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# NORTHEAST NEWS



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## Major 3-alarm fire destroys buildings on Jensen



Multiple fire units used ladder trucks and deluge equipment to flood water on the buildings, since access around the sides was not possible.



Six hours later, at 7:00 am, the fire department was still on the scene at Jensen Square, applying water to any hot spots that remained.

HOUSTON – The Houston Fire Department was called to a structure fire early last Thursday morning, April 29, which quickly developed into a major conflagration.

Martee Boose with the HFD said that initially they answered a “structure fire” call at 1:00 am and arrived on the scene within three minutes. He noted that the fire had spread to multiple shops even before the initial alarm was turned in.

The buildings were heavily involved when the first fire units arrived, and a third alarm was requested at about 1:50 am. It was not until six hours after the initial call, around 7:00 am, that the fire department said they had the fire under control and hot spots tapped out.

The location of the fire was a strip shopping center at 9011 Jensen Drive, near Hurley. The buildings

involved stretched from the Dollar General Store which was formerly a food market, to the historic Granada Theater. The Dollar store and a beauty supply store reported some damage, but the theater was saved. All the other buildings between were reduced to rubble by the fire. Most were vacant, according to HFD, and their structure and roofs collapsed.

Authorities reported that there were no significant injuries associated with the fire. Arson investigators were on scene early Thursday, but did not have a cause by press time. The city’s public works department was also present to remove dangerous debris and help find hot spots.

Local officials and business persons were examining the possibility that rebuilding the complex might benefit the area.



Firemen deployed in front and behind the buildings, which were mainly unoccupied. After confronting the major blaze on arrival, they called a third alarm.



This scene along Jensen shows the complete destruction of several businesses, with Dollar General on the left, and the historic Granada Theater just out of sight on the right.

## Pct. 2 “Adopt-a-Block” program cleans Vickery

ALDINE – The Green Forest Civic Club combined with workers from Pct. 2, to initiate a new program from Commissioner Adrian Garcia, called “Adopt-A-Block.” This combined effort targets a particular neighborhood or street in Precinct 2, and with county employees and local volunteers, a thorough clean-up makes the environment shine.

The first street chosen for this program was Vickery, from Aldine Mail Route to Lauder Road. Workers and volunteers met last Saturday, April 24 in front of Oleson Elementary school, and spent several hours working.

Marina Sugg, president of the Green Forest Civic Club, had this to say about

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Unveiling the Adopt A Block sign on Vickery.



Volunteers from the Green Forest Civic Club, and Pct. 2 workers cleaned up Vickery.

## Pres. Biden nominates Sheriff to head ICE

HARRIS COUNTY – Guessing the Statue of Liberty play is all over and Kamala Harris didn’t solve the boarder crisis because President Joe Biden is intent on nominating Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzales to lead Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Under the Department of Homeland Security.

Considering the history, it is a sudden change of direction in that Gonzales took the Harris County Sheriff’s office out of a voluntary ICE program that would have had deputies fulfill the role of federal agents in jails.

Gonzales is an outspoken critic of families being separated at the border. He has never addressed the side issues of finding over 100,000 children alone without any parents



SHERIFF ED GONZALES

abandoned on the border area.

He has stated, “True! We need common sense immigration reform, but taking children from their parents is wrong under any circumstances.”

Gonzalez started his career as a civilian employee in Houston Police Department, later he was a cop, then he rose to ser-

geant. He would rise to become a negotiator and later a homicide detective.

Gonzales became sheriff in 2017, prior to that he was on Houston City Council and once, in 2012, was pro-temp mayor of Houston. He began his career with Houston Police Dept.

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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.

## HCEC Free Vaccine Clinic Tuesday May 4

Harris County Emergency Corps' next vaccine clinic (Moderna) will be: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm 2800 Aldine Bender Rd. Houston, TX 77032

YOU MUST REGISTER HERE: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/BeyondLucidMediview/hcecpvaccinationform-scheduling>

Anybody is welcome; however, registration is REQUIRED!

**COVID-19**  
Cases as of April 27, 2021

**HOUSTON AREA**  
19 COUNTIES

642,837 POSITIVE  
7,018 DEATHS  
595,910 RECOVERED

**TEXAS**

2,882,423 POSITIVE  
50,027 DEATHS  
22,776,539 TESTS

**UNITED STATES**

32,175,049 POSITIVE  
573,378 DEATHS  
428,582,253 TESTS

**WORLDWIDE**

148,353,905 POSITIVE  
3,131,636 DEATHS  
85,984,055 RECOVERED

## Aldine ISD Schedule of Graduation Ceremonies May 27-29

Aldine ISD will hold high school graduation ceremonies May 27-29. All of the ceremonies will be held at Thorne Stadium.

The schedule is as follows:  
Thursday, May 27 – Hall Success Academy – 8 a.m.  
Thursday, May 27 – Blanson CTE High School – 10 a.m.  
Thursday, May 27 – MacArthur High School – 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, May 28 – Victory Early College High School – 8 a.m.  
Friday, May 28 – Eisenhower High School – 10 a.m.  
Friday, May 28 – Aldine High School – 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 29 – Carver High School – 8 a.m.  
Saturday, May 29 – Nimitz High School – 10 a.m.  
Saturday, May 29 – Davis High School – 7:30 p.m.  
Lane School students will participate in their home school graduation ceremony.

## Aldine ISD provides COVID-19 vaccine for all employees



Joseph Marbley, Eisenhower Senior High School substitute teacher and his mother, Winifred Marbley, Lane School substitute teacher, check in for the COVID-19 vaccine.

ALDINE – On Monday, April 5, more than 500 Aldine ISD employees had an opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Aldine ISD has partnered with Custom Care Pharmacy, Texas Patient Care Services, and Community Health Choice to provide COVID-19 vaccines for Aldine ISD staff. The district has been working with community partners to provide various opportunities for district employees to register for a COVID-19 vaccination since February.

