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NORTHEAST NEWS



NEWCOMERS-LA-PROMESA-MULTI-ETHNIC-STUDENTS
Applications are open for the 2021-2022 school year. La Promesa, a Choice School, will only serve ninth graders during its first year and add a grade level each year until becoming a 9th-12th grade campus. The district will add two CTE pathways in the 2022-2023 school year.

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East Aldine District's new building complete; Opening set for June



The East Aldine District's new office building was completed this month, and furniture was moved into the building, in anticipation of full occupancy and use to take place in June. A ribbon-cutting and formal opening of the building is now planned for Thursday, June 24. The building will house the offices of the district, the Sheriff's storefront operation, and other government and organization functions. The building is located at 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, a circular street looping into Town Center from Aldine Mail Route. A public park, kids playground, public amphitheater, and walking trails are part of the development. Planning continues for more development, including a supermarket and another business. The building was designed by PGAL architects, and built by Brookstone Corp. Town Center landscaping was by Clark-Condon.

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 Live-stock 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 will open new Special Purpose "La Promesa" high school in the fall

High school students newly arrived in the U.S. from non-English speaking countries or with limited English proficiency — will receive intensive English language learning instruction, core academics, and support services at the new, innovative program set to launch in fall 2021.

Aldine ISD continues to develop programs that give all students access to high-quality schools and learning experiences that prepare them for the future. All means all, including those new to America, also known as newcomers. The latest choice school, La Promesa, aligns with the district's strategic goal that ensures all Aldine ISD students learn in an environment that is safe, welcoming, and supportive.

Newcomers come to the school district with special needs, like learning a new language, adapting to a

new culture, and adjusting to a new school system. The school is the latest initiative from Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. She believes this environment will support them so that they can succeed.

La Promesa, which translates to "the promise" in Spanish, will focus exclusively on students who are new to the U.S. and come from non-English speaking countries or with limited English proficiency. The curriculum will address their unique needs and provide a rigorous, academic college-readiness education and a strong support system. La Promesa promises to develop students' knowledge and skills to lead and thrive anywhere. Staff will also work with students and families to create a strong sense of community with Six Core Outcomes for La Promesa Students — Re-

silience, Growth Mindset, Social Awareness and Respect, Agency, Bilingual, and Technological Literacy.

Every course will have English learning instruction embedded in its lessons. The intent will be that students are working to improve their English literacy skills all day, every day. In addition to English as second language services, Aldine ISD will address students' social-emotional needs.

A Choice School

Families and their children have choices in Aldine ISD. They can choose from Aldine's various unique academic programs — known as Choice Schools from throughout the district. Students do not need to be zoned to Choice Schools. Choice Schools are open to Aldine ISD students that meet the criteria, but they must apply.

La Promesa, a Choice School, will be housed within Aldine High School, where it will have an entire wing dedicated to the program. In the 2021-2022 school year, La Promesa will only serve ninth graders. It will add a grade level each year until becoming a 9th-12th grade campus.

During the second year, 2022-2023, La Promesa will implement two Career and Technology Education (CTE) pathways. While a decision has not been announced, Aldine ISD has a tradition of selecting CTE pathways in fields that are in high demand. What does all this mean for La Promesa students? The students at La Promesa will have the opportunity to obtain industry certifications and associate degrees. They will also be earning college credit

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Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia distributes laptops at Eckert Elementary

ALDINE - Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia recently visited Eckert Elementary on April 28 to distribute laptops to 50 students in need of one.

Students and teachers welcomed Commissioner Garcia and Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. The Superintendent first took a moment to laud the students, teachers, and Principal Jennifer Price for their hard work this school year. She also thanked Garcia for helping to close the digital divide. The computers she said would "allow students to reach endless possibilities."

The Commissioner spoke to students and let them know that he wants to help them be what they want to be, adding that he is "looking for the next commissioner." He advised



Commissioner Garcia at Eckert Elementary.

the students to continue to wear their masks and encourage their families to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

He also showed them how to take care of the laptops and how they are supposed to be used, like helping them learn, adding that "if your head hurts, it means you are learning." After speaking, students

helping schools close the digital divide are important to him.

"Closing the digital divide has been a priority going all the way back to when I was on Houston City Council. When the CARES Act money became available, Harris County Commissioners Court stepped up immediately funding these critically-needed laptops, tablets, and hotspots to area schools that needed them. This goes back to long before the pandemic. I'm proud to have helped Aldine ISD get the tens of thousands of devices that students and teachers are now using for their educational needs. Today's students will be the astronauts who eventual-

For Garcia, community outreach initiatives like

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COVID-19
Cases as of May 4, 2021

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19 COUNTIES

647,487 POSITIVE
7,129 DEATHS
600,930 RECOVERED

TEXAS

2,903,764 POSITIVE
50,411 DEATHS
23,274,930 TESTS

UNITED STATES

32,510,732 POSITIVE
578,406 DEATHS
437,469,331 TESTS

WORLDWIDE

153,943,676 POSITIVE
3,222,832 DEATHS
90,558,558 RECOVERED

COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES

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HoustonEmergency.org/covid19
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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.

New La Promesa High School,

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while in high school as well as completing their degree sooner.

La Promesa is opening in collaboration with the Partnership with Internationals Network.

