



NEWS NOTES

Martial Arts Classes

New Session starts September 6 from 6-7 pm at East Aldine District Office, Boys & Girls. Class fills fast! First Come First Serve. \$40 uniform fee only, lessons are free. Questions? Call 713-962-6641. See a class at: AskKarate.com

Green Forest CC to hear candidates

Green Forest Civic Club meets every last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall located at 3415 Aldine-Mail Rte. (next to Shipley's Donuts). The next meeting is Tuesday, August 28, 2018. Guest speakers will be candidates running for Gene Green's congressional district position. Please mark your calendar. Neighborhoods covered by GFCC are Eastex Freeway Forest and Fairgreen 1, 2, 3 & 4. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, please contact President Shirley Reed at 281.449.7531 or Secretary Marina Flores Sugg at 281.442.3573.

Family Strengthening Conference

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will be hosting this event. Saturday, Sep. 8, 2018, 10 am - 3 pm at M.O. Campbell Education Center, 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032.

Free CERT Training

This training can help save lives and protect property. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., September 17 - November 5, 2018 at East Aldine District Office, 5333 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039. To sign up, contact lionel.bryant@oem.hctx.net or call 713-274-1749.

New Leo Daniels tower to lead in Jensen Revitalization efforts

NORTH HOUSTON - A meeting was held last Monday at the Greater Jerusalem Church on Jensen Drive, for the purpose of discussing plans to build a new housing structure as part of a plan to revitalize the decrepit business district of Jensen Drive.

The meeting was billed as a Community Development Partnership Meeting, and included government officials, local pastors, local business and community persons, and real estate developers.

As explained by Chris Akbari of ITEX Group, a development company, in conjunction with the J. Allen Management company, a new Leo Daniels residential building would be built, and the current tower would be renovated.

Akbari told the group that there are two possible sites, one on the east side of Jensen across from the church, and the other on Harrell Street to the north of the current building. If the second site is chosen, it would also have the possibility of using the rest of the land for a new grocery store and extensive parking. Akbari explained that

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Community Planning Committee for the Revitalization of the Jensen Drive area includes Armando Walle, Yuroba Harris (Gene Green office), Derek Darnel (Sylvia Garcia office), Pastors Joe Russell and David Smith, Leona Daniels, and representatives of the J. Allen and ITEX Real Estate firms.



Architect's rendering shows a 6 story building, to be built on one of two possible sites on Jensen. The building will have 100 apartments, of which 25 will be set aside for Veterans.



Aldine ISD football starts 2018 season:

Labor Day weekend full of high school & college matchups

Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer and the official start of the football season.

This weekend, high school stadiums across the state will be filled with screaming fans as they gather to watch their favorite teams begin their 2018 seasons. That will be the case in Aldine ISD where all five of the district's varsity programs will begin their seasons with hopes of landing one of the four playoff spots up for grabs in District 16-6A.

AISD has two new head coaches who will be making their debuts this weekend. Eric Jackson is the new head coach at Eisenhower. He served as the team's defensive coordinator prior to being named head coach last February. Wayne Crawford is the new head coach at MacArthur after serving as the Generals' offensive coordinator. Crawford was also promoted last February. Both men are excited about their new positions and

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Voters Approve Flood Bond

HARRIS COUNTY - Voters overwhelmingly approved a \$2.5 Billion dollar bond proposal, that will result in 237 projects to mitigate future flood dangers in the county.

With 98% of the votes counted, District Clerk Stan Stanart reported that the bond issue passed with 85% approval, or about 129,000 votes. Opposing the proposal were 15% of the voters who turned out, about 21,000. Votes were almost evenly split between Absentee, Early, and Election Day votes.

Election Day was August 25th, the one year anniversary of the landfall

of Hurrican Harvey onto the Texas coast.

The bond issue includes 237 projects, \$1.2 Billion for channel improvements, \$12.5 Million for floodplain mapping, and \$1.25 Million for an early warning system.

Flood Control Executive Director Russ Poppe said he will make immediate use of the money, and propose 14 flood risk reduction projects at the next Commissioners meeting.

Judge Emmett praised the result and thanked voters, noting that the bond will result in up to \$900 Million of matching federal funds.

East Aldine hosts lunch with Superintendent

EAST ALDINE - The District held a welcoming luncheon for the new Aldine ISD school superintendent, Dr. LaTonya Goffney. About 100 persons from the community were present to greet her, and hear her plans for the coming year.

Goffney was introduced by East Aldine's Richard Cantu, a person also interested in education. He is currently the president of the Aldine Education Foundation board, and a candidate for the Harris

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New Aldine ISD Superintendent LaTonya Goffney appeared at the East Aldine community luncheon last week, along with Richard Cantu and Veronica Sanches.

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Free mammograms

Offered by The Rose. Screening on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Greater Pure Light Church, 12330 Vickery Rd., 77039. Applications are required for September's screenings, call now 713-306-6439.

Citizenship Classes

• LONE STAR COLLEGE GREENSPPOINT CENTER THURSDAY AUGUST 30, 2018 EVERY THURSDAY FOR 10 SESSIONS 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM, 250 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, HOUSTON, TX 77060
 • EAST ALDINE DISTRICT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO OCTOBER 20, EVERY SATURDAY FOR 10 SESSIONS 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, 5333 ALDINE MAIL ROUTE RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039
 • ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO OCTOBER 20 EVERY SATURDAY FOR 10 SESSIONS 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, 501 TIDWELL RD. HOUSTON, TX 77022
 • ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 TO OCTOBER 20 EVERY SATURDAY FOR 10 SESSIONS 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, 2131 LAUDER RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039. For more information, call Bonding Against Adversity at 281-799-9076 or 713-471-5832.

Citizenship Workshops

• SAN CHARLES BORROMEO, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2018, 901 ROSALANE ST, HOUSTON TX 77039.
 • HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 16526 ELLA BOULEVARD HOUSTON, TX . Registration starts at 8 a.m. for both workshops. Questions? call Bonding Against Adversity at 281-799-9076 or 713-471-5832.

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Eisenhower HS '18 Grad wins Jackie Robinson Essay Contest

Participants are asked to share obstacles or challenges that they have had to overcome in life.

