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NEWS NOTES

Castlewood Civic Club 2018 Board **Elections**

On September 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m at East Aldine Management District Offices, we will elect a new board for our civic club. All positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be voted on. Nomina tions will be accepted from the floor and voted on that evening so be prepared to Attend Nominate and Votel

Qualifications:

- Must be a Castlewood resident (or home owner) of good standing in the community with sound, moral values
- Should be 21 years of
- age; Will be a 2-year commit-
- ment;
 Be a civic minded individual with an interest in advancing the Castle-wood community.

Every vote will count and is important so that we may continue to have a clean and safe environment to live in, work in, and play in. Now is your opportunity to volunteer for a position or to nominate someone you

Identity Theft Program

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church FEllowhsip Hall, 7822 Northline Drive. The Community is invited.
Presented by Harris County Sheriff's Office Community Service Division. Sponsored by Bellmar & Northline Terrace Civic Clubs.

Mobile Health Village event

Harris County Public Health will host a Mobile Health Village event on Sept. 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Immunizations, wellness screenings, food, mosquito education, pet vaccines and family fun activities. This event will take place at the parking lot of Home Depot

Huge crowd hears BETO at Aldine Town Hall meeting

ALDINE – A huge crowd of several thousand supporters turned out for a Beto O'Rourke rally and Town Hall meeting last Saturday, at the Escapade Club on the Eastex Freeway.
Beto, as he likes to be

called, is running for the U. S. Senate in the November election, against incumbent Ted Cruz. Beto is on the Democratic ticket, and Cruz



ABOVE, Several thousand enthusiastic supporters gathered last Saturday in the Escapade Club on the Eastex Freeway, to hear Beto O'Rourke, candidate for the U. S. Senate, speak on issues that make up his campaign. At LEFT, Beto spoke for about 45 minutes on important issues, saying Texas deserves an accountable, full-time Senator who is committed to working tirelessly for the citizens of the state. Beto is running against incumbent Senator Ted Cruz.

gressman from El Paso, has been campaigning vigorously for months, bringing a grass roots style to his message. He has raised more money than Cruz, all of it on small personal donations He points out that he has not accepted any PAC or corporate money, which is the mainstay of Cruz's backing.

Beto told the crowd that this was one of the largest town halls he has had, even though he has appeared in every Texas County.

Some of the issues that he spoke about include get-ting "big money" out of politics, and not catering to special interest groups.

He has a special message for veterans, wanting to im-prove their healthcare, disability claims, and housing. On job creation, Beto says

See BETO, page 8

Grandparents Raising Grandkids strengthens families with annual conference



ABOVE, A. Corbett with the Harris County Emergency Corps explains how to properly

This September, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group of Aldine-Harris County, hosted 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 were 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.

The community had a fun filled day of informative information, health screenings, demi onstrations, a fun day for the children, teenagers, and much more!

Annual Northside Job Fair at MOC set for Sept. 17

Congressman Gene Green invites Houstonians to his annual Northside Job Fair on Monday, September 17. 2018, in the M.O. Campbell Educational Center are na. There are over 40 companies from a variety of industries looking to recruit for full-time, part-time, and seasonal jobs. There will also be positions available for youth and young adults ages 16-21.

Applicants are encouraged to bring resumes and dress professionally. There will be on-sight interviews conducted, apprenticeship opportunities, and job training, as well as interview and resume critiquing with representatives from Workforce Solutions

Available positions in

tive, sales agents, teachers, accountants, paralegals, law enforcement officers. health care professionals, engineers, call center representatives, production workers, bus drivers, security officers, truck drivers, electricians, welders, mechanics, forklift operators, and general warehouse

The job fair is in conjunction with Workforce Solutions and Aldine Independent School Dis-

The Job Fair will be from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd., Houston, TX

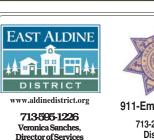


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SCHOOL NEWS

AISD Recognizes September as Attendance Awareness Month



Cutline: Aim for 100% attendance for a better future for your child.

Absences Add Up: The building block that must be in place to meet student achievement and high school graduation goals is attendance

Research shows that daily school attendance positively impacts students' social, emotional and cognitive development. School participation maximizes life opportunities for all students. It gives them the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life.

However, a recent study shows that the number of chronically absent students is on the rise. Nearly 8 million students across the U.S. were chronically absent in the 2015-16 school year, according to a new analysis of the Civil Rights Data Collection by the advocacy group Attendance Works.

This figure represents an increase over the 6.8 million students who missed more than three veeks of school during the 2013-14 school year. These students were chronically

The Consequences of Missing School

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve-even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend

school regularly are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

Physically being present in school is one of the most basic conditions for a student's success $-\operatorname{if}$ a student is not in school he or she is not learning what is being taught and could be falling behind in earning the course credits needed to graduate.

