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Aldine ISD to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

ALDINE – Schools across the district will celebrate the diversity, culture, traditions, and contributions of Hispanics during September and October. AISD recognizes the diversity in our schools and workplaces.

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates a diverse group of people. They trace their roots to Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries in North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Of the district's student population, nearly 75 percent are Hispanic. They represent many Spanish-speaking countries.

BY THE NUMBERS

Depending on how you count, there are 22 Spanish-speaking countries in the world.

More than 450 million native speakers of Spanish, making it second only to Chinese in terms of the most spoken languages in the world. English is just behind Spanish, with approximately 360 million native speakers.

Spanish is the third most studied language in the world, after English and French.

In addition to the more than 450 million native speakers, just shy of 75 million people worldwide speak Spanish as a second language.

Around 754 million people are expected to speak the Spanish language globally by 2050, report shows.

According to the official US census, the United States will have the highest number of Spanish speakers in the world after Mexico by 2060, and around 28.6% of the population will be Hispanic.



Carver High School's Mariachi band will be featured this month.

Houston's Hispanic population is increasing rapidly as more Latin American immigrants move to the area to work. Houston now has the 3rd largest Hispanic population in the United States after New York and Los Angeles.

Texas' Hispanic population is on pace to be the largest share of the state by 2021.

National Hispanic Heritage Month falls during the anniversaries of independence for several Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras,

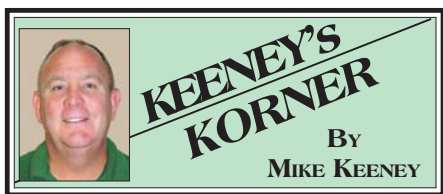
and Nicaragua. Mexico's Independence is September 16.

MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT
Hispanic and Latino-Americans can have European, Jewish, African, Asian, and indigenous ancestry. The district encourages everyone to learn about Hispanics' various cultures, customs, traditions, and history.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

District leaders will be celebrating the rich, diverse cultures and traditions of Hispanics. Special events and activities 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 a book

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Texans get prime time spotlight against Panthers: A&M takes on dangerous Arkansas team in SEC opener

The David Culley Era got off to a nice start as the first-year head coach led the Texans to a decisive 37-21 season-opening win over Jacksonville and No. 1 overall draft pick Trevor Lawrence two weeks ago.

This week, the Texans will host the Carolina Panthers in prime time on Thursday Night Football at NRG Stadium.

In the 16-point win over Urban Myer's team, the Houston defense intercepted Lawrence three times and recorded one sack, while the offense was efficient behind quarterback Tyrod Taylor (291 passing yards, two passing touchdowns and one rushing touchdown). The offense churned out 449 yards (160 rushing yards) and produced 37 points.

This week, they host a Carolina team that opened its season with a 19-14 win at home over the Jets as running back Christian McCaffrey looked like his old self after missing most of the 2020 season with nagging injuries. McCaffrey rushed for 98 yards and if the Texans hope for a second straight home win in 2021, the run defense will have to put forth another solid effort (the Texans run defense allowed only 76 yards to the Jags).

While the Texans and Panthers battle on Thursday

night, there are some interesting matchups slated for Sunday and Monday. Indianapolis and Tennessee, who both lost their openers at home, play a key early-season AFC South contest in Nashville on Sunday, while the Los Angeles Chargers travel to Kansas City to face the Chiefs in an AFC West matchup.

Tom Brady and Tampa Bay travel west to face the Los Angeles Rams, while the Green Bay Packers, who were rolled by the Saints 38-3 in their opener, also head west to face San Francisco on Sunday Night Football. Week 3 concludes on Monday Night Football with a NFC East matchup of the Eagles visiting the Cowboys.

In college action, Texas A&M opens SEC play against an Arkansas team that waylaid Texas 40-21 two weeks ago. The Hogs look like one of the most improved teams in the country and the Aggie run defense will get a stern test against a Razorback team that loves to run the football, and does a darn good job of it. The game will be played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

Texas Tech travels to Austin to face Texas in the Big 12 opener for both teams, while Notre Dame and Wisconsin meet in Chicago's Soldier Field as former Badger QB

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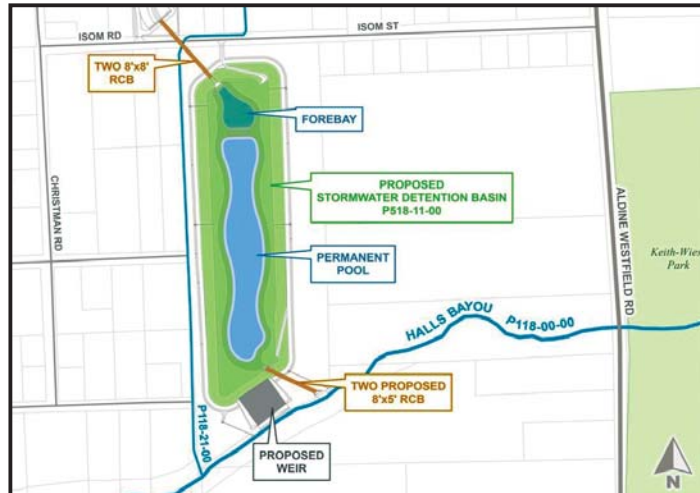
Additional flood detention basin under construction near Aldine-Westfield

ALDINE – In July 2021, the Flood Control District began construction of the P518-11-00 stormwater detention basin, located between Halls Bayou and Isom Street.