Major League Baseball (MLB) recently announced that Astros RBI Softball player Kayla Robinson had been named a winner of the Jackie Robinson "Breaking Barriers" Essay Contest. Kayla formed part of Eisenhower High School's graduating Class of 2018.

She is pictured being presented with a laptop computer by David James, MLB vice president of Youth Programs. Kayla and her Astros RBI Softball team are currently competing at the RBI World Series this week in Minneapolis, MN. She has been a member of the Astros Youth Academy since its opening in 2010.

For this annual contest, which is the vision of Jackie Robinson's daughter, Sharon Robinson, participants are asked to share obstacles or challenges that they have had to overcome in life. Kayla Robinson's entry, titled "The Storm," is an emotional story of how she and her family have had to overcome the devastation and



David James and Kayla Robinson

loss caused by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, Hurricane Katrina while living in Louisiana back in 2005 and other storms. It is an uplifting account of how she has managed to draw the strength to find success, despite the obstacles.

This fall, Kayla will be attending Grambling State University, where she will play softball on a scholarship.

"Kayla is a very special young lady," said Daryl Wade, director of the Astros Youth Academy. "She was a little girl when we first opened the Academy, playing baseball with the boys, and was one of the better players. Once we got the softball program going, she worked hard to become one of our best. We are very proud of her." Congratulations!

Students breaks record in Jump Rope for Hearts



The New Coach at Francis Elementary thought when he saw the total amount of money collected by a fourth grader, Houston Gordon, for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Hearts was a joke. One of the teachers standing by Coach Broadway said "Any time you see Houston Gordon's name on that envelop and the amount, you can bet it's not a joke." Houston is very sincere when it comes to Jump Rope for Heart. Principal Dana Stelly told Houston he had once again collected the most money. He was very excited as always. Houston's teacher, Mrs. Reynolds, said he did an awesome job. Houston said it all started when he was in Kindergarten in Ms. Wright's class. Yes, all five years from Kindergarten to the fourth grade. Houston has made us all very proud at Francis. Houston would like to thank all the people that donated money for him to be able to present it to the American Heart Association. See you guys next year! In the picture Houston stands with Coach Broadway, his teacher Ms. Reynolds, and third grade Assistant Principal Ms. Afyounizadeh who is also very special to Houston.

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AISSD's Dr. Selina Chapa named Deputy Superintendent



During the Aug. 21 Board meeting, Dr. Selina Chapa was named Deputy Superintendent of the district. The announcement was made by Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

Dr. Chapa previously served as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. She has 32 years of experience in the field of education and has spent 22 of those years with Aldine ISD.

Dr. Chapa began her educational career as third-grade teacher in United ISD. During her 10 years with UISD, she also served as a fourth-grade teacher and as an assistant principal before moving to the Houston area in 1996 when she joined Al-

dine ISD as an assistant principal at Dunn Elementary School. From 2003-07 she served as principal of Sammons Elementary School and in 2007 was named a Director of Human Resources. In 2014, Dr. Chapa was named Executive Director of Human Resources and in April of 2015 she was named Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

Dr. Chapa earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Texas A&I University and her master's degree in Administration from Texas A&M International University. Dr. Chapa earned her doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Houston.

HCC students thrive, save millions with free online textbooks

HOUSTON (August 20, 2018) – Houston Community College students are saving money and improving their grades in OpenStax, a program that uses free openly-licensed online textbooks and other low cost resources.

HCC was one of only 11 colleges in the nation chosen to participate in the Rice University OpenStax Institutional Partnership Program for the 2017-2018 school year. By using the program's Open Educational Resources, HCC has saved students \$3.5 million dollars.

In addition to reducing costs, studies show OER led to higher grades and lower withdrawal rates. One study suggests OER may benefit disadvantaged students at greater rates than the general student population.

"The Rice University

OpenStax partnership has been a valuable asset to the growth of OER and our zero textbook degrees at HCC," said Stephen Levey, HCC's associate vice chancellor of academic instruction. "The partnership has improved the student experience, increased innovation in teaching and learning, and expanded the use of technology throughout the college."

Referring to HCC, Nicole Finkbeiner, director of institutional relations for the OpenStax partnership, said, "I could not be more proud of the work you have done. The results speak to your leadership and tenacity."

During the coming academic year, HCC and the 10 other partnership schools are expected to save students nearly \$17.4 million on textbooks and other materials.

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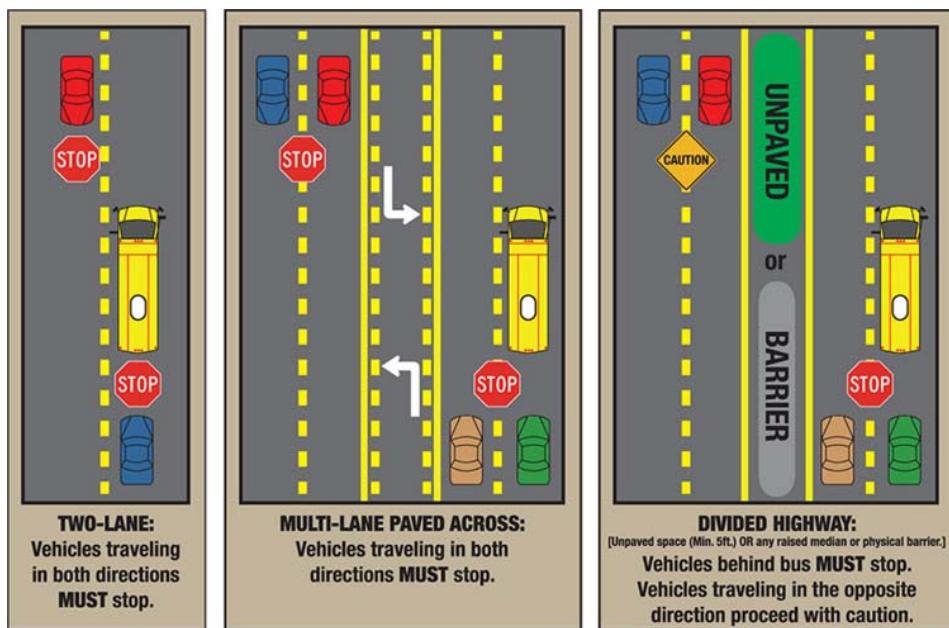
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COMMUNITY NEWS

School Bus Stop Laws



College Information, Financial Aid Sessions set for Fall 2018

Attend one of several information sessions this fall focused on college applications and financial aid

Applying for college and getting financial aid may seem confusing, but it doesn't have to be. Aldine ISD is ready to help students and their families by helping demystify the process.

