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21,199,010 TESTS

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## Lone Star's East Aldine campus tops 1000 students

ALDINE (April 1, 2021) – In September, when Gloria Villa registered for her classes at Lone Star College-East Aldine Center, no balloons or confetti fell, but she set a milestone for the satellite center by becoming its 1,000th student enrolled.

Opened during the fall 2019 semester, it took just four semesters for LSC-East Aldine Center to surpass triple-digits for students enrolled.

The center, much like the main campus at LSC-North Harris, is home to a variety of students such as high schoolers, workforce, and in Gloria's case, transfer students.

"I see LSC-East Aldine Center helping me achieve my goals by showing me the college experience, and all the help I receive from here will always benefit me in the long run," Villa said. "The college offers so



Entrance to the new Lone Star College East Aldine Center

much help through the tutors and advisors to help me along the way."

For two years, Villa is working on her core courses before moving on to pursue her degree in Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, with her sight set on becoming a police officer and homicide detective.

The resources provided to students like Villa were one factor that sold her on continuing her education at LSC-East Aldine Center after graduating high school. Of course, seeing firsthand how the school impacted a family member is what initially caught her attention.

"I chose LSC-East Aldi-

ne Center because one of my family members attended the LSC-North Harris campus, and they are now achieving great things," Villa said. "I also liked what they have to offer, and they have been really welcoming and helpful."

Seeing the relationships continue to grow from family member to family member and throughout the community is a goal that the center's leadership is proud to see flourish.

"My team and I are constantly looking for ways to support our area students and ensure they have what they need to be successful," said Dr. Luis Lucio, dean, LSC-East Aldine Center. "I can honestly say that the entire faculty and staff go that extra mile for every one of our students."

It won't be long before another student comes along and sets the next



DR. LUIS LUCIO  
LSC EA Dean

milestone. By then, the center will have served thousands of other students like Villa who found their place by choosing LSC-East Aldine Center.

"We would like to continue to grow our center, support the community, and foster higher education opportunities by adding more programs and courses at the center," said

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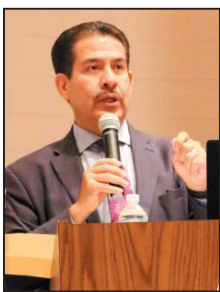
## Garcia's motion will bring \$3 million to fight violent crime

HARRIS COUNTY – By a vote of 5-0, Harris County Commissioners Court approved an item presented by Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia which adds \$3 million to the Sheriff Department's budget to fight specific aspects of violent crime. Remaining Federal CARES Act money is being used to fund this initiative. The funds will be used to protect victims and reduce violent crime, stemming from the pandemic.

The additional \$3 million will be restricted to the following areas of investigation:

- Murder
- Sexual Assault
- Aggravated Robbery
- Child Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Warrants

"While others' rhetoric on crime usually focuses on making political statements solely to sell fear, I'd rather my office concentrate on action. All too often, the loudest voices you hear on TV would prefer to



see themselves acting tough on the 10 o'clock news, rather than do the hard work that actually might make a difference" said Commissioner Adrian Garcia. "I choose to invest in programs that will actually keep people safe and hold evil-doers accountable. This is a smart use of these funds and even though the full extent of this plan can't be captured with three words on a posterboard, I'm glad to have sponsored the item."

"Fallout from the pandemic has driven a surge in violent crime across America, and Harris County has not been immune," said Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. "As residents struggle with job loss, evictions, and the everyday stress of pandemic life, we have documented a significant rise in domestic violence, child abuse, murder, and other violent crimes. So far, our proactive anti-crime efforts have helped us avoid the major outbreaks of violence that oth-

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## AOC helps distribute water in East Aldine

### Brings \$5 million in Freeze Relief



After the Deep Freeze and subsequent Power and Water outages of early February, many individuals and organizations contributed to help those needing water, food and heat. In East Aldine, on February 20, New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) joined with State Representative Armando Walle, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, State Senator Carol Alvarado, BakerRipley CEO Claudia Aguirre, and many others to distribute water to local residents that were unable to get water in their homes or stores. In addition, AOC raised \$5 million to help in the Relief effort.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

**TO OUR READERS:**  
The current Covid-19 Pandemic, weather and economic conditions have caused us to combine some issues every two weeks, and to change distribution to Pick-up locations. See page 8 for 50 locations where you can get a copy of the Northeast News, and page 7 for email subscriptions. We thank you for your continued support.

## NEWS NOTES

### BAA program "Dedicated Parents, Successful Children"

Bonding Against Adversity presents a Free Zoom class to provide parents with positive ideas to help their children become more successful in school and life.  
Tuesday, April 13 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.  
"Dealing Positively with Our Emotions."  
Register online or call 281-799-9076 for more information.

### \$3 million to fight crime,

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er jurisdictions have reported. I'm grateful to Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the entire Commissioners Court for giving our deputies the support they need to prevent violence and thoroughly investigate these cases to keep our county safe."

The plan of action to utilize these funds will be to use recent crime data to identify dangerous hotspots where caseloads are high and staff shortages are most pronounced. Violent Crimes Units will prioritize investigations of repeat offenders and organized criminal activity. In addition, the Adult Special Crimes Unit will identify domestic abuse suspects who have not been captured as well as Adult Sex Crimes investigations. The Sheriff's Office will produce reports documenting investigations, charges filed, number of closed cases, and warrants executed during the life of this initiative.

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## CHARLOTTE'S WEB



### Finding Your Joy

Like many others, the pressures that we have all faced within the past year have sometimes zapped my energy. There are weeks that all is going well and then splat, you feel like you are a bug that was just hit by a windshield of a car moving 90 miles an hour.

Do you know that feel? One day my friend called to tell me that her young adult child had really messed up and was in jail. She did not know the first thing about posting bail or even finding out the charges. All she knew was that she was in traffic heading to the Houston Medical Center as her elderly father was being discharged from a six-week hospitalization with COVID. She was distraught to say the least. As I prayed with her, I could hear her over and over asking why she was experiencing so much at one time.