Why choose a Choice School? — A Best-Fit School for Your Child

All children are unique. Each learns in different ways, has aspirations for different careers, and is interested in different subjects. The more options there are that better suit a student's interests, the better for the student. The district believes that if all students can attend a high-quality school that matches their interests, they will achieve their academic potential.

Students don't need to be zoned to a Choice School, but due to their popularity and limited space, they do need to apply.

If La Promesa is the School for You, Enroll TODAY!

The program is available to Aldine ISD families, but seats are limited. To ensure your child's spot, apply today!

To enroll <https://enroll.aldineisd.org/login>.

To select another language to fill out the online enrollment form, click on "Select Language" at the top of the page.

Would You Like to Learn More About La Promesa and Meet the Principal?

Leading La Promesa as its principal is Ana Fernanda Flores-Bolivar. Originally from Mexico, Flores-Bolivar has worked in education for more than a decade. She started her teaching career as a bilingual teacher in Aldine ISD in 2006 before taking on leadership roles at the campus level. Her most recent position was serving as the principal at Orange Grove Elementary School. She holds a master's degree in education from St. Thomas University. Flores-Bolivar has a law degree from Universidad Iberoamericana, one of the most prestigious universities in Mexico City.

Principal Flores-Bolivar will be hosting virtual recruitment tours for Aldine ISD families interested in learning more about La Promesa and the application process. Families can visit the links below to learn about the new Choice School option.

Virtual Information Sessions

If you are interested in joining a virtual meeting, please click here to complete the short four-question form online to select one of the dates.

Thursday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m.

Families that complete the online form to attend one of the sessions will receive more information on virtually joining the sessions. Organizers will provide information in multiple languages.

Do You Have Questions?

If you can't join the sessions, families can call (281) 448-5237 and send emails to newcomerschool@aldineisd.org. You can visit La Promesa's website and also follow the school on Twitter @LaPromesa_AISD.

Pct. 2 Garcia at Eckert Elem.,

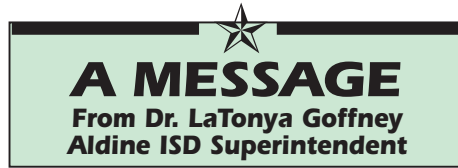
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ly travel to Mars or invent life-changing technology that will save our environment. We must give them every opportunity to succeed. This is money well invested in the present that will lead to a better future."

Also present was Chief Business and Operations Officer Dr. Tamika Alford-Stephens. She and her team have worked with the community, organizations, and tech companies to help close the digital divide in Aldine ISD. The district was able to reach its 1:1 device goal earlier this spring.



- TOP TEN MOVIES —**
1. Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train (R) animated
 2. Mortal Kombat (R) Lewis Tan, Jessica McNamee
 3. Godzilla vs. Kong (PG-13) Alexander Skarsgard, Millie Bobby Brown
 4. Separation (R) Madeline Brewer, Rupert Friend
 5. Raya and the Last Dragon (PG) animated
 6. Nobody (R) Bob Odenkirk, Aleksey Serebryakov
 7. The Unholy (PG-13) Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Cricket Brown
 8. Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) Michael Cera, Mary Elizabeth Winstead
 9. Tom & Jerry (PG) Chloe Grace Moretz, Colin Jost
 10. Together Together (R) Patti Harrison, Ed Helms
- Source: Box Office Mojo
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Message From the Superintendent, April 26, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

I am excited to say that I am declaring next Monday, May 3, as the last "First Day of School." On this day, I invite all students to come back to on-campus learning so we can all Finish Strong and Finish Safe. That means ensuring all of our students are given the opportunity to catch up on any missing assignments, take scheduled spring exams, and participate in end-of-the-year activities and celebrations.

Families: There's no need to complete any form — simply contact your campus leader if you have any questions about your child's return.

From the beginning, we have relied on science and data to go as fast as we can but as slow as we must. And it worked. Aldine saw very little community spread in our schools. Our students followed the protocols — watching their distance, washing their hands, and wearing their masks. Additionally, we continue to make vaccines available to every Aldine ISD teacher and staff member and work with community partners to help ensure our community is educated and has access to testing and vaccines.

The year is coming to an end, but it is not over. There are exciting activities, momentous events, and important learning left to do. Without a doubt, this community's dedication is why we made it this far and the reason we will end the year safe and strong.

COVID-19 UPDATES – Testing, Safety Protocols, and 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.

Aldine ISD has partnered with Custom Care Pharmacy, Texas Patient Care Services, Community Health Choice, and Harris Health to provide COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer) for Aldine ISD staff, students, and the community.

Currently, Harris County Public Health is offering vaccines on demand. To schedule an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from Harris County Public Health (HCPH), click here or call 832-927-8787.

Additionally, in anticipation of approval for children 12 to 15 years of age to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Aldine ISD has partnered with Texas Children's Hospital and will provide vaccines for this age group and others at M. O. Campbell Educational Center once approval has been granted. More



IMPORTANT REMINDERS 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.

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 survey 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

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.

STAAR Testing

STAAR testing picks back up next week. 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. Transportation and meals are available to everyone, and dates will be available for students to make up the exams.

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.

information will be provided once we receive notification.

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.

