papel de Edwards está diseñado para alinearse con el trabajo del plan estratégico Student Achievement de AISD. Específicamente, que todos los estudiantes de tercer grado leerán en o por encima del nivel de grado. El distrito se compromete a asegurar que nuestros estudiantes estén listos para

una vida de opciones y oportunidades. El puesto de director de alfabetización es nuevo y representa el enfoque del distrito en conseguir que los estudiantes dominen habilidades al principio de su educación, por lo que leen sobre el nivel de grado. El nuevo programa de alfabetización de Aldine se puso en marcha durante el verano, capacitando al personal para comenzar a usar el nuevo programa al comienzo del año escolar 2020-21.

La alfabetización temprana ayuda a su hijo a ...

conocer sonidos, palabras y lenguaje, y desarrollar habilidades de alfabetización temprana

despertar la imaginación de su hijo y estimular la curiosidad — a medida que crecen, animelos a leer el material y los géneros que les interesan

desarrollar su cerebro, capacidad de concentración, habilidades sociales y de comunicación

aprender la diferencia entre 'lo real' y 'hacer creer o simular'.

entender eventos nuevos o aterradores y las emociones que los acompañan

desarrollar empatía, tolerancia y otras habilidades sociales

aprender sobre el mundo, su cultura y diferentes culturas

¿Desea saber más sobre el nuevo programa de alfabetización de Aldine? ¡Acompáñenos a la conferencia virtual gratuita de #LiteracyMatters el 30 de enero!

El distrito invita a las familias interesadas a aprender acerca de la ciencia de la lectura y cómo puede mejorar las habilidades de alfabetización de los estudiantes. Entre los expertos reconocidos a nivel nacional se encuentran Natalie Wexler y Meredith Liben. Los oradores principales son Superintendente Dra. LaTonya Goffney, Susan Lambert, y el Oficial Jefe Académico Dr. Todd Davis, con sesiones especiales de TNTP, Robin McClellan, Janise Lane y Karen Vaites. Haga clic aquí para obtener más información o registrarse en línea hoy mismo!

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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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  - 17 Beer type
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  - 25 That lady
  - 26 Gopher
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  - 31 Greek vowel
  - 32 Seth's son
  - 33 Wager
  - 34 Historic period
  - 35 Big D.C. lobby



- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the longest river in Asia?
- TELEVISION:** What is the name of the trashcan dweller in PBS' "Sesame Street"?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of nuts are used to make marzipan?
- MOVIES:** What incantation did the fairy godmother use to transform the character in Disney's animated "Cinderella"?
- MEDICAL:** What is a more common name for onychocryptosis?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a male goose called?
- LITERATURE:** In which famous work did the phrase "eat, drink and be merry" appear?
- MUSIC:** What is the most watched video on YouTube?
- CHEMISTRY:** What is the chemical symbol of potassium?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which company sells its popular clothing with the slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?

1. Yangtze River; 2. Oscar the Grouch; 3. Almonds; 4. Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo!; 5. Ingrid Bergman; 6. A gander; 7. The Bible; 8. "Baby Shark Dance"; 9. K...



# COMMUNITY WATCH

## Fatal Hit & Run at 2800 Airline Drive

Houston police are investigating a fatal hit-and-run crash at 2800 Airline Drive about 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday (December 9).

The identity of the male victim, 62, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant F. Briones and Officer S. Le reported:

The victim was walking southbound at the above address when he was struck by a vehicle of unknown make and model traveling northbound on Airline Drive. It is unclear if the victim was walking in the roadway or had stepped off the sidewalk as the vehicle passed. The driver fled the scene without stopping to render medical assistance. Houston Fire Department paramedics transported the victim to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

## WANTED: Suspect who shot and killed two people on Jensen Drive

For Immediate Release: January 8, 2021

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspect(s) responsible for a Murder.

On Sunday, September 13, 2020, Houston Police officers responded to a person down call in the 9000 block of Jensen Drive in Houston, Texas. Upon arrival, officers found two victims laying unresponsive on the ground. Both victims sustained multiple gunshot wounds and were pronounced deceased at the scene. Video surveillance captured the suspect's vehicle (a black sedan) enter the parking lot where the victims were located. Moments later several shots were fired from the vehicle then the suspect vehicle fled the location.

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



## Fatal Shooting at 410 North Sam Houston Parkway East

Charges have been filed against a suspect wanted in the fatal shooting of a man that occurred at 410 North Sam Houston Parkway East service road about 8:05 p.m. on December 6.

The suspect, Luis Rey Ybarbo (H/m, 21), is charged with murder and aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon in the 338th State District Court. Ybarbo is wanted for his role in the death of Macario DeLeon, 18. A previous booking photo of Ybarbo is attached to this news release.



HPD Homicide Division Detectives C. Lamont and L. Lange reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting in a strip center parking lot at the above address. Upon arrival, they found the victim (Mr. DeLeon) suffering from gunshot wounds. He was transported to an area hospital by Houston Fire Department paramedics where he was pronounced deceased.

Investigators learned two males, including DeLeon, were conducting a transaction with a third male when a robbery occurred and DeLeon was struck by gunfire. Three other people present during the robbery fled the scene, two of whom returned and were interviewed by detectives. They were released pending further investigation.