There are many options to finance college. Denise Keaton advises families to get familiar with grants and scholarships as early as possible. Keaton serves as the coordinator of student financial aid. She stressed that back-to-school is a great time to focus on future plans like college and career goals.

"Encourage high school students and their families to attend a session to learn about the college application and financial aid processes," said Keaton. "Families want to know about college financing. This is especially important when students are juniors and seniors in high school. However, middle school is not too early to start talking about college. Families need to learn how to plan and prepare to finance their child's education."

Parents need to talk about interests and talents to help their child think how these might translate into a college major. "Students have a chance

to go to college or pursue a certification in a field after high school," said Dr. Charlotte J. Davis, director of guidance and counseling. "Higher education is possible. We have staff to help guide students on their path to success and to achieving their dreams."

Financial Aid Myths for College-Bound Students

- Myth #1 — My family makes too much money for me to qualify for aid.
- Myth #2 — I need to file taxes before completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Myth #3 — The form is too hard to fill out.
- Myth #4 — My grades aren't good enough for me to get aid.
- Myth #5 — My ethnicity or age makes me ineligible for aid.
- Myth #6 — I support myself, so I don't need to include parent information on FAFSA.
- Myth #7 — I already completed the FAFSA so I don't need to complete it again.
- Myth #8 — I am smart/athletic/talented and will likely get a scholarship to cover most col-

lege costs.

According to Keaton, most students and parents may be aware about federal financial aid. But she stressed that many were unaware of Pell Grants and other forms of aid. Financial aid awards are funded and regulated by federal and state governments, which is why applying for and receiving financial aid is a process.

How Do Students Miss Out on Billions of Dollars in Free FAFSA College Aid?

- They don't apply.
- They don't finish their applications.
- They are rejected due to mistakes.
- Avoid Making These Scholarship Search Mistakes
 - Don't start too late.
 - Don't limit your search.
 - Don't write a cookie-cutter application and expect it to work for everything.
 - Don't expect to get everything right on your first try.

Get a Head Start on College Plans

The Scholarship Office is hosting several Financial Aid Information Sessions for parents and students. The presentations will give information about college

applications and the financial aid process. For example, parents will learn about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Families that attend can also ask questions to help them better understand the processes and be aware of resources.

Financial Aid/College Application Sessions

- August — College Application & Financial Aid Nights
 - Wed., Aug. 29 @ Aldine HS @ 6 p.m.
 - Thur., Aug. 30 @ Davis HS @ 6 p.m.
- September — College Application & Financial Aid Nights
 - Wed., Sep. 5 @ MacArthur HS @ 6 p.m.
 - Thur., Sep. 6 @ Eisenhower HS @ 6 p.m. NOTE: Students from Ike Ninth Grade School and Eisenhower HS should attend this session. Again, students from these campuses need to attend the session at Eisenhower HS.
 - Tues., Sep. 18 @ Nimitz HS @ 6 p.m.
- October — College Night
 - Thur., Oct. 11 @ M.O. Campbell Educational Ctr. (1865 Aldine Bender • Houston 77032) @ 6-8 p.m.

Congressman Al Green on Harris County Flood Control Funding

(Houston, TX) — On Wednesday, August 22, 2018, Congressman Al Green released the following statement regarding local flood control funding: "A year ago, Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on the City of Houston, dumping over 9 trillion gallons of water on the Greater Houston Area. Houstonians have made tireless, unwavering efforts to recover. While we showed this Nation and the world that we are #HoustonStrong, we cannot ignore that this city has seen more than its fair share of flooding in the past 5 years alone, and it seems that the damages only get worse. Investing in flood

control projects and specifically mitigation allows our community to not only recover from the tragic aftermath of Harvey but mitigate future flood damage. Most importantly, existing federal projects require a local funding match to receive the federal dollars needed to complete these projects. I support the determination by our local community to invest in its future by protecting property and saving lives."



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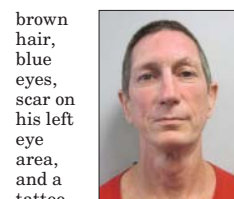
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Kenneth Farenworth removed his electronic ankle monitor and left from a halfway house located in the 10900 block of Beaumont Highway in Houston, Texas. The fugitive was convicted of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child in Dallas County, Texas and is considered a high risk Sex Offender.

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OPINION PAGE

6 Tips to Keep Children Safe in Digital World

With the increase in cyberbullying, parents worry about the safety of their children in the digital world. Technology and digital devices are ingrained in our children's daily lives from an early age. David McGeary, curriculum director for Digital Education and Innovation at Harris County Department of Education, provides safety tips to help keep children from harm and be good digital citizens.

1. Talk to kids about digital safety at a young age and do it often.

Have parents talk to kids about what to do if something happens online. If students are at school, tell a trusted teacher. If something happens at home, tell a parent or other trusted adult.

Talk to children about their district's code of conduct and safety plans. If the district has an anonymous tip line, how do you access it? What kind of information should be shared? If the district maintains an account for routine safety updates or communications during an event, where is that social media channel located? How can parents engage that channel to stay informed or share information?

The Department of Homeland Security publicizes its "See Something, Say Something" initiative. Not only is it a good practice to follow this advice for personal safety, a student's report could save lives of others through conscientious sharing of information.

2. Be a part of your children's online experiences. Know the sites they visit and games they play.

Research shows that kids ages 12-17 are increasingly aware of the disparity between the "perfect life" that they see others share online and the "real life" they experience every day. Parents should work to remind their kids that social media is often a reflection of a person's best experiences, but it does not represent the whole person. Kids should learn to cherish themselves, flaws and all. All this while also keeping an open mind about what is happening on social media.