Now that more vaccines are available to different healthcare providers and all Texans 16 and older can receive the vaccine, Aldine wanted to ensure staff had an opportunity to take the vaccine.

Joseph Marbley, Eisenhower Senior High School substitute teacher and his mother, Winifred Marbley, Lane School substitute teacher, were happy to receive an opportunity to get the vaccine at a district facility.

“Knowing that I am getting the vaccine takes a load off me mentally, J. Marbley explained. “We live in a multigenerational home and I would pre-

fer to be safe for my family, students and other people.”

Odom Elementary School special education teacher, Mashala Williams, echoed the Marbley's.

“I lost my grandmother to COVID in December,” Williams said. “I want to do all that I can to prevent others from experiencing that.”

Williams recalled the quick transition to online learning last spring and expressed that it was a rough time for educators, but the resources and various professional development opportunities provided by the District have allowed her to continue to be effective in the classroom for her students.

“As we are thinking about the fall school opening, we want to ensure all of our staff has the opportunity to get a vaccine and we also want our parents to feel safe to send their children to school daily,” Dr. Charlotte Davis, assistant superintendent for student support services said. “With COVID still prevalent, it is important that we also continue to offer rapid COVID testing to students and staff. We will continue to work with

## President picks Sheriff for ICE,

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Originally elected in 2016 as a reform candidate, Gonzales started reforming soon after taking office. He advanced programs to medicate mentally ill detainees.

Re-elected in 2020 as Sheriff, Gonzales has maintained the most communicative HCSO in its history. Incidents are reported by the Sheriff's Office as soon as they can be assessed.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki announced Gonzalez's nomination. Well, certainly we want, we encourage the Senate to not only consider but confirm qualified nominees. We certainly consider him one of them. But, the president looks forward to having someone in place in this position, and it certainly indicates a priority that we've put it out today.”

## A MESSAGE

From Dr. LaTonya Goffney  
Aldine ISD Superintendent

## Message From the Superintendent, April 20, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

Today is a reminder that justice can be done. Equitable practices are the first step in addressing the inequities within our systems and communities.

Aldine ISD is actively working to be a place where all students are heard, where all students are safe, and where all students can thrive. The District will continue ensuring ALL students have access to high-quality schools, a safe learning environment, and will focus on equitable outcomes for all students to ensure they have choices and opportunities.

We will continue to Look Inward. Look Around. And Look Forward. Read more about Aldine's equity work <http://ow.ly/Z1JG50EaAct>

### START STRONG

With the planning for the 2021-2022 school year currently underway, we are building what we are calling Start Strong: Aldine ISD's plan for teaching and learning this fall. We will continue to look to medical experts and evaluate local conditions to make decisions that prioritize the safety of our staff and students. We have worked hard to ensure that every staff member has access to the COVID vaccine. We continue to collaborate with community leaders to increase access to vaccines for families and community members. We are planning to welcome back all of our students to campuses this fall as we know that in-person learning is most beneficial for most students. Be on the lookout for additional information before the end of this school year.

### Testing Calendar

ON-CAMPUS LEARNERS		AT-HOME LEARNERS*	
Date	Test	Date	Test
April 13	Writing (4, 7) English I EOC	April 20	Writing (4, 7) English I EOC
April 15	English 2 EOC	April 22	English 2 EOC
May 4	Algebra I EOC	May 11	Algebra I EOC
May 5	Biology EOC	May 12	Biology EOC
May 6	Science (8) U.S. History EOC	May 13	U.S. History EOC
May 7	Social Studies (8)	May 18**	Math (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
May 11	Math (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	May 19**	Reading (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
May 12	Reading (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	May 20	Science (5, 8)
May 13	Science (5)	May 21	Social Studies (8)

\*All at-home learners must go to their home campus to take tests on their scheduled day(s).  
\*\* May 18 and May 19 are Remote Learning Days for students in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade on-campus students.

### STAAR TESTING REMINDER

STAAR testing today is for our at-home learners. This year, students will be scheduled to test according to their current learning model (on campus or at home). However, it is important to note that all students are required to test in their assigned school building. Safety guidelines will be followed to ensure that students and staff are as safe as possible. Campuses have gotten creative and are using additional spaces in their buildings to ensure social distancing.

Transportation and meals are available to everyone, and dates will be available for students to make up the exams.

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It is important for all students — whether learning at home or on campus — to 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.

### REMINDER: PREREGISTRATION FOR PREK3, PREK4, AND KINDERGARTEN IS OPEN

Families can pre-enroll their eligible students for the 2021-2022 school year in three grades — prekindergarten for three-year-olds (PreK3) and Pre-K for four-year-olds (PreK4) and kindergarten. Again, pre-enrollment is for new, eligible students entering AISD for the first time. Families can click here to begin the preregistration process by completing online documents. The deadline to pre-enroll students to PreK and kindergarten is May 31, 2021.

REMINDER: Students Take Part in Survey About Their Well-being, Social-Emotional Skills — AISD students in grades 3-12 are taking part in a survey about their experiences this year. The sur-



vey will be open until April 30. Students learning on campus and those learning at home can provide feedback that the district can use to improve services and programs that better support the whole student. Research links social-emotional learning (SEL) to long-term success.

Student Survey Link: [surveys.panoramaed.com/aldine](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aldine)

Campus professional staff members are also providing feedback. They received a survey link from Panorama Education, the company conducting the student and staff survey for AISD.

### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FACE)

Keep up with the Aldine ISD FACE Department's April newsletter for this month's event dates and family resources, with a few highlights below:

COVID Town Hall Presented by Texas Children's Hospital  
April 20 – English Town Hall (ENGLISH FLYER)  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Zoom Session

April 22 – Spanish Town Hall (SPANISH FLYER)  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Zoom Session

### CHOICE SCHOOL UPDATES

Hall Success Academy Application Open for 2021-2022 Admission  
Two-Way Dual Language Program Application for 2021-2022 School Year  
COVID-19 Testing/Safety Protocols/Vaccination News

As a reminder, Texas has opened COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to all adults. 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. Learn more.

Drive-thru rapid COVID-19 testing continues to be available for all Aldine ISD students and staff. Online registration is required and can be found here. I encourage everyone to continue doing their part: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

In closing, we have so many wonderful things happening in our district! Please make sure to check out the District News page of the website to stay up to date on everything happening in our district.

I wish you a wonderful week ahead.

With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendent

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COMMUNITY PAGE

**Adopt-A-Block clean-up,**

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the clean-up effort and the volunteers:

Yes, it was hot, and we sweated, but can you imagine that we all had fun and ended the event with a happy heart. Doing for your community can fill your heart with pride and joy. I can attest to that! Thank you to all the volunteers from the various neighborhoods that came to help the Green Forest Civic Club with this project: Adopt-a-County Road—Keeping Precinct 2 Beautiful!

Volunteers: Ben and Eva Garza, Roxanne Jimenez, Timothy Molinar, Veronica Sanches, Marina and Kenneth Sugg, Guadalupe Jimenez, Ruben Salazar, Armando Cardona, Ann Brown Lamott, Denise Rath, Shirley Ronquillo, Myriam Saldivar, and Seth Eldridge. Thanks also to Olsen Ele and Aldine ISD for letting us use their lawn, to East Aldine District for the use of their tent, to Esmeralda Cervantes for donating the funds for the beautification of our sign, and to Lucy Hernandez who missed all the fun, but came there straight from work. Special thanks to Nelson Espitia, Selina Valdez, the Pet 2 Crew, and Deputy Tommy Berry for putting together this event. Very



Three of the team leaders included Marina Sugg of the Green Forest Civic Club; Selina Valdez of Precinct 2; and Veronica Sanches of the East Aldine District.



Precinct 2 provided a Street Sweeper and trucks to haul away the trash that was picked up.

special thanks to State Representative Armando Walle and Commissioner Adrian Garcia for their certificates of recognition to GFCC, and a big THANK YOU! to Commissioner Garcia for our two beautiful Adopt-a-County Road signs. It was truly a blessed day!

Ben Garza, Eva Garza and Mr. Eldridge had the

hardest clean-up. They cleared a big pile of junk someone had dumped. Kenneth Sugg edged and scraped up one section of road with a fancy shovel. Then the street sweeper came through and swept it all up. This team also cleaned and weeded the Boreas Street pedestrian bridge. Looks real nice now.

**Rent Assistance and Legal Aid Drive-thru clinic at LSC-EA**

EAST ALDINE – Residents of the area that need Rent Assistance or Legal Aid related to rent issues were able to access some of that information last Saturday, April 17, at a “Drive-thru Clinic” held in the parking lot of Lone Star College-East Aldine.

The event was sponsored by the AFL-CIO Texas Gulf Area Labor Federation, and Harris County Pct. 2, East Aldine District, Lone Star College East Aldine, and a number of other organizations.

The event offered help in applying for assistance to pay back rent and utilities, and to connect with attorneys who were present, that helped guide renters through the declaration form for the CDC eviction moratorium.

In spite of some weather concerns, the event was well attended and continued for about 4 hours. Laptops and facilitators were on hand to explain and help apply for both of the new rental assistance programs. The attorneys also were able to offer free support to determine whether a person was eligible for protection from eviction.



Assistance and support at the Drive-Thru Clinic was offered by Richard Cantu of the East Aldine District, State Representative Armando Walle, and Luis Lucio, Dean of the Lone Star College-East Aldine campus.



Sponsors of the Drive-Thru Clinic included these representatives, State Representative Armando Walle, two officials with the AFL-CIO Texas Gulf Coast labor federation, and Adrian Garcia, Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner.

**Free Event Tickets when you get COVID vaccination at NRG**

NRG Park Community Vaccine Center has Contest Offering Event Tickets and Giveaways to Vaccinated Participants

Random Drawing of Winners from People that Get Vaccinated at NRG Park CVC May 3-16

Houston – As an incentive, people that receive their vaccination at NRG Park CVC from May 3-16, 2021 will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets to one of the following events or giveaways:

- Houston Texans
- Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ – (Grounds Passes)
- 2021 Nutcracker Market

- Monster Jam
- Disney on Ice
- 2022 Boat Show
- 2022 Houston Auto show
- Astros Giveaways
- Houston Dynamo/Dash
- Houston area concerts presented by Live Nation

\*Some restrictions may apply  
\*Tickets are subject to availability

Participants will receive their vaccination at NRG Park Yellow Lot, Gate 16A. 9036 S. Main Street. Houston, TX, 77054 from 12 pm – 9 pm. Walk-ins/Drive-ups are available. No appointments, pre-registration, or insurance are required. Vaccines are free.

**Aldine ISD Celebrates Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month honors the enduring legacy of Asian Americans and Pacific Islands Americans. It celebrates their significant contributions in literature, history, the arts, culture, film, and leadership. Asian American Pacific Islanders lead many communities in education, medicine, finance, government, and international trade.

Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month occurs every May in the United States. It recognizes our communities within the country's 22.2 million Asians and 1.6 million Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander communities.

District leaders will be celebrating AAPI's rich cultures and traditions. A special event will be held at the Donaldson Administration Building (DAB) and the Bamberg Professional Development and

Resource Center (BAM) on Friday, May 7. This will include student artwork and performances, craft stations, and a cultural artifact showcase. Cindy Nguyen, a Vietnamese bilingual teacher at Carmichael Elementary, is leading these two planned events. Nguyen welcomes staff to wear Asian and/or Pacific attire on this date.