Bond Project C-25 is part of the Halls Implementation Program, a watershed-wide effort to implement the 12 flood risk reduction projects identified in the 2018 Bond Program. This approximately 180 acre foot wet-bottom stormwater detention basin is expected to hold approximately 59 million gallons of water, or 89 Olympic-sized swimming pools, once complete.

This project is funded by the 2018 Bond Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery program.

Construction equipment will access the work area via Aldine Westfield Road. The contractor will use



heavy construction equipment such as dump trucks, excavators, and bulldozers to remove trees, vegetation, and excavated soil. Motorists are urged to be alert to truck traffic when passing near construction access points and along truck routes.

Project ID# P518-11-00-E001
Contractor – Lecon, Inc.
Contract Amount – \$5,913,715.10
Construction Start – July 2021
Construction Duration – 234 calendar days
The Flood Control Dis-

trict appreciates your patience through the duration of this project. Should you have questions or comments, please contact us at www.hcfd.org/contact-us or visit the project page at www.hcfd.org/C25.

Sheriff deployed high-water vehicles prior to tropical storm Nicholas

According to HCSO Chief Mike Lee, before Tropical Storm Nicholas Made Landfall, the Harris County Sheriff's Office Flood Rescue Group Staged a fleet of High-Water Rescue Vehicles and Watercraft throughout the Harris County area so that they would be poised to act if called upon during the storm.



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Jensen Jubilee set for Oct. 16 in Shady Lane Park

Houston Northeast CDC presents its 7th annual Jensen Jubilee Fall Festival.
 Date: October 16, 2021
 Time: 10:00 am.- 2:00 pm
 Location: 10220 Shady Lane (Shady Lane Park) Houston, Tx 77093
 Free to the public along with food, fun and resources!
 Info: Pastor David L. Smith, Houston Northeast CDC, 9126 Jensen Drive, Houston, Texas 77093
 (713) 697-0933, Option #2



COMMUNITY WATCH

Police kill driver after chase, wrong way, and crash into house

A Fatal Shooting Incident at 1246 Mitchell Road, Involved 20 minute chase, 3 police departments, wrong way on Hardy, and crash into house
 Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a suspect after he intentionally ran over and struck a Harris County Precinct 1 Deputy Constable at 1246 Mitchell Road about 10 p.m. on Wednesday (Sept. 1).
 The identity of the suspect, 39, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.
 The injured deputy was transported to Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center where he remains in critical, but stable condition.
 Five deputies with the Precinct 1 Constable's Office and one HPD officer discharged weapons in the incident. The HPD Officer, J. White, was sworn in as an officer in March 2017 and is assigned to the Northeast Patrol Division. None of the deputies or the officer was injured.
 HPD Special Investigations Unit Sergeant G. Rodgers and Detectives E. Rossow, S. Mohajer and I. Ulloa reported:

Several deputies with the Harris County Precinct 1 Constable's Office were in marked patrol units and attempting to stop a stolen black Volkswagen Atlas SUV as it travelled the wrong way on Hardy Road. When deputies turned on their emergency lights and sirens in an attempt to stop the vehicle, the driver (suspect) ignored all signals to stop and proceeded to lead deputy constables on a high speed chase. During the pursuit, the deputies requested assistance from HPD. Several HPD marked patrol units assisted in the vehicle pursuit, which lasted approximately 20 minutes. During the pursuit, the suspect pulled into the front yard of a home at the above address and quickly backed the vehicle into the driveway. The primary patrol unit, a Precinct 1 Constable Sergeant, blocked the driveway with his vehicle so the suspect could not pull back into the roadway and continue to flee in the vehicle. At that point, the suspect put the vehicle in reverse and, at a high rate of speed, crashed into the home with such force that the back half of the vehicle was inside the home.

Numerous deputies began to converge on the vehicle. As they did so, the suspect drove the vehicle forward at a high rate of speed and ran directly over a deputy and dragged him approximately 20 feet until the suspect struck the marked constable vehicle that blocked his path. At that time, five Precinct 1 Constable deputies and one HPD officer discharged their duty weapons, striking the suspect as he was in the driver's seat of the crashed vehicle.

Paramedics pronounced the suspect deceased. The injured deputy was transported by Life Flight helicopter to the hospital. During the shooting, one Precinct 1 Constable sergeant was struck in the left leg by a ricocheted bullet. Paramedics treated the sergeant at the scene. The investigation is ongoing. As is customary when a law enforcement officer discharges a weapon in the city limits of Houston, the incident is being investigated by the HPD Special Investigations Unit and the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

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HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal Sr Adult Program Specialist

HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:

We've been celebrating our 100-year birthday and we have free commemorative post-cards and stickers at the library for customers to stop by and pick up. Our celebration will continue throughout the remainder of 2021 with free craft kits for babies, kids, teens, and adults. If you'd like a kit, please stop by the library.