3. Don't allow young children to spend unsupervised time online.

Keep the family computer in a common area in the home. Keep charging devices out of private areas like bedrooms.

4. Enforce this rule: If

you won't do something face-to-face, don't do it online. (Discuss social interactions.)

Research shows that victims of cyberbullying have often bullied someone online themselves. By humanizing the online space and developing empathy for others, parents can help their children break the cycle of victim-and-victimization.

5. Humanize online social interactions. Remind them that behind every pixelated avatar is a human being.

When kids begin to get more active on social media, help them to use social media in a healthy way. Encourage them to share snaps of things that they are interested in or Instagram posts of cool experiences they have. Social media is becoming increasingly important in the world after high school. Help kids to share the best versions of themselves online so they may be better positioned for a life outside of school once they graduate.

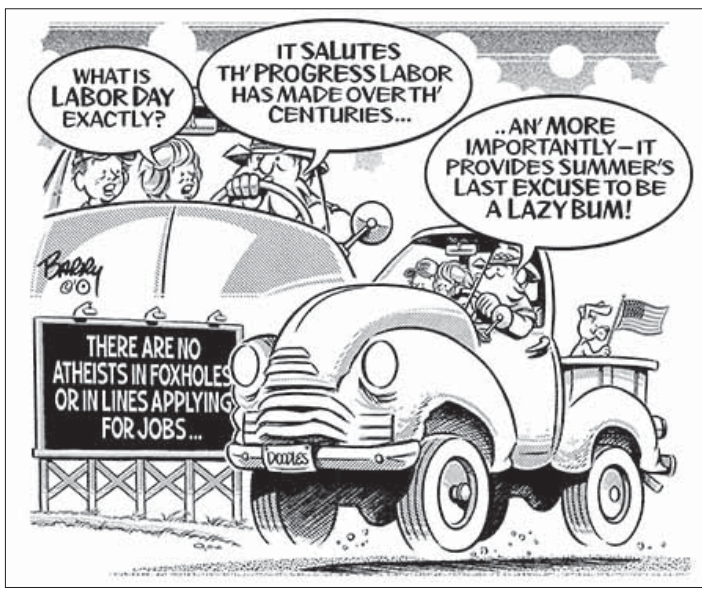
6. Parents and students: Be fierce guardians of your personal information.

If a student is being asked to use a third-party tool that requires the student to give out personal information, it's okay to ask if the district has a policy in place to protect the information that is being given away. Parents can further help their kids by reading the "terms of service and privacy policy." (This policy is usually found at the very bottom of a web page or in the settings of an application on any website that a student uses outside of their district's network.)

McGeary suggests that while children may be getting information about safe online behavior from their school, students who have regular discussions with their parents about digital safety are more likely to be vigilant, self-advocates when something goes wrong online. He also suggests parents become partners in their child's online experiences.

"Take interest in the sites your children visit and the games they play," said McGeary. "If kids are engaged in constant discussion about the digital realm, they are much more likely to approach a parent or guardian if something out of the ordinary occurs."

For more resources on cyberbullying and digital safety, visit <http://www.cyberwise.org/digital-citizenship-resources>.



Texas Education Agency releases two sets of ratings

AUSTIN — The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 15 released 2018 campus accountability ratings and, for the first time ever, A-F district accountability ratings.

More than 8,700 independent school campuses received a rating of Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard or Improvement Required. Some 7,260 public school campuses and 558 charters were rated Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard, while 293 public school campuses and 56 charters were rated Improvement Required. Some 86 campuses would have received an Improvement Required rating but were affected by Hurricane Harvey to an extent that they were labeled Not Rated: Harvey Provision. Also, 506 campuses received a Not Rated label for reasons other than Hurricane Harvey.

Top performers lauded

Some 153 Texas school districts and district charters received an "A" rating under the A-F state accountability system, Education Commissioner Mike Morath announced.

"Achieving an A rating reflects the hard work and commitment of everyone within a school district, starting with our classroom teachers," Morath said. "We should all celebrate the outstanding work of these dedicated educators. Districts with high levels of poverty who attain this high level of performance are proof positive that poverty is not destiny. With strong instruction and curriculum, all students can succeed."

The A-F ratings are based numerical grades in three areas:

- Student Achievement, showing how much students know and are able to do at the end of the school year;
- School Progress, showing how students perform over time and how that growth compares to similar schools; and
- Closing the Gaps, showing how well different student groups within a school are performing.

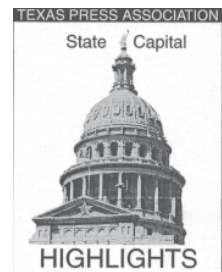
School and school district report cards can be viewed at TXschools.org.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Paxton praises 5th Circuit

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Aug. 16



commended a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit for upholding a lower court's dismissal of a lawsuit by three University of Texas at Austin faculty members.

The UT professors challenged Senate Bill 11, the campus carry law, claiming that the legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2015 would have a "chilling effect" and stifle discussion in their classrooms. SB 11 took effect Aug. 1, 2016.

"The right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed for all Americans, including college students, and the 5th Circuit's decision prevents that right from being stripped away by three individuals who oppose the law enacted by the Legislature," Paxton said.

In July 2017, a U.S. District Court dismissed the professors' complaints on the grounds that they were baseless and without legal standing.

"Watch app" recommended

The Texas Department of Public Safety and Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 16 encouraged school staff, parents, students and community members to download the new "iWatchTexas" mobile ap-

plication "to help law enforcement protect Texans."

At the direction of Gov. Abbott, DPS launched the mobile application in June to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity, including criminal, terroristic or school safety-related threats.

Safe driving is promoted

The Texas Department of Transportation has renewed its annual effort to prevent drunken driving during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

TxDOT Executive Director James Bass on Aug. 16 said, "It's completely irresponsible and absolutely inexcusable to drink and drive. Finding a sober ride is easy, and it can save you from being arrested or from injuring or killing yourself or others. Make an effort to plan ahead for a sober ride this Labor Day weekend. You owe it to yourself and everyone else on the road."