Being chronically absent is associated with a lot of poor outcomes:

-Lower student achieve-

- Lower course performance

- Retention in later

Absences Impact the Entire Classroom

The holes that students vith chronic absences leave behind affect students with good attendance too. If a teacher waits to teach new material until more students are present, all students fall behind. When absent students are in school, a $teacher\,may\,use\,class\,time$ to bring them up to speed. Evidence suggests that this reduces math achievement among students with

better attendance. School Attendance Is Important at All Grade Levels Including the Ear-

 $ly\ Years$ Parents might think the path to success. Aldine ISD to offer evening meals beginning Sept. 10

Aldine ISD will offer evening meals again this year to students at all middle and high schools beginning September 10. These schools offer educational and enrichment programs for students after school which enable the At Risk Evening Meal Program to be provided by the Child Nutrition Services Department. There is no cost to the students for the evening meal. The program will operate Monday through Thursday each week during the school

Students will receive a variety of meals including an entrée, fresh fruits and vegetables, and a grain/ bread along with milk as menu choices. Meals are planned by the Child Nutrition Dietitian and meet all required menu standards of the United States Department of Agricul-

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The school district decision to operate the evening meal program provides an educational and nutritional opportunity for stu-Academic dents. achievement and good health are beneficial for success.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday and Friday, 8 am - 9 am, Zumba at Buckner Family Hope Center (formerly, 4700 Aldine Youth) on Aldine-Mail

Aerobics

Mon, Wed & Fri, 9 am -10 am, Aerobics/Toning/ Stretching Class at Buckner Family Hope Center (formerly, Aldine Youth) on 4700 Aldine-Mail Rte.

Chronic Disease Self-Management

Wed, Sep. 12, 2018, 10 am -12 pm. Harris County Emergency Corp Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop at 2800 Aldine Bender (repeats every Wed until October 16, 2018). 281-449-3131 ext.127.

Seniors' Club

Fri, Sep. 14, 2018, 10:30 am-12:30 pm Seniors' Club Social & Bingo at Buckner FHC (formerly, Aldine Youth) on Aldine-Mail Rte. (every 2nd and 4th Friday of the

Balance Day

Wed, Sep. 19, 2018, 9 am-12 pm. How to prevent falls. Aldine Health Center, 4755 Aldine-Mail Rte.

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.

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HCC to host forum for small business owners

HOUSTON (September 4, 2018) – Houston Community College will open its doors to small business owners who want to learn from entrepreneurs, sales professionals and marketing experts at the "Small Business Forum" Saturday, September 15 from 9 a.m.

The event, sponsored by the National Sales Net-work and the Houston Of-Business Opportunity, will provide insight on how to operate a business and build a suc

cessful one. The keynote speaker will be Marcus Davis, owner of The Breakfast Klub restaurant in Houston's Midtown. At HCC Southeast College, 6815 Rustic Street, Houston, TX 77087. The cost to attend is \$25

for all NSN and OBO members, \$50 for non-members, and \$15 for HCC students. Registration in-formation will be available until noon, September 12 nsnsmallbusinesseventbrite.com

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Aldine ISD bus driver comes to aid of student



Aldine ISD bus driver Regina Pruitt, right, is pictured being interviewed by Channel 2 reporter Ryan Korsgard. Pruitt came to the aide of an Eisenhower High School female student who was being followed by a man in a truck on Aug. 31. Pruitt picked up the girl, drove her safely home and later Precinct 1 Constables arrested the man who was following the girl.

Thanks to Regina Pruitt's motherly instincts and quick thinking, a female student from Eisenhower High School averted what could have been a dangerous situation for the student

While Regina was driving her route on Aug. 31, she noticed a

slowly with its lights blinking. An instant later, a 15-year-old female Eisenhower High School student dashed from behind a tree and flagged her down.

Pruitt asked the young girl if the individual in the truck was bothering her and the student said he was. white truck driving Pruitt told the girl to get

on her bus and that she would get her home

Pruitt's bus aide. Cynthia O'Guinn, wrote down the truck's license plate and called the Westside Transportation Department's dispatch to alert them to the situation. O'Guinn provided dispatch with the license plate number and dispatch alerted the Precinct 1 Constables office, which later arrested the individual at his home.

Pruitt, who has 23 years of experience as a bus driver, said her instincts as a mother kicked in when she saw the distressed young

"I try to look out for our children on and off the bus," she said. "I just thank God I was in the right place at the right

Faith leaders gathered at event



Community leaders and Pastors gathered on August 24 during the African American Faith Leaders Breakfast, visiting at the event was Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in Texas Beto O'Rourke (middle), with him are left to right, Pastor C.L Mason, Pastor L.C. Sidney Sr., Amy and Pastor TJ

You're getting a new Medicare card

By Bob Moos/ Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Your new Medicare card

is coming soon.
From now until April 2019, Medicare is mailing new cards to the more than 60 million Americans with Medicare. The 3.9 million Texans with Medicare will pegin receiving their cards this month.

The new cards will no longer have your Social Security number on them. Instead, they'll have a new Medicare number that's unique to you and will be used for only your Medicare coverage.