Adjustments to Quarantine Protocols

Following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control, Aldine ISD will no longer require fully vaccinated students and staff without symptoms to quarantine if exposed to a lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 case.

Individuals are considered fully vaccinated:

Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or

Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

Students who are fully vaccinated are encouraged to provide a copy of their vaccination card to their campus nurse to enter into their student health immunization records. Staff will only be asked to provide their vaccination records to the Aldine ISD Benefits if they are identified as an exposure to a positive case. Fully vaccinated staff members, who can provide their vaccination card, can then be cleared by the Aldine ISD Benefits department to return to work.

2020-2021 ALDINE ISD STANDARDIZED TESTING SCHEDULE

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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:

Storytelling
Thursday, April 29
<https://zoom.us/j/91286173652>
English Session from 5:00-5:30 p.m.
Spanish Session from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY PAGE

Victory Early College HS ranked in “Best in Nation”

Victory Early College High School earned high national and Houston-area rankings in U.S. News’ 2021 Best High School Rankings.

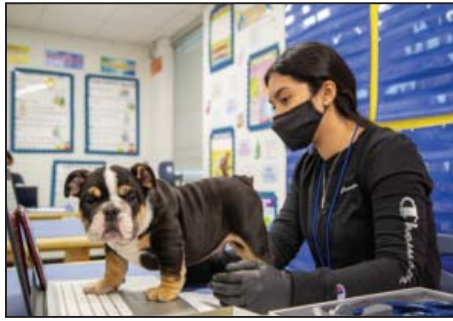
Victory Early College High School was ranked nationally in the top 40% of high schools. Victory was ranked 318th in the nation. Victory Early College High School was ranked 13th in the Houston Metro Area and ranked 52nd in the state of Texas.

“I am elated that Victory continues to shine nationally,” said Victory Early College Principal Dr. Phyllis Cormier. “We do not take this recognition lightly. The faculty, staff and students of Victory have collectively dreamed big and worked hard to make this recognition possible. In moving forward we stand by the mantra: “Success is achieved and maintained by those who try and keep trying.” If a plan is not working, we may alter the plan, but we will never change the goal of every Victory student obtaining an Associate’s degree.”

Victory students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement coursework and exams. The AP participation rate at Victory is 84%. The total minority enrollment is 98%, and 80% percent of its students are economically disadvantaged. Victory Early College High School is one of 10 high schools in Aldine ISD.

The 2021 edition of Best High Schools includes a numerical ranking of nearly all public high school nationwide – almost 18,000 of them.

Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation rates and how well they prepare students for college.



An Aldine High School ag student examines a puppy.

Aldine HS Ag Students Study Bulldog Puppies

Aldine Senior High School Agriculture Science students have their hands full with four English Bulldog puppies this semester. The high school students who have chosen the Agriculture Science pathway are learning the ins and outs of caring for small animals in their Small Animal Management class.

The course gives students hands-on experience to learn skills related to animal systems and gain knowledge about the many different career opportunities and industry expectations. Each year agriculture teachers choose a small animal for students to study. Options include, but are not limited to, small mammals, amphibians, reptiles, dogs, avians and cats.

Aldine ISD Pre-Veterinary Pathway Instructor and Aldine FFA Advisor, Ernest Branford, started his class with a video about the history of the English Bulldogs. Students learned facts about the English Bulldogs, how to properly treat and clean the dogs, and even learned that the breed is known for being a great family dog. This semester students have been studying the canine gestation, whelping, and weaning process.

After reviewing the student’s new knowledge, they were each tasked with choosing a puppy to work with for the rest of the class period. The students’ faces lit up and they rushed to pick up a new short-legged friend to work with.

This agricultural experience is fully hands-on. “As you take time getting to know your puppy, tell me what you notice,” Branford said.

The students examined their puppies, dodged puppy nibbling, and began to announce their findings.

Next, the students were tasked with giving their puppies a physical exam to check their health, determine any injury or illness, growth or skin problems, all to learn the body system of the dog. Additionally, students learned how to find their dog’s heartbeat and noted all findings. The physical exam assignment was one portion of the animal structural series, the class covers.

Save time and money this summer at Lone Star College-North Harris

HOUSTON (May 3, 2021) – Summer is almost here, and students can further their education with May mini-mester and summer courses at Lone Star College-North Harris!

Students can choose between May mini-mester courses beginning May 17, Summer I courses beginning June 7, or Summer II courses beginning July 15. These courses are perfect for college students home for the summer looking to get ahead. Many of our courses are fully transferable to four-year universities.

Online, hybrid, and in-person courses allow students to build the perfect schedule that best meets their needs. Students can meet with academic advisors in person in the Student Services Building or schedule a virtual appointment online.

To view advising hours, schedule a virtual appointment, payment deadlines, or register, please visit LoneStar.edu/LearnMore.

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.

Each class period they will learn more and more about their animal and get the experience needed to care for animals if they choose to continue the Veterinary pathway after high school.

“I look forward to coming to this class because we are getting real learning experiences,” Giovanni Vazquez, Aldine Senior High School junior said. “It’s cool because I get another opportunity to learn how to take care of more animals.”

Vazquez also participates in Aldine FFA. FFA is a program that prepares students for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

The adorable puppies are a handful but make the best learning companions for the students.