Later that same day, I heard from a young man who was upset that his father was not willing to cosign for him a vehicle. The frustration was real and many of the things which the young man pointed out seemed to justify that his dad should trust him enough to cosign for the loan, but I had to remind the son that we do not always know what is going on in someone else's life.

Many people look for their happiness or their joy in their status in the community or in the balance in their bank account. Many more look for that warm fuzzy feeling by accolades that they receive for completing a milestone such as longevity on a job or a recent promotion.

There are those who seem to find their happiness in making others look bad. I know, I hate to say it, but it is true. I recently listened to a friend who had spent months taking care of an ill relative. She was worn out from going above and beyond in helping the loved one. At the same time, it seemed as those she was seeking for someone to praise her. Maybe, if she had not sought praise, she would have been rewarded?

Life is busier and many people are "burning their candle at both ends" and yet there are more people dealing with mental illness and stress than before.

I pray that as many of the people in our lives will be celebrating Resurrection Sunday, we will all take time to slow down. Reevaluate our priorities and get back into a routine of taking care of ourselves, our loved ones and finding the happiness that money cannot buy. Make a list of those you have not talked to in months. Pick up the phone and call them. If there are people who without their friendship, this past year would have been even rougher, let them know. Life is too short not to be kind and find your passion.

### LSC EA 1000 students,

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Lucio. "The sky is the limit!"

LSC-North Harris and LSC-East Aldine Center advisors are ready to meet with students ahead of fall registration opening Monday, April 12. To learn more about programs offered or to schedule a virtual appointment with an academic advisor, please visit [LoneStar.edu/LearnMore](http://LoneStar.edu/LearnMore).

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dents each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. Lone Star College consists of seven colleges, eight centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).



#### TOP TEN MOVIES —

1. Raya and the Last Dragon (PG) animated 2.
  2. Tom & Jerry (PG) Chloe Grace Moretz, Colin Jost
  3. The Courier (PG-13) Benedict Cumberbatch, Merab Ninidze
  4. Chaos Walking (PG-13) Tom Holland, Daisy Ridley
  5. The Croods: A New Age (PG) animated
  6. Boogie (R) Taylor Takahashi, Pamelyn Chee
  7. The Marksman (PG-13) Kathryn Winnick, Liam Neeson
  8. Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine
  9. The Little Things (R) Denzel Washington, Rami Malek
  10. The Father (PG-13) Anthony Hopkins, Olivia Colman
- Source: Box Office Mojo  
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## A MESSAGE

From Dr. LaTonya Goffney  
Aldine ISD Superintendent

### Message From the Superintendent, March 23, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

Welcome back from spring break! I hope all of you had a safe and relaxing week. I want to start off this week's message by addressing the devastating acts in Atlanta last week. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our country has seen a rise in hate crimes and violent speech directed at Asian Americans. Last week's shootings amplify the disturbing theme that is transpiring. As a district, we stand with our Asian American brothers and sisters in our community and across the country. At Aldine, we celebrate each others' differences and use them as an opportunity to learn and grow — ultimately creating positive change. We are dedicated to holistically addressing equity within the district by creating an environment where every single student has the opportunity to learn in a safe and welcoming environment.

I hope you will join us in celebrating #SELday on Friday, March 26. AISD is focused on social-emotional learning to build strong mindsets and positive school culture. The mind, body, and heart are just as important if not critical to helping students' academic growth and better handling of life's challenges and stresses. Skills such as respect toward others, compassion, and perseverance are essential to succeed in school, college and work.

Now that spring is officially here, the countdown is underway to the last day of school. During the last 50 or so days of the year, let's rally to finish strong. Please continue encouraging your students to be curious, ask questions, and find ways to make learning excited. We know it can be difficult, but it is important that all students — whether learning at home or on campus — engage with their lessons and complete assignments, quizzes, and projects. If you do not have a Home Access Center (HAC) account, please sign up via the Home Access Center website. Report cards for the third nine weeks will be uploaded to HAC on Monday, March 29, 2021.

#### Reminder — Choice School Deadline

As we begin to look ahead to a new school year, don't forget that the Choice Schools application is now open! Families and their children can choose from Aldine's various unique academic programs — preschool through high school — throughout the district. New to this year's choices are the Young Women's Leadership Academy and Aldine Newcomer School.

Why choose Choice Schools? All children are unique. Each learns in different ways, has aspirations for different careers, and is interested in different subjects. We believe that if students can attend a high-quality school that matches their interests, they will be engaged and meet their goals. Students do not need to be zoned to Choice Schools, but they must apply. Due to these programs' popularity and limited seating, the district selects students through an electronic lottery system. The application deadline is this Friday, March 26, 2021. The first virtual lottery for Choice Schools will be on April 3. Click here to apply.

#### ALDINE LEGACY BUILDERS

We had a wonderful time announcing and celebrating all of the winners with a spring break-themed virtual party. Please join me in congratulating all of our Teachers and Principals of the Year!

Winners of the Inaugural Black History Oratory Competition were also announced earlier this month at the Aldine ISD board meeting. The talent of our students continues to amaze me.

#### COVID-19 Testing/Safety Protocols/ Vaccination News

As we return to school from a week of travel and seeing others, I would like to ask each of you to please continue to adhere to the district's safety protocols. If your child has tested positive or been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please no-



tify your child's teacher and your school nurse to receive information on the next steps. As a reminder, drive-thru rapid COVID-19 testing is available for all Aldine ISD students and staff learning and teaching on-campus at:

M.B. Sonny Donaldson Child Nutrition Services Building  
1802 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032  
Online registration is required.

It was announced yesterday that Texas would open COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all adults beginning Monday, March 29. Under the expanded eligibility, Texans 16 and older can receive a vaccine. However, the Pfizer vaccine is the only approved vaccine available for that age group. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have been approved for people 18 and older. Click here to read more.