FREE TAKE AND MAKE KITS:

While our programming is still mostly online, we do offer free craft kits to customers. The

kits come with most or all the supplies needed and an instruction guide. Customers can watch our online videos (Facebook & Instagram: @highmeadowslibrary) for the instructional as well. Kits are free and offered on a first come first serve basis.

BACKPACK BUDDY PROGRAM:

We are looking for school age children and teens who are interested in receiving food during the school year. We are partnering with the Houston Food Bank to provide Backpack Buddies: a weekly food distribution. Registration is required.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY:

We need YOU to become a friend of the library. We

are currently looking for individuals who would like to help us form a group to be the voice of the community! If you have what it takes, please contact Jennifer at jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

For information on any of the above events or programs, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY
4500 ALDINE MAIL RT HOUSTON, TEXAS 77039
 Library Hours:
 Mondays-Thursdays: 10am to 6pm
 Fridays: 1pm to 6pm
 Saturdays: 10am to 5pm
 Sundays: Closed

Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on **October 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.** at 14950 Heathrow Forest Parkway, Suite 125, Houston, TX 77032. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Stephanie Rush, Mark Ivy, Robert Shawn Emerick, Thomas Brummett & Randy Thibodeaux
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2020 Last Year	2021 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.300/\$100 Adopted	\$0.300/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.00/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ -	\$ -
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ -	\$ -
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ -	\$ -
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.00%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.2363, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The PINE VILLAGE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Baker Ripley East Aldine Campus, 3000 Aldine Mail Route Road, Brown Educational Building Room C128, Houston, Texas 77039. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: JACQUELINE JOSEPH-HOWARD, AUGUSTINE RODRIGUEZ, VIOLET ALLEN AND EMMA HALL

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: JUDY SHILLING

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.21/\$100 Adopted	\$1.06/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$ -0.15/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-12.3967%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 36,534	\$ 41,302
General Homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -7,307	\$ -8,260
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 29,227	\$ 33,042
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 353.65	\$ 350.25
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ - 3.40 -0.9614%

If the district is a district described in by Section 49.23603

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

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The 88th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent, September 13, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

I want to start off by wishing all grandparents in our community a very happy (belated) Grandparents Day — the national holiday was yesterday, Sunday, September 12.

The pandemic made us all closer to our families and taught us to cherish each other a little more. So many cultures around the world hold their elders in high esteem and treat them with immense respect. For me, I hold a special place in my heart for my grandparents, Big Mama and Papa. In the fifth grade, I moved in with Big Mama and Papa. Both were incredibly hard workers, and I learned so much from them. Big Mama, who only had a fifth-grade education, worked as a maid. Papa, who only had a third-grade education, mowed lawns and collected cans. He couldn't read or write, and he wrote his name with an X. While I don't have many good memories during my childhood, some of my happiest memories are with my grandparents. Perhaps my fondest memories are going to garage sales with my grandmother on Saturdays. You see, Big Mama didn't like stopping at a garage sale and not purchasing something, so she would always give me some spare change so that I could buy books. I would always go through books and find something that I wanted to read. I read all kinds of books, from book series like Valley Girls, Nancy Drew, and The Baby-Sitters Club to John Grisham and all his legal thrillers. I even purchased and read those Harlequin romance novels. My grandparents supported and encouraged reading.

Papa always encouraged me to read, saying, "Tonya, if you can read, you can go anywhere." Some of you know my story and the hardships I endured. Reading helped me escape the hard reality of my life. Reading planted dreams in my heart to go somewhere and do something with my life and help others. Reading provided an open window into what is possible in life and helped me gain the tools necessary to create a future filled with opportunity. Books and reading saved me. And I have my grandparents to thank for instilling a love of books.

I encourage you to reach out to your grandparents. If you have a Big Mama, Papa, or Abuelita or Abuelito in your life, spend some time connecting with them. Listen to their stories, wisdom, and perspectives. Do something special to show them how much you appreciate all they do and what they mean to you. And most importantly, let them know how much you love them.

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15)

I am looking forward to kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month this week on Wednesday, September 15. Over the next month, we will take the time to learn more about the achievements of Hispanic people across the country and right here in our community. Hispanic Heritage Month was originally established as Hispanic Heritage Week (September 15-22) in 1968 to celebrate the contributions of people of Hispanic descent in the U.S. The establishment of this week coincided with the Civil Rights movement and the rapidly changing demographics of the country. This particular week was chosen as six Latin American countries celebrate their independence on those days. The observance was extended to 31 days in 1989, and we now have the opportunity to celebrate our Hispanic community for the entire month.

Please follow us on social media to see schools and district staff celebrate throughout Hispanic Heritage Month, including students from Aldine's Mariachi Acero perform.

