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NEWS NOTES

Run-off Election May 24

Texas voters get another opportunity to cast ballots starting May 16 in primary runoff elections slated for both Republican and Democratic candidates. The election is May 24, with early voting running until May 20. Statewide runoff races are slated for attorney general and land commissioner in both parties, lieutenant governor and comptroller in the Democratic race, and railroad commissioner on the Republican side of the ticket.

More information can be found about particular races at harrisvotes.com. Voters who cast ballots in one party's primary cannot vote in the other party's runoff election. However, voters who did not cast ballots in the primary can vote in either party's runoff.

East Aldine holds MURAL FEST2022 on May 21

Mural Painting, Art Bus activities

The East Aldine District held a Mural Contest to choose an artist to paint a mural on the side of the High Meadows Library during MuralFest2022, held on Saturday May 21. The painting project will be completed over a three day period at the side of the library by Mural Artist Martin Barrera. Mural-Fest will also include the Art Bus.

A complete photographic report on the MuralFest2022 will be published in next week's issue of the Northeast News.

County marks 1 year ShotSpotter Success

HARRIS COUNTY — At a news conference last week, Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, and East Aldine Executive Director Richard Cantu reviewed the success of a crime fighting tool known as ShotSpotter which was installed over one year ago in Aldine.

"It's a game changer," said Richard Cantu of the East Aldine District where the device is being tested. In one year, it captured 12,454 rounds in a 4-mile radius. Harris County says gunfire-detecting device has led to multiple seizures, arrests and charges.

With more people across the Houston area con-



Richard Cantu, Pct. 2 Comm. Adrian Garcia, and Sheriff Ed Gonzalez at a news conference about ShotSpotter.

cerned about crime, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said he has to test every possible crime-fighting tool. That includes acoustic sensors that detect and

alert deputies to gunfire in real time. The system is known as SHOTSPOTTER, and was installed in Aldine over one year ago. The makers of ShotSpotter

tout the device as "precision policing solutions that help save lives, solve cases and deter crime."

Aldine residents have complained of hearing gunshots. "So far, we've seen a great deal of benefit from it," Gonzalez said. "No increase of false alarms with the use of technology." The technology listens for gunfire within a four-mile radius, Gonzalez and his deputies explained during a press conference a year after the device was installed.

"It's a game changer," said Richard Cantu who leads the East Aldine District. He had petitioned country leaders for help with random gunfire



Richard Cantu at the ShotSpotter one year announcement.

which included illegal celebratory shootings that happened on holidays.

"We're seeing it. We're seeing the evidence that they're getting, they're finding the shell casings.

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Aldine ISD trustees vote pay raises, bonuses

Approve Retention Bonuses and Raise Starting Teacher Salary to \$61,000

The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees approved pay raises for all employees and employee bonus retention during the May 17 Board meeting. The reten-

tion bonus will be determined by the service time an Aldine ISD employee has spent with the district and will be paid in the spring of 2023. Trustees also approved raising the starting teacher salary from \$58,000 to \$61,000.

"I am extremely thankful to our Trustees for recognizing our staff's hard work over these last few

years and the challenges they have overcome with COVID-19. Now, all of us are dealing with tough economic times," said Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "This increase reflects the Board's and district's ongoing commitment to remaining competitive in recruiting and retaining employees prepared and

determined to offer meaningful learning experiences every day to our students. This is exactly why the increase in the starting teacher salary, from \$58,000 to \$61,000, is significant. The retention bonuses show our employees that their loyalty to serving in Aldine ISD will be handsomely rewarded."

Board President Randy

Bates said he and his fellow Trustees believed it was important to reward Aldine's staff.

"It is important to recognize that all teachers and staff deserve more money than our district can give this year, especially during these tough

Continued. See AISD Raises, Page 2

Aldine students graduate this week

Ceremonies at M.O.Campbell In-person and Live-Streamed

CLASS OF 2022 ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION SCHEDULE		
THURSDAY MAY 26	HALL SUCCESS ACADEMY NIMITZ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	5:30 P.M. 7 P.M.
FRIDAY MAY 27	DAVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ALDINE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL VICTORY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL EISENHOWER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	10 A.M. 12:30 P.M. 3 P.M. 5:30 P.M.
SATURDAY MAY 28	MACARTHUR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CARVER HIGH SCHOOL BLANSON CTE HIGH SCHOOL	9 A.M. 11 A.M. 1:30 P.M.

All Valedictorians and Salutatorians

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ALICIA LIZETTE GARZA
VALEDICTORIAN
MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL



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NEWS
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“Safer
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Summer Fair
June 18

The East Aldine community is invited to a SAFER TOGETHER Summer Fair, June 18 from 10am to 2pm at the East Aldine District Amphitheater, 2800 Aldine Mail Route.
The event will include COVID-19 Vaccine shots, Zumba, Gift Cards, Face Painting, Moonwalk, and Giveaways including a chance to Win a TV.
Sponsors include Bonding Against Adversity, VAX HOU, Hope Clinic, East Aldine District, and Pct. 2 Adrian Garcia.

Keep East Aldine
Clean & Green!



COMMUNITY
WATCH

Driver dies in fiery
crash into back of dump
truck at Chrisman Road



ALDINE – A driver is dead after their vehicle struck the back of a dump truck, which was later engulfed in flames at a north Harris County intersection, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said it happened in the 14100 block of Chrisman Road near Aldine Bender Road Friday morning.

Deputies said the vehicle overturned after striking the dump truck and was then engulfed in flames.

The driver in the vehicle died at the scene. Deputies believe he was driving at a high rate of speed prior to the collision.

It is unknown if the driver of the dump truck suffered any injuries.



Fatal Shooting at
6909 Eastex Freeway

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that occurred 6909 Eastex Freeway (North U.S. Highway 59) service road about 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday (May 18).

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

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant R. Watson and Detective R. Waterwell reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call at a motel at the above address. They found the victim suffering from multiple gunshots on the stairway. Paramedics transported the victim to an area hospital where doctors pronounced him deceased.

At this time, there is no known motive or suspect(s).