I encourage everyone to continue doing their part: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

#### TEACHER RECRUITMENT EXPO

AISD is Looking for Amazing, Talented, Caring Teachers! — The district will host a Virtual Teacher Recruitment Expo on Thursday, April 1, 2021. During the one-hour session, prospective teachers will learn about the district, the application process, and how school principals can interview potential educators. For information about job positions and to apply, visit the Human Resources webpage.

#### NEWS

School Trustees Approve the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar: Trustees approved the calendar during the regular March Board Meeting. The first day of school will be Monday, August 16, and the last day of instruction will be May 26, 2022. For a complete list of important dates and holidays, click here.

District Students Shine at the Regional Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE): Several high school students earned honors for their exemplary work. Ten students earned 'Superior' distinction advancing them to the state event in April.

High School Students Earn Top Honors at State Academic Decathlon: Students from Victory Early College HS, Blanson CTEHS, Carver HS, and MacArthur HS won distinctions at the state event.

Boys and Girls Soccer Teams Dominate District 14-6A: Aldine ISD is sending seven teams to the Class 6A State Soccer Playoffs. Click on the link to read more about the teams from MacArthur HS, Aldine HS, Eisenhower HS, and Nimitz HS.

#### Reminder: School Meals Available

Free curbside meals/weekend meal bundles are available for all children 18 and younger. We also offer free evening meals to students at all middle schools, ninth grade schools, and high schools. It's not easy to learn on an empty stomach — we encourage all of our families who need this program to take advantage of it. Please contact your campus for more information.

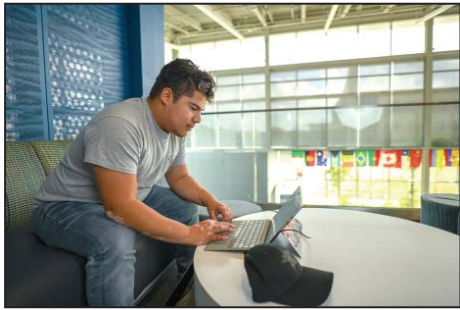
I wish you a wonderful week ahead.  
With Aldine Pride,  
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendent

### COVID 19 Testing Sites in NE Harris County

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## Lone Star College #1 Hispanic Online Community College



HOUSTON (Jan. 22) – TexasOnlineColleges.com has ranked Lone Star College as the No. 1 Hispanic Online Community College in Texas. LSC was also recognized as one of the top Hispanic-Serving Institutions in Texas.

“Lone Star College remains committed to helping all students be successful,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. “This recognition is a testament to our faculty and staff who continue to demonstrate extraordinary support and guidance to our students.”

TexasOnlineColleges.com used proprietary methodology that takes into account key metrics for identifying academic excellence including a small student-to-faculty ratio, a high number of online programs offered, a high percentage of online students, high graduation rates and its academic influence based on the number of scholarly contributions made by the institution’s faculty in their fields of study and how often they were cited by other scholarly works.

LSC offers 11 associate degrees and 22 certification/fast degree programs that can be completed 100% online. Students looking for a particular online course can also take advantage of thousands of single courses which can be taken to fulfill other degree requirements. Visit LoneStar.edu/OnlinePrograms to learn more.

“Lone Star College used stimulus funds to purchase 6,000 computers for students needing assistance this year to help address the digital divide that so many students face,” said Head.

The LSC Laptop Loaner program is available to registered LSC students even if they already have a computer. These computers come fully loaded with the latest software and can be kept for as long as they remain a LSC student.

In addition to being recognized as an online leader in online education by TexasOnlineColleges.com, LSC has also been 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% Hispanic.

LSC welcomed 36,729 Hispanic students in fall 2020, representing 42.7% of the total student population.

## Lone Star College awards more than \$14 million in CARES Act funding

HOUSTON (Dec. 9, 2020) – Lone Star College awarded \$14,411,628 to 18,089 students through its Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocation. LSC also awarded almost \$50,000,000 in Pell Grants to over 20,000 students during this past spring and fall semesters. “We understand how incredibly difficult this year has been for our students,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. “I am extremely proud of the work done by our employees to not only



Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor

secure this vital funding, but to ensure it gets to where it’s needed most.”

CARES Act funds are federal emergency grants for students designated for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These expenses can include cost of attendance, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care. Pell Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and, unlike federal student loans, do not need to be repaid.

In addition to CARES Act funding and Pell Grants, LSC Foundation awarded scholarships to 2,242 students totaling \$2,165,264 in 2019-2020.

“My lifelong dream of attending school and getting the best quality education is now moving forward thanks to generous educational scholarships like these,” said Prisca Mongare, LSC-Montgomery student and recipient of the LSC Chancellor’s Essay Scholarship.

Spring registration is underway with class start dates available throughout the year. Plus, many students still qualify for financial assistance which covers educational expenses including tuition, fees, books and supplies. Learn more at LoneStar.edu/Spring2021.

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## Aldine ISD Board Approves 2021-2022 School Calendar

Parents and students can start making their summer plans and marking key dates for fall and spring.

The school board approved next year’s calendar. The start date is Aug. 16, 2021. The last day of school will be May 26, 2022.

Thanksgiving will be a full week again. The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved the calendar recommendations for the 2021-2022 instructional calendar during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 9.

The district received input from teachers, parents, community members, campus administrators, and support staff. To seek public input, the district posted an online survey for community members to provide feedback on two proposed calendar drafts.

The calendar is based on an instructional year of 76,985 minutes, required by state House Bill (HB) 2610.

### 2021-2022 IMPORTANT DATES

- August 16: First Day of School
- November 22-26: Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 20-31: Midwinter Break for Students
- January 3-4: Staff Development
- January 5: Classes Resume
- March 14-18: Spring Break
- May 26: Last Day of Instruction
- May 27: Last Day for Teachers

What if schools close due to inclement weather or other emergency circumstances?