The Agriculture Science program and the Small Animal Management course are offered at every traditional high school throughout the district. Students can receive more information about the programs on the Aldine ISD CTE webpage. You can follow Aldine FFA on Instagram and Twitter at [@thealdineffa](https://twitter.com/thealdineffa).

Aldine ISD is Bringing Summer Meals Back

Aldine Child Nutrition Services will provide students 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no-cost summer meals. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

“Children need good nutrition year-round so they can learn, grow and succeed in life,” Dani Sheffield, executive director of child nutrition services, said. “With nearly 2 million food-insecure children living in Texas, these healthy meals are vital to nourishing our students during summer vacation.”

Aldine ISD Child Nutrition Services will operate 46 school sites offering breakfast and lunch daily. Specific locations will be posted on the district and Child Nutrition websites. Meal service times may be obtained by contacting a campus site.

Aldine is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas.



**CONGRATULATIONS
2021 Graduates**

Lone Star College is celebrating your accomplishments with a virtual commencement ceremony.



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PCT. 2 TALK
By Commissioner Adrian Garcia



Precinct 2 Brings Vaccines to You

By: Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia

You may have noticed recently that there's no longer a vaccine waitlist at vaccine mega-sites like Harris County's at NRG Stadium. Now, at ReadyHarris.org you can pick the day and time that works best for you, and those who want a COVID vaccination don't have to spend hours and stress waiting online for the very moment slots open. Most vaccination sites now are accepting walk-ins without previous registration and appointments! Just as Precinct 2 mobilized quickly for the first wave of vaccinations, now we're quickly adjusting to reach and vaccinate people who might be less able to visit shot sites and are perhaps hesitant about getting the shots that will save lives.

Many Precinct 2 residents can't get to mega-sites like NRG Stadium twice in a month for their shots. For readers of Northeast News, Highlands Star-Crosby Courier, Barbers Hill-Dayton Press, or North Channel Star, committing three or more hours on a workday to get to a vaccine site isn't feasible. Worse yet, many others don't have access to effective transportation and struggle with limited Metro routes, especially at the outer edges of our precinct.

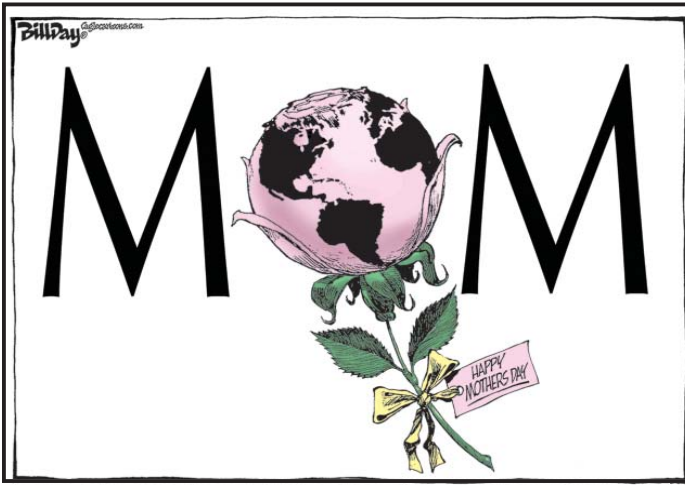
For these reasons, I've tasked the Precinct 2 team to bring vaccines directly to the communities I serve. Under the management of our talented Director of Health Services, Chara Bowie, Precinct 2 has coordinated more than 15,000 shots in arms of people who previously couldn't get them. In Aldine alone, a Precinct 2 partnership with UHP Health (operators of the SmartPod Access2Health) has supported more than 2,500 vaccine shots at North East Community Center, where we are doing regular vaccinations multiple days per week. In addition, our residents received more than 1,750 doses in Channel-area communities and close to 700 doses in Crosby and Barrett.

While reaching a wide variety of communities in areas near our Community Centers and Precinct 2 facilities, we've also partnered with the Longshoremen's Union, Plumber's Union, Teamsters and other labor organizations to vaccinate thousands of these essential workers. Like other frontline workers, our friends in labor have critical need for vaccination access to be healthy.

Even with these local vaccine events, challenges to get the shot remain for tens of thousands. Many of our seniors don't drive, are mostly homebound or are residents in a senior living community. To address these issues, Precinct 2, along with Harris County Public Health, has begun taking shots to Senior Care Facilities in Precinct 2, as well as to the homes of seniors in our homebound meals program.

Now, as the first wave of vaccinations in Harris County slows and begins to build a second smaller wave, I'm using all of my knowledge of Precinct 2's extremely diverse population to reach out and find all residents who want and need a COVID vaccination. An important part of this is to help build interest and understanding why each vaccination helps each and all of us stay healthy. We need to engage those hesitant about vaccinations and help them value a vaccination that saves their lives as well as the lives of their loved ones.

Since being elected, I've asked my team to understand all the unique characteristics of our communities and to really know the precinct's residents. In this way we can bring vaccines directly to you, no matter where you live. While I'm proud of all Precinct 2 residents who are now vaccinated, we are accelerating our efforts to help more people get vaccinated, all to reach a level that'll crush COVID in Precinct 2. If you haven't gotten your vaccine yet, don't wait. If you're concerned and hesitant, take a close look at the ultimate benefits to you, your family and your friends. Please get your shots so we can all get back to doing the activities we love with the people we love.