Bass promoted the agency's anti-drinking and driving "Plan While You Can" campaign and recommended the website SoberRides.org as a source of alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver or calling someone for a sober ride home;
- Contacting a taxi or ride-share service;
- Using mass transit; and

— Spending the night. Bond rating is highest Texas has received the highest credit ratings for this year's Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, allowing the state to manage its cash flow needs for fiscal 2019.

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar made the announcement on Aug. 10, saying the ratings issued by the financial services companies Standard & Poor's, Fitch, Moody's and Kroll are the result of "conservative economic leadership and sound policies."

The notes are sold to help fund school payments and manage cash flow between the start of the fiscal year and the arrival of tax revenue later in the year. This year's \$7.2 billion TRAN sale is set for Aug. 22.



It Hurts

Last week, I could not bring myself to write my column. I received phone calls and emails asking if I was okay. I love this community in such a way that it hurts to know there are some people who have issues in their lives and they do not know where to turn for help.

On the morning of August 12, I was reading the news on my phone before church started. There had been a murder in our community the night before. To make it even worse, the young mother was stabbed to death in the presence of her four youngest children--by their father. My heart broke and my mind started racing. So many things crossed my mind. Who was going to raise these children? Where were her other two children? If the relationship had been abusive, why did she not reach out? If she reached out and the shelters for domestic violence victims were full, had she contacted any law enforcement officers? Had she told her apartment staff that she had someone who could potentially hurt her? Did she talk to a judge about getting a protective order?

At the end of the church service, Pastor Johnny Brady asked for the women of the church to come forward. He went on to explain that there was a precious 12-year-old girl at church with her grandmother. She had lost her mother the night before to murder. It hit me like a ton of bricks that this girl was one of the two older children not at home when their mother was killed. After the prayer, I spoke to the grandmother. I offered her the name of Bo's Place which provides counseling for children affected by death. I gave her names and numbers of people within the school district who would be there to help over the next weeks as well as gave her my phone number and asked her to please let me know if the children needed anything.

As I returned from church, my daughter in law called to tell me Sofie was one of her friends from junior high. My daughter in law was upset that in a community of love, why is there no shelter for women and children to escape the pain of domestic abuse. As the day went on, I learned so much about Sofie. By the time the funeral took place on Friday night, I had heard so many awesome stories about her love for her children and her family. I heard from neighbors and classmates. I heard from first responders. I heard from others that had suffered with these relationships.

I cannot tell you how hurt I was when on Sunday, following a fundraiser for Sofie's children, I learned that their father's family had somehow got custody of the four children who had witnessed her murder. When her younger sister asked so many questions, all I could do was remind her that God sees everything and in time, we will understand. She and her siblings have found an attorney to help with getting custody of the children as well as filing a lawsuit against the local business that continued to serve him alcohol even though the video tape shows he was beyond drunk. There are other steps in the future that I will share when possible. For now, I ask that you pray for all of the lives touched by the death of Sofie Martinez. Life hurts. But in time, we will heal.

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

High School and College Football Matchups,

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would like nothing more than to open their respective seasons with a victory.

Labor Day weekend will also be the official kickoff for the 2018 NCAA season (four games were played last weekend), as fans will have plenty of intriguing games to watch in the first full weekend of competition.

No. 1-ranked Alabama begins defense of its most recent national title (the Crimson Tide have won five national crowns under head coach Nick Saban's leadership) on Saturday evening in Orlando against Louisville, while Texas travels to College Park, MD to take on Maryland and avenge last year's 51-41 loss at the hands of the Terrapins. The Maryland program could be distracted by the probe centered on suspended head coach D.J. Durkin. Durkin has been placed on administrative leave as the school investigates charges that Durkin verbally abused his players. In addition, offensive lineman Jordan McNair lost his life due to heat stroke after collapsing in May after a conditioning drill. To say the Maryland program is could be a bit distracted would be an understatement.

Texas fans are hoping they begin seeing some return on their investment in second-year head coach Tom Herman, who was lured away from the University of Houston in December of 2016. UT fans are hoping Herman can return the Longhorns to the prominence they enjoyed under former head coach Mack Brown.

Other games of note this weekend have Michigan and Notre Dame renewing their long-time rivalry in prime time in South Bend on Saturday night, a Pac 10 and SEC matchup pitting Washington against Auburn in Auburn, Miami taking on LSU at AT&T Stadium in Arlington and a biggie in the ACC on Labor Day evening featuring Virginia Tech against Florida State.

HIGH SCHOOL

MacArthur vs. Klein Forest - Crawford's Generals open the 2018 season on Thursday night at Thorne Stadium against Klein Forest. The Generals returns seven offensive and six defensive starters from last year's 2-6 squad. Crawford will rely on running backs Romelle

Marks and Darius Gatson to lead the way offensively. The two combined for 800 yards rushing in 2017. Two-way starter Armando Ordenana (wide receiver and defensive back) will be another key performer for the Generals, as will be defensive back Xavier Ruiz (75 tackles, 2 interceptions in 2017). Klein Forest is coming off a 2-7 season and returns five offensive and five defensive starters. My pick, MacArthur 23, Klein Forest 20

Nimitz at Channelview - Head coach Richard Slater's Cougars open the season at Channelview on Friday night looking to improve on last year's 4-5 finish. Austin Remo returns at quarterback and he will have two veteran targets to throw to in wide receivers Karl Reynolds (6-1, 180 pounds, 4.5 speed in the 40) and Timberland Sanders. On defense, linebacker Ahshaad Curry (5-10, 200 pounds) returns to lead the way on that side of the ball. Nimitz returns four offensive and five defensive starters, while Channelview (3-6 in 2017) returns six offensive and seven defensive starters. This will be a good road test for Slater and his team. My pick, Nimitz 26, Channelview 24

Davis vs. College Park - James Showers' Falcons open the season on Friday night in Thorne Stadium when they host College Park. Davis finished 3-6 a year ago and return three offensive and three defensive starters. The Falcons will count on big offensive lineman Emmanuel Lavinge (6-2, 315 pounds) to open holes for the running game, while the defense will count on defensive lineman Xavier Henderson (6-2, 285 pounds) and linebacker Janzell Prudhomme (6-2, 220 pounds, 40 tackles, 4 sacks in 2017) to lead the way on defense. College Park finished 1-8 in 2017 and returns seven offensive and four defensive starters. My pick, Davis 20, College Park 16