Inclement weather make-up days will be June 1 and June 2 (if needed). Thereafter, students and staff will make up any time needed to satisfy attendance and the state requirement of 76,985 instructional minutes.

### Student Grading Periods

AISD is waiting for UIL confirmation on the nine-week grading periods. Once confirmed with UIL, the district can add the dates and share them with the public.

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★ OPINION PAGE ★



## Sheriff Gonzalez: to better serve and protect

A Message from Sheriff Ed Gonzalez:

At the Sheriff's Office, we have been working hard to implement strategies and solutions to better serve and protect our residents and to keep building trust.

We recently formed the Community Problem-Oriented Policing Unit, also known as CPOP, to foster meaningful relationships with residents, gain insight into the unique needs of each community, and empower people with knowledge and resources through our partners.

Each patrol district will have two dedicated deputies who will spend their time getting to know the businesses, schools, houses of worship, and neighborhoods in their area. They will start to establish relationships with the neighbors that make up the community.

In all of these efforts, the goal is to get the community involved before a crime takes place; to create a bond before a crisis erupts. This way, residents feel more empowered to share what's on their mind and what public safety concerns or issues on their block keep them up at night. And that makes us all safer.



We're using community policing and data to drive down crime and enhance our quality of life. We want to ensure that the residents we serve are our partners; that we're all working together to tackle problems, especially the hard ones.

Last week, we announced the move toward a greater reliance on data analysis to identify the nexus of crashes and crime. The proven operational model called Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) improves deployment decisions, keeps deputies and residents informed, and demonstrates the power of data to address disproportionately affected areas.

As an agency, we're always exploring innovative approaches that align with our core values, promote transparency and accountability, and focus on engaging residents in a deeper way.

Our neighbors should bring concerns to the deputies patrolling their community. Our deputies should actively include their voices – even those critical of law enforcement – in conversations around strategies for resolving problems in their neighborhood.

CPOP deputies will be knocking on doors, reviewing calls for service, working collaboratively with district commanders and various units across our agency, and seeking community input through surveys and forums. They will be following up with residents to make sure their issues were properly resolved. They will connect people with critical resources through our partners, such as the United Way of Greater Houston and BakerRipley, to assist them with their needs.

Over the next several weeks, the CPOP Unit will attend training focused on the relational policing and community policing models and will work with patrol district leaders on an action plan to rollout in their areas.

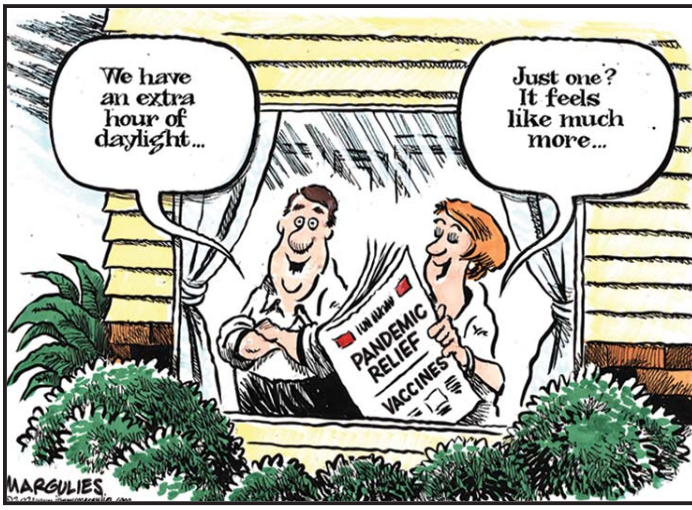
As peace officers, our actions must be driven by our training and love for our community. Over the past year, civil unrest over racial justice has led to countless demonstrations across our country. For some, it meant an erosion of trust in law enforcement. Our deputies must be ready and determined to meet this moment. Their work must be an extension of our core values.

We want to help build a foundation so that we can trust each other and rely on each other. And that's what community is about – the idea that we're all in this together. That's the ultimate goal.

During the recent winter storm, you may have seen a social media post from District V Patrol Commander, Capt. Kinnard-Bing, that went viral. Our deputies responded to a call at a hotel in northwest Harris County where they learned a patron couldn't afford the room for the night. The deputies covered the overnight cost for the hotel room to keep the patron and his family safe and warm.

Their actions were met by a flood of supportive posts from our followers who thanked the deputies and offered to pay for more nights at the hotel if the family was still in need. And that's not just a testament to our deputies – because when the act of kindness went viral, folks across our county began asking how they could help, too.

That's Harris County at its best. That's good police work. That's what so many of you in our community represent. Let's keep pushing our world in the right direction – toward lending a helping hand to those in need; toward being a good neighbor; toward equity and fairness.



## THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

### Out Like a Lion

March is winding down and my sister-in-law, Lori, is going with it.

There is too much food and too many flowers because that is what we do when someone is dying, when we don't know what else to do as, gradually, the unthinkable becomes accepted and even ordinary. We make more food and bring more flowers. But there is too little time. There is always too little time.

Lori is spending most of the time she has left sleeping, which means she is not in pain but also that no one can talk with her and we miss her already, while she is here among us.

There are circles of grief, as I've heard it explained. Her husband, Robert, is at the center, and one ring out are her children and my husband, her brother. I am a bit further out in orbit, in Lori's solar system of sorrow, missing her ready laugh and irreverent observations.

"Take a brownie, if you want one," her son, Bobby, tells me. I haven't had a brownie in ages, and so I do.

There are casseroles in the freezer and desserts on the counter. Lori's daughter has made a mix tape of Lori's favorite music that is playing. A group of women friends have made a collage with Lori's photo at the center, made to look as if she is a giant purple butterfly.

And, because it is March, there are vases of tulips and crocuses on every level surface. Pink and yellow blooms are everywhere, and everyone is waiting and watching and trying to be helpful. There is so much to do. There is so little to be done.