Don't worry. Your Medicare benefits will remain exactly the same. Nothing about your health care cov-

erage will change.
A recent federal law requires the removal of Social Security numbers from Medicare cards to help protect you from identity theft. Many people asked for the new safeguard, and Congress responded.

You don't need to do anything or pay anyone to

get your new card.

If someone claiming to be from Medicare calls you and requests your Social Security number or other personal information, that's a scam. Hang up and call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 to report the incident.

Likewise, if anyone tries to charge you a fee for the new card -- or for process-ing a "temporary" card un-

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til your new card arrives that's a scam, too. It's another scheme to get your bank or credit card infor-

mation.

Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask you to provide personal information to receive your new

Medicare will send your card to the address you have on file with Social Security. So, if you need to update your mailing address, contact Social Security at ssa.gov/myaccount

or call 1-800-772-1213.

Because of the many cards to be mailed, they're being sent out in waves – several states at a time Texans with Medicare will receive their cards over the

next month. When you do receive your card, destroy your old one. Don't just toss it in the trash, where a crook can get hold of it. Cut it into small pieces so that your Social Security number can't be read.

Then start using your new card right away. Doctors and other health care providers know the new

cards are beginning to ar rive in mailboxes and will ask for yours when you need care, so carry it with

Protect it as you would any other card with personal information. Removing your Social Security number will safeguard you against most identity theft, but thieves might still use it to try to get medical ser-

One final note: If you're in a Medicare Advantage plan, your plan's ID card will remain your main card for health care benefits. Keep it and use it when you require care, though it's smart to have your new Medicare card as well.

For years, people who mistakenly gave out their Medicare numbers have fallen victim to identity theft and discovered their bank accounts emptied. The redesigned Medicare cards should help prevent

Look for your new card in your mailbox soon. If you have any questions or need help, visit medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227.

Hurricane Harvey survivors recover, rebuild, inspire

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas one year ago, bringing destructive rinds and floodwaters that claimed many lives and caused immeasurable

damage.

Looking back on a year of recovery, we reflect on the struggles hundreds of thousands have faced in Harvey's aftermath. Texans, however, also take pride in the triumphs of so many survivors who have overcome difficulties and destruction Harvey dumped into their lives.

"Ĥurricane Harvey was an unprecedented natural disaster that devastated lives, homes, infrastructure and natural habitats," said Paul Morris, director of the FEMA Texas Recovery Office. "The response. however, showed the true nature of our state and our neighbors, helping one another and refusing to give into the troubles thrown

their way." Harvey dropped more rain than any storm in recorded continental U.S. history and caused nearly 780,000 Texans to evacuate their homes, including over 122,000 who were rescued by local, state or federal first responders as vell as private citizens from Texas and Louisiana.

Thousands of homeowners and businesses have since rebuilt, many with the help of federal grants U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loans and flood insurance payments, which total in the billions. Many more have picked themselves up and started fresh in new apartments or houses

FEMA had pre-positioned personnel and supapproached last year, and was ready to join state and local agencies, nonprofits and the private sector in responding to survivors' immediate needs. Within days, the number of responders from FEMA, other federal agencies and the Texas National Guard

topped 31,000. State agencies and local governments hit the ground running after Harvey and established innovative partnerships with FEMA that deliver re sources effectively and efficiently. This enables the state to guide its own recovery, and allows communities to decide how they



Hurricane Harvey By the Numbers

It takes **ONE** team

Long-term recovery groups established to help survivors continue their recovery

41
Counties designated for Individual Assistance from FEMA

53 Counties designated for Public Assistance from FEMA

295

Communities in Harvey-impacted areas participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) 1,471 Public Assistance-obligated projects to repair damaged infrastructure

19,049 Survivors assisted by temporary housing and innovative repair programs

NFIP claims closed

287,867 Texans who were assisted through a Disaster Recovery

Center

373,470Approved FEMA Individual and Households registrations.

 ${\bf 12,953,322} \\ {\bf Cubic\ yards\ of\ debris\ cleaned\ in\ Harvey-impacted\ areas}$

\$23,311,619 Funds dedicated to Disaster Unemployment Assistance

\$891,014,201 Obligated for Public Assistance projects

\$1,635,707,823 Grants for housing and other disaster-related expenses paid to survivors

\$3,395,627,700 Approved U.S. Small Busine ss Administration (SBA) low-interest loans

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Today, Texans find themselves in the midst of another hurricane season. There will never be a better time to plan for the unexpected and take action to protect one's home, propertv and family. For information on how to prepare, visit www.ready.gov.

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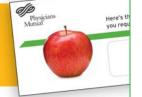
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PAGE OPINION

How Accurate is Your Weather Forecast?

(StatePoint) The weather is not just an idle topic for chit chat. It matters. Particularly when you have a vested business interest in the outcome, or you simply want to make plans for the next few hours or days.