Eisenhower at Fort Bend Marshall - Jackson's Eagles face a tough test in Week 1 when they face a Marshall team that finished 10-3 in 2017 and reached the Class 5A Region III semifinals. The Eagles, who finished 4-5 in 2017, return seven offensive and seven defensive starters. The defense should be solid behind the veteran play of linebacker Tyrrique Matthews (6-0, 205 pounds, 80 tackles in 2017),

defensive lineman Ja'Dyn Fonteneaux (6-2, 275 pounds, 80 tackles in 2017) and defensive backs Deon Allen and Robert Turner. My pick, Eisenhower 17, Marshall 14

Aldine vs. Cy Falls - Hank Semler's Mustangs open the 2018 season on Saturday evening in Thorne Stadium when they host Cy Falls. The Mustangs had a rough go of it in 2017 finishing 0-9 and will count on quarterback Jacorey Howard to lead them to bigger and better things in 2018. Howard, the Northeast News' Offensive Player of the Year in 2017, is a dual threat QB. He accounted for 1,164 yards of total offense last year and scored 10 touchdowns. He should be even more effective this year with a year of Semler's offense under his belt. When he put the ball in the air, he will be looking for wide receivers Isalah Rocha (2 TDs in 2017) and Kelvin Bonilla to make plays downfield. Bonilla will also handle kicking duties for Aldine. Cy Falls finished 5-5 in 2017 and returns six offensive and six defensive starters. My pick, Aldine 23, Cy Falls 20

NCAA

Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss

Texas Tech and Mississippi will meet in NRG Stadium in the Advocate Texas Kickoff on Saturday with hopes of getting their seasons off on a positive note. This could be a make or break year for Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury who has struggled the last couple of seasons. The Red Raiders needed a second-half comeback against Texas in their final game in 2017 to become bowl eligible and Tech fans are expecting more than 6-6 seasons. Many experts consider Tech could be a sleeper in the Big 12 thanks to a defense that returns 10 starters. Even though 10 starters return, the 2017 defense allowed 32 points per game (down from 43 per game in 2016), but they were good at forcing turnovers. The defense might have to carry this team until the offense finds itself (who ever thought that would be the case in Lubbock!). Kingsbury has to decide between two inexperienced quarterbacks in McLane Carter and Jeff Duffey to run the offense. The Tech defense, especially the secondary, will have their hands full on Saturday with Ole Miss' star receiver A.J. Brown (75

receptions, 1,252 yards receiving, 11 TDs). The Rebels are also rebuilding, so this might be a good time for the Red Raiders to catch them and start the season on a high note. My pick, Texas Tech 24, Ole Miss 20

Texas at Maryland - You can bet Herman's team won't get caught looking past Maryland as they did in the season opener a year ago in Austin. The Terps jumped out to a big lead that UT could not make up and began the Herman era with a thud. Herman has named sophomore Sam Ehlinger (1,915 yards passing, 11 TDs) as the starting quarterback over junior Shane Buechele. Ehlinger is a better runner but must do a better job of protecting the football in 2018. UT has a veteran offensive line and will look to wear down the Maryland defense. Texas could have one of the top defenses in the Big 12 thanks to a stout front seven and a young and talented secondary. Look for the 'Horns to get off to a much better start in 2018 as Year 2 of the Herman looks a lot better this time around. My pick, Texas 32, Maryland 18

Washington at Auburn

This game will feature two talented quarterbacks as Washington's Jake Browning (2,719 yards passing, 19 TDs) and Jarrett Stidham (3,158 yards passing, 18 TDs) do battle in Jordan Hare Stadium. The Huskies could be a sleeper pick for one of the four College Football Playoff (CFP) slots and a win on the road against a solid SEC team would be a huge confidence boost. But the Tigers won't make it easy. They are tough to beat at home (just ask Alabama) and playing in the heat of the south could be a huge factor in Gus Malzan's teams favor. Look for Browning and Stidham to put on a show on Saturday, but I'm going with the home team in this one. My pick, Auburn 26, Washington 24

Michigan at Notre Dame

Two of college football's winningest programs meet in South Bend in prime time on NBC. Both teams have CFP dreams and the winner of this one gets a huge momentum boost heading into the rest of the season. Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh needs a big season in Ann Arbor to quiet his critics and he is pinning his hopes on former Ole Miss quarterback Shea Patterson

(2,259 yards passing, 17 TDs) to be the man to get the Wolverines over the hump in 2018 and be a factor in the Big 10 race. Michigan also returns a solid defense and it will get tested by a Notre Dame offense that is loaded with big-play performers. Brian Kelly's team is led by quarterback Brandon Wimbush (1,870 yards passing, 16 TDs; 803 yards rushing, 14 TDs), who should be improved after an up-and-down season in 2017. Should Wimbush struggle, Kelly can turn to backup QB Ian Book (456 yards passing, 4 TDs). Book led the Irish to a bowl victory over LSU to cap a 10-3 season. While the Irish lost two offensive linemen to the NFL draft, there is plenty of depth around to fill their shoes. ND should also be better on defense, which should be the difference maker in the season opener. My pick, Notre Dame 24, Michigan 20

Alabama vs. Louisville

Nick Saban's Crimson Tide open defense of their national title in Orlando against a Louisville team that will be looking to fill a huge void with the departure of quarterback Lamar Jackson. Jackson (3,660 yards passing, 27 TDs; 1,601 yards rushing, 18 TDs) was one of the most productive offensive players in the country over the last two years and won the Heisman Trophy in 2016. His successor gets the treat of facing an Alabama defense that also lost a ton of talent, but has plenty of 5-star talent in the wings waiting to prove itself to the 'Bama faithful. Saban may turn to his offense to set the tone early in the season while his young defenders get their bearings set. There is plenty of returning talent led by quarterbacks Jalen Hurts (2,081 yards passing, 17 TDs; 855 yards rushing, 8 TDs) and national champion game savior Tua Tagovailoa. As of this writing, Saban has not named a starter, but expect both QBs to see plenty of action this season. The running game will be in the capable hands of tailback Damien Harris (1,000 yards rushing, 11 TDs). Look for Alabama to send a message

to the rest of the country that they aren't going anywhere, any time soon. My pick, Alabama 30, Louisville 13