I remember when I first met Lori. We were not the best of friends. She was a strong woman with fierce opinions, some of which I did not share.

But after her illness, we grew close. The circumstances were unusual. We spent many hours talking about things that people may not get a chance to talk about—unless they happen to be alone together during a pandemic and dying. I learned to love her seemingly bottomless capacity for empathy and her adventurous spirit. I knew, almost from the beginning of the pandemic, that I was experiencing something special. I felt genuinely blessed.

The last time I spoke with Lori, she was so tired. I told her we had just come by to tell her how much we loved her. She said, very softly, "I'm going to haunt you, you know."

"I hope so," I told her. She smiled and closed her eyes. And it's true, I do.

Lori rode motorcycles and flew planes and even jumped out of one once. She talked to strangers at every opportunity. She was open to new ideas and changing her mind and always giving people the benefit of the doubt. I would be happy to be haunted by her curiosity and her caring and her ribald humor and her insatiable thirst for new experiences and new insights.

And, if such a thing were possible, I would love to have her looking over my shoulder, prodding me. "Can't you be a little braver, a little more honest, a little less proper? What have you got to lose?"

What have I got to lose? Right now, losing Lori seems like a terrible loss. I had the privilege to be with Lori as she died peacefully in her sleep on the first day of spring. And while, at this writing, I don't know how March will end, I know my sister-in-law, Lori, went out like a lion.

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

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



### Bill tightening voting restrictions in Texas passes Senate committee

A Texas Senate committee on Friday passed an elections bill that would tighten the state's voting rules by limiting extended early voting hours, requiring proof of disability to qualify for mail-in voting and prohibiting drive-thru voting. Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, is one of Gov. Gregg Abbott's legislative priorities this session.

During testimony Friday, the committee received opposition testimony from AARP, the League of Women Voters, NAACP and other groups. Hughes described his bill as attempting to strike a balance between "maintaining fair and honest elections with the opportunity to exercise one's right to vote," according to the Texas Tribune.

#### ANY TEXAN OLD ENOUGH TO LEGALLY DRIVE CAN RECEIVE COVID-19 VACCINE

More than 10.2 million Texans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Sunday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The pace is expected to quicken now that anyone 16 years and older can receive one of the three versions available in the state. A total of 3.57 million Texans are fully vaccinated — about 12% of the state's population. DSHS has directed vaccine providers to give priority to people 80 years and older.

To that point, a new outreach partnership between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and several partners was announced last week by Gov. Gregg Abbott. Among those participating to expand the state's Save Our Seniors program launched in February are the Texas Employee Retirement System, Texas Teachers Retirement System, AARP and various Medicare health plans.

More than 1 million doses of the vaccine are being



shipped to Texas providers this week. Texans can call 2-1-1 or go to <https://tinyurl.com/9dvpem9> for more information about getting the vaccine.

#### COVID-19 CASES IN TEXAS DROP SLIGHTLY

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped to 27,185 last week, with 741 deaths reported. Both are down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Center at Johns Hopkins University. Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 cases also showed a slight decrease to 3,308, according to DSHS.

#### HEALTH CARE FRAUD CASE ENDS WITH PRISON TIME, \$82.9 MILLION RESTITUTION

The state's Department of Workers' Compensation announced last week that the remaining defendants in a health care fraud bribery scam were sentenced by a federal judge. The case involved surgeons, physicians and hospital administrators at Forest Park Medical Hospital in Dallas. It began in 2016 and involved 14 defendants, who were sentenced to a combined 74-plus years in prison and ordered to pay \$82.9 million in restitution. According to a news release from DWC, the department's fraud unit identified health care providers at Forest Park who billed the state's workers' compensation system. The

unit turned over the data to the FBI.

"Fraudulent billing within the health care system drives up the costs of health care for everyone," Debra Knight, DWC deputy commissioner, said. "These significant sentences demonstrate that health care fraud will not be tolerated."

#### FOREST SERVICE ACQUIRES ACREAGE THROUGH LEGACY GRANT

The Texas A&M Forest Service has acquired Fox Hunters Hill, a \$1.6 million conservation easement of sustainably managed forest adjacent to the Sabine National Forest in Deep East Texas. The acreage was acquired through the U.S. Forest Legacy Program, which acquired more than 23,000 acres throughout the South to protect forestlands at risk due to urban development or clear cutting.

TFS works with landowners on a "willing buyer/willing seller" basis to obtain the lands and enhance sustainable forest management. "A conservation easement is an interest in land acquired to protect certain conservation values," explained Gretchen Riley, the Forest Legacy Program Coordinator at Texas A&M Forest Service. "It is a good way to assure important, vulnerable landscapes – and the benefits they provide to Texans – are sustained for the future."

Fox Hunters Hill borders 213,000 acres of protected lands in the Angelina and Sabine National Forests, including one of the last undeveloped coves of Toledo Bend Reservoir.

#### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SOCIAL MEDIA IDENTITY THEFT

The Texas Department of Insurance has some advice on taking simple steps to protect social media accounts and thus avoid most scams. Those tips include:

- Don't post ID cards, including a COVID-19 vaccination card.
- Watch out for online quizzes and surveys that ask for personal information, such as the model of your first car, name of your first pet, or your hometown. Those are often also security login questions.
- Don't overshare. The more a scammer finds out about you, the easier it is to create a fake account.
- Limit app sharing and close old accounts.
- Protect family members, especially teens, who are the most likely to overshare.

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Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

¡Bienvenidos de regreso de las vacaciones de primavera! Espero que todos hayan tenido una semana segura y relajante. Quiero empezar el mensaje de esta semana hablando de los actos devastadores en Atlanta la semana pasada. Desde el comienzo de la pandemia, nuestro país ha visto un aumento en los crímenes de odio y el discurso violento dirigido a los asiático-americanos. Los tiroteos de la semana pasada amplifican el tema alarmante que está ocurriendo. Como distrito escolar, nos solidarizamos con nuestros hermanos y hermanas asiático-americanos en nuestra comunidad y en todo el país. En Aldine, celebramos las diferencias de cada uno y las usamos como una oportunidad para aprender y crecer — básicamente creando un cambio positivo. Estamos dedicados a abordar de manera integral la equidad dentro del distrito mediante la creación de un entorno en el que cada alumno tenga la oportunidad de aprender en un ambiente seguro y acogedor.