As the Houston area anticipates Tropical Storm Nicholas, all after-school and extracurricular activities including athletic games and practices, performing arts, clubs, and extended day tutorials scheduled for Monday, September 13 are canceled. In addition, all Aldine ISD campuses and district offices will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday, September 14. We will continue to monitor weather conditions for any possible impacts on our community and will communicate updates via the district website, social media, text, phone, and local news. Please stay safe and healthy.

I wish you a great week of school!
With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

REMINDERS

September is National School Attendance Month. Research shows that daily school attendance positively impacts students' social, emotional, and acad-



emic development. School participation maximizes learning opportunities for all students. While children should never come to school sick and/or with a fever, when a student is healthy, when a student is healthy, I hope you take measures to set your child on the right path forward. In-person learning is the best way for students to learn as well as have a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares them for success in college, career, and life.

September is Suicide Prevention Month.

Suicide is preventable when we ask questions that help identify at-risk individuals and get them the help they need. Click here to read more about how we can prevent unnecessary tragedies.

Primary School Enrollment

The primary schools (Grades Prekindergarten and Kindergarten) will be holding community outreach and enrollment events at each Primary School this Saturday, September 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To learn more about the event, click here.

United States Naval Academy Admissions Forum

The United States Naval Academy will host an Admissions Forum on September 23 in the Houston area. The top-ranked public school offers college opportunities, financial aid, summer STEM programs for grades 8-10, and a seminar for current high school juniors considering the USNA as their college of choice. Financial aid is available for fees and travel for the Summer STEM and Summer Seminar programs. To learn more, click here.

Click on the link to learn more and to register: <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Connect/Events.php>

*The web page will also include a link to view event details (e.g., site address and time).

Introducing ... Family and Community University

Aldine's Family and Community Engagement Department is launching a new program, Family and Community University. The mission of Family and Community University is to provide the necessary knowledge and resources to build confidence and empower families to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. All programming is free, offered virtually and in-person (where indicated), and open to all family and community members. Some sessions will be offered in both English and Spanish. To learn more, click here. Click here to register to attend an information session on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m.

To see all upcoming Family and Community Engagement (FACE) events and programs, visit their webpage here and make sure to sign up for the monthly newsletter.

Transition Expo

It's never too early to start planning! The district will host its Transition Expo on October 7. This event is geared to families of children of all ages with disabilities and will feature programs and resources that help prepare students for life after high school.

Aldine Education Foundation Scholars Program

The Aldine Education Foundation Scholars Program gives students the opportunity to start earning college money in their freshman year of high school by achieving high academic standards for all four years of high school. Students who successfully meet the program's criteria will have \$3,000 of scholarship funds ready at graduation — no applications necessary! Click here for more information.

Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students

All students are eligible for free school breakfast and lunch meals this school year through a USDA program. Families are not required to submit a free/reduced meal application. However, they are encouraged to apply for meal



Esparza elected to board of Mexican American School Board Assoc.

Aldine ISD trustee Connie Esparza was elected to the Mexican American School Boards Association (MASBA) Board of Directors to represent Aldine ISD Region ESC-4 this past weekend at the 23rd Annual Conference at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas.

To be eligible each officer or director shall be a trustee of a member district or a director of a member education service center. The director serves



CONNIE ESPARZA

one year. The Board of Directors holds at least four

meeting annually and duties include adopting the Association's budget, establishing policies as deemed appropriate, appointing such agents as necessary, making recommendations to the Membership Assembly and taking any other necessary actions, not reserved to the Member Assembly.

MASBA's vision "seeks to educate, inspire and act on behalf of the Hispanic students and English Language Learners in our Texas public schools."

Annual College visitation night set for October 4th at MOC

ALDINE – High School Juniors and Seniors Can Discover Future Opportunities at College Night on October 4.

Students can meet with representatives from colleges, trade schools, and military academies; learn about financial aid.

Hundreds of 11th- and 12th-grade students across Aldine ISD will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from post-high school options during College Night on October 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd. (Houston, TX 77032).

Students and their families can move from table to table, collecting brochures, college swag, and advice on application procedures and what post-high school could look like for them. In addition to the colleges and universities, there will be several scholarship organizations and business booths.

TYPES OF POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

Community Colleges/Junior Colleges are public institutions that offer programs that last two years. Community colleges are open to everyone with a high school diploma or GED. They can be a stepping stone to a four-year degree. Tuition rates are usually the lowest among all types of colleges/universities. These colleges typically do not offer the option to live on campus.

Public colleges or universities offer four-year programs. Entrance requirements include a high school diploma or GED or SAT/ACT scores (contact the school directly for specific admission requirements). Public universities offer in-state tuition, which means tuition rates



Scene at College Night in 2019 at M.O. Campbell. Juniors and Seniors will be to meet and talk with representatives from colleges, trade schools, and military academies.

are lower for residents of the state where the college is located.