THE POSTSCRIPT
By Carrie Classon

Still Nagging

It is a well-known fact that we are allowed to chew out the people we care about. Most recently, this came to mind when I gave my old friend, Andrew, a serious tongue-lashing.

Andrew is a lifelong bachelor, and a committed curmudgeon. He is better than most curmudgeons at being curmudgeonly because he started young. Andrew showed signs of being a grumpy old man when he was still in his 30s. But Andrew is no longer in his 30s, and this is what brought us to our recent conflict.

Andrew is not taking care of himself. He would argue this is not true, of course. He would say that he lives a healthy life and even eats vegetables on occasion. He rides his stationary bicycle on a nearly daily basis, and he has no bad habits—which is probably true, except for the bad habit of ignoring the advice of his dearest and most concerned friend.

My problem with Andrew is that, like a lot of men, he does not go to the doctor. I'm betting every woman reading this right now is clucking her tongue in unison. I rarely make sexist generalizations, but I have observed that women seem to take the whole "going to the doctor before there's anything wrong" thing a lot more seriously than men do unless there's a woman nudging the man in the ribs. This brings us back to Andrew.

Andrew knows he's supposed to see a doctor. He also knows he's overdue for a colonoscopy, which he is not looking forward to, and so he dawdles and, eventually, he puts it out of mind completely—until I remind him.

"You haven't had a doctor's appointment yet?" I ask, accusingly.

"I've been busy," he says. This is true. He has been busy lately, as he is a tax preparer and tax preparers are madly busy for about three months of the year. The rest of the year, however, he has been dawdling.

"So, have you had your annual exam yet?" I asked again, after he had a chance to rest up for at least two-and-a-half days. He did not answer.

I told Andrew if he died early of something preventable, I was going to give his eulogy and say, "He was an idiot and he got what he deserved!" and sit down.

I wouldn't really do this. But I feel like it every time I hear he still hasn't gone to the doctor.

Andrew will tell that you he is extraordinarily healthy. Logically, he knows this is no reason not to have a medical exam, but he will cite the fact that he has never had a cavity as evidence of his better-than-average health. There are no reputable studies linking an absence of cavities to immortality, that I am aware of, but Andrew clings to the conviction that he is not like the rest of us cavity-riddled mortals.

I checked my email to see if Andrew had written this morning. He has not. This means one of three things: He is still mad at me, he has not yet scheduled an appointment, or he is mad at me and has not scheduled an appointment.

But I am still nagging him. I don't care if he is angry with me because I don't think he has anyone else nagging him to take care of himself, and I care about Andrew very much.

A person doesn't get more than one friend like Andrew in their life. I've got to do everything I can to keep him around, complaining as long as possible.

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

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Gary Borders



State shows largest numerical population gain

Texas stands to gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives after results of the 2020 census released last week show the state had the largest numerical gain of any state since the 2010 census.

The population increased by nearly 4 million in the past decade, to 29.14 million. That's a population increase of 15.9% in 10 years — third highest by percentage in the nation, behind Utah and Idaho. The state's clout in the House will increase to 38 congressional districts, with redistricting likely coming this fall.

The increase has been driven for the most part by increases in the state's Hispanic population, which accounted for half of the growth in the past decade, according to the census. As the Texas Tribune pointed out, annual increases in Hispanic residents in Texas have been greater every year since 2010 than the combined growth among white, Black and Asian residents.

ABBOTT GETS BILL ALLOWING TO-GO ALCOHOL SALES FROM RESTAURANTS

Restaurants can continue to sell alcohol to go after both chambers passed a measure making Gov. Greg Abbott's pandemic declaration permanent. Abbott is expected to sign the measure.

When restaurants were forced to close their dining areas last March, the measure allowed beer, wine and mixed drinks to be sold along with takeout and delivery food orders. While pandemic restrictions on in-dining seating have been lifted, many restaurants continue to rely on takeout and delivery options.

The Texas Restaurant Association reports 700,000 restaurant workers in Texas lost their jobs



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in the early weeks of the pandemic, with thousands of restaurants permanently shuttered.

ERCOT ANNOUNCES INTERIM CEO

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has picked Brad Jones to be interim CEO for the Texas grid operator. Jones has more than 30 years of industry experience, including two stints with ERCOT.

The previous CEO was fired after the widespread power blackouts during the February winter storm, and nearly half the board resigned. Under ERCOT's bylaws, Jones can serve as interim CEO for up to a year.

ERCOT falls under the umbrella of the Public Utility Commission. Its newest member and chairman, Peter Lake, was recently confirmed by the Texas Senate.

STATE RELEASES \$11.2 BILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

The state's top leadership announced last week the release of \$11.2 billion in fresh federal funding to help public schools "address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Two-thirds of the nearly \$18 billion allocated by the feds is now available

under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency. The remaining one-third in funding will be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Texas already had received roughly \$2.2 billion in federal funding to help school districts respond to COVID-19. School districts and others have been calling for the state to release the money so they could begin budgeting for the next school year. The federal government requires the state to maintain both public school funding and money for public colleges and universities at the same levels as in the three years before the pandemic to tap into the K-12 stimulus dollars.