These days, there are innumerable sources for weather forecasts widely available. Unfortunately, these sources don't always say the same thing. So, how do you know which weather forecasting service or app is offering dependable information you can

According to Accu-Weather founder, president and chairman Dr. Joel Myers, choosing the most accurate source of weather forecasts and warnings will go a long way to help keep people and their families safe and help to protect businesses' property and assets as well as minimize liability.

"The greater the accuracy of weather forecasts and warnings, the better the decisions people and businesses can make in the face of hazardous weather events, the more lives are saved, the more property is protected, and the more losses are reduced," said

The good news is that weather forecasts are becoming more accurate, thanks to improved datagathering technology, computers powerful enough to analyze it faster than ever before and better algorithms. Personal technology has also made it possible for individuals to get more localized weather reports. with smartphone apps able to provide weather predictions based on a user's exact GPS location

Despite improved capabilities and technologies, many weather providers continue to regularly cough up inaccurate or misleading forecasts to consumers them. Why? Sometimes it's due to a flawed algorithm. Other times it's a lack of high-quality data, the systemic pessimism or optimism of

a particular provider for fear of getting it wrong, or a unilateral system for analysis that relies on computer modeling alone to generate a forecast While artificial intelligence and supercomputers can perform certain aspects of forecasting, human meteorologists play a vital role in helping average people make sense of it all, say

All weather apps are

not equal. In the case of AccuWeather, a leading provider of weather forecasts and warnings globally, leveraging has proven beneficial, whereby humans and computer models make accurate predictions, and then human meteorologists interpret and communicate the impact Indeed, a recent report conducted by independent industry tracker ForecastWatch, analyzing the accuracy of six top global weather forecast providers, reconfirmed that $AccuWe ather \ was \ the$ clear winner in forecast accuracy and had the highest margin of statistical forecast accuracy in each of three areas it verified: high temperature, precipitation and wind speed

Android and iOS devices, the award-winning AccuWeather app, can be a good resource before you leave home for the day, connecting to desktop computers and TVs, as well as when you're on-the-go and using a smartphone or other mobile device, offering push notifications and 24/7 access to weather data and other weather-related tips and resources. It also provides MinuteCast precipitation forecasts, updated minute by minute, up to two hours ahead.

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When it comes to weather forecasts, the powerful combination of accuracy and detail both in location and time -- as well as a strong emphasis on how predicted weather conditions will impact users, provides an added layer of insurance for better planning and better



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Texas leaders call for new trade agreement to include Canada

AUSTIN — The White House last week an nounced a preliminary new trade agreement had been secured between the United States and Mexico.

While details of the pact are forthcoming, the White House said the agreement would "create more reciprocal trade that grows the economy, supports high-paying jobs for American workers, protects American intellectual property and "is a mutually beneficial win for North American farmers, ranchers,

workers, and businesses. Gov. Greg Abbott reacted on Aug. 27, saying, "Today's agreement between the U.S. and Mexico is a step in the right direction. Texas is the nation's top exporting state, and with Mexico being our largest trading partner, this new deal should be good for the Texas economy. Canada is our second-largest trade partner, and I remain hopeful that negotiations with Canada will be equal-

ly productive." The White House released a transcript of President Donald Trump and President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico discussing what a new agreement between the two countries would require. Trump said cars imported from Mexico would have to contain a greater percentage of parts and equipment originating in North America. During their conversation, Nieto asked Trump to include Canada in the agreement, but Trump stopped short of making such a promise. U.S. Sen. John Cornyn,

R-Texas, hailed the prospect of a new trade agreement, saying, "This is a positive step and now we need to ensure the final agreement brings Canada into the fold and has bipartisan support. A trilateral agreement is the best path forward, and any modernized agreement should do no harm to states like Texas whose economy has seen the benefits of crosshorder commerce Millions of jobs in Texas depend on an updated NAFTA, and

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



it's important that we get

this right."
NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, was signed during the Clinton administration and took effect Jan. 1, 1994

Russell Boening, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, also welcomed the news, but emphasized that his organization wants Canada considered. "The North American Free Trade Agreement has benefitted U.S. agriculture and we hope this new deal promotes even more trade with our neighbor to the south," he said. "We hope Canada comes to the table soon and joins this agreement or enters into a new agreement with the U.S. on its own

Campuses earn

designations Texas Education Com-

missioner Mike Morath on Aug. 28 announced that more than 400 campuses that achieved a "Met Standard" rating in the 2018 state accountability system also earned all distinction designations applicable to their individual school

"Earning one or several campus-level distinctions is notable and should be applauded by a communi-

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ty as an outstanding achievement," Morath said. "For a school to earn every potential distinction applicable to their campus is difficult, but a reflection of some truly amazing work by our educators," he added.

Up to seven distinction designations can be earned for: Academic Achieve-ment in English Language Arts/Reading; Academic Achievement in Mathematics; Academic Achievement in Science; Academic Achievement in Social Studies; Top 25 Percent: Comparative Academic Growth; Top 25 Percent: Comparative Closing the Gaps; and Postsecondary Readiness

Texas' 2018 accountability ratings for school districts, charters and campuses statewide were released by the Texas Education Agency on Aug. 15. More information is available online at TXschools.org.