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

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ROUNDS DETECTED

CASINGS LOCATED

GUNS SEIZED

ARRESTS

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2,580

12,454

2,075

37

42

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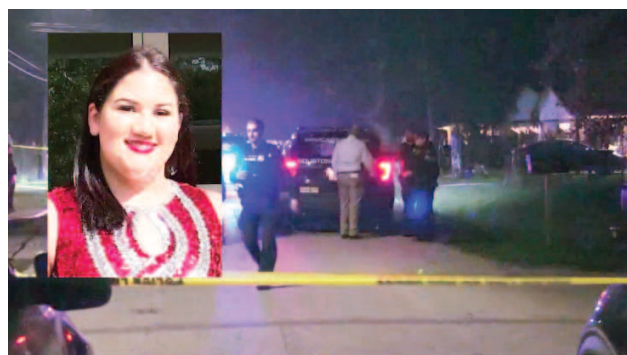
SHOTSPOTTER RESULTS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF SERVICE

Sometimes they're making arrests, taking guns off the streets, making our community safer," Cantu said more than six months after his own daughter was shot and killed. Aleksis Cantu died on Halloween night 2021. The 18-year old was running from gunfire after police say at least one person pulled a gun during a packed house party in north Houston.

Of gunfire that Aldine residents hear at all hours of the day, "I myself have called it in," said Cantu. "You hear it and the best thing you can do is guess-timate."

Harris County said ShotSpotter sensors can signal deputies, through text message, within 82 feet of where the shot was fired. The accuracy, Gonzalez said, is why calls about gunfire are now listed as "priority one" for the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Gonzalez and Garcia are hopeful more county commissioners will consider investing in the technology so the program can expand to other corners of the county dealing with high reports of gunfire. "This is investing in public



Cantu's Daughter Aleksis was killed by random gunfire at a house party last year. Aldine residents say this type of gunfire occurs too often and asked for help from the County.

lic safety," said Garcia. "The data does not lie."

From March 31, 2021 to April 1, 2022 the Harris County Sheriff's Office said ShotSpotter sent 2,580 alerts to deputies after detecting a total of 12,454 rounds of gunfire. Deputies report locating 2,075 casings from scenes located by ShotSpotter. 37 guns were seized as a result of the technology and 42 arrests were made. Deputies report helping prosecutors file 55 charges.

On its website, the makers of ShotSpotter report the technology has led to a 33% decrease in in gunfire in Fort Meyers, Florida in

2020, improved the homicide clearance rate of a large city by 9.4% and has helped to reduce some crimes in Greensboro, South Carolina by 33%.

The City of Houston is making a five year investment. In January, the Houston City Council approved \$3.5 Million to use ShotSpotter in various points across the city.

Critics say the technology is not worth the money and does not prevent gun violence. San Antonio tried and ditched the technology five years ago. But with crime a growing concern in Harris County Gonzalez said, "it's worth a try."

Aldine ISD votes pay raises,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

times recovering from a global pandemic," Bates said. "I am proud that we worked to prioritize increased compensation for all employees."

"We are pleased we could offer our employees raises and award them for their years of service to our wonderful district," Mr. Bates continued. "Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Goffney and our Finance Department, the district is in sound financial shape

and has allowed us to provide our employees with these raises and retention bonuses. We also felt it was important to keep pace with our neighboring districts by providing new teachers with a very competitive first-year salary increase."

All exempt employees will receive a 3% raise, while non-exempt employees (bus drivers, custodians, and clerical) will receive a \$1,500 raise.

As for the retention bonuses, employees with 1-4 years of experience with Aldine ISD will receive \$1,500, while employees with 5-10 years of experience with Aldine ISD will receive \$3,000, and employees with 11-plus years of experience with Aldine ISD will receive \$5,000.

The raises will come from local funds, while the bonuses will come from Esser funds.

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

KIDS CLUB - SAKURA
TREE PAINTING

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with us by painting your own Sakura Tree. The national flower of Japan, these trees symbolize growth and new beginnings. For children 6+. Children under 6 must have adult supervision. **May 25, 4:30pm.**

TEEN THURSDAYS

New in April! Teen Thursdays are back! Join us on **Thursday afternoons starting at 3:30pm.** Each week we will have a fun activity for teens ages 12-18.

LENA

Registration is still open for the English session of Lena Start at Aldine Branch Library this Spring! Qualifying participants may be eligible to receive \$100! **To register call (832)927-5410 or email ald@hcpl.net.** LENA Start is a 10-week program that teaches parents and caregivers of children 0-3 years how to "build babies' brains" and make a difference in their future success through early talk and interactions!

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Are you ready for your citizenship interview? We can help you study with materials we provide. Registration is now open. The next session begins May 26th and runs through August 25th, 10 - 11am in the Meeting Room. Requirements are: Must be able to read, write, and speak basic English, eligible to apply for citizenship, age 18 and older. Come join us! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/aldcitizenship> or at the class the first day.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Join us back in the library for storytime in English and Spanish Wednesdays at 10:30am!

CALL FOR LITERACY TUTOR

Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? If you are interested in becoming a literacy tutor at the Aldine Branch Library, we want to talk to you! We are looking for volunteers to teach English language classes in person and virtually. Call 832-927-

5410 or email for info: ald@hcpl.net

COMPUTER CLASSES
In addition to our online computer classes in both English and Spanish we will now be offering computer classes in person at the library. If you want to participate, **call us to register: 832-927-5410.**
Tuesdays: various topics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library
Wednesdays: Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps, (English computer class), 5-7pm, online
Thursdays: Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps (English computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

We will be closed May 28 - 30 for Memorial Day observance.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent, May 17, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

I have no doubt that many of you, like myself, are still working on grappling with the horrifying acts of violence this past weekend in Buffalo, Orange County, and just up the road in Dallas. In a world with so much injustice, I want each of you to know that at Aldine ISD, we are dedicated to creating a haven for every person who crosses through our doors. We are committed to dismantling the systemic grievances that prevent young people from connecting to success. We will never stop fighting for a better system that ensures choices and opportunities for our students and their families.

It is my hope that each of you finds the space you need to process what happened. Please reach out to your campus counseling department for additional support. I encourage you not to let these recent events steal your joy. During these moments of darkness, I am reminded of a quote that reminds us to cling to happiness. Aristotle wrote, “It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.”

In Aldine, we have many individuals and groups helping students find the light, but I want to focus on our speech-language-hearing pathologists and audiologists. For students with a speech disorder or hearing disorder, connecting and understanding the world around them can be life-altering and enhance their learning experience. Take a moment to thank your child’s or school’s pathologist on National Speech Pathologist Day on May 18 for making a difference and impacting



students’ lives.