VACCINATION PACE SLOWING; NEW COVID-19 CASES, DEATHS STEADY

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 11.1 million Sunday. As in the rest of the country, the pace has slowed — up just a bit over 4% from the previous week. A total of 7.92 million state residents are now fully vaccinated — more than one-fourth of all residents, according to DSHS.

Meanwhile, a total of 23,054 cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a drop of about 600 people; 353 deaths were reported, down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 patients hospitalized dropped slightly to 2,648, according to DSHS.

TEXAS GETS \$79 MILLION TO PROTECT COASTAL AREAS

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced last week the state will receive an additional \$79 million as part of the RESTORE Act, which is the law passed in response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout and the resulting massive oil spill. The money will be used for land acquisition for coastal conservation; shoreline protections; restoring water quality and freshwater inflows on the Texas coast; and restoration of high-quality coastal habitats in the Texas portion of the Chenier Plain complex, which extends from Galveston Bay to Vermillion Bay, Louisiana.

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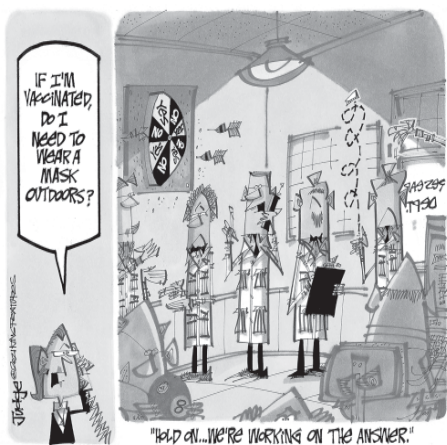
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Mensaje del Superintendente, 20 de abril de 2021

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Me emociona decir que declararé el próximo lunes 3 de mayo como el último «primer día de clases». En este día, invito a todos los alumnos a regresar al aprendizaje en la escuela para que todos podamos Terminar Fuerte y Terminar Sanos. Eso significa asegurar que todos nuestros alumnos tengan la oportunidad de ponerse al día con las tareas que faltan, tomar los exámenes de primavera programados y participar en las actividades y celebraciones de fin de año.

Familias: No es necesario completar ningún formulario; simplemente comuníquese con el director escolar si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el regreso de su hijo.

Desde el principio, nos hemos basado en la ciencia y los datos para ir lo más rápido posible pero tan lento como debemos. Y funcionó. Aldine vio muy poca difusión en nuestras escuelas. Nuestros alumnos siguieron los protocolos: observar su distancia, lavarse las manos y usar sus máscaras. Además, continuamos poniendo las vacunas a disposición de todos los maestros y miembros del personal del Distrito Escolar de Aldine (Aldine ISD) y trabajamos con socios comunitarios para ayudar a garantizar que nuestra comunidad esté educada y tenga acceso a pruebas y vacunas.

El año está llegando a su fin, pero no ha terminado. Hay actividades emocionantes, eventos trascendentales y aprendizaje importante que queda por hacer. Sin lugar a dudas, la dedicación de esta comunidad es la razón por la que llegamos tan lejos y la razón por la que terminaremos el año sanos.

ACTUALIZACIONES DE COVID-19 – Pruebas, protocolos de seguridad y noticias sobre 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.

Aldine ISD se ha asociado con Custom Care Pharmacy, Texas Patient Care Services, Community Health Choice y Harris Health para proporcionar vacunas contra el COVID-19 (Pfizer) para el personal, los alumnos y la comunidad de Aldine ISD.

Actualmente, el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado Harris ofrece vacunas a través de un sistema de pedidos de va-



Para programar una cita para recibir la vacuna COVID-19 de Harris County Public Health (HCPH), haga clic aquí o llame al 832-927-8787.

Además, en previsión de la aprobación para que los niños de 12 a 15 años de edad reciban la vacuna contra el COVID-19, Aldine ISD se ha asociado con el Texas Children's Hospital y proporcionará vacunas para este grupo de edad y otros en el Centro Educativo M.O. Campbell una vez que se haya otorgado la aprobación. Se proporcionará más información una vez que recibamos la notificación.

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

Ajustes a los protocolos de cuarentena

Siguiendo la guía de los Centros para el Control de Enfermedades, Aldine ISD ya no requerirá que los alumnos y el personal completamente vacunados sin síntomas sean puestos en cuarentena si se exponen a un caso positivo de COVID-19 confirmado en laboratorio.

Las personas se consideran completamente vacunadas: Dos semanas después de su segunda dosis en una serie de dos dosis, como las vacunas Pfizer o Moderna, o

Dos semanas después de una vacuna de dosis única, como la vacuna Janssen de Johnson & Johnson

Se anima a los alumnos que estén completamente vacunados a que proporcionen una copia de su tarjeta de vacunación a la enfermera escolar para que la ingresen en sus registros de vacunación de salud estudiantiles. Solo se le pedirá a miembros del personal que proporcionen sus registros de vacunación a la Oficina de Beneficios de Aldine ISD si se identifican expuestos a un caso positivo. Los miembros del personal completamente vacunados, que pueden proporcionar su tarjeta de vacunación, pueden ser autorizados por la Oficina de Beneficios de Aldine ISD para regresar al trabajo.