Governor honors McCain

Gov. Abbott on Aug. 25

joined a long list of dignitaries and citizens offering condolences on the death of Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, longtime member of Congress, former presidential candidate, U.S. Navy pilot and former prisoner

"John McCain was born to lead." Abbott said in a news release. "Throughout his military career, his years of cruel imprisonment and torture as a prisoner of war, his decades of dedicated service in Congress, and his quest as a candidate for the highest office, his fighting spirit could not be broken Though he often could have chosen the easier path in life, John McCain would never surrender his love of country. He was an American warrior. Cecilia and I ask the people of Texas and of his beloved nation to join us in prayer as we mourn the loss of a true statesman."

McCain, 81, died of glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer, on Aug. 25. President Trump on Aug. 27 signed a proclamation for U.S. flags to be flown at half-staff until McCain's burial.



Find Your Passion

Perhaps you woke up on Tuesday morning and like many of us, your social media as well as email was overflowing with reactions to Nike's latest promotional campaign. For thos unfamiliar with Nike, the company was founded in 1964 and has grown into a company who boasts of over 74,000 employees and is valued at over \$29 billion dollars. They are an American based company that is known worldwide for their athletic apparel and

The company trademark "Just do it!" has been around since 1988 and is something that is seen throughout the community. Yet this week when Nike announced the faces of their 30th anniversary ad campaign, which include Colin Kaepernick, former NFL player, people who have never bought a Nike product and those who have a closetful of Nike products, suddenly became passionate. My own facebook feed was filled with mixed emotions and more foul words that I wanted to see

I do not want to focus on the issues surrounding the outrage, yet instead I want to focus on passion. Obviously, my friends are plenty of your friends as well are passionate about American, the National Anthem, military Veter-ans, sports and freedom of speech. There are those who spend many hours daily trying to eradicate racism, sexism, classism as well as working to erase the stigma of mental health and to find cures for cancer, homelessness and much more. As a child, I was encouraged to stand for something as early as first grade. I attended a Catholic school and was assigned a date to bring my favorite book to share with the class. The nun skipped my day and I took a stand. I walked out of class. When the school contacted my parents, my dad arrived and picked me up from school. He explained that in life there would be times that authority figures would break their promises and while he understood why I walked out, I would have to learn to question authority instead of just walking out.

As a middle school student, I took a pro-life stand and when an instructor challenged me by calling me the name of a very prominent prochoice leader. Again, I walked out of class. This time, I only went to the Principal's Office. Shortly afterwards, my teacher came in and the three of us discussed how even when we disagree, we must find ways to respect each other.

Flash-forward to this week and more than once I have found myself quoting those people who impacted my life. My friend Winfred Barnes taught me "He who angers you, conquers you." My dad drilled it in my head "We must sometimes agree that we will always disagree on some topics but we must love and respect each other unconditionally.

Life is not easy, but we MUST find something to be passionate about and if need be, be ready to stand (or kneel or walk away) for our conviction. We need to be a community that understands that differences make us unique, not enemies. If there are any of you who I have offended, let's talk and find a place where in spite of our differences, we an work together to keep the North Channel Area a great place to live, work, worship and volunteer.

SPORTS

Texans hit road for second straight week: TCU travels to Columbus with hope of slaying Goliath

So, how did those season openers go for you Texas and Texas Tech fans? Not so, great,

right! While the Longhorns continued to make costly penalties and turnovers against Maryland for the second straight year, the Red Raiders were physically overmatched against a Mississippi team that could make some noise in the SEC this

year. Tom Herman and Kliff Kingsbury's teams will have a chance to redeem themselves on Saturday when Texas hosts USC and Tech hosts the University of Houston.

In another big college game, TCU travels to Columbus to take on Ohio State with hopes of doing what Oklahoma did a year ago and upset the Buckeyes on

In the NFL, the Texans hit the road for the second straight week when they face the Tennessee Titans in an AFC South battle, while the Cowboys make their home debut in prime time when they host the N York Giants on Sunday Night Football on NBC.

New England visits Jacksonville in a rematch of last year's AFC championship game. It's only the second game of the year, but a Jacksonville win could send a message to the rest of the AFC that they are indeed a serious contender to the Patriots in the conference

In high school action, all five of Aldine ISD's varsity programs will play their final non-district games and then each of them will have byes before opening District 16-6A play the weekend of Sept. 27. It was a rough opening weekend for the AISD programs as all five lost their

It was a tough first week of picking games as a 3-9 start to the season (25%) did not get the year off to a resounding start. But there is plenty of room for improvement (obviously!), so let's see what this weekend's schedule has to offer.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine vs. Sam Houston

Hank Semler's Mustangs dropped a 42-21 decision to Cy Falls in their season opener and will be looking to right the ship on Friday night at Thorne Stadium against Sam Houston. In the loss to Cy-Falls, Jacory Howard rushed for 142 yards and quarterback Johnny Toup threw for 110 yards and a touchdown Look for another big night from Howard as the Mustangs look to corral Sam Houston. My pick,