The end of the school year is very close for many of you, and we have much to celebrate. I look forward to the Superintendent’s Top 10 event, held tomorrow, and celebrating our Police Department for their work daily. I have been invited to eat some barbecue with them on Friday.

The end of the year might be closing in, but plenty of activity is still going on. To stay connected, visit the district website to read about Lewis Middle School’s Alicia Seay being named TABC’s Middle School Basketball Coach of the Year. See which Avalos P-TECH School EMERGE Fellows have been selected for highly competitive summer programs taking them to Princeton University, Amherst College, University of Chicago, the University of Texas, and Rice University. You will also find information about an FBI Summer Teen Academy opportunity. This is ideal for teens thinking of a career in law enforcement.

Additionally, in honor of our Class of 2022, we will celebrate College T-shirt Days. Staff members, look for that college, technical school, or army T-shirt and wear it with your jeans during the last week of school, May 23-26. Don’t forget to share on social media using the hashtag #CongratsClassof2022.

Before I close, I want to remind you that we have early release days for middle and high school campuses next week: May 24-26. Click on the links provided or below to view the Middle School Final Exam and Early Release Schedule and the High School Final Exam & Early Release Schedule.

Let’s make this week count!
With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21: The 12 primary schools will host an enrollment event with staff assisting eligible families with pre-enrollment. Click here for details.

May 24-26: Early release days for middle and high school campuses. The links include information about final exams and the schedule for early release by level.

Ongoing Until May 31: Preregistration for eligible PreK3, PreK4, and kindergarten students is open for the 2022-2023 school year. Click here for details on how to register.

Summer Learning Experiences Start in June: Click here to learn more about the different learning opportunities Aldine ISD will offer our students in grades PreK4-12.

June 16: Results of the STAAR EOC assessments will be available

on the Family Portal.

June 24: Results of the STAAR Grades 3-8 assessments will be available on the Family Portal.

OBSERVATIONS

May: [Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month](#)
May 15-21: [National Police Week](#)
May 18: [National Speech Pathologist Day](#)

REMINDERS

Aldine’s Family and Community Engagement Department launched the Family and Community University. Programming is free and open to all Aldine families. Click here to learn more.

The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. Click on the FAFSA application or TASFA application links.

The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. Click here for more information.

Aldine ISD’s top priorities continue to be all students’ safety and academic success. The district will post all information related to operations along with any updates at [www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts](#).

Eligible Texas families who lost access to free or reduced-price meals during School Year 2021-2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic will receive P-EBT food benefits. Click here for information.

Please stay connected by visiting the District News and District Podcast pages to stay up to date on all the great things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



Aldine ISD Celebrates Top 10 Students from each of its High Schools

Aldine ISD held a ceremony on Wednesday, May 18 to celebrate the Top 10 students at each of the district’s high schools. The event was held in the foyer of the M.O. Campbell Educational Center.

The Top 10 students were treated to ice cream and received medals to signify their standing as the top academic achievers at their respective schools.

The students also had the chance to share with the audience what college or university they will attend and what they will major in.

Chief of Staff Sheleah D. Reed delivered the welcome and congratulated the seniors for their hard work to reach Top 10 status in their respective classes.

Reed then introduced guest speaker Bryce Kennard, the External Affairs Manager for Comcast in Houston. Kennard is also a graduate of Eisenhower High School.

Kennard also congratulated the Top 10 scholars and told them to embrace their futures.

Kennard also shared his nuggets for success as the students move onto college.

“No., 1, master your academics, No. 2., master technology and No. 3, give back,” Kennard said. “This is your time to shine, so take advantage of all the opportunities that await you.”

Dr. Goffney closed the ceremony with remarks directed to the Top 10 students.

“This is my favorite event of the year,” Dr. Goffney said. “This is a special time when we get to celebrate you – some of the best and brightest students in Aldine. The medal you are wearing now is a symbol of your hard work and dedication. It actually reminds me of one of my favorite quotes that has served me well when I am in need of a bit of motivation. That quote is:



A Nimitz High School senior proudly displays the medal he and other Aldine ISD seniors received for being one of the Top 10 scholars at their respective high schools during the 2021-22 school year. All of the Top 10 students were celebrated at an event on May 18.

“Do what you have to do so you can do what you want to do.”

She then challenged the seniors to remember that the choices they make today will affect their world in the future.

The Top 10 students from each high school are:

ALDINE HIGH SCHOOL

- Andres Castillo Jr.
- Caitlyn Michelle Bains
- Adanari Yamiled Rodriguez
- Daniel Alann Jimenez
- Maryhelen Guerrero
- Destiny Nicole Moreno
- Ramon Gerardo Rodriguez
- Jehiri Arroyo
- Daniel Hernandez
- Angelica Jaimes

BLANSON CTE HIGH SCHOOL

- Alexander Guel
- Angie Nicole Mirand
- Leslie Gabriela Vera
- Leilani Diaz

- Vu Hao Minh Nguyen Phan
- Omar Mendez-Rodriguez
- Juan Jesus Gurrusquieta
- Allen Morounfolu Dawodu
- Jester Lloyd Santos Urbina
- Martin Saenz Jr.

CARVER HIGH SCHOOL

- Amani Turner
- Sarai Guzman
- Pedro Maya
- Patricia Ouzenne
- Jordan Nelson
- Dancely Euceda Morales
- Emma Montiel
- Daisy Espinoza
- Sir Christon Turner
- Alessandra Wolf

DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL

- Renny Hoang
- Giang Nguyen
- Johnny Ho
- Justin Vasquez
- Amanda Escobar Villalta
- Isaiah Bradberry
- Jessica Meave
- Genesis Manzo
- Trung Nguyen
- Janet Duong

EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

- Huda Saeed Badat
- Christina Duong
- Stephanie Phuong Vu
- My Uyen Ngoc Van
- Alexander Baltazar
- Stephanie Luna Garcia
- Jairo Figueroa Rojas
- Madison Nicole Cazares
- Sabrina Margarita Rebollar

HALL CENTER FOR SUCCESS

- Raquel Urdiales
- Daisy Franco

- Alexa Avila
- Emely Franco
- Justiner Clinton
- Oscar Chagolla
- Genesis Gonzalez
- Darius Thomas
- Isaac Johnson
- Delilah Gutierrez

MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

- Alicia Lizette Garza
- Emily Villegas Garcia
- Miriam Betzabee Uresti
- Mayline Soto Garcia
- Luciano Nicolas Perez
- Aimee Kristine Mahindaratne
- Aracely Chihiro Hernandez
- Ailiyah Rechelle Callaway
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OPINION



By District Attorney Kim Ogg



Statement from Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg on Justice in Harris County

We at the District Attorney’s Office take an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, the laws of the United States and of this State, Texas. We rely upon evidence to bring cases before grand juries, courts and trial juries. Our mission is to seek justice in every single case and we are doing our job.