To join the district in celebrating APAHM, click here to learn more about Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage. You can also join the Smithsonian Institute's online event on May 6.

AAPI Heritage Month, formerly Asian Pacific American Heritage Month until 2009, originated in 1992 when New York Congressmen Frank Horton introduced the bill for the month of May to receive that designation. The idea came from former Capitol Hill staffer Jeanie Jew in the mid-1970s – more than

15 years earlier.

Jeanie Jew witnessed the U.S. Bicentennial celebrations of 1976. She was concerned about the lack of recognition given to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. At the time, celebrations of Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage were already in place. President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month in 1976 to become a national observance. Hispanic Heritage Week was designated as a national celebration by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968.

The May celebration includes all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawai-

ian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, and Easter Island).

Legislators chose May for two reasons: First, to commemorate the arrival of the first known Japanese immigrant to the U.S. on May 7, 1843; secondly, to honor the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which upwards of 20,000 Chinese workers helped to construct. The month pays tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders that have enriched the United State's history and are instrumental in its future success.

Be sure to share on social media how you are celebrating #AldineAAPIM.

For more information, visit [asianpacificheritage.gov/](http://asianpacificheritage.gov/).

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**OPINION**  
By Gabby Giffords organization

## Texas Lawmakers put communities at Risk with Permitless Carry

Texas Lawmakers Put Communities at Risk By Pushing a Bill to Authorize Permitless Carry

Washington, DC — Despite the continued surge in gun violence across the United States, Republicans in the Texas House of Representatives are moving ahead with a bill to authorize permitless carry. The legislation they passed, HB 1927, would allow people without any training or a background check to carry handguns in public. Giffords, the gun violence prevention group led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, denounced the dangerous policy.

“The Texas House of Representatives is further endangering Texas communities with the advancement of this reckless bill,” said Nico Bocour, Government Affairs Director. “Texans are already grappling with a gun violence crisis every single day, and instead of passing effective laws, Texas Republicans are eliminating protections that help prevent people who can’t pass a background check from being able to carry loaded weapons in public spaces. Texas families deserve better. It’s past time for the Texas Legislature to stop listening to the corporate gun lobby and instead focus on the policies that can truly make a difference in saving lives.”

HB 1927 would allow citizens to carry loaded, concealed handguns in public without any background check or training whatsoever, and significantly weaken other protections and safeguards that are currently in place. Other dangerous provisions in the bill includes allowing more people with demonstrated histories of violence to carry hidden loaded guns outside the home. Lawmakers today advanced HB 1927 despite strong law enforcement opposition to the bill. The Texas chapter of Giffords Gun Owners for Safety also sent a letter to lawmakers ahead of the vote today to voice their opposition to the legislation.

According to Giffords Law Center’s Annual Gun Law Scorecard, Texas received an F due to its extremely weak gun laws. The state’s existing gun laws are filled with gaps and loopholes that endanger community safety and make the state a leading source of guns trafficked to other states and nations across its borders. Nonetheless, existing state law at least requires people to pass a background check and complete a basic safety training course to be licensed to carry loaded concealed handguns in public places. HB 1927 would do away with these basic protections.

###

Giffords is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Giffords shifts culture, changes policies, and challenges injustice, inspiring Americans across the country to fight gun violence.

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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

**MOMENTS IN TIME** The History Channel —\* On May 10, 1869, the presidents of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads meet in Promontory, Utah, and drive a ceremonial last spike into a rail line that connects their railroads. This made transcontinental railroad travel possible for the first time in U.S. history.

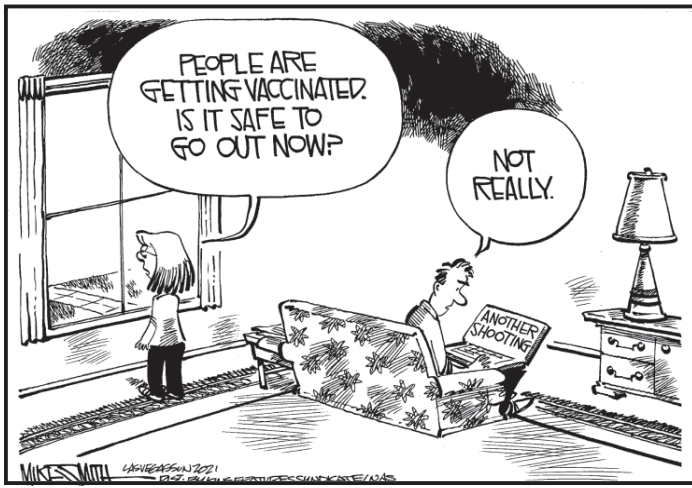
\* On May 16, 1929, the first-ever Academy Awards ceremony is held, with some 270 people in attendance. Movies were just making the transition from silent films to “talkies,” but all the nominated films were without sound.

\* On May 11, 1934, a massive dust storm sends millions of tons of topsoil flying across the parched Great Plains to the East Coast and as far away as ships 300 miles offshore. Farmers had pushed their fields to the limit, plowing under more and more grassland.

\* On May 15, 1942, Lt. Ronald Reagan, a cavalry officer, applies for reassignment to the Army Air Force. As a public relations officer, the actor and future president produced military training, morale and propaganda films.

\* On May 12, 1975, the American freighter Mayaguez is captured by communist government forces gunboats in Cambodia. Two days later President Ford ordered the bombing of the Cambodian port where the gunboats had come from. Forty-one Americans died, many in an accidental explosion during the attack.

\* On May 13, 1985, in Philadelphia, police begin evacuating people from their homes in order to prepare for an operation against MOVE, a radical cult group. MOVE had begun assembling a large arsenal and building bunkers in their row house. The government gave \$1.5 million to three survivors of the raid.