La preinscripción para prekínder y kínder está abierta — Las familias pueden preinscribir a los alumnos elegibles para el año escolar 2021-2022 en tres grados: prejardín de infantes (prekínder) para niños de tres años, prekínder para niños de cuatro años y kínder. Nuevamente, la preinscripción es para alumnos 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 alumnos en prekínder y kínder es el 31 de mayo de 2021.

Los alumnos participan en una encuesta sobre su bienestar y habilidades socio-emocionales — Los alumnos de Aldine ISD en los grados 3-12 están participando en una encuesta sobre sus experiencias este año. La encuesta estará abierta hasta el 30 de abril. Los alumnos que aprenden en las escuelas y los que aprenden en casa pueden proporcionar comentarios que el distrito puede utilizar para mejorar los servicios y programas que apoyan mejor a todos los alumnos. La investigación vincula el aprendizaje socioemocional (SEL) con el éxito a largo plazo. Enlace de encuesta para alumnos: survey.panoramaed.com/aldine

Los miembros del personal profesional escolar también están proporcionando comentarios. Recibieron un enlace de encuesta de Panorama Education, la empresa que realiza la encuesta de alumnos y personal de Aldine ISD.

Pruebas STAAR

Las pruebas STAAR se reanudarán la próxima semana. Es importante tener en cuenta que todos los alumnos deben realizar la prueba en el edificio escolar asignado. Se seguirán las pautas de seguridad para garantizar que los alumnos y el personal estén lo más seguros posible. El transporte y las comidas están disponibles para todos, y las fechas estarán disponibles para que los alumnos recuperen los exámenes.

HORARIO DE PRUEBAS ESTANDARIZADAS 2020-2021 ALDINE ISD

* 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.

Participación de la familia y la comunidad (FACE)

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

Narración

Jueves 29 de abril

https://zoom.us/j/91286173652

Sesión de inglés de 5: 00-5: 30 p.m.

Sesión de español de 5: 30-6: 00 p.m.

Para terminar, ¡tenemos tantas cosas maravillosas sucediendo en nuestro distrito! Por favor, 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 maravillosa semana por delante.

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.

RECORDATORIOS IMPORTANTES

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

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.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Borscht veggie
- Nourished
- Great Lakes fish
- Choir voice
- "— been real"
- Plane-related
- Pear variety
- Fury
- Away from WSW
- Mine yield
- Say
- Snoop
- Upscale auto
- Golf great Sam
- Husband of Eurydice
- Level
- Genetic letters
- Sicilian peak
- New Mexico's capital
- Director DeMille
- "Nasty!"
- Cowboy's sweetie
- Brag
- Gaiety
- Mauna —
- Pac-12 sch.
- Cocktails garnished with olives
- Avoid
- Ostrich's kin
- Sultry Home
- Male turkeys
- Moines
- Retain
- Sideways somersault
- Miami team
- Desire
- Afrikaner
- Byron or Tennyson
- Strike caller
- Devoted supporters
- Bikini top
- Preschooler
- Red-hot
- Diminutive suffix
- "Spring ahead" hrs.
- Half of bi-baseball
- "Bobby" subj.
- Do something
- Quitter's word
- Mentors
- Small statue
- Twice cuatro
- Grad
- Notoriety
- Leg joint
- Aachen article
- Now, on a memo
- List-ending abbr.
- Club —
- Sort

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Trivia Test Answers

- Right of trial by jury in civil cases; 2. Antietam; 3. Sleepwalking; 4. Victoria; 5. "Suspicious Minds"; 6. Mercury and bromine; 7. John Tyler (15 children by two wives); 8. Lifetime achievement in architecture; 9. "A Game of Thrones," the first in a series called "A Song of Ice and Fire"; 10. Rocky Squirrel on "The Bulwinkle Show."

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- LAW: What is the subject matter of the Seventh Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
- HISTORY: What was the bloodiest single-day battle of America's Civil War?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for somnambulism?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of British Columbia in Canada?
- MUSIC: What was Elvis Presley's last No. 1 hit?
- SCIENCE: Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at standard room temperature?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had the most children?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Pritzker Prize given for?
- LITERATURE: Which novel was the first to feature a place called King's Landing?
- TELEVISION: Which animated TV character's favorite expression was "Hokey Smokes!?"

Weekly SUDOKU

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Virtual reality, 3D tech helps ready HCC students for petrochemical plant jobs

Houston, TX (May 6, 2021) – As petrochemical and manufacturing plants become increasingly technologically advanced, Houston Community College (HCC) has responded with guidance from industry advisors and investments in the latest teaching methods. As COVID-19 changed the educational landscape, hands-on classes had to be conducted in a virtual environment, with HCC process technology students continuing to learn using innovative software found in industry.



Such cloud-based software allows students to experience petrochemical and manufacturing plant environments using virtual reality (VR) and three-dimensional (3D) technology — all from their home computers.

“The program has been very beneficial to allow students like me to get a proper understanding of the concepts taught in the book. You can visualize the controls like you would in the workplace,” said HCC process technology student Zane Asher.

Zane and other process technology students use state-of-the-art, Simtronics-SimCirrur software that allows them to simulate controlling a petrochemical plant from a control room. The students can run scenarios that create conditions in

the plant environment that could cause trouble, and then troubleshoot and solve the problems to return the plant to normal conditions.