The nearly daily public misstatements being made by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo about pending felony cases brought against three members of her staff now compel comment to the public by this office and by me, the top law enforcement official in Harris County. Failing to do so allows a top county official, in her official capacity, to continue to improperly influence those people of Harris County who will serve on the jury in this case. This harms everyone, including the accused, and must stop.



HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY KIM OGG

The process our Harris County government utilizes to issue contracts and to aid Harris County residents with problems like COVID-19 should be a totally transparent process, ethically and under law. The criminal charges currently being prosecuted by the Harris County DA’s Office were brought after a diverse grand jury indicted the defendants.

An indictment is a finding by a grand jury of probable cause that crime occurred, and in this instance that three “public servants,” while working in the County Judge’s Office, diverted an \$11 million contract to a political consultant under the guise of COVID vaccine outreach – money that a more qualified bidder could have used to accomplish the worthwhile goal of increasing awareness and participation in COVID vaccination in underrepresented communities throughout Harris County.

In this case, a grand jury spent five months reviewing evidence and listening to testimony concerning the Elevate Strategies contract procurement. Judge Hidalgo has referred to case evidence, to information the investigators and prosecutors don’t have. She has an ethical duty and responsibility to provide any evidence under oath to the Texas Rangers and she should do so immediately.

The criminal justice process is not a debate. It is not theater. It is the search for truth and the place for accountability under the law. We do not fight out our differences in the streets or on social media and I will not try this case in the court of public opinion. We will try this case, like every other criminal case, in a court of law before a jury of peers, and we will look to them for a fair outcome. When all the evidence is seen by a trial court, justice will prevail; our work continues.

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LETTERS

To The Editor

Governor Abbott Statement On Federal Court Keeping Title 42 Expulsions

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott today released a statement following a federal court’s preliminary injunction keeping Title 42 expulsions in place:

“Another federal court announced today what we have known all along: President Biden is ignoring federal law with his open border policies.

While today’s court ruling rejecting President Biden’s ending of Title 42 expulsions is a positive development, hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants remain at our southern border ready to flood into Texas.

Texas will continue utilizing all available resources and strategies to prevent this mass illegal migration, including the deployment of Texas Department of Public Safety and Texas National Guard resources, the coordination with Mexican border governors, and the activation of the Joint Border Security Operations Center.

We remain vigilant in fighting the lifting of Title 42 expulsions.”



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Early runoff voting ends Friday

Early voting in the May 24 primary runoff elections ends Friday, May 20. Under state law, voters who cast ballots in either party’s primary election must vote only in the same party’s runoff election. Voters who did not cast ballots in the primary may vote in either party’s runoff election. Topping the runoff ballots are runoff elections for attorney general. Incumbent Republican Ken Paxton faces George P. Bush, the current land commissioner. On the Democratic side, former Galveston mayor Joe Jaworski faces Rochelle Garza, a Brownsville civil rights attorney.

There are also statewide runoff races for lieutenant governor, land commissioner, comptroller and railroad commissioner, as well as several congressional seats and spots on the state board of education. See the full list of runoff races at: <https://tinyurl.com/43bf9v6>.

ERCOT URGES TEXANS TO CONSERVE POWER

After six power generation plants went offline Friday during the start to an unseasonably hot weekend, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas urged Texans to conserve power, the Austin American-Statesman reported. As temperatures soared into the 90s and even 100s in some parts of the state, residents were urged to set thermostats to 78 degrees or higher and avoid using large appliances such as dishwashers, washers and dryers between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. The hot weather is sparking record electricity demand across the states and it not only May.

ABBOTT’S USE OF COVID FUNDS ON BORDER MISSION PROBED

The inspector general for the U.S. Treasury Department has opened a review into how the state spent federal COVID-19 aid funds, with approximately \$1 billion in relief



funds shifted to the crack-down on the Texas-Mexico border, The Washington Post reported. The aid was intended to help local governments pay front-line COVID-19 workers, purchase protective equipment and for other public health costs.

Richard K. Delmar, the deputy inspector general, issued a statement citing his office’s mandate “for monitoring and oversight of the distribution” of the stimulus spending, which Texas received under a federal initiative known as the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the Post reported.

“In exercise of that responsibility,” Delmar said, “We are currently conducting a review of Texas’s uses of CRF monies.” A spokesman for Gov. Greg Abbott defended how Texas used federal funds received under the Cares Act.

MORE THAN 900 MIGRANTS SENT TO D.C.

Under Abbott’s direction, the state has sent 35 chartered buses with 922 migrants to Washington, D.C. since mid-April, The Dallas Morning News reported. The governor has called it a “fun” way to get President Joe Biden’s attention, harshly criticizing the president for the administration’s border policies. However, The Morning News reported the impact on the nation’s capital has been minimal, with the migrants being processed and sent to live in different cities until their cases can be heard in

court.

“He’s [Abbott] no longer even making a big deal about it. You’re not seeing it on the nightly news. It’s a dud,” said Abel Nuñez, executive director of the Central American Resource Center, one of the groups helping migrants who arrive from Texas. “It’s happening in silence now. This is not giving him the political win that he wanted.”

The state of Arizona has also begun busing migrants to Washington, D.C.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSIST ACROSS STATE

As a hydrologist for the Texas Water Development Board put it, “April wasn’t great” in terms of rainfall. However, about a sixth of the state did get abundant rainfall, in parts of Central Texas, North Texas and South Texas. Dr. Mark Wentzel wrote that rainfall received in May could be key to getting through the summer without widespread severe drought.

“May, historically, has been the wettest month for Texas,” Wentzel wrote. “We get an average of 3 1/3 inches of rainfall in that month, making it the wettest month of the year for us. We want to be cautiously optimistic.” The most severe drought conditions are found in the Panhandle and High Plains and in the Big Bend area. April showers in much of East Texas brought both May flowers but an easing of drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

COVID-19 CASES AGAIN RISE SLIGHTLY

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the state during the past week rose slightly to 24,092, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, with 73 new deaths reported – also a slight increase. Once again, the number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas stayed steady, with 772 reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated now stands at 17.641 million, or 60.5% of the state’s population; 6,821 million Texans have received a booster dose, according to DSHS.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: borders@texaspress.com.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Poking and Clicking

“You gotta keep poking and clicking,” a friend tells me. “That’s what my daughter does.”