Aldine 23. Sam Houston 20

Eisenhower at Strake Jesuit - Eric Jackson's Eagles dropped a tough one in their season opener as they fell to Fort Bend Marshall, 28-21. Quarterback Christian Sims caught two touchdown passes and had five receptions for 117 yards. Running back Seavan Guidry added 83 yards on the ground. The Eagles will need two when they take on a talented Strake Jesuit team on Friday night on the road. My pick, senhower 24. Jesuit 23

Nimitz at Mayde Creek Richard Slater's Cougars fell to Channelview 35-25 two weeks ago in their season opener Jayvon Davis rushed for 114 yards in the Channelview game and Karl Revnolds hauled in five touchdown. Look for the Nimitz offense to get untracked at Rhodes Stadium on Saturday night. My pick, Nimitz 26, Mayde

Davis vs. Westbury – James Showers' Falcons had a rough start to the 2018 season as they dropped a 31-0 decision to College Park. Running back Decorie King picked up 60 yards on the ground and the Falcons will look for more production from him when they face a Westbury team that finished 3-5 a year ago. This game will be played at Butler Stadium on Saturday night. My pick, Davis 20,

MacArthur vs. Bellaire up quite a fight in their season opening 58-45 loss to Klein Forest. This week they travel to Delmar Stadium to face a Bellaire team that finished 5-4 a year ago and reached the Class 6A playoffs. MacArthur quarterback Rashaun Jackson threw for 157 yards and three touchdowns in the Klein Forest game and wide receiver Armando Ordenana had a nice night with seven receptions for 78 yards and two TDs. Look for those two to connect a number of times against the Cardinals. My pick, MacArthur 23, Bellaire

NCAA

Houston at Texas Tech -

The Cougars got their 2018 season off to a nice start with a 45-27 win over Rice, while the Red Raiders stumbled in their 47-27 loss to Mississippi at NRG Stadium. Tech should have rebounded last week against Lamar, but will have their hands with a talented UH team that will be looking to enhance its early-



season resume with a road win against a Big 12 opponent. A year ago, the Red Raiders won at TDECU Stadium, but things are a bit different this time around. Tech might be going with a true freshman at quarterback in Alan Bowman Bowman was called into duty in the first quarter when starting QB McLane Carter suffered an ankle injury. Bowman did a decent iob passing for 273 yards and one touchdown. Tech will need a better performance from running back Da'Leon Ward (90 yards rushing, 2 TDs) when they face Ed Oliver and his defensive mates. The Tech defense will have its hands full with UH QB D'Eriq King, who passed for 320 yards and three touchdowns in the win over Rice. Kingsbury knows this is a make-or-break season for him, so look for Tech to rally and hand their head coach a huge early-seasor victory. My pick, Texas Tech 34,

TCU at Ohio State - For the

second straight year, the Buckeyes welcome a Big 12 team to Columbus (they hosted and lost to Oklahoma a year ago) and you can bet Ohio State won't take a talented TCU team for granted. In the Horned Frogs 55-7 pasting of Southern in their season opener, quarterback Shawn Robinson threw for 182 yards and three touchdowns and added two rushing touchdowns in the first half alone. He sat out the second half while TCU reserves finished things off. Robinson will face a much stiffer test this week when he faces an Ohio State defense that is loaded with talent. Defensive end Nick Bosa (6-3, 263 pounds) could be a No. 1 pick in the 2019 NFL draft and he will be chasing Robinson all over the field on Saturday. The Buckeyes exploded for 77 points (some say they may have run up the score in their opener against Oregon State) as first-year starting quarterback Dwayne Haskins had a nice debut passing for 313 vards and five touchdowns. Reserve running back Mike Webber added 186 yards on the ground and three TDs. The Buckeyes will probably unleash

starting running back J.K. Dobbins against TCU. Dobbins was limited to 15 carries for 74 yards in the season opener, but look for him to play a larger role against TCU I think the Frogs can hang with the Buckeyes, but look for OSU to pull away late for the win. My pick, Ohio State 34, TCU 26

Alabama at Ole Miss -

Alabama faces its first test of the

season when it travels to Oxford

o take on an up-and-coming Ole Miss team that looked very good on offense in its 47-27 win over Texas Tech two weeks ago. Alabama looked pretty good as well as they rolled to a 51-14 win over Louisville in Orlando. This game will pit two quarterbacks from Hawaii as Jordan Ta'amu will lead the Rebels and Tua Tagovailoa will lead the Crimson Tide. Ta'amu threw for 336 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Tech while Tagovailoa threw for 227 yards and two passing touchdowns and ran in for another score. The Rebels also found a running back in Scottie Phillips who ran for 204 yards and two TDs in the win over Tech. While Ole Miss had its way with Tech, they will face a much better defense when 'Bama comes calling on Saturday night. Nick Saban's defense entered the 2018 season minus seven starters from last year's defense, but this year's unit did not miss a beat in the opener. Tide defenders were all over the field in the Louisville win and even contributed a defensive touchdown. The Tide defense will get a bit more of a challenge this week against Ta'amu, but look for them to come up with enough plays to earn a hard-fought victory on Saturday night. My pick,