Student Kyle Poole uses the same software in his current workplace and appreciates the opportunities he has in the classroom and at home to refine his skills.

“I monitor certain machines using SimCirrur software, so it has really been fun being able to adjust the process via computer,” Kyle said. “Most of my adjustments made at work are done physically. I feel like I have a better understanding of what it’s going to be like to be a process technician.”

Process technology instructor and program coordinator Dr. Azita Ahooseini is overseeing the classes within the HCC Global Energy Center of Excellence on the HCC Northeast Campus at 555 Community College Drive

in Houston. The center team is responsible for preparing the curriculum, adapting textbooks and software, and equipping labs.

“The VR and 3D simulation software we use really enhances this training and provides the advanced skills that are required in industry,” Ahooseini said. “That increases job readiness for our students.”

Petrochemical plants are located throughout the Texas Gulf Coast region and the demand for highly skilled technicians continues to be steady. Through longstanding industry partnerships, HCC continues to provide trained technicians for employers. The median wage for such technicians is \$68,000 annually in Texas for those with an Associate of Applied Science degree.

For more information about the program, visit hccs.edu/globalenergy or call 713-718-5534.

Davis HS Cadet Earns State JROTC Award



Cantú (second from right) with Lt. Col. Muñoz (far right) and members of the TXSSAR.

Cadet Diana Cantú with the Benjamin Davis High School Air Force Junior ROTC earned the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR) Enhanced Junior ROTC Scholarship Award. TXSSAR President Drake Peddie and JROTC Committee Chairman John Thompson made the announcement virtually at the annual TXSSAR meeting.

The organization’s intent fosters the principle of the “citizen-soldier,” as exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. The TXSSAR presents the award to JROTC cadets selected for having a high degree of merit for leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence.

Cadet Cantú was required to complete an application documenting her class rank, involvement in JROTC, extracurricular activities, and community service to reach the state level. Additionally, an original essay was also required on the topic, How JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of the United States of America. The TXSSAR serves almost 400 high schools throughout the state, and each

school may submit one nominee for this competition.

Cantú was nominated by Air Force JROTC instructor Lieutenant Colonel Porfirio Muñoz and recommended by Davis High School principal Mr. Anthony Watkins.

Following her nomination, the local Robert Rankin Chapter of the TXSSAR selected Cantu to compete at the state-level competition for her JROTC accomplishments and her essay titled, The First Piece of the Puzzle.

She will receive a \$150 cash scholarship from the Robert Rankin Chapter and a \$2,500 tuition scholarship from TXSSAR.

“It’s an incredible honor for us to have Diana earn this state-level award. Her hard work and dedication is a prime example of being a better citizen for America. We wish her all the best at the national competition,” said Lt. Col. Muñoz.

Her application and essay will be submitted in a national competition and the winner announced in Renton, Washington, in July at the national congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Shooting at 1415 West Gulf Bank

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man at 1415 West Gulf Bank Road about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday (May 2).

The victim, Michael R. Clursky, 34, was transported to an area hospital in critical condition.

HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division Detectives M. DeLeon and J. Cimeni reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting at an apartment complex at the above address and learned Mr. Clursky had been shot in the head while getting into his vehicle.

The suspect, described only as an unknown black male, was seen getting into a black vehicle and then fleeing the scene.

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.

Fatal Crash at 8900 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 8900 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) that occurred about 5:35 a.m. on Sunday (May 2).

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

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant K. Harris and Officer J. Tran reported:

A minor crash occurred in the main lanes of the northbound side of the North Freeway. A few minutes later, a gold Honda Accord struck a black Hyundai, which was involved in the first crash. A few minutes after the second crash, the driver of a white Chevrolet van struck the driver of the Honda (victim) as he was standing outside his vehicle inspecting the damage. The driver of the van fled the scene on foot. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Anyone with information on the identity of the wanted driver is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

House fire and shooting on Parkette

Houston Fire Department reports they fought a house fire in the North Forest/ East Houston Area, at the 8800 block of Parkette, 77078. There were no reported injuries.

HFD reported \$42 thousand in estimated property saved, and \$55 thousand in estimated damage.

The cause is under investigation, but initial indication is that it was set intentionally.

Firefighters arrived on scene within two minutes to find heavy fire on the side of a house. Crews made an offensive attack and found no victims inside. The fire was extinguished and another intentionally set fire was found inside a nearby home. Crews extinguished the second fire quickly. HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause of the fire.

Houston Police Department was also requested due to a recent reported shooting at the same location. Firefighters from Stations 34, 45, 32, 43 and 56 responded to this incident.

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2. What businesswoman from Thyatira opened her home to Paul and saints after her conversion? Rachel, Keturah, Lydia, Shiprah
3. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your ___ be also?" Love, Heart, Faith, Friends
4. From 2 Samuel 18, whose hair became tangled in a terebinth tree? Samson, Herod, Absalom, Joab
5. On the outskirts of what city did Jesus meet Zacchaeus? Smyrna, Tarsus, Jericho, Antioch
6. From 2 Samuel 14, what was the name of Absalom's daughter? Ruth, Tamar, Miriam, Sarah

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