By this, she means that learning new technology is not a straight path. I have to play with it. I have to find the process of learning fun and challenging and not get hung up when I make mistakes along the way.

I know I’m not the only one who finds the “poke and click” mindset a challenge when I just want to get the darned thing done and move on to something I enjoy. Like reading a book. With real pages.

My current frustration is with my phone. I use my phone for taking photos and, occasionally, for making actual phone calls. I don’t do well with texting. If you send me an email (and I hope you do!), I’ll likely respond within minutes because I am sitting at my computer all day pretending to write. Getting an email gives me an excuse to leave whatever I am working on and send off a cheery note.

My phone, on the other hand, sits on the corner of my desk, ignored. It must make a noise or something when people text me, but I never notice. It isn’t until I pick it up to make an actual phone call (which could be a very long time) that I see I have a message. “Uh-oh. I hope it’s not Mom.”

It won’t be my mom. She learned her lesson ages ago and no longer sends me text messages because I never see them. She sends me an email, which—she will tell you—I respond to immediately.

I have never bonded with my phone. I don’t use it much because I’m already on my computer. I have this gigantic monitor, and switching over to the itty-bitty screen doesn’t make sense to me. I might have to put on my reading glasses. I don’t see the point.

The result is that I don’t know how to use my phone very well. But my phone isn’t helping me any. It doesn’t even take pictures easily. The response time is so slow that the person I am trying to photograph has allowed the smile to fade from their face. The dog I am photographing has been distracted and is looking in the other direction. The sun has gone under a cloud—or possibly set—before my phone gets around to snapping a photo.

“You need a new phone,” my husband, Peter, said after taking six photos in a row that looked as if the subject was under-water.

And so, after a lot of consideration, I decided to buy a new phone. I tried to buy one from a phone store, but they didn’t answer their phone. I realized what a dumb bunny I was. You’re not supposed to call a phone store. Duh.

So I did what they wanted me to do and ordered it online. Now it is coming in the mail, and I am filled with a faint dread because I am sure I will have to do something complicated to get it up and working—something involving a lot of poking and clicking—before I am allowed to simply take less fuzzy photos and ignore my text messages in peace.

It’s good for me, I suppose. Poking and clicking will fend off Alzheimer’s perhaps and make me believe I am not too old to learn new tricks.

But the truth is, I’m not really looking for new tricks. Today, I’d be perfectly happy with some old tricks that worked.

Till next time, Carrie

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SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje de la Superintendente,
1 de Mayo de 2022

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

No tengo ninguna duda de que muchos de ustedes, como yo, todavía están trabajando para lidiar con los horribles actos de violencia del pasado fin de semana en Buffalo (Nueva York), Condado de Orange (California), y justo al final de la carretera en Dallas. En un mundo con tanta injusticia, quiero que cada uno de ustedes sepa que en Aldine ISD, estamos dedicados a crear un refugio para cada persona que cruza por nuestras puertas. Estamos comprometidos a desmantelar las desigualdades sistémicas que impiden que los jóvenes se conecten con el éxito. Nunca dejaremos de luchar por un mejor sistema que garantice opciones y oportunidades para nuestros alumnos y sus familias.

Espero que cada uno de ustedes encuentre el espacio que necesita para procesar lo que sucedió. Comuníquense con el departamento de consejería de su escuela para obtener apoyo adicional. Los animo a que no dejen que estos acontecimientos recientes les roben la alegría. Durante estos momentos de oscuridad, me acuerdo de una cita que nos recuerda aferrarnos a la felicidad. Aristóteles escribió: «Es durante nuestros momentos más oscuros que debe-



mos concentrarnos para ver la luz».

En Aldine, tenemos muchos individuos y grupos que ayudan a los alumnos a encontrar la luz, pero quiero centrarme en nuestros patólogos y audiólogos del habla y la audición. Para los alumnos con un trastorno del habla o un trastorno de la audición, conectarse y comprender el mundo que los rodea puede alterar la vida y mejorar su experiencia de aprendizaje. Tómense un momento para agradecer al patólogo de sus hijos o las escuelas en el Día Nacional del Patólogo del Habla el 18 de mayo por marcar la diferencia e impactar la vida de los alumnos.

El final del año escolar está muy cerca para muchos de ustedes, y tenemos mucho que celebrar. Espero con ansias el evento Los 10 Primeros de la Superintendente, cuál se llevará a cabo mañana, y celebrar a nuestro Departamento de Policía por

el trabajo que realizan a diario. Me han invitado a comer barbacoa con ellos el viernes.

El final del año podría estar acercándose, pero todavía hay mucha actividad en marcha. Para El final del año podría estar acercándose, pero todavía hay mucha actividad en marcha. Para mantenerse conectados, visiten el sitio web del distrito. Por ejemplo, lean sobre Alicia Seay de Lewis Middle School nombrada por TABC la Entrenadora de Baloncesto del Año de Nivel Escuela Intermedia. Vean quienes de los EMERGE Fellows de Avalos P-TECH School han sido seleccionados para programas de verano altamente competitivos que los llevan a la Universidad de Princeton, Amherst College, la Universidad de Chicago, la Universidad de Texas y la Universidad de Rice. También encontrará información sobre una oportunidad de la Academia del FBI de Verano para Adolescentes. Esto es ideal para los adolescentes que piensan en una carrera en la aplicación de la ley.

Además, en honor a nuestra Promoción de 2022, celebraremos los Días de camisetas universitarias. Miembros del personal, busquen esa camiseta de la univer-

sidad, escuela técnica o ejército y úsela con sus pantalones de mezclilla durante la última semana de clases, del 23 al 26 de mayo. ¡Muestran el espíritu de su alma mater! No olviden de compartir en las redes sociales utilizando el hashtag #FelicidadesPromociónDe2022.

Antes de terminar, quiero recordarles que tenemos días de salida temprana para los colegios de nivel intermedia (*middle school*) y las escuelas secundarias (*high school*) la semana que viene: del 24 al 26 de mayo. Hagan clic en los enlaces proporcionados o a continuación para ver la Programación de exámenes finales de nivel escuela intermedia y el calendario de días de salida temprana y la Programación de exámenes finales de nivel escuela secundaria y el calendario de días de salida temprana.