Espero que se unan a nosotros para celebrar el #SEL-day (día de aprendizaje socioemocional) el viernes, 26 de marzo. El Distrito Escolar de Aldine (Aldine ISD) se centra en el aprendizaje socio-emocional para construir una mentalidad fuerte y una cultura escolar positiva. La mente, el cuerpo y el corazón son tan importantes, si no fundamentales, para ayudar al crecimiento académico de los alumnos y manejar mejor los desafíos y el estrés de la vida. Habilidades como el respeto a los demás, la compasión y la perseverancia son esenciales para tener éxito en la escuela, la universidad y el trabajo.

Ahora que la primavera está oficialmente aquí, la cuenta regresiva está en marcha para el último día de clases. Durante los últimos 50 días más o menos del año, debemos unirnos para terminar con fuerza. Sigamos animando a sus alumnos a ser curiosos, hacer preguntas y encontrar formas de hacer que el aprendizaje sea emocionante. Sabemos que puede ser difícil, pero es importante que todos los alumnos — ya sea que estén aprendiendo en casa o en la escuela — se involucren con sus lecciones y completen las tareas, pruebas y proyectos. Si no tiene una cuenta en Home Access Center (Centro de Acceso Desde el Hogar o HAC), inscribese a través del sitio web de Home Access Center. Las libretas de calificaciones de las terceras nueve semanas se subirán a HAC el lunes 29 de marzo de 2021.

Recordatorio — Plazo para Choice School (Escuelas de Opción)

Como empezamos a mirar hacia adelante a un nuevo año escolar, no se olvide que ¡la solicitud de Choice School (Escuelas de Opción) ya está abierta! Las familias y sus hijos pueden elegir entre los diversos programas académicos únicos de Aldine — desde preescolar hasta la escuela secundaria — en todo el distrito. Las nuevas opciones de este año son Young Women's Leadership Academy (Academia de Liderazgo para Mujeres Jóvenes en español) y Aldine Newcomer School (Escuela para recién llegados).

¿Por qué elegir Escuelas de Opción? Todos los niños



son únicos. Cada uno aprende de forma diferente, tiene aspiraciones para diferentes carreras y se interesa en diferentes temas. Creemos que si los alumnos pueden asistir a una escuela de alta calidad que coincida con sus intereses, se comprometerán y alcanzarán sus objetivos. No es necesario que los alumnos estén zonificados para asistir a una Escuela de Opción, pero deben solicitar admisión. Debido a la popularidad de estos programas y al número limitado de vacantes, el distrito selecciona a los alumnos mediante un sistema de sorteo electrónico. El plazo para la solicitud es este viernes, 26 de marzo de 2021. El primer sorteo virtual para Choice Schools será el 3 de abril. Haga clic aquí para solicitar admisión a una Escuela de Opción.

Creadores de legado de Aldine

Tuvimos un tiempo maravilloso anunciando y celebrando a todos los ganadores con una fiesta virtual temática sobre las vacaciones de primavera. Felicitemos juntos a todos nuestros ¡maestros y directores del año!

Los ganadores de la Competencia Inaugural de Oratoria de la Historia Negra también fueron anunciados a principios de este mes en la reunión de la junta directiva de Aldine ISD. El talento de nuestros alumnos continúa asombrándome.

Pruebas de COVID-19 / Protocolos de seguridad / Noticias de vacunación

Mientras regresamos a la escuela después de una semana de viajes y de ver a otras personas, me gustaría pedirle a cada uno de ustedes que por favor continúen cumpliendo con los protocolos de seguridad del distrito. Si su hijo ha dado positivo o ha estado cerca de alguien que ha dado positivo por COVID-19, notifique al maestro de su hijo y a la enfermera de la escuela para recibir información sobre los siguientes pasos. A modo de recordatorio, la prueba rápida de COVID-19 desde el automóvil está disponible para todos los alumnos y el personal de Aldine ISD que aprenden y enseñan en las escuelas en:

M.B. Sonny Donaldson Child Nutrition Services Building  
1802 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX 77032

Deben registrarse de antemano en línea haciendo clic aquí.

Se dio conocer ayer que el Estado de Texas abrirá la elegibilidad de la vacuna contra el COVID-19 a todos

los adultos a partir del lunes 29 de marzo. En virtud de la elegibilidad ampliada, los texanos de 16 años o más pueden recibir la vacuna. Sin embargo, la vacuna de Pfizer es la única vacuna aprobada disponible para ese grupo etario. Las vacunas Moderna y Johnson & Johnson han sido aprobadas para personas de 18 años o más. Haga clic aquí para leer más.

Animo a todos a seguir haciendo su parte: usar mascarilla, lavarse las manos, y mantener la distancia.

Exposición de reclutamiento de maestros

¡Aldine ISD está buscando maestros asombrosos, talentosos y cariñosos! — El distrito será anfitrión de una Exposición Virtual de Reclutamiento de Maestros el jueves, 1 de abril de 2021. Durante la sesión de una hora, los futuros maestros aprenderán sobre el distrito, el proceso de solicitud y cómo los directores de las escuelas pueden entrevistar a los potenciales educadores. Para obtener información sobre los puestos de trabajo y para postularse, visite la página web de Recursos Humanos. Noticias

Consejo Escolar de Aldine aprueba el calendario del año escolar 2021-2022: El Consejo Escolar de Aldine aprobó el calendario durante la reunión ordinaria de la junta de marzo. El primer día de clases será el lunes 16 de agosto y el último día de instrucción será el 26 de mayo de 2022. Para obtener una lista completa de las fechas importantes y los días festivos, haga clic aquí.