Private college or university offers four-year programs. Entrance requirements vary, with some colleges admitting most applicants and others only a small percentage of highly qualified students (contact the school directly for specific requirements). Tuition rates are usually higher than public institutions, but they may offer more generous financial aid packages.

Degrees Offered at Public and Private Colleges: Bachelor's, Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Master's, Doctoral, or Professional

Private institutions sometimes called a career, or technical college offers undergraduate and/or graduate programs of various lengths. Many have specialized programs such as culinary or cosmetology schools. Meanwhile, other schools may have programs completely online (also known as distance learning). These schools are for-profit businesses, meaning they are expected to make money for their owners or shareholders. Therefore, tuition rates are usually higher than other

types of colleges.

Degrees Offered at Private Institutions: They may offer Certificates, Licenses, Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, or Professional.

Joining the military is a big decision. Think carefully and talk with family and/or a trusted adult and representatives from the military as you consider your options.

Military Academies: Extremely elite and selective, students receive full four-year scholarships. Service after graduation is required.

ROTC: Train to be an officer while earning a Bachelor's degree with Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). Scholarships are available.

Enlistment: Requires a high school diploma or GED. Upon completion of service, veterans are eligible for money for college.

Trades jobs that pay more than \$75,000 with-out a four-year degree.

Trade, Technical, and Vocational Schools training in specific careers, such as accountants, auto mechanics, computer pro-

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benefits 1) to ensure that their household qualifies for P-EBT funds if they become available again, 2) to allow for meal status eligibility carryover the following school year, and 3) so that the district receives funding to support all students the following year. Families can apply for free and reduced-price meals on www.SchoolCafe.com. To learn more, click here.

State-Required School Vaccines

As we work toward a healthy year for all students and staff, I would like to remind everyone that state law requires students to be fully vaccinated to enroll and remain enrolled in school. Students are to be excluded from attendance until fully compliant. I want to encourage parents and caregivers to see that their school-age children have all of their state-required vaccines to avoid a disruption in being allowed to attend school. You can learn more on the district website.

COVID-19 Reminders

I encourage you to remind our community to follow the three Ws – Wash your hands, Wear a mask, and Watch your distance. As a reminder, masks are required for anyone age two and older at every Aldine ISD campus, district building, and school bus. Aldine ISD's top priorities continue to be the safety and academic success of all students. As Aldine ISD provides in-person learning, protocols and information for families have been updated for the 2021-2022 school year. The protocols will be revisited to address any changes from the Texas Education Agency, CDC, state and local health guidelines. We will post all information related to our operations along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

Stay Connected

Please make sure to check out the District News page to stay up to date on all the wonderful things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

SPORTS PAGE

Texans get prime time spotlight against Panthers: A&M takes on dangerous Arkansas team in SEC opener

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Jack Coan leads the Irish against his former team.

Before we take a look at those games, let's review last week's record. A 6-6 week brought the season record to 14-10 (58%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.



HIGH SCHOOL

Westfield vs. Davis: Scott Joseph's Falcons take on a talented Westfield team on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, Westfield defeated North Shore, 27-21 in a battle of two of the Houston area's top programs. Quarterback Cardell Williams leads Westfield. He's a dual threat who can cause a lot of trouble to defenses. Two weeks ago, Davis dropped a 45-27 decision to Seven Lakes. My pick, Westfield 34, Davis 25

MacArthur vs. Nimitz: Wayne Crawford's Generals take on Richard Slater's Cougars on Friday night at Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Generals dropped a 32-0 decision at Humble, while Nimitz lost a hard-fought 11-7 decision to Mayde Creek. My pick, Nimitz 23, MacArthur 21

Alidine vs. Eisenhower: Hank Semler's Mustangs take on Eric Jackson's Eagles on Saturday evening at Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Mustangs were outscored by Sam Houston, 40-34, while the Eagles lost a heartbreaking 41-40 decision to Cy Creek. Matthew White led the Mustangs with 151 rushing yards and one touchdown, while quarterback Constantin Marin rushed for two TDs and passed for another. Eisenhower was led by running back Ryan Niblett who rushed for 88 yards and three touchdowns, while quarterback Zachaeus Henry passed for 227 yards and two scores. My pick, Eisenhower 34, Alidine 18

NCAA

Texas A&M vs. Arkansas: After what Arkansas did to Texas two weeks ago, it

might behoove the Aggies to not look past the Hogs when the two teams open SEC play in Arlington on Saturday. Two weeks ago, Arkansas dominated Texas on both sides of the ball en route to a 40-21 pasting of Steve Sarkisian's team. While the Razorbacks were cruising to victory, the Aggies had to rally to defeat Colorado 10-7 in Denver. Jimbo Fisher's team lost starting quarterback Haynes King to an ankle injury and he may not be ready for this one. His backup, Zach Calzada, struggled for most of the game, but did produce the game-winning touchdown pass to Isaiah Spiller (133 rushing yards, 1 TD for season) late in the fourth quarter. The A&M defense played an outstanding game and will need to do so again to contain Arkansas QB KJ Jefferson (266 passing yards, 1 TD/162 rushing yards, 2 TDs) and running back Treylon Smith (177 rushing yards, 2 TDs). Spiller and fellow running mate Devon Achane (174 yards, 2 TDs) will be called on to take some of the pressure off of Calzada. It says here the A&M running game, along with its defense, will be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Texas A&M 26, Arkansas 20