¡Disfruten la semana!
Orgullosa de nuestro distrito,
Dra. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendente

PRÓXIMOS
EVENTOS

21 de mayo: Las 12 escuelas primarias organizarán un evento de inscripción con personal que ayudará a las familias elegibles con la preinscripción. Hagan clic aquí para mayores detalles.

24-26 de mayo: Días de salida temprana para los colegios de nivel

intermedia (*middle school*) las escuelas secundarias (*high school*). Los enlaces incluyen información sobre los exámenes finales y el calendario para la publicación anticipada por nivel.

En curso hasta el 31 de mayo: La preinscripción para los alumnos elegibles de PreK3, PreK4 y kindergarten está abierta para el año escolar 2022-2023. Hagan clic aquí para detalles de cómo inscribirse.

Las experiencias de aprendizaje de verano comienzan en junio: Hagan clic aquí para aprender más sobre las diferentes oportunidades de aprendizaje que ofrece Aldine ISD a alumnos de PreK4 - 12. 16 de junio: Los resultados de las pruebas STAAR EOC estarán disponibles en el Portal de la Familia.

24 de Junio Los resultados de las pruebas STAAR Grados 3-8 estarán disponibles en el Portal de la Familia.

OBSERVACIONES

Mayo: Mes de la Herencia Asiática y del Isleño del Pacífico

15-21 de mayo: Semana Nacional de la Policía

18 de mayo: Día Nacional del Patólogo del Habla

RECORDATORIOS

El Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad de Aldine inauguró la Universidad de la Familia y la Comu-

nidad. La programación es gratuita y está abierta a todas las familias de Aldine. Hagan clic aquí para aprender más.

El estado de Texas requiere a los alumnos de último año de la escuela secundaria (*high school*) solicitar ayuda económica para graduarse. Hagan clic en los enlaces e solicitud FAFSA o TASFA.

El estado requiere que todos los estudiantes universitarios que ingresan tomen la Evaluación de la Iniciativa de Éxito de Texas (TSI). Hagan clic aquí para mayor información.

Las principales prioridades de Aldine ISD continúan siendo la seguridad y el éxito académico de todos los alumnos. El distrito publicará toda la información relacionada con sus operaciones y actualizaciones en www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

Las familias elegibles de Texas que perdieron el acceso a comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido durante el año escolar 2021-2022 debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 recibirán beneficios de alimentos P-EBT. Hagan clic aquí para mayor información.

Por favor manténganse conectados leyendo las noticias del distrito y el Podcast del Distrito para estar al día de todas las increíbles cosas que pasan en nuestro distrito.

También puede conectarse con nosotros por Facebook, Twitter e Instagram.

Directora de la guardia de
Nimitz HS Llega a las Finales
para Animadora de los
Tejanos de Houston

Directora de la guardia de color de Nimitz HS llega a las finales para animadora de los tejanos de Houston

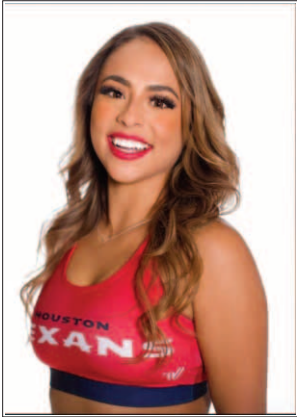
Kristin Lopez, directora de guardia de color de Nimitz High School Stars y subdirectora de nimitz Starboard Angels, es finalista de Houston Texans Cheerleaders. Antes de que López fuera finalista, ella era estudiante de Aldine ISD.

López creció en Aldine y asistió a Dunn Elementary, Parker Intermediate, Teague Middle School, Nimitz Ninth, y se graduó en el 10 por ciento superior en Nimitz High School. También participó en múltiples actividades extracurriculares como Aldine Children's Choir Group, Aldine Dance Company, National Honor Society, Debate Team, Student Council y Class Vice President.

Después de graduarse de Nimitz en 2016, se unió a la línea 77 de los Kilgore College Rangerettes y más tarde también se ganó un lugar en su escuadrón de élite conocido como Swingers.

«Cuando era miembro de los Kilgore Rangerettes, tuve múltiples experiencias que cambiaron mi vida, como actuar en el Desfile de Acción de Gracias de Macy's de Nueva York, en el Pearl Harbor Memorial, el McLane Stadium, el Cotton Bowl y el Concurso de Campeones en Disney World en Florida», dijo López.

Después de completar sus años en Kilgore, se ganó un lugar en el Sam Houston State University Orange Pride Dance Team, donde obtuvo cuatro títulos nacionales como miembro y estudió Kinesiología. Durante su tiempo en la Universidad Estatal Sam Houston, también fundó



Kristin Lopez

una organización sin fines de lucro llamada Proyecto Perú. Ahora está de vuelta para enseñar en su alma mater y había muchas razones por las que López quería volver a enseñar en Nimitz.

La razón principal para su regreso es la madre de López, Rosa López. Rosa López es la directora de los Nimitz Starboard Angels y Kristin cree que es una oportunidad única en la vida poder trabajar junto a su ídolo. Su mamá. Ella siempre ha estado involucrada en la danza y su madre fue su primera maestra de baile.

Mi madre me ha empujado a ser la persona más resistente, dedicada y trabajadora a una edad tan temprana. Ella me ha dado el mayor apoyo a lo largo de mi carrera».

Actualmente, López es una maestra sustituta contratada para Nimitz, pero el próximo año asumirá el puesto de maestra de danza de Noveno Grado de Nimitz. En este momento enseña danza, coreografía y técnica a los estudiantes en el programa de danza en Nimitz High School. Jazz, lírico, hip-hop, contemporáneo, acro, ballet, lo que sea ella lo enseña.

Su experiencia en baile la ha llevado hasta la final para convertirse en una animadora de los Houston Texans. A lo largo de su

tiempo en la escuela secundaria, se le dio la oportunidad de actuar con los Texans Cheerleaders como All-Star. La oportunidad despertó su interés y pasión por seguir la danza profesional después de la universidad.

«Esta experiencia ha sido una oportunidad increíble. El proceso en sí te enseña mucho sobre ti mismo y te permite crecer a medida que avanzas en la audición. Creo que esta oportunidad me ha dado la oportunidad de crecer como profesional y como individuo. Aprecio la oportunidad de estar rodeado de un grupo tan talentoso de humanos que han cambiado el mundo en su propia profesión.