Alumnos del distrito brillan en el Evento Escolástico Regional de Artes Visuales (VASE): Varios alumnos de secundaria (high school) obtuvieron honores por su trabajo ejemplar. Diez alumnos obtuvieron la distinción "Superior" avanzando al evento estatal en abril.

Alumnos de varias escuelas secundarias salieron premiados en el Decatlón Académico del Estado: Alumnos de las escuelas secundarias (high school) Victory Early College, Blanson CTE, Carver, y MacArthur ganaron distinciones en el evento estatal.

Equipos de fútbol (soccer) masculino y femenino dominan el distrito 14-6A: Aldine ISD tendrá siete equipos jugando en las eliminatorias estatales de fútbol de la clase 6A. Haga clic en el enlace para leer más sobre los equipos de las escuelas secundarias (high school) MacArthur, Aldine, Eisenhower y Nimitz.

RECORDATORIO: Comidas escolares disponibles

Las comidas gratuitas en la acera/paquetes de comida de fin de semana están disponibles para todos los niños menores de 18 años. También ofrecemos comidas nocturnas gratis a los alumnos de todas las escuelas medias (middle school), escuelas de noveno grado y escuelas secundarias (high school). No es fácil aprender con el estómago vacío — animamos a todas nuestras familias que necesitan este programa a que lo aprovechen. Comuníquese con su escuela para obtener más información.

Les deseo que tengan una hermosa semana.

Con orgullo Aldine,  
Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendente

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



R.F.D.



The Spats



**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**  
BY HENRY BOLTWOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Lamp in different. 2. TV set in missing. 3. Blanket on floor. 4. Plants and chair. 5. Chair and ottoman missing. 6. Plants in missing. 7. Chair and ottoman missing. 8. Plants in missing. 9. Blanket on floor. 10. Hiccups

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King Crossword

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  - 11 Auction
  - 16 Sound booster
  - 20 Year-end celebration
  - 21 Tempo
  - 22 Big fair, for short
  - 23 Pager sound
  - 24 Stop
  - 26 Trucker in a union
  - 27 Floral rings
  - 28 Nullify
  - 29 Always
  - 31 Helen's home
  - 34 Impudent
  - 35 Orville's brother
  - 37 Moving day rental
  - 38 Starting
  - 39 Olympic sled
  - 40 Lusty look
  - 41 Employ
  - 44 Path
  - 45 Epoch
  - 46 License to drill?
  - 47 Dine
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- SCIENCE: Where is the world's most active volcano located?
- TELEVISION: Which 1990s TV drama invented the catchphrase "The truth is out there"?
- MATH: What is the total of numbers 1-100 added consecutively (1+2+3, etc.)?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do the 100 folds in a chef's hat represent?
- LITERATURE: In which Harry Potter book does the Whomping Willow make its first appearance?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many countries in Africa have only four letters in their names?
- MOVIES: In the animated movie "Up," to which scouting group does Russell belong?
- ARCHITECTURE: Who designed the famous Fallingwater House in Pennsylvania?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "hyper" mean?
- MEDICAL: What is the common ailment classified in medical terms as singultus?

Answers

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Answers

1	Hawaii (Mauna Loa); 2. "The X-Files"; 3. 5,050; 4. 100 ways to cook an egg;
5. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"; 6. Three; 7. Chad, Mall and Togo;	
8. Wilderness Explorers; 9. Over, excessive;	
10. Hiccups	





## CAPITOL UPDATE

Dear Friend,

The past two weeks at the Texas Capitol have been incredibly busy for Team Hernandez. On Tuesday, March 16, I presented House Bill 401 to the House Committee on Business and Industry, which would require large retail and food employers to notify their employees of their work schedule at least two weeks in advance, and mitigate the economic instability and difficulty in planning for family responsibilities often faced by hourly employees.

The House Committee on State Affairs convened for two hearings last week to consider legislation addressing the numerous issues identified following Winter Storm Uri and the failure of our electric grid. During one of these hearings on Thursday, March 18, I presented House Bill 16 which will prohibit companies like Griddy from offering predatory market-rate electric plans under the misleading guise of lower cost. House Bill 16 was voted out of committee and is scheduled to be heard on the House Floor on Tuesday, March 30 for consideration by the full Texas House of Representatives.

On Wednesday, March 17, I presented House Bill 917 to the House Committee on Pensions, Investments and Financial Services, which would make one of the ERS

Board's three elected seats eligible to be filled by either an active or retired member, as well as House Bill 914 to the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures, which would allow municipalities to authorize civil employees to request the removal of abandoned or illegally parked vehicles from the public right of way. Both of these bills have since been voted out of committee!

On Tuesday, March 23, I presented House Bill 402 to the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, which would allow the use of funds and assets seized in criminal cases to support assistance programs for survivors of human trafficking. Additionally, on Wednesday, March 24, Chairwoman Senfrosina Thompson announced the formation of two new subcommittees in the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures. I am honored to be appointed to serve on the Subcommittee on Business and Occupational Regulation.

As always, my staff and I are here for you. If you have any questions about activities at the Capitol or would like assistance with an issue, please do not hesitate to call us at either (512) 463-0614 or (713) 675-8596.

Kind regards,  
Ana Hernandez

## 1000 vaccine shots administered at Denver Harbor event



State Representative Ana Hernandez, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, and others at the Denver Harbor Vaccine Distribution Event.

Today, slightly over 10% of Americans have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Unfortunately, a disproportionately small number of these individuals are Black and Hispanic. In Texas, the Hispanic population comprises only one quarter of those who have been vaccinated, although they make up roughly 41% of Texas' COVID-19 cases

and nearly half of Texas' COVID-19 deaths.

Moving forward, we must work together to ensure that the COVID-19 vaccine is equally available in communities of color and easily accessible to our most vulnerable.