**THE POSTSCRIPT**  
By Carrie Classon

### New Systems

I finished my bath and saw that the rust-orange towel had molted all over my body.

I was covered with tufts of orange fur. It was not a good look, and it felt worse than it looked. Worse yet, it gave me a taste of what the next two months would be like.

My husband, Peter, is a man of many systems, and I have learned to appreciate this over the six years we have been married. He has a particular way to do nearly everything, from making coffee, to washing the dishes, to ordering food stuffs. I have found, by and large, it is best just to stay out of the way and things operate very well.

This brings us to moving. Peter’s idea is that it makes sense to get our possessions out of the house before we begin the painting, minor repairs and deep cleaning. As we have already purchased our new place, Peter says we should ship all our belongings, visit my parents (finally!), and then return to a clutter-free house and do the work needed before putting it on the market.

I’m guessing you have already figured out the weakness in this plan.

“It will be like camping!” I reassured myself. But one bath with the orange towel has me reconsidering. The fluffy white towel I have grown accustomed to has already been packed and the orange “camping towel,” which will be pitched when we leave, has taken its place.

“Peter, I’m covered with fuzz,” I reported mournfully. “That’s a very old towel,” he agreed.

“I don’t think I can use this towel for two months,” I clarified.

Peter gave me a look that indicated he thought I might be a bit of a whiner.

“Then don’t,” he said. “You use the blue towel.”

I knew the blue towel he meant. It was navy blue with a huge bleach stain on it. This was a generous gesture on Peter’s part. The blue towel is an absolute gem compared to the orange towel.

“What will you use?” I asked.

“I’ll use a small towel.”

“How small?”

“Just... small!” Peter said, as if I was getting a little too nosy. “I’ll use a hand towel!”

I couldn’t think of any decent hand towels roaming around at this point in the packing.

“You mean like a tea towel?”

“It’ll be fine!” Peter said.

Now I have images of Peter getting out of the shower and drying himself with some tiny relic, with tulips in the corners embroidered long ago by an elderly aunt. And I fear the worst is yet to come.

Strategic lamps have disappeared, leaving corners of the house in utter darkness. I did not point this out to Peter. He would only reassure me that the days are getting longer.

My biggest concern is that my desk, where I spend nearly all day, will be traveling without me. Peter is leaving behind his awful-looking desk and says I can use that. I am not excited. His desk has some sort of tower on top of it, and a slide-out drawer where my keyboard is supposed to sit. I have no idea what will stop the drawer from sliding back in as I type, and I have tried not to consider this too deeply.

But, of course, we will get by. And I comfort myself by imagining how overwhelmed by luxuries I will be in our new place—once we finally get there.

Full-sized towels! Light in every room! My desk!

And Peter will get to work, implementing new systems for our new life together.

Till next time, Carrie  
Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at [CarrieClasson.com](http://CarrieClasson.com).

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Gary Borders



## Health-care Expansion defeated in Texas House

A bid to expand health coverage for low-income Texans failed in the Texas House last week, 80-68.

State leaders have long opposed expanding the Medicaid program, which is largely funded by the federal government. The measure that failed last week would have allowed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to negotiate a funding agreement with the feds, called a 1115 demonstration waiver, that would cover more uninsured Texans without technically expanding Medicaid, according to various media sources, including the Texas Tribune.

Just over a week ago, the Biden administration rescinded a federal 1115 waiver approved in the final days of the Trump administration, which would have provided the state billions of dollars over the next decade to cover emergency care for uninsured Texans. The state was exempted from the normal public notice process, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Gov. Greg Abbott blasted that decision, saying it “obstructed health-care access for vulnerable Texans.”

Backers of health-care expansion are pinning their waning hopes on House Bill 3871, sponsored by Rep. Julie Johnson, D-Carrollton. Her bill also uses an 1115 waiver to attract federal funding to expand Medicaid eligibility as well as increased in Medicaid reimbursements to doctors, according to the Tribune. But time is running out with the bill still stuck in committee.

If that bill fails to pass, Texas officials will have to begin renegotiating with the Biden administration to restore the funding. More than 650,000 Texans lost their employer-sponsored insurance during the pandemic. Texas has the highest number and highest percentage of uninsured residents in the



nation, according to the Texas Comptroller’s Office.

### MASS TRANSIT LOSES EVEN MORE RIDERSHIP DURING PANDEMIC

Mass transit in Texas has been experiencing a decline in ridership the last few years, according to a Fiscal Notes report by the comptroller’s office. The outlook has worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic, with steep drops in ridership, revenue and service.

According to census data, “in terms of population share, Blacks and Hispanics are overrepresented among public transit riders, as are those with relatively low incomes. Comparatively large shares of those with jobs in education, health care, recreation and food services — the workers most affected by the pandemic — use public transit to get to work,” the report noted.

However, the pandemic has taken its toll on mass service, particularly in urban areas. Houston Metro reported its total ridership in December 2020 was 53.6 percent lower than in December 2019. Research scientists, such as Michael Walk with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, say the use of multiple modes of transportation can make mass transit more appealing to riders.

With the state experiencing explosive population growth, transportation officials

hope to keep public transit a viable option both in urban and rural areas, according to the comptroller’s report.

### MEDIA AD CAMPAIGN TO BOOST VACCINES BEGINS

A \$1.5 million television and radio ad campaign was launched last week by the Texas Department of State Health Services to encourage Texans to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The ads, in both English and Spanish, feature several doctors urging folks to get the vaccine, as the pace of shot administered has slowed.

“Our research shows that individual health care professionals are the most trusted voices for people deciding whether to get vaccinated,” said DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt. “Over the coming weeks we will continue to share messages encouraging various communities to get vaccinated. We are also relying on trusted voices within those communities to speak up and let their neighbors know that the available COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to end the pandemic and restore normalcy.”