López expresó que la organización Houston Texans Cheerleaders no es solo mujeres que usan trajes bonitos y agitan sus pompones durante los juegos de fútbol americano, sino que son mujeres de poder.

López espera modelar a sus estudiantes que pueden perseguir, lograr y superar cualquier obstáculo. Ella les recuerda que el viaje de cada uno es diferente y no debe compararse su proceso con el de nadie más, especialmente en el campo de la danza profesional.

«Mi pasión por la danza y cambiar el mundo me motiva», dijo. «Cuando era niña, siempre he querido hacer del mundo un lugar mejor para vivir a través de la bondad y la compasión. Es por eso que trato de retribuir siempre a la comunidad tanto como puedo».

Puede emitir su voto varias veces por Kristin L. hoy hasta las 5 p.m. el miércoles 18 de mayo de 2022, en el sitio web de houston.texasos.com.



FBI Houston Acepta Solicitudes
para Academia de Adolescentes

Los jóvenes del área de Houston que quieran probar cómo opera el FBI tendrán la oportunidad de hacerlo este verano.

La oficina del FBI en Houston anunció que las solicitudes en línea están abiertas para su Academia de Adolescentes 2022. La oportunidad del programa brinda a los estudiantes de secundaria una mirada integral al FBI de hoy.

Academia para adolescentes 2022

Jueves, 21 de julio Oficina de campo del FBI en Houston Ver y descargar aplicaciones o ver un video en fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/houston/community-outreach Fecha límite para enviar solicitudes por

correo electrónico: Las solicitudes en línea deben enviarse por correo electrónico a outreach.houston@fbi.gov antes de las 5 p.m. del sábado 21 de mayo.

Nota: No se aceptarán solicitudes incompletas ni tardías.

Las solicitudes están abiertas para estudiantes de tercer y último año de secundaria en ascenso y recién graduados de secundaria que aún no han comenzado la universidad. Según el sitio web del FBI, el programa ofrece un bloque de ocho horas de instrucción y demostraciones en su Oficina de Campo de Houston.

El programa propor-

na a los estudiantes varias presentaciones sobre temas que incluyen terrorismo, delitos cibernéticos, corrupción pública, exámenes de polígrafo, respuesta a la evidencia, SWAT y las operaciones diarias de una oficina típica del FBI. Los estudiantes también aprenden de agentes especiales, analistas de inteligencia, especialistas en idiomas y personal profesional sobre tácticas de investigación, incluida la recopilación de pruebas, entrevistas a testigos y asistencia con casos.

Si tiene alguna pregunta contáctese a outreach.houston@fbi.gov



Free car seats available at East Aldine District

Lone Star College awards record number of degrees and certifications

Terry Garza is with **Richard Cantu** and 3 others.
May 14 at 4:32 PM · 📍

Thank you **Walmart** #1279 for the Community Grant to purchase child safety seats for the community. If you need a car seat, the **East Aldine District** 2 Storefront has child safety seat for all ages of children. We can also inspect your current child safety 🚗 seat to make sure it's properly installed. Just making sure all of our children are safe!! Make an appointment if you need one!!



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HOUSTON (May 17, 2022) – Lone Star College awarded 9,476 degrees and certificates to students during its spring 2022 commencement celebrations, representing a 2% increase from 2021.

“Graduation is a very special time for our students, faculty and administration,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor.



STEPHEN C. HEAD
LSC CHANCELLOR

lor. “It’s a celebration of what they achieved and they should be very proud of this accomplishment.”

This year also marks the first time LSC conferred Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity and Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy, Manufacturing & Trades Management degrees and the second year to offer Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. In all, LSC awarded 103 baccalaureate degrees during a special ceremony.

“Thank you Lone Star College for creating bachelor’s degree programs,”



Lone Star College awarded a record 9,476 degrees and certificates during spring 2022 commencement celebrations.

said Edwin Gomez Sr., LSC Deputy Chief of Police who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Applied Science degree. “The professors were very knowledgeable and understood most students had full time jobs, so they were flexible.”

In addition to the seven colleges celebrating student success, LSC has added LSC-Online as its eighth official college to help address the growing demand for virtual learning. Visit LoneStar.edu to learn more about all the educational opportunities available today.

“I would like to recognize the extraordinary work of our faculty, staff and administration to ensure students had the tools and resources necessary to

earn their degree and be prepared for the next step



MYRIAM SALDIVAR
LSC BOARD CHAIR

in their journey,” said Mar-iam Saldivar, LSCS Board of Trustees Chair. “Congratulations on a job well done.”

The graduation ceremonies which took place May 12 – May 14 included featured speakers and were held in person for the first

time since 2019.

“I’m so grateful to the Lone Star College-Tomball Honors College,” said An-drea Juarez Prado who earned her Associates of Arts degree. “They pre-sented me so many amaz-ing leadership opportunities. I wouldn’t be where I am today with-out the support of my Lone Star College community.”

After conducting re-search at John Hopkins in Baltimore this summer, Prado will be attending Texas A&M University to continue her pursuit of a bachelor’s degree in Inter-national Studies.

Lone Star College en-rolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost aca-demic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow’s work-force today and redefining the community college ex-perience to support stu-dent success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the larg-est institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2021 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and ranked 35th in Texas in the Forbes ‘America’s Best Employers By State’ list. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven cen-ters, eight Workforce Cen-ters of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves

GERALD! ANSWER ME, BOY, WHERE ARE YOU?

HEY, SON, WHERE DID YOU GET OFF TO?

GERALD!! GIVE YOUR OL’ DAD A HOLLER!

INDOORS HE JUST BREAKS STUFF. GET HIM OUTSIDE, WE JUST WORRY HE BREAKS BONES.

by Dave T. Phipps

R.F.D.

DO YOU TAKE CRYPTO COIN?

NO, BUT WE TAKE LOTS OF OTHER KINDS OF COIN.

POOLE FAMILY FARM STAND

PANTS-POCKET...BOTTOM-OF-YOUR-PURSE... COUCH CUSHION...CAR SEAT...JUG...JAR... CIGAR BOX...COOKIE TIN...PIGGY BANK...

by Mike Marland

The Spats

I'M GOD'S GIFT TO WOMEN.

THAT'S WHY I'M AN ATHEIST.

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!


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Trash can is missing. 2. Hair is different. 3. Instrument case is missing. 4. Tree limb is shorter. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Chip is missing.