Miami vs. LSU - The Hurricane and Tigers go at it on Sunday at AT&T Stadium in Arlington in what should be an interesting game to watch. This game pits Miami's high-charged offense against LSU's stingy defense, so something has to give. Miami gets the edge on offense thanks to returning quarterback Malik Rosier (3,120 yards passing, 26 TDs). Rosier led Marc Richt's team to a 10-victory season in 2017 and 'Cane fans believe the Miami swagger and good times are back. LSU will turn to Ohio State transfer Joe Burrow to lead the way on offense. Burrow has a big arm and a stable of talented receivers to throw to. What he will need is a strong running game to allow him play fake and make plays down field. The Tigers are inexperienced at running back and that could favor the 'Canes in this one. Look for Rosier to be the difference maker in the season opener at Miami opens the season with a quality win. My pick, Miami 27, LSU 23

Virginia Tech at Florida State

The Labor Day football feast concludes on Monday night in Tallahassee as Virginia Tech and FSU meet in not only their season openers, but also their ACC openers. What a way to open the season! This will be FSU head coach Willie Taggart's debut as the Seminoles head coach. He was hired away from Oregon after former head coach Jimbo Fisher bolted FSU for College Station. Taggart inherits a FSU team loaded with offensive talent, led by running back Sam Akers (1,024 yards rushing, 7 TDs) and two talented quarterbacks in Deondre Francois and James Blackman (2,230 yards passing, 19 TDs). Francois suffered a knee injury in the season opener against Alabama last year and Blackman stepped in and led the Seminoles to a bowl victory. Taggart has a luxury most coaches don't have with two talented QBs to call on. Va. Tech has a pretty good signal caller themselves in sophomore Josh Jackson (2,991 yards passing, 20 TDs; 324 yards rushing, 6 TDs). Look for Akers to be the difference maker in this one as the Taggart era at FSU starts on a high note. My pick, Florida State 31, Virginia Tech 28

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec. CRISSCROSS - BACK TO SCHOOL. Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman. Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

NOARPCMA WYDITTHWROESE. ODD MAN OUT! Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counter-clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend. A WORD BRIDGE! The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus the following hints:

Puzzles4Kids Answer. Includes a crossword solution grid.

Even Exchange Answers. 1. Kenna, Kernel 2. Capet, Cater 3. String, Strong 4. Lumber, Limber 5. Pullet, Pellet 6. Braid, Bram 7. Father, Lather 8. Leaser, Leash 9. Hammer, Hammer 10. Badge, Barge

Kids' Maze. A maze puzzle with a solution path.

LIFESTYLE

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 15th Annual Family Strengthening Conference set

This September, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group of Aldine-Harris County, is hosting its 15th Annual Family Strengthening Conference.

The Conference is a community service event provided to help awareness of health, family issues, and many more situations that Grandparents and kinship face with raising children and the entire family. Participants will be offered free health screenings, school supplies, education materials designed to promote personal health and well-being, and a variety of resources from keynote speakers and agencies.

They would like to offer the community a fun filled day of informative information, health screenings, demonstrations, a fun day for the children, teenagers, and much more.

In order to ensure the success of these events, the organizers are asking for your participation and assistance. They know your services are valuable to the community and these events wouldn't be possible without you.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 15th Annual Family Strengthening Conference will take place at M.O. Campbell Center located at 1865 Aldine Bender, Houston, TX 77032 on Saturday, September 8, 2018.

Vendor set up and registration is from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Conference 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please assist Grandparents Raising Grandchildren with your information and resources. To confirm your participation or support in this event, please ask for a registration form to: shirleyportier@gmail.com

Mercer Botanic Gardens to host pollinator Festival and Fall Plant Sale

Enjoy a day of educational presentations, games, and shopping during the Pollinator Festival and Fall Plant Sale at Mercer Botanic Gardens Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrating pollinators of all varieties, the festival includes free, hourly presentations beginning at 10:15 a.m. on the importance of monarch conservation, honeybees, East Texas nectar plants, and more. Decorative garden trinkets, pollinator host plants, as well as Texas native plants, such as coneflowers, longhorn milkweed, and passion vine, will be available for

purchase with proceeds benefiting Mercer Botanic Gardens.

Visitors can participate in Exploration Stations hosted by groups such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Wildlife Federation (NWF), vote for the best pollinator-themed scarecrow display, and peruse books at the Baldwin Boettcher Branch Library booth.

"The festival is a celebration of pollinators," said Mercer Botanic Gardens Education Director Jennifer Garrison. "Festival visitors will have fun playing games, shopping for plants, listening to presen-

tations, and so much more. But most of all, visitors will leave the festival with a better understanding of pollinator conservation and how to use nectar and native host plants to create a habitat for local and migratory pollinators."

With leadership from Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, Mercer Botanic Gardens is a Harris County Precinct 4 Parks facility located one mile north of FM 1960 at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road in Humble, 77338. For more information, contact Mercer at 713-274-4160 or visit www.hcp4.net/community/parks/mercer.

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WWTP Fine Screen Replacement

This project involves the replacement of the existing fine screen and conveyor with a new shaftless spiral screen and auger conveyor.

All sealed proposals will be opened and publicly read at the time and date above at the District's office, 4901 Sandydale, Houston, Texas 77039.

Upon consideration of the bids, Harris County WCID No. 74 retains the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid deemed advantageous to it. Harris County WCID No. 74 reserves the right to waive informalities in bids received. Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds as stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.

Each bidder will be required to submit a bid security (5% of greatest amount bid) in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 6, 2018** at the District's Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 4635 Winfield, Houston, Texas 77039. Attendance to the pre-bid conference is not mandatory.