Further investigation led to the identification of the third individual who initially fled as Luis Rey Ybarbo. On December 15, he was charged in DeLeon's death. The other two individuals who initially fled continue to cooperate with detectives and are not charged in this incident.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Luis Rey Ybarbo or in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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2. In 1 Peter 2, all believers are called to be part of a royal ...? Family, Priesthood, Flock, Wedding
3. From Judges 11, what judge of Israel was a prostitute's son? Hosea, Jephthah, Samson, Lot
4. In Revelation 12:3, how is Satan depicted? Silver goat, Black horse, Red dragon, 7-winged bat

5. From 2 Kings 23, where was King Josiah killed? Megiddo, Anathoth, Philadelphia, Jericho
6. In Esther 1, what king did she marry? Jehu, Omri, Ahasuerus, Zedekiah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Priesthood; 3) Jephthah; 4) Red dragon; 5) Megiddo; 6) Ahasuerus  
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## Harris students receive gifts from C.U.R.E



Bryan Carroll, founder and Executive Director of C.U.R.E. (Community Under Reconstruction through Education) delivered some holiday joy to a group of Harris Elementary students on Thursday, Dec. 17.

He surprised 10 students with new coats, shoes and a book he has authored. Carroll was born in Killeen and raised in Baltimore. He has spent the last 10 years living in Houston and believes strongly in giving back to his community.

"Christmas has always been an important time of year for me, especially when I was a youngster," he said. "It means a lot to me to see a smile on a child's face when they receive a gift."

Carroll, who appears in the OWN Network's "Ready for Love" program, has a passion for teaching. He uses his skills as a behavioral specialist to support students.

"I've done a number of events in the Acres Homes Area and I hope to continue doing so," he said.

Harris Elementary Principal Norman Dionisio said he and his staff appreciate Carroll and C.U.R.E.'s generous outreach.

"This is a great thing for our students and a great treat for them," Dionisio said. "Most of the students who are receiving the new coats and shoes are walkers, so these are perfect gifts for them."

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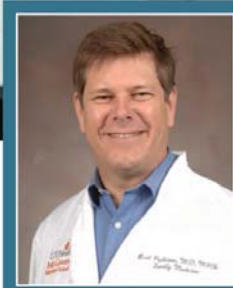
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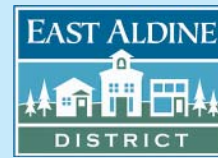
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## East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

### Meet the new Sheriff's Office day shift patrol supervisor

There is a new sheriff in town — well, sort of. We had a chance to get to know the new Harris County Sheriff's Office day shift patrol sergeant for District 2, which includes East Aldine: Sgt. Raymundo Coronado.

Coronado was born in Monterrey, Mexico and migrated to the United States with his family when he was 2; first to Illinois and later making the move to Houston. He attended school on Houston's southeast side and earned a bachelor's graduate from the University of Houston. He became a U.S. citizen in his early '20s.

The sergeant first joined the Sheriff's Office in 1991. He is a fluent Spanish speaker.



What are the responsibilities of your new assignment?

"I oversee deputies assigned to patrol the District 2 area during the daytime. When there is a major scene involving our agency, you'll probably see me there. Basically, I check officers in. I review offense reports, I review crash reports. I do payroll. I do administrative stuff. I go to any large (the most important crime or crash) scenes. I still participate in patrol, when needed."

Why is a role like yours important in the patrolling process?

"This person oversees the street (patrol) officers, who are the first responders. We mentor officers. I have been around over 25 years and have knowledge in various areas of law enforcement. I have worked the jail, booking/releasing, immigration, patrol, administration and investigations. We must keep our skill set up and continue training because it makes you a better officer."

How can the business and citizens of the Aldine area support you in your new role?

"I encourage them to report suspicious activity and criminal activity. Don't worry if you don't speak English or you are concerned about immigration status, just call. We will go to investigate and take due course of action. We want the public to feel comfortable in reporting incidents to us. They can report emergencies to 911 but they can reach us about non-emergencies at Central Dispatch at 713-221-6000. We have some great officers patrolling the area."

Your officers work closely with this community. Are there any activities or events that the officers participate in on a regular basis?

"Yes. Every Thursday our officers assist in the food distribution at Stampede Houston 11925 Eastex Fwy, A). One of the local church groups hands out the food. Also, currently, the first Wednesday of every month, we assist BakerRipley (3000 Aldine Mail Route Rd). They are also having food distribution during the pandemic. I am not sure exactly how long that event will continue but we are there to help."

Will people see changes or anything new coming from you in the new leadership role?

"Well, I have only been in this role for three weeks, so I am still looking and learning more about this community. I am looking forward to knowing as much as I can and making this a better district while keeping our officers safe."

When not working, this father helps raise his two children, one of whom has special needs. As an immigrant with English as his second language, Sgt. Coronado feels like he can relate to the needs and struggles of people within his patrol area.

Congratulations Sgt. Coronado on your new role and welcome to East Aldine.

By Jessika Leal. Interviewed in November 2020.