Notre Dame vs. Wisconsin: A meeting of two Midwestern powers as the Irish and Badgers hook up at Soldier Field in Chicago. Brian Kelly's team squeaked by in its first two games with an overtime win at Florida State and then needed a late touchdown to defeat Toledo in South Bend two weeks ago. Wisconsin lost its opener at home to Penn State then routed Eastern Michigan two weeks ago. Coan (605 passing yards, 6 TDs) take on his former team, which is led by running back Chez Mellusi (265 yards, 2 TDs). The Irish have a solid back as well in Kyren Williams (120 yards, 1 TD). ND needs to put together

a solid four quarters and that might be tough to do against a solid Wisconsin team, but something tells me the Irish get the job done in Chitown on Saturday. My pick, Notre Dame 30, Wisconsin 26

Texas Tech at Texas: Well, maybe it was too soon to anoint Sarkisian as the Second Coming. After opening the season with an impressive win at Louisiana Lafayette, Texas laid a huge egg at Arkansas two weeks ago as UT was dominated from start to finish en route to a 40-21 loss in Fayetteville. This week, Texas and Texas Tech open Big 12 play in Austin and the Red Raiders could be one of the league's surprise teams. Tech opened with a 37-21 win at Houston then struggled at home against SFA before pulling out a 28-22 win. Oregon transfer Tyler Shough (394 passing yards, 2 TDs) seems to be the real deal, while running back Tahj Brooks (249 yards, 4 TDs) gives the Red Raiders a balanced attack. Shough's favorite target thus far has been wide receiver Erik Ezukanma (13 receptions, 323 yards, 1 TD) and the defense is much improved. Texas QB Hudson Card (285 yards, 2 TDs) struggled against the Hogs and was replaced by Casey Thompson (98 yards, 1 TD) who led UT to a couple of late, meaningless scores. Look for UT to feature running back Bijan Robinson (172 yards, 2 TDs) in this game to take pressure off of Card. Texas always seems to have Tech's number when they play in Austin and I think that trend continues on Saturday. My pick, Texas 34, Texas Tech 30

NFL

Carolina at Houston: The Panthers and Texans go at it on Thursday Night Foot-

ball at NRG Stadium with the Texans looking for another solid home effort. The Texans looked sharp on both sides of the ball in their 37-21 season opening win over Jacksonville two weeks ago. Taylor played well as Deshaun Watson's replacement and running back Mark Ingram had a nice debut with 85 rushing yards and one touchdown. The defense also played much better than it did a year ago and their top goal this week will be to slow McCaffrey. They can't let him get off early or it could turn into a long night on Kirby. My pick, Houston 26, Carolina 23

Indianapolis at Tennessee: Both teams got off to horrible starts to the 2021 season as the Colts dropped a 28-16 decision at home to Seattle, while the Titans were blown out of their stadium 38-13 by Arizona and Kyler Murray. Colts QB Carson Wentz had an average Indy debut throwing for 251 yards and two scores, while Titan running back Derrick Henry had a rough day as he was held to a paltry 58 yards (after rushing for more than 2,000 yards in 2020) and was stuffed twice as he tried to score from the one yard line. Tennessee QB Ryan Tannehill also struggled with just 212 passing yards one TD and one interception. But the news out of Nashville was how poorly the Tennessee played. Murray sliced that unit up for four passing touchdowns and one rushing TD. Titans head coach Mike Vrabel needs to shore up that side of the ball sooner rather than later. Look for a better effort this Sunday by the defense and from Henry as well. My pick, Tennessee 24, Indianapolis 20

Los Angeles Chargers at Kansas City: A year ago, the Chargers had trouble closing out games, but that wasn't the case in the season opener as the Chargers rallied for a 20-16 win at Washington, while the Chiefs rallied from a 12-point deficit at home to defeat the Browns, 33-29. In the Chargers' victory, second-year QB Justin Herbert had a solid outing throwing for 337 yards and one touchdown, while his top target Keenan Allen had a nice start with nine catches for 100 yards

KC QB Patrick Mahomes was his usual amazing self, throwing for 337 yards and three touchdowns. Wide receiver Tyreek Hill had a huge day with 11 receptions for 197 yards and a 75-yard touchdown catch and tight end Travis Kelce was his usual dependable self with six catches for 87 yards and two scores. The Chargers want to prove they are the second best team in the AFC West and they will get that chance to prove it Sunday, but look for Mahomes and Co. to be too much for LA as the Chiefs continue to roll. My pick, Kansas City 31, Los Angeles Chargers 27