It is for this very reason that Rep. Hernandez partnered with Mayor Sylvester Turner, the Department of State Health Services,

and Councilwoman Karla Cisneros to host a free COVID-19 vaccine distribution event at the Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center on Saturday, March 20. Thanks to Mayor Turner, the City of Houston, numerous community partners, and all of the hardworking volunteers, we were able to provide vaccines to over 1,000 individuals.

## COVID-19 Vaccine now Open to All. Here are instructions:

COVID-19 Vaccine Open to All!  
Starting today, March 29, all Texans are eligible to register and receive the COVID-19 vaccine!

### Harris County Registration Information

Visit the vaccine waitlist portal: <https://qoo.ly/3aisvc>.  
Fill out all of the requested information on the form.  
Eligible residents can also call (832) 927-8787 to be placed on the waitlist. This call line is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, and is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.  
Wait for confirmation that you have been added to the system.

### Harris County Appointment Information

Once selected, you will receive an email or phone call with information about your scheduled appointment.

Be sure to arrive at your appointed date and time!

Once you have received your first vaccine, you will receive a second email or phone call with information about your second scheduled appointment.

## Two named semifinalists for Jack Kent Cooke scholarships

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announced 496 high school seniors as semifinalists for the prestigious Cooke College Scholarship Program. The JKCF named two Aldine ISD high school seniors Marlon Mérida García from Nimitz High School and Anna de la Cuesta from Victory Early College High School as semifinalists for this year's award.



Marlon Merida Garcia



Anna de la Cuesta

The highly selective scholarship program provides exceptionally talented students with funds to reach their college aspirations. The Jack Kent Cooke finalists each will receive up to \$40,000 annually for four years of college to enable them to attend a top-performing college or university. Winners are selected based on academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, leadership, and service to others.

"These semifinalists embody determination and resilience as they navigate finishing high school during one of the most difficult and unprecedented times in American history," said

Executive Director Seppy Basili. "In the midst of these challenging times, we remain deeply committed to ensuring that students have the opportunity to access higher education and reach their fullest potential. I am honored to recognize these students for their hard work and achievements."

High school students applied from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Marianas, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

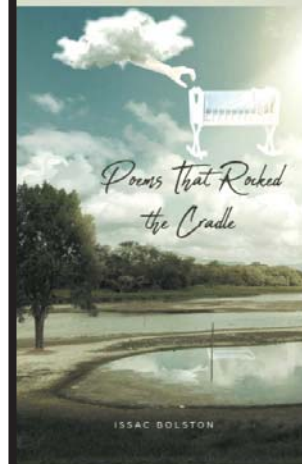
Students must be current high school seniors residing in the United States. Scholarships are

awarded without respect to religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship status, geographic region, race, or ethnicity.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded over \$200 million in scholarships to over 2,700 students from grade 8 through graduate school, along with comprehensive educational advising and other support services. The Foundation has also provided \$110 million in grants to organizations that serve such students.

### Poems That Rocked the Cradle

By Issac Bolston



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As one who has come from very humble beginnings and overcome many obstacles, I struggle daily to achieve the quest for happiness and inner peace.

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*On that journey toward happiness and inner peace, there are obstacles placed in one's path daily. Often times one has to go inside oneself to remove the obstacles. The answers are not always outside the person but on the inside.*

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## COMMUNITY WATCH

### Stabbing Death at 4700 Airline Drive

Houston police are investigating the stabbing death of a female at 4700 Airline Drive that occurred about 2:30 p.m. on Saturday (March 6).

The female victim, Leslie Mary Bullock, 52, suffered multiple stab wounds.

HPD Homicide Division Officers K. Collier and R. Waterwall reported:

Officers responded to a report of a stabbing in a business parking lot at the above address. A witness stated she was driving when Ms. Bullock had a verbal altercation in the back seat of the vehicle with a known suspect. Ms. Bullock told the witness of her injuries and the witness stopped the vehicle to provide aid and call for medical attention. The suspect then fled on foot.

Ms. Bullock was transported to an area hospital with multiple lacerations where she was pronounced dead.

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

### Fatal Shooting at 647 Greens Road

Charges have been filed against a suspect in the fatal shooting of a man at 647 Greens Road about 12:05 a.m. on April 5, 2020

Christian Dillard (b/m, 21) is charged with capital murder in the 230th State District Court. He is accused in the death of Matthew Harris, 28.

A booking photo of Dillard, as well as previously released surveillance video in an attempt to identify Dillard, are attached to this news release.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant J. Brooks and Detective L. Lovelace reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call at a business strip center and gas station at the above address. Upon arrival, they found Mr. Harris, suffering from a gunshot wound. Harris was subsequently transported to an area hospital by Houston Fire Department paramedics where he was pronounced deceased.

Previously released surveillance video from multiple businesses show the suspect approach Harris and shoot him. The suspect took Harris' property, including his shoes, and then drove away in Harris' black Cadillac sedan. The sedan was later recovered at a nearby location.

Further investigation identified Dillard as a suspect in this case and, while in the Harris County jail on unrelated charges, admitted his involvement in Harris' death.

### Shooting at 10155 East Freeway

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man at 10155 East Freeway (East Interstate Highway 10) service road that occurred about 5:25 a.m. on Wednesday (March 24).

The victim, Joshua J. Samuel, 30, was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division Officer B. Fowler reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting in a motel room at the above address. Responding officers detained an adult female who admitted to shooting Mr. Samuel when he refused to let her leave the motel room. The female was questioned and released, pending further investigation.

No charges have been filed at this time, as the investigation is continuing.

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3. From Matthew 6, what did Jesus say not to use when we pray? Loud curses, Impure thoughts, Vain repetitions, Wandering shifts

4. 1 Chronicles starts with how many chapters of genealogy? 3, 5, 7, 9
5. From Esther 1, King Ahasuerus lived in what city? Ur, Shushan, Antioch, Tarsus
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