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King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Ancient Brit
5 Started
8 Fail to see
12 River to the Baltic
13 Spanish gold
14 "Do — others ..."
15 Opera set in Egypt
16 Used a Hoover, say
18 Baseball divisions
20 Diving ducks
21 Leb. neighbor
22 Ostrich's kin
23 Sousa composition
26 Empty, as a stare
30 Commotion
31 Melody
32 "Top Hat" studio
33 Flu foreteller
36 Autocrats
38 Tummy muscles
39 Chatter
40 Skirt style
43 Set of words
47 Work break
49 Nitwit
50 Pedestal occupant
51 In shape
52 Ancient Dead Sea land
53 Taxpayer IDs

DOWN

1 Furnace fuel
2 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
3 Spartan queen
4 Very sad
5 Paramour
6 Historic periods
7 Physician's nickname
8 Hawaiian garment
9 "By the power
10 Leftovers recipe
11 Lays down the lawn
17 Gomer Pyle's org.
19 Show to a seat, slangily
22 Hearing thing
23 Dallas hoopster, briefly
24 Nabokov novel
25 Sinbad's bird
26 Complete
27 Man-mouse link
28 Kiev's land

vested — ..." (Abbr.)
29 "Mayday!"
31 Reply (Abbr.)
34 Suez and Erie, e.g.
35 "Yeah, right"
36 Levy
37 Web master?
39 Streisand title role
40 Hertz rival
41 Young fellows
42 PC picture
43 Pork cut
44 Musical finale
45 Bloodhound's clue
46 Alaskan city
48 Conditions

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is the smallest in land area?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for the medical condition called hyperlipidemia?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is the abnormal fear represented by peccatophobia?
- FOOD & DRINK: What fish is the basis of Worcestershire sauce?
- GEOGRAPHY: Nuuk is the capital of which island constituent country?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which state has produced the most presidents?
- ART: In which major city would you find the Uffizi Gallery?
- MOVIES: What is the main setting of the "Mama Mia!" movies?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek god of wine?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is the rock formation called Giant's Causeway located?

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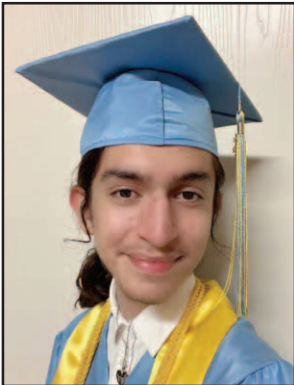
1. Rhode Island; 2. High cholesterol; 3. Fear of committing sins or imaginary crimes; 4. Fermented anchovies; 5. Greenland; 6. Virginia, with eight presidents; 7. Florence, Italy; 8. Skopelos, Greece; 9. Dionysus; 10. Northern Ireland

Aldine students graduate this week

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ANDRES CASTILLO
VALEDICTORIAN
ALDINE HIGH SCHOOL



ALEX GUEL
VALEDICTORIAN
BLANSON HIGH SCHOOL



RENNY HOANG
VALEDICTORIAN
DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL



IRIAS FLORES
VALEDICTORIAN
VICTORY EARLY HIGH SCHOOL



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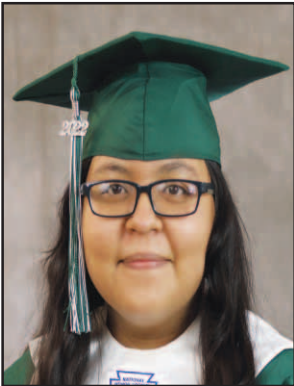
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HCC receives \$25,000 from Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

HOUSTON (May 20, 2022) — The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has donated \$25,000 to support HCC’s Public Safety program and students. The donation was made before the HCC Board of Trustees at a meeting on May 19, 2022.

Since 2017, the long-time area organization has awarded \$200,000 to the HCC Public Safety Center of Excellence and an additional \$20,000 in private scholarships to HCC students. And, over the past 17 years, \$1.2 million has come from the Rodeo to support HCC.

“We are grateful for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo’s continuous support of Houston Community College and for their leadership, vision and commitment,” said Karen Schmidt,



Dr. Michael Edwards,
president of HCC
Northeast College

HCC Foundation president. “We appreciate their philanthropic dedication, which is an inspiration to us all.”

Dr. Michael Edwards, president of HCC Northeast College, said the donated funds underscore the difference for good the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo makes for HCC and its students and to education in gen-

eral.

“Their deep passion for education, including public safety, has helped many HCC students achieve their goal of becoming first responders,” Dr. Edwards said. “They understand that education is truly the epicenter if students are to access rewarding, in-demand and sustainable careers.”

The college’s Public Safety Center of Excellence provides programs in basic, intermediate and advanced certificates and licensing for first responder professionals. Classes include those in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, Basic Firefighting, Emergency Medical Services, Peace Officer Licensing and In-Service Training and Fire Science and Safety.

HCC’s Interior Design graduates reveal portfolios

HOUSTON (May 10) – Thirteen 2022 graduates of Houston Community College’s Interior Design program will present portfolios of their designs in a stylish and impressive display of interior space creativity, finesse and professionalism.

Reveal, the Interior Design program portfolio show, opens at noon, Friday, May 11, at HCC’s West Houston Institute, 2811 Hayes Road in Houston. The formal reception and program starts at 6 p.m.

The event showcases and celebrates each graduate’s work on tall displays. These displays feature sketches, suggested samples and swatches of their respective visions for a room, office or home.

“We are delighted to host our first graduate portfolio show in more than two years,” says Shasta Beveridge, a faculty member in HCC’s Interior Design program. “This event is a great opportunity to showcase the

next generation of interior designers in Houston. We are fortunate to have a vibrant architecture and design community in our area.”

Reveal has become an annual highlight for HCC’s interior design program, which is ranked as one of the best in Texas. Students and staff also will introduce Project SEED to the public, a volunteer student project begun last fall involving the creation and functional art installation in the Institute’s courtyard.

“HCC’s Interior Design Program continues to produce first quality design talent for Houston’s growing design community. We look forward to sharing our students’ accomplishments with friends, family and Houston’s architectural and design community at this year’s show.”

WHO: HCC Central College’s Interior Design program

WHAT: Reveal, the Interior Design Portfolio

Show and introduction of project SEED

WHEN: Noon (portfolios revealed) – 6 p.m. (Reception and program)WHERE: HCC’s West Houston Institute, 2811 Hayes Road, Houston

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