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SMCISD addresses coronavirus in letter to parents

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San Marcos Consolidated ISD Superintendent Michael Cardona told parents in a letter sent out Wednesday that the district is monitoring the outbreak of coronavirus — COVID-19. “While no cases have been suspected among our local community, please be assured that we are monitoring the situation and will stay up to date with information that becomes avail-

able from the public health authorities,” Cardona said in the letter. “Public health officials believe the risk to our school community is low at this time.” Cardona added that any decision made regarding school operations will be done with guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, local health officials, the Texas Education Agency and Education Service Center

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Camping for Chicken



Above, 100 Chick-fil-A fans weathered the coldest night of the month for a year's worth of a No. 1 meal, which includes an Original Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich, medium waffle potato fries and medium soft drink. Below, Christian Sears, Claudia Gilmore, Summer Richie, Christian Peleaz and Giovanni Ugarte camp out at Chick-fil-A from Wednesday night through Thursday morning. Daily Record photos by Nick Castillo

Calaboose African American Museum hosts annual gala Saturday

STAFF REPORTS

With an extra day in February this year, the Calaboose African American History Museum is hosting a grand finale to African American History Month on Saturday with its 3rd annual Gala and Fundraiser at the San Marcos Activity Center. The last two Galas have been community wide networking events and this year is expected to be a great night out as well. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a mix & mingle and a silent auction browsing period followed by a delicious dinner — with vegan options — catered by the Crystal River Inn. The program will begin at 6:45 p.m., with music and dancing to follow. A silent auction of unique items from

brand new work boots and jewelry to original art and practically everything in between will be available throughout. Awards will be given — first to the winner of a high school based essay contest sponsored by DeZavala teacher and Calaboose Board Member Diana Garcia, followed by long-term community service awards to local Civil Rights Trail Blazers and Calaboose supporters. The keynote speaker will be Nelson E. Linder, president of the Austin Branch of the NAACP. The title of his talk, “Examining the Past, Envisioning the Future,” reflects his conviction that valuable lessons learned from the past are the key to the future of the human rights movement.

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Chick-fil-A fanatics brave cold for free meal for a year

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Christian Sears wore shorts but he wasn't worried as the temperature continued to drop Wednesday night. He was prepared for the freeze with the low expected to hit 29 degrees Wednesday night. Sears brought his comforter, several blankets and pillows. He had them safely nestled in his tent in the parking lot of the newest Chick-fil-A location in San Marcos at 1433 North Interstate 35. He and his friends Claudia Gilmore, Giovanni Ugarte, Christian Peleaz and Summer Richie were among 100 fans of the restaurant who camped out overnight for a free meal for a year.



“I have the receipts to prove that I eat Chick-fil-A every morning,” Sears said, adding that his go-to meal is the restaurant's Chick-n-Minis for breakfast. “So, I go to Chick-fil-A every day and one of the Chick-fil-A workers told me, ‘Hey, on the 27th there's this grand opening and you camp out and you can win Chick-

fil-A for a year. So that's how I found out about it.” The third Chick-fil-A location in the city spans nearly 4,900 square feet and was designed to enhance the guest experience from the drive-thru, counter and in-restaurant dining. This Chick-fil-A features a dual-lane drive-thru merging into a single pick-up point that can handle upwards

of 200 cars an hour. Inside, the restaurant's design highlights vintage-inspired interiors with floor-to-ceiling windows, drop pendant lighting and a chandelier made from recycled Coke bottles over a community table made from reclaimed wood. There are 114 seats in the dining room with 20 outdoor seats in the outdoor patio and includes a two-story indoor playground and free Wi-Fi. Breakfast is served until 10:30 a.m., and the restaurant will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closes at 11:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Chick-fil-A locations are closed on Sunday. The parking lot was filled Wednesday night and through Thursday morning with tents as friends laughed,

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LBJ Museum's spring lecture to discuss 'War on Poverty: 50+ Years Later'

Dr. David Zarefsky, a noted scholar in presidential rhetoric, will give the Spring Lecture on “President Johnson's War on Poverty: The View from 50+ Years Later” on Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos, 131 N. Guadalupe St. The public is invited to attend the free event. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by

Dr. Zarefsky's talk about the impact and current status of some of President Johnson's signature pieces of legislation. The lecture is sponsored by the LBJ Museum of San Marcos, The Department of Communications Studies, the Political Science Department and the Public History Program at Texas State University. Professor Emeritus at Northwestern University

in Evanston, Ill., Dr. Zarefsky is the author, co-author, and editor of nine books and the author of over 100 articles in books and professional journals. Two of his books have



Dr. David Zarefsky

won the Winans-Wichelns Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Rhetoric and Public Address, an award of the National Communication Association (NCA): President Johnson's War on Poverty: Rhetoric and History (University of Alabama Press, 1986) and Lincoln, Douglas, and Slavery: In the Crucible of Public Debate (University of Chicago Press, 1990).

He is one of only four individuals to have won this award twice. In 1994, he was named to the ranks of NCA Distinguished Scholars and in 2015, he was named the Douglas Ehninger Distinguished Rhetorical Scholar. He also has twice won the “Best Article Award” from the Southern States Communication Association. At Northwestern, Zarefsky taught courses in the

study of American public discourse, with a special focus on the pre-Civil War years and on the 1960s. He also taught courses in argumentation theory, persuasion and public speaking. He received the NCA Lifetime Teaching Excellence Award in 2012. He has held visiting appointments at the University of Pennsylvania, Penn State

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