Alabama 26, Mississippi 18
USC at Texas – Texas and head coach Tom Herman opened the season with a big thud losing for the second straight year to Maryland. This year's version looks a lot like last year's team that committed illtimed penalties and turnover and could not make defensive stops when they were needed. Herman needs a signature victory and beating USC just might take a lot

head coach. Herman was lured away from the University of Houston to bring UT back to prominence, but thus far UT boosters aren't getting much in return for what they invested in Herman. This might be the week Herman starts moving the program forward, if not, things might begin to get a bit hot fo the 'next big thing' in college coaching. Texas had its moments on offense in its opener as quarterback Sam Ehlinger threw for 263 yards and two touchdowns. He spread the ball around as Collin Johnson (3 receptions, 59 yards, 1 TD), Devin Duvernay (4 receptions 58 yards, 1 TD) and Lil'Jordan Humphrey (6 receptions, 82 yards) contributed in the passing ne. He must protect the ball better and his late interception was a killer. Big things were expected of the Texas defense and while that unit is talented, it struggled against a mediocre Maryland offense. The UT defense will face a much toughe test against a Trojan offense that scored 43 points in its season opener. True freshman J.T. Daniel had a nice debut passing for 282 yards and one touchdown. Look for the UT defense to bring pressure early and ofter to try and rattle Daniel with hopes of forcing a turnover or two. Texas, and Herman, needs

NFL

Houston at Tennessee

this one and they need it badly. My pick, Texas 31, USC 27

The Texans play a second straight road game when they visit Tennessee in a key earlyseason AFC South contest on Sunday. If Bill O'Brien's team is going to return to the playoffs this year, they need to prove they can win on the road and getting the Titans early in the season just might be what the doctor ordered. O'Brien will take on his former defensive coordinator, Mike Vrabel, who was named the Titans new head coach in the offseason. Vrabel has to hope quarterback Marcus Mariota (3,232 yards passing, only 13 TD passes in 2017) takes the next step in his development as an NFL QB. The running game has been turned over to former Alabama star Derrick Henry (744 yards rushing, 5 TDs in 2017) and he will be a force for the Houston defense to handle. The Tennessee defense will have its hands full with quarterback DeShaun Watson and wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins. If the running the football, then they

says so here they do just that. My pick, Houston 24, Tennessee

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New England at Jackson-ville – The Patriots visit the Jags in Week 2 in a game that could have home-field playoff implications. The Jags gave the Patriots a real battle in the AFC title game a year ago and led by 10 points heading into the fourth quarter. Jacksonville will give the Pats defense a steady dose of running back Leonard Fournette (1.040 yards rushing, 9 TDs) as the Jags look to wear down the NE defense in the Florida heat and humidity. The Jacksonville defense is one of the best in the league, but they will have their hands full with Tom Brady (4,577 vards passing, 32 TDs in 2017) and Co. on Sunday. The weather could be a huge factor in Jacksonville's favor and Jags fans are hoping for sweltering conditions that should favor the Jags. Look for the Jags to win this one and then we shall see what happens if these two meet again in January! My pick, Jacksonville 30 New England 27

New York Giants at Dallas -It seems these two teams plays every year on Sunday Night Football and that will be the case again this year when the Cowboys host the Giants in their home opener. This could turn into an offensive shootout as teams defense is all that, NY quarterback Eli Manning (3,468 vards passing, 19 TDs in 2017) has wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. back after losing him for much of the season with a broken ankle. Beckham recently signed a new contract making him the highest paid wide receiver in the history of the NFL, so you can bet the Dallas defense will be gunning for him Sunday night. Manning also has a new weapon at his disposal in rookie running back Saguon Barkley, who should be a nice addition to the offense. Barkley is a talented runner, but he car also help in the passing game with his receiving skills. The Dallas offense will center on running back Ezekiel Elliott, who will be called on as a rusher and pass receiver in the made-over Dallas offense. Dallas quarter back Dak Prescott will rely heavily on Elliott now that two of his top targets, wide receiver Dez Bryant and tight end Jason Witten are no longer with the team. This should be a fun one to watch, but look for Elliott to be the difference maker as the Cowboys pick up a much-needed early-season victory. My pick, Dallas 26, New York Giants 23

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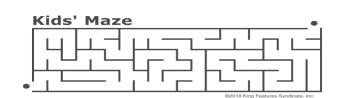
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LIFESTYLE

THOUGHTS FROM MARANATHA CHURCH By Dr. Mark Trice



Friend of God

Other than a Cowboys game, there are few TV programs I enjoy watching as much as a good old Western. One thing about Westerns is that they're consistent; certain themes show up over and over again. One of the things that stands out in those old movies is that the hero almost always has a tried and true companion. You see that friend in show after show as he proves himself willing to lay his life down for the man with whom he rides. The Bible refers to this type of a man as a "friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Prov. 18:24 NKJV) God wants to be that friend for you.