### VACCINE DOSES NOW OVER 10 MILLION MARK; COVID-19 CASES STEADY

The number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 10.56 million as of Sunday, according to DSHS. The number of folks who are fully vaccinated hit 7.11 million, which is about 24% of the state’s population.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas rose slightly last week compared to the previous week, to 23,684, with new deaths dropping slightly at 359, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Similarly, lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals was at 2,793 for the same period, down slightly from the previous week, according to DSHS.

### TEXAS LIFTS PAUSE ON J&J VACCINE

Vaccine providers in Texas can resume using the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, DSHS announced.

The Centers for Disease Control paused use of the one-dose vaccine in mid-April after 15 cases of blood clots were identified, primarily in women between 18 and 49. That’s out of more than 7 million shots administered nationally.

Boosters of the vaccine point to the simplicity of a single-dose vaccine and the ease of storage, according to Hellerstedt, the DSHS commissioner.

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Mensaje del Superintendente, 20 de abril de 2021

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Disponible en: English

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Hoy es un recordatorio de que se puede hacer justicia. Las prácticas equitativas son el primer paso para abordar las desigualdades dentro de nuestros sistemas y comunidades.

Aldine ISD trabaja activamente para ser un lugar donde se escuche a todos los alumnos, donde todos los alumnos estén seguros y donde todos los alumnos prosperen. El distrito continuará asegurando que TODOS los alumnos tengan acceso a escuelas de alta calidad, un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y se centrará en obtener resultados equitativos para todos los alumnos para garantizar que tengan opciones y oportunidades.

Continuaremos mirando hacia dentro, mirar alrededor y mirar hacia delante. Lea más sobre el trabajo de equidad de Aldine <http://ow.ly/ZLJG50EtAct>

START STRONG (FUERTE COMIENZO)

Con la planificación para el año escolar 2021-2022 actualmente en curso, estamos construyendo lo que llamamos Start Strong (Fuerte comienzo): el plan de Aldine ISD para la enseñanza y el aprendizaje este otoño. Continuaremos buscando expertos médicos y evaluando las condiciones locales para tomar decisiones que prioricen la seguridad de nuestro personal y estudiantes. Hemos trabajado arduamente para asegurarnos de que todos los miembros del personal tengan acceso a la vacuna contra la COVID. Seguimos colaborando con los líderes comunitarios para aumentar el acceso a las vacunas para las familias y los miembros de la comunidad. Estamos planeando dar la bienvenida a todos nuestros estudiantes a las escuelas este otoño, ya que sabemos que el aprendizaje presencial es más beneficioso para la mayoría de los estudiantes. Esté atento a recibir información adicional antes de que finalice este año escolar.

RECORDATORIO DE EXÁMENES STAAR

Las pruebas STAAR de hoy son para nuestros estudiantes aprendiendo en casa. Este año, se programará a los estudiantes para que realicen los exámenes de acuerdo con su modelo de aprendizaje actual (en la escuela o en el hogar). Sin



embargo, es importante tener en cuenta que todos los estudiantes deben realizar el examen en el edificio escolar asignado. Se seguirán las pautas de seguridad para garantizar que los estudiantes y el personal estén lo más seguros posible. Las escuelas se han vuelto creativos y están utilizando espacios adicionales en sus edificios para garantizar el distanciamiento social.

El transporte y las comidas están disponibles para todos, y las fechas estarán disponibles para que los estudiantes recuperen los exámenes.

\* Todos los alumnos que aprenden en casa deben ir a su escuela de origen para tomar los exámenes en los días programados.

\*\* Mayo 18 y Mayo 19 son Días de Aprendizaje Remoto para los estudiantes en 3°, 4°, 5°, 6°, 7°, y 8° grado que estudian en la escuela.

Es importante que todos los estudiantes, ya sea que estén aprendiendo en el hogar o en la escuela, participen en sus lecciones y completen tareas, cuestionarios y proyectos. Si no tiene una cuenta de Home Access Center (Centro de Acceso Desde el Hogar; conocido por sus siglas en inglés HAC), regístrese a través del sitio web del Home Access Center.

RECORDATORIO: La preinscripción para prejardín de infantes 3, prejardín de infantes 4 y jardín de infantes está abierta

Las familias pueden preinscribir a los estudiantes elegibles para el año escolar 2021-2022 en tres grados: prejardín de infantes 3 para niños de tres años, prejardín de infantes 4 para niños de cuatro años y jardín de infantes. Nuevamente, la preinscripción es para estudiantes nuevos y elegibles que ingresan a Aldine ISD por primera vez. Las familias pueden hacer clic aquí para comenzar el proceso de preinscripción completando los documentos en línea. La fecha límite para preinscribir a los estudiantes en prejardín de infantes y jardín de infantes es el 31 de mayo de 2021.

RECORDATORIO: Los estudiantes participan en una encuesta sobre sus habilidades socioemocionales y de bienestar — Los estudiantes de AISD de 3.º a 12.º grado están participando en una encuesta sobre sus experiencias este año. La encuesta estará abierta hasta el 30 de abril. Los estudiantes que aprenden en la escuela y los que aprenden en el hogar pueden proporcionar comentarios que el distrito puede utilizar para mejorar los servicios y programas que apoyan mejor a todo el estudiante. La investigación vincula el aprendizaje socioemocional (SEL) con el éxito a largo plazo.

Enlace de la encuesta para estudiantes: [surveys.panoramaed.com/aldine](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/aldine)

Los miembros del personal profesional de la escuela también están proporcionando comentarios. Recibieron un enlace de encuesta de Panorama Education, la empresa que realiza la encuesta para estudiantes y personal de AISD.