Tampa Bay at Los Angeles Rams: Could this be a preview of the NFC title game? It very well could be. The Bucs take on a Rams team that now has a QB who can throw it deep in former Lion Matthew Stafford. Stafford had a nice start to his Rams career throwing for 321 yards and three touchdowns in the Rams 34-14 pasting of the Bears. Cooper Kupp grabbed seven passes for 70 yards and one touchdown, as Stafford did a nice job of spreading the ball around to his wide receivers and tight ends. Brady picked up where he left off in the Super Bowl throwing for 379 yards and four TDs in TB's 31-29 win over Dallas. Antonio Brown had a big night with 7 catches for 121 yards and 1 touchdown, while fellow wide out Chris Godwin added nine receptions for 105 yards and Mr. Reliable Rob Gronkowski grabbed 8 passes from his former NE buddy for 90 yards and two scores. The Bucs will face perhaps one of the top three defenses in the league on Sunday in LA, but TB has an outstanding offensive line. This should be a very interesting matchup, but I'm going with the home team. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 30, Tampa Bay 27

Green Bay at San Francisco: The Packers stunk up the joint in their opener against the Saints as they were dominated on both sides of the ball en route to a 38-3 opening-season embarrassment. Aaron Rodgers had a horrible day, passing for just 133 yards, zero touchdowns

and two interceptions. Wide receiver Davante Adams was held to just five catches for 56 yards and the running game was non-existent. Things could go from bad to worse again this week when they travel to San Francisco to take on a now healthy 49ers team that will be out to avenge last year's 34-17 home loss to the Packers. SF looked good early against the Lions as they built a 41-17 lead, but had to hold on for a 41-33 victory. Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo had a good day with 314 passing yards and one TD, while rookie running back Elijah Mitchell filled in well for an injured Raheem Mostert with 104 yards and one touchdown. I think this could be another long night for the Packers if the offense continues to struggle. My pick, San Francisco 34, Green Bay 20

Philadelphia at Dallas: Week 3 concludes on Monday Night Football with a NFC east battle between the Eagles and Cowboys at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. The Eagles opened the season with an impressive 32-6 win at Atlanta as quarterback Jalen Hurts threw for 264 yards and three touchdowns and rushed for another 62 yards. Rookie wide receiver DeVonta Smith, last year's Heisman Trophy winner, had a solid pro debut with six catches for 75 yards and one touchdown. His first catch in the NFL went for a TD. The Cowboys lost their opener on a last-second field goal at Tampa Bay and while quarterback Dak Prescott (403 yards, 4 TDs) looked sharp returning from a gruesome ankle injury, the secondary struggled allowing 379 passing yards to Brady. The Cowboys can fling it as Amari Cooper had 13 receptions for 139 yards and two scores and second-year man Cedee Lamb chipped in with seven catches for 104 yards and one touchdown. Dallas needs to get running back Ezekiel Elliot going. He was limited to 33 rushing yards in the TB game. Look for the Cowboys to play better on defense this week as they win their home opener against the hated Eagles. My pick, Dallas 33, Philadelphia 26

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1. Is the book of Ephesians in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. Which disciple did Jesus call Cephas, which is Aramaic for "rock"?

5. In Genesis 41-42, what crisis did Joseph's family face? Flood, Famine, Disease, Exile
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Hispanic Heritage Month,

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loteria, 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.

September 15-17: Staff can take part in a Book Loteria that focuses on Hispanic literature. The goal is to complete as many boxes. Winners will be announced on October 15.

September 20-September 24: Culture is the customs of people who live together. Aldine ISD art students will create cultural art walls representative of Hispanic community members in literature, visual arts, and science. The displayed culture walls will be at the DAB and BAM buildings until October 15. On September 24, everyone is encouraged to wear their Hispanic/Latino Heritage pride attire.

September 27-October 1: Stories are a way for humans to engage with others. Stories help draw people together because we see ourselves reflected in them and understand ourselves better. On September



ber 29, at 12 p.m., staff can join a virtual lunch keynote and listen to Dr. José Luis Zelaya, the first in his family, who immigrated to the U.S. from Honduras to graduate from high school, tell his story.

October 4-October 8: The Hispanic Heritage Month Book Club will have participants reading *Latinas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers* by Juliet Menéndez. The collection of short biographies includes influential Latinas from all over Latin America and across the United States. This book inspires everyone to follow their dreams.

October 11-October 15: Several Hispanic cul-

tural art gems exist across the city that everyone can see. Food is also an important aspect of the Hispanic culture and has greatly impacted the U.S. diet, with many recipes now common staples and favorites in the American diet. Hispanic foods will be served during the district's October Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) meeting. Additionally, the Aldine ISD's Mariachi Acero will perform for ILT participants.

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SA) are encouraged to complete the TASFA.

Choose an Affordable School — Paying for college will be exponentially more accessible if you choose a school that's reasonably priced. To avoid straining your bank account, consider starting at a community college or technical school. If you opt for a traditional four-year university, look for one that is generous with aid. Focus on the net price of each school or the cost to you after grants and scholarships. Use each school's net price calculator to estimate the amount you'll have to pay out of pocket or borrow.