Do you even think of yourself as a friend of God? Do you consider your relationship with Him to be one of such closeness that He gets excited when He sees you coming? It's so hard for

most people to picture themselves that way, but we see in Scripture that God considered multiple people to be His friends. Moses was obviously His friend. He also counted Abraham as His friend. It's a good guess that Enoch was God's friend, since God took him without waiting for him to die; and surely David, the apple of God's eye, was also His friend. More recently, Jesus called the disciples His friends. Dig in the Scriptures and you will find more.

Here's the truth, even if you've not given God the attention He deserves, haven't been serving Him the way you ought, haven't even tried to be His friend, you are very special to Him. Your best friend here on earth may be willing to ride any trail with you, go through any hardship, be your support when you feel ready to fall, but that's nothing compared to how God feels about you. No matter how much your earthly friends would do for you, God wants to do even more. He wants to call you friend. He wants a genuine relationship with you, and wants you to enjoy all the benefits of being a friend of God. In truth, it's remark-

able. Isn't it? We quote John 3:16 (NKJV), "For

God so loved the world, **Scarecrow** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," but when was the last time you really thought about it? God's love for us is incomprehensible. God loves us not only as a Savior loves those He saves, not only as a father loves his children, but as a man loves his dearest friends. I look forward to going on trail rides with Jesus in Heaven, but it's great to know He's also right by my side this very mo $ment, sticking \ closer \ than$ any brother ever could.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Haggai in the Old or New Testament or

neither?
2. Paul urged Christians to be ... of God, as found in Ephesians 5:1? Lovers, Believers,

Followers, Worshippers 3. From Proverbs 3, we are not to lean on our own ...? Riches, Understanding, Friends,

> ...Lift up your face to God. You will pray to Him,

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JOB 22:26-28

4. In 2 Chronicles, what godly priest had a wife named Jehosheba? Jehoiada, Felix, Demetrius, Jeremiah

What is the middle chapter of the Old Testament (KJV)? 2 Chronicles 3, Job 29, Psalms 34, Isaiah 41 6. On which day did God

ANSWERS:1) Old; 2) Followers: 3) Understanding; 4)

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make Adam and Eve? Third,

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Family strengthening,

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Health Screening was available, for blood pressure and



Boy Scouts of America Aldine Pathfinder District
Commissioner David Crawfoot, is pictured with a troop



Firefighters were present to provide basic safety information, and answer questions on the operation of the fire department.

Harris County Public Health assess Aldine area 1 year after post-Harvey

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) Office of Public Health Preparedness & Response (OPHPR) is tasked with assessing a community's resilience to get back to a steady state after a catastrophe event like Hurricane Harvey. On September 8th, Harris County Public Health returned to the Aldine Area of Harris County one year after their post-hurricane assessment to do a re-assessment.

Last Saturday Health Department staff and volunteers revisited homes affected in the Aldine area

the unemployed and underemployed must be connected with high-value jobs. He

wants to invest in training, certification, and apprenticeship programs to allow Texans to keep pace with

increasingly specialized professions.

A major issue for Beto

and all Democrats is the

Healthcare situation. Beto says that good healthcare is

a basic human right, not a function of wealth, employ-

ment, or luck. He advocates a single-payer healthcare system, similar to Medicare,

that covers every single American and works with

every hospital, clinic, and doctor's practice -- private, public or non-profit -- in the

country. He wants Texas to expand Medicaid to protect

vulneralble children, Texans

elderly. He also believes that we must improve our mater-

nal mortality rate, and ensure that women have the

right to chose what will hap-

pen to their body if they are

His message was received enthusiastically by a crowd that seemed very diverse, with all ages and eth-

nicity represented, and even some Republicans.

pregnant.

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to find out what are the current residents' needs. Survey area includes from I-45 North east to I-69 South (US59) and from the Sam Houston Parkway East south to Little York. This primary survey focuses on general readiness, health preparedness and post storm public health issues. All answers and feedback from the survey are confidential. HCPH also had an Incident Command Post established at the Mangum Howell Community Center located at 2500 Frick Road coordinat-

 $ing \ the \ field \ teams, serving$

as a central point for briefings, the rally point and logistics support. Harris County Sheriff Deputies were assigned to the command team to coordinate with law enforcement partners.

The Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) is an epidemiologic technique designed to provide quickly and at low-cost household based information about a community.

Gathering health and basic needs information using valid statistical methods allows public health and emergency managers to make informed decisions.

Also, Harris County Public Health will host a Mobile Health Village event on Sept. 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. featuring its Mobile Fleet to help residents' current needs. Services will include immunizations, wellness screenings, food, mosquito education, pet vaccines and family fun activities. This event will take place at the parking lot of Home Depot at 10600 Eastex Freeway, Houston, 77093.



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