PARTICIPACIÓN DE LA FAMILIA Y LA COMUNIDAD (FACE)

Manténgase al día con el boletín de abril del Departamento FACE de Aldine ISD para conocer las fechas de los eventos de este mes y los recursos familiares, con algunos aspectos destacados a continuación:

Reunión de COVID presentada por Texas Children's Hospital

20 de abril – Reunión en inglés (FOLLETO EN INGLÉS)  
Horario: 6:00 p. m.  
Sesión de Zoom

22 de abril – Reunión en español (FOLLETO EN ESPAÑOL)  
Horario: 6:00 p. m.  
Sesión de Zoom

ACTUALIZACIONES DE CHOICE SCHOOLS (ESCUELAS DE OPCIÓN)

Solicitud de la Academia Hall Success abierta para la admisión 2021-2022

Solicitud del programa bidireccional de lenguaje dual para el año escolar 2021-2022

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

Como recordatorio, Texas ha abierto la elegibilidad para la vacunación contra la COVID-19 para todos los adultos. De acuerdo con la elegibilidad ampliada, los tejanos de 16 años o más pueden vacunarse. Sin embargo, la vacuna Pfizer es la única vacuna aprobada disponible para ese grupo de edad. Las vacunas Moderna y Johnson & Johnson han sido aprobadas para personas mayores de 18 años. Más información.

Las pruebas rápidas de la COVID-19 desde el automóvil continúan estando disponibles para todos los estudiantes y el personal de Aldine ISD. Es necesario registrarse en línea y se puede encontrar aquí. Recomendado a todos seguir haciendo su parte: usar cubreboca, lavarse las manos y mantener el distanciamiento.

Para terminar, ¡están pasando tantas cosas maravillosas en nuestro distrito! Asegúrese de visitar la página de Noticias del Distrito del sitio web para mantenerse actualizado sobre todo lo que sucede en nuestro distrito.

Les deseo una gran semana.

Con orgullo Aldine,  
Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendente

Testing Calendar

ON-CAMPUS LEARNERS		AT-HOME LEARNERS*	
Date	Test	Date	Test
April 13	Writing (4, 7) English I EOC	April 20	Writing (4, 7) English I EOC
April 15	English 2 EOC	April 22	English 2 EOC
May 4	Algebra I EOC	May 11	Algebra I EOC
May 5	Biology EOC	May 12	Biology EOC
May 6	Science (8) U.S. History EOC	May 13	U.S. History EOC
May 7	Social Studies (8)	May 19**	Math (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
May 11	Math (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	May 19**	Reading (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
May 12	Reading (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	May 20	Science (5, 8)
May 13	Science (5)	May 21	Social Studies (8)

\*All at-home learners must go to their home campus to take tests on their scheduled day(s).  
\*\* May 18 and May 19 are Remote Learning Days for students in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade on-campus students.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



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The Spats



**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

**HOCUS-FOCUS**  
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Sign is missing; 2. Badge is missing; 3. Pocket is empty; 4. Stripe is missing; 5. Kerchief is missing; 6. Pin is missing.

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King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- Fashion
- Cougars
- Copier part
- Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
- Sweatshirt variety
- "The Raven" maiden
- Off-roader (Abbr.)
- Burn with steam
- Khan title
- "Moonstruck" star
- la-la
- War god
- "Praying" singer
- TV actor
- Restaurant fan
- Sports venues
- Not as small lady
- Chic again
- Lariat
- Neither mate
- Actress de Matteo
- de-France
- Red Square figure
- Last (Abbr.)
- Sister of

**DOWN**

- Mollify
- Caches
- Pay stub abbr.
- Floral rings
- Upright
- Columns
- Secondhand
- Chess piece
- On the train
- Composer
- Crude cabin
- Rental contract
- Canine cry
- Bonn's river
- Threw in
- Moreover
- Corn serving
- Movie houses
- Hat edges
- Nabokov novel
- Puccini works
- Very long time
- Plod
- Counted (on)
- Western flick
- Sentry's weapon
- Cannes milk
- Linguist
- Chomsky
- Check-cashing needs
- Sphere

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is Canada's northernmost territory?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a bar named Paddy's Pub?
- SCIENCE: Mycology is the study of what?
- MUSIC: Which city is mentioned in the Eagles' 1972 song "Take It Easy"?
- MEASUREMENTS: Which civilization was the first to divide a day into 24 hours?
- U.S. STATES: How many states border Colorado?
- MOVIES: "Hedwig's Theme" is the music that marks which movie series?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novella "Breakfast at Tiffany's"?
- LANGUAGE: What does The Magna Carta mean in English?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for June babies?

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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1	6	4	9	1	8	6	4	9

Solution time: 21 mins.

Trivia Test Answers  
1. Nunavut; 2. "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"; 3. Fungi; 4. Winslow, Arizona; 5. Ancient Egyptians; 6. Seven; Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming; 7. "Harry Potter"; 8. Truman Capote; 9. The Great Charter; 10. Pearl

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## Lone Star College helps military veterans transition to civilian life

Houston (April 19) – Lone Star College is proud to be a part of the College Credit for Heroes program that assists veterans and service members make the transition from military to civilian life as smoothly and quickly as possible.

“It changed my life because it allowed me to feel like what I did was worth it,” said Austin Lanyon, military veteran and current LSC student. “This gives me the motivation to keep going to give back to the community that I served.”

The LSC College Credit for Heroes program offers veterans, service members and working adults an opportunity for accelerated entry into fields such as Business Administration, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services, Logistics Management, Medical Radiologic Technology, Pharmacy Management and Surgical Technology.

“The College Credit for Heroes program looks to maximize college credit awarded to veterans and service members for their military experience in order to expedite their transition into the Texas Workforce,” said Vickie Johnson, LSC executive director, Veteran Services. “This helps eliminate obstacles veterans may encounter in attaining degree awards and support streamlining the military evaluation process.”