Use Grants If You Qualify — High school graduates who don't complete the FAFSA leave billions of dollars in unclaimed federal Pell Grant money each year. Don't make that mistake. As long as you submit the FAFSA and renew it each year you're enrolled in school, you will receive Pell money if you're eligible for it. In addition to the Pell program, the federal government offers several other types of grants, which don't need to be paid back. Many states have grant programs, too. Use this map on the Education Department website to find the agencies in your state that administer college grants. Then look up and apply to state grant programs you may qualify for.

Get a Work-Study Job — A college job checks multiple boxes: It provides an income, work experience, and potentially valu-

able connections. The federal work-study program funds part-time jobs for college students in financial need at college. To apply for work-study, submit the FAFSA. If you qualify, you'll see "work-study" listed on your financial aid award. However, just because you're eligible for work-study doesn't mean you automatically get that money. You have to find an eligible work-study job on your college campus and work enough hours to earn all of the aid you qualify for.

College Night is Ideal for First-Generation College Students

The evening will be valuable to help families with a student who would be the first to attend college. Additionally, English- and Spanish-speaking counselors will be hand to answer questions. The goal is to alleviate some stress for parents and students unfamiliar with college admission and paying for postsecondary education and training. Counselors will also share college preparation tools and programs available to Aldine ISD students.

Organizers are currently planning College Night 2021. In previous years, the event has attracted more than 100 representatives from different postsecondary options.

Due to COVID, the event is limited to 11th- and 12th-graders and their families. The wearing of masks and social distancing will be required.

Chappell Hill Art Gallery features Paintings by Mei

Texas Artisans Art Gallery in Chappell Hill is now featuring oil painting by Mei Hoffman. Gallery is on the main street, and open weekends and some weekdays by appointment. Call 713-703-3841.

The Texas Artisans Art Gallery in Chappell Hill, a short drive from Houston on US290, recently received new paintings to add to its collection of artwork by Mei Hoffman.

The landscape painting seen at the top of the photo on the right was purchased by Leslie Conrads, (in photo left), with the artist Mei Hoffman on the right.

Both Chappell Hill and Round Top are busy each weekend with visitors to the galleries and stores.



Still time to register for fall classes at Lone Star College - Next Start

Next Start courses provide second chance for fall credit with flexible start dates at Lone Star College-North Harris

HOUSTON (Sept. 2, 2021) – The fall semester is underway, but there's still time for students to register and receive full credit with Lone Star College-North Harris' Next Start courses!

Next Start courses offer students who missed the beginning of the semester flexible start dates with 14-week courses beginning Monday, Sept. 13, 12-week courses beginning Mon-

day, Sept. 27, and 8-week courses beginning Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Students can choose from online and in-person courses that transfer to four-year universities. Next Start courses include government, history, math, biology, and more. Students who wish to enroll in Next Start courses must first meet with an advisor and receive approval to register.

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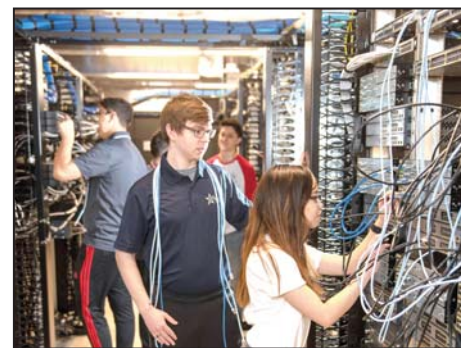
Lone Star College, Intel to offer AI (Artificial Intelligence) education

HOUSTON (Aug. 19, 2021) – The demand for artificial intelligence (AI) skills is rapidly growing and developing a skilled workforce will be critical for the U.S. to remain globally competitive. Lone Star College has partnered with Intel, an industry leader in creating world-changing technology, to implement the AI for Workforce program and help define AI program implementation.

"Lone Star College has always been known as a leader in training tomorrow's workforce with cutting edge technology," said Dwight L. Smith, III, Ed.D., LSC vice chancellor, Academic and Workforce Success. "This collaboration with Intel will ensure our students are prepared to become the next-generation employee."

A survey conducted by EdScoop found that among eight areas of IT instruction, 53% of higher education officials anticipated AI would account for the greatest increase in instructional demand over the next three years, trailing only cybersecurity studies by a small margin.

Since the program launched in Arizona, AI for Workforce has expanded to



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18 schools in 11 states, including New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, California, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, New Jersey, and Arizona. These 18 schools serve 800,000 students, with eight institutions, including LSC, classified as Minority Serving Institutions.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports employment of computer and information research scientists is projected to grow 15% from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the aver-

age for all occupations. "AI is one of the superpowers fueling innovation, economic growth, job creation and advancements across every aspect of society," said Pat Gelsinger, Intel CEO. "Community college is where I developed my passion for technology and kicked off the career journey that eventually led to my dream job as the CEO of Intel."

Visit LoneStar.edu/InformationTechnology to learn more about all the IT programs LSC has to offer.