Bidders should carefully examine the plans, specifications, and other documents, visit the site of the work, and fully inform themselves as to all conditions and matters which can in any way affect the work or the cost thereof. Should a bidder find discrepancies in or omissions from the plans, specifications, or other documents, or should be in doubt as to their meaning, he should at once notify the Engineer and obtain clarification prior to submitting any bid.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained from www.CivcastUSA.com search Harris County WCID No. 74. Bidders must register on this website in order to view and/or download plans and specifications for this project. There is no charge to view or download documents from the website.

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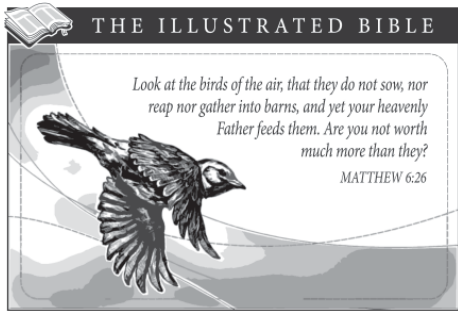
BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey—

1. Is the book of Labour in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? Two, Three, Five, Seven
3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? 1, 5, 10, 30

4. What son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David's kingdom? Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul
 5. From Exodus 20, how many days shall thou labor and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven
6. Proverbs 14:23 states, "In all labor there is" ...? Love, Hope, Light, Profit

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Two; 3) 30; 4) Adoniram; 5) Six; 6) Profit



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Robbery, Rape, Chase ends with crash on Aldine-Mail Route

HOUSTON – An employee at an adult store was raped last Thursday by two people in Northeast Houston.

According to Houston Police, around 3:20 a.m., four armed people entered the Exotic Adult Superstore near Eastex Freeway and Bender Road, disarmed the security guard, took his keys and demanded money from a woman working at the store.

Police said at least two of the four robbers sexually assaulted the woman, who was able to activate the panic alarm.

Some of the robbers ran out of the back door and others jumped into a car and fled as officers were arriving at the scene.



Robbers crashed under an overpass on Aldine Mail Route.

Police officers chased the vehicle down on Eastex Freeway where it crashed into the pillar of a freeway overpass at Aldine Mail Route.

The robbers jumped out of the car and run away,

except one who was injured, he was taken into custody.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Crime Stoppers 713-222-8477.



A woman was sexually assaulted at her work place at Exotic Adult Superstore near Eastex Freeway and Bender Road last Thursday, during a robbery by four men.

New Leo Daniels tower,

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negotiations for this Option 2 are underway, but not finalized.

Pastor Russell noted that whichever scheme is chosen, it will require the discussion and approval of the Leo Daniels board.

The new building would be six stories tall, and house 136 apartments. 66 of these would be efficiencies, 58 one bedroom, and 12 two bedroom.

Akbari said that financing had already been secured, including 4% Housing tax credits, City of Houston HOME funds in the amount of \$5 Million dollars, CDBG federal funds through the state including disaster relief after the floods, and a \$6.6 Million mortgage. Total project cost is about \$26 Million dollars, he said.

After the new Tower 2 is

built, residents from the existing tower would be moved to the new building, allowing renovation of that building.

The existing Leo Daniels tower was built in 1979, is 8 stories high, cost \$2.8 million dollars, and has 100 apartments. It was named for Pastor Leo Daniels of the Greater Jerusalem church, who was active in restoring the area around the church.

The renovated Tower 1 would include 100 apartments, 57 efficiencies and 43 one bedroom. It would serve low income residents, and 25 would be reserved for homeless veterans.

Congressman Gene Green attended the meeting, and said he grew up in the area and was pleased to see the efforts to revital-

ize Jensen.

Councilwoman Carla Cisneros said that the city and the Mayor were all in favor of the project, and pledged \$5 million for the much needed housing.

Akbari said that if Option 2 site is chosen, then the land across Jensen to the east would be available for about 30 single family houses.

The management of the two buildings plans to provide support services to the tenants, including educational, medical including drug rehab, and social activities. The plans for the building show a beauty salon, a fitness center, a business center, an outdoor green space, and a dog park. It also includes a large community room, a craft area, and a theater.

Superintendent,

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County school board.

Goffney has been named Texas Superintendent of the Year, and Aldine was pleased to be able to hire her. Previously she had been Superintendent of the Lufkin ISD school district in North Texas.

To explain her commitment to education, Dr. Goffney first told of her childhood upbringing, and the difference that education and a teacher that cared about her made in her life.

She said that although she appeared smart in school, she was the product of a home with a single mother, and actually was raised by her grandmother, who instilled much of the qualities of integrity and hard work that she embodies.

After high school, to get additional education she thought she would have to go into the military, but a

teacher that believed in her told her to apply to college, and a federal FAFSA grant to pay for it.

Dr. Goffney saw education as the way her life changed for the better, and believes it can help all students.

Her plans for Aldine include changes that she says have already started from the previous administration, and her job is to manage the change.

She believes in the need for a strong Pre-K program to start children early. She says you can't leave Literacy to chance, but must work hard at it.

She says teachers must get to know their kids better, know their names but also know their needs.

She embraces excellence, and cites the example of the MacArthur student who is a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and committed to go to

Harvard. She believes any child can achieve this type of goal if they work hard, are mentored properly by teachers that care, and believe in themselves.

Goffney describes herself as "an old country girl" who believes in education.

As for Aldine ISD, she is excited for the opportunities and changes, and told the audience to help "Share The Good News."

In other announcements at the luncheon, it was noted that one of the new Middle Schools will be named after Steve Mead, current school board president, who was at the luncheon.

It was also announced that Dr. Selina Chapa, current Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, has been named the new Deputy Superintendent replacing the retired Archie Blanson.

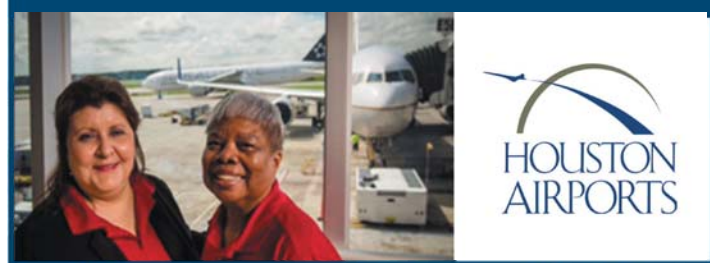
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