“Lone Star College taking into consideration my military experience has allowed me to save on tuition and books as I’m pursuing a college degree,” said Ulises Ossio, military veteran and current LSC student. “Getting a few credit hours may not seem like a lot, but being able to save on tuition and books makes going to college more affordable.”

Veterans interested in seeing which courses their military learning or experience may help them earn credit at Lone Star College can visit [Transferology.com](http://Transferology.com), a nationwide network designed to help students explore their college transfer options to get the transcript evaluation process started.

“The program’s goal is to eliminate obstacles to attaining licensing, certification and accreditation, and degree awards at state and national levels so that veteran’s transition more quickly from

the college classrooms to the workforce,” said Johnson.

Visit [LoneStar.edu/College-Credit-For-Heroes](http://LoneStar.edu/College-Credit-For-Heroes) to learn more on how Lone Star College is helping veterans utilize their military training for tomorrow’s workforce.

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 93,000+ students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow’s workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of 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).

## Houston Community College to receive \$600,000 in PepsiCo “Uplift” scholarships for Black & Hispanic students

HOUSTON (April 14, 2021) – Houston Community College (HCC) has launched a partnership with The PepsiCo Foundation to provide scholarships and training for Black and Hispanic students to help them secure jobs in high-demand fields.

HCC is among four community colleges in the nation to partner with The PepsiCo Foundation Uplift Scholarship program. The \$40 million initiative aims to expand to 16 other cities in the fall to support 4,000 students over five years. The PepsiCo Foundation is the philanthropic arm of PepsiCo.

Under the program, the Houston Community College Foundation will receive \$600,000 to be used in 2021 and 2022 to provide academic and technical education to prepare Black and Hispanic students for in-demand jobs with livable and sustainable wages.

The program will provide HCC students with financial support, mentoring and leadership training from PepsiCo employees. Students will have the opportunity to apply for internships and jobs at the company. Scholarships are also available for HCC graduates transitioning to four-year colleges.

“This partnership between HCC and The Pep-

siCo Foundation demonstrates our shared commitment to uplifting underserved populations of the community, empowering them with education and training, and creating pathways toward their successful careers,” said HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado, Ed.D., P.E.

The Uplift initiative addresses a stark income gap among families in the greater Houston area. Forty percent of HCC students come from families with annual household incomes of less than \$20,000. About a third of HCC graduates report being the first in their family to graduate from college. As a federally-recognized Minority Serving Institution, HCC students comprise 85 percent minority, including 39 percent Hispanic and 28 percent Black in 2020.

The disparity underscores the vital role HCC plays in rendering support to underrepresented populations to improve the overall economic vitality of the Houston region, said Madeline Burillo-Hopkins, Ed.D., HCC vice chancellor of Workforce Instruction and HCC Southwest president.

“Houston Community College is a critical part of Houston’s solution to economic inequality,” she said. “Our traditionally marginalized students are in need of our

support, especially Black and Hispanic students.”

PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Ramon Laguarta said the initiative continues the company’s efforts to “combat deep-rooted economic disparities that have long impacted the Black and Hispanic communities.”

“Education is a great equalizer that enables economic growth and upward mobility, and helps build generational wealth that lifts up communities over the long-term,” he said. The initiative will also provide critical training, support and other services to help them succeed, he added.

With the Uplift Scholarship program, HCC will offer training in information technology fields such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, computer programming, and desktop support and network specialist. Other offerings include logistics, manufacturing, automotive technology, and commercial truck driving.

Students can pursue associate degrees or short-term workforce certificates that lead to industry-recognized credentials.

To apply for a scholarship to offset tuition and other associated costs, visit [hccs.edu/uplift](http://hccs.edu/uplift).

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## COMMUNITY WATCH

### Shooting at 11000 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man at 11000 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) that occurred about 10:50 a.m. today (April 26).

The victim, Alis Varela, 31, suffered a gunshot wound to his leg and was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division Detective A. Johnson reported:

Officers were dispatched to a shooting call at the above address and learned Mr. Varela was shot during a road rage incident where an unknown suspect fired multiple shots at Varela's vehicle. Paramedics transported Varela to the hospital.

The suspect is described only as a black male driving a blue Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

### Fugitive responsible for Murder

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division need the public's assistance locating fugitive John Johnson, who is wanted for Murder.

On Monday, April 5, 2021, at approximately 3:30 p.m., fugitive John Johnson was involved in a shooting in the 1400 block of W. Gulf Bank Road in Houston, Texas. During the incident, the fugitive shot and killed the victim then fled the location in an unknown direction of travel.

Fugitive John Johnson is a black male, 30 years old, approximately 6'2", 205 lbs., with brown eyes and black hair.



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](http://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 Motorcycle Crash at 9103 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 9103 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) service road about 1:45 p.m. on Saturday (April 24).

The identity of the male victim, 22, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant S. Jewell and Officer J. Leon reported:

The driver of a black Ford F-250 pickup truck was traveling northbound on the freeway and took the West Mount Houston Road exit. A witness stated two motorcycles, a Honda and a Suzuki, were traveling northbound on the freeway service road when the Ford truck made a sharp right turn - an unsafe lane change - to pull into a business parking lot. The Honda motorcycle struck the front right side of the truck and the Suzuki struck the back right side of the truck. Paramedics pronounced the man operating the Honda motorcycle deceased at the scene. The male operator, 21, of the Suzuki, was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

An additional witness told investigators the motorcycles may have been racing or that speed might have played a role in the crash. The male driver of the Ford truck did not show signs of impairment. He was questioned and released with no charges filed at this time.

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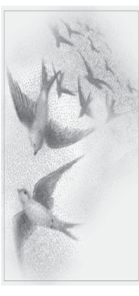
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