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NEWS NOTES

Identity Theft Program

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship 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
at 10600 Eastex Freeway,
Houston, 77093.

Green Forest Civic Club Meeting

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, September 25, 2018. 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.

Judge Emmett delivers "State of the County" report

Keynotes Progress, Optimism after Hurricane & Floods

Emmett says Partnerships Forged in Disasters Result In Greater Public Trust, More Efficient Responses To Challenges

HARRIS COUNTY –
Harris County Judge Ed
Emmett presented his
11th annual State of the
County Address last
Thursday, at a luncheon
at NRG Center, on the
10th anniversary of
Hurricane Ike's devastating arrival, noting
that county residents
have emerged from
recent natural disasters



HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT delivered a State of the County report last week to a well attended luncheon at NRG Center.

better prepared, better educated and more determined to take the steps needed to combat such challenges in the future.

Emmett focused on partnerships and sounded an optimistic tone, addressing a soldout event of more than 1,000 attendees at the annual speech at the county-owned NRG Center. The event is sponsored by the Greater Houston Partnership.

He noted that a recent series of nearly two dozen "community engagement meetings" focusing on the county's recent \$2.5 billion flood bond issue resulted not only in an overwhelming margin of victory, but further strengthened the ties between Harris County residents and their employees and officials.

"It was an amazing sight to behold," Emmett said. "At every meeting, county residents of all types met face-to-face with county employees, many of whom spend most of their time behind desks. Suddenly, a human element came into focus instead of abstract numbers and plans. County employees

See EMMETT, page 6

UH Alumni association honors East Aldine's David Hawes

Join alumni, students, faculty, and other guests of the UH MPA program will attend the 3rd Annual UH MPA Alumni Association Banquet. This year they will be honoring an alumni of the program, East Aldine Executive Director David Hawes.

UH MPA says that "David embodies what is taught in the UH MPA program throughout all of its rich courses – servitude and leadership. This is only a small gesture of appreciation and honoring of a man who has offered so much to the UH MPA community and beyond."

David Hawes is the Executive Director of the East

David Hawes is the Executive Director of the East Aldine Management District, serving in this position since the creation of the District. He specializes in the creation, management, and administration of special purpose districts and zones. He develops project plans and project financing plans to aid stakeholders in reaching community development objectives.

Prior to his service with the District he was Finance and Administration Revenue and Research Manager for the City of Houston Town

the City of Houston from 1991 to 1995 where he served as chief economist and member of the City of Houston Bond Financing Team. From 1985 to 1991



DAVID HAWES

he served as the Chief Executive Officer for TCARE, Inc where he was responsible for state-wide nonprofit corporation providing residential treatment services to Level V and VI adolescents. He

See HAWES, page 6

HURRICANE SEASON Harris County residents urged to monitor weather

Harris County residents are urged to monitor the weather forecast and use extreme caution if venturing out into rainy conditions according to the current forecast. Portions of Harris County could receive up to four inches of additional rain especially south of I-10 as a weather system moves into the Gulf of Mexico and has the potential to impact the Texas coast with showers and thunderstorms.

thunderstorms.

As of now, bayous, creeks and tributaries are expected to remain within banks, but roadways and streets may become impassable. Commuters are urged to avoid high water and flooded streets throughout the county and to proceed with caution

when driving on area roadways - Turn Around Don't Drown!

The Harris County Flood Control District's Flood Watch team will continue to monitor rainfall trends and check the gages that measure rainfall amounts and water levels in bayous and creeks. The team constantly monitors the data and works during severe weather events to advise the public and local officials of areas that are and could be affected by flooding. Residents may monitor rainfall and bay-ou water levels on the Harris County Regional Flood Warning System website (desktop and mobile versions) www. harriscounty fws. org.



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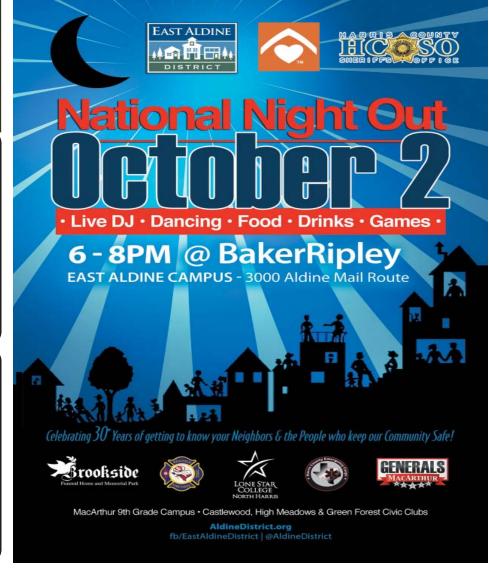
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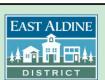
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More than 30 MacArthur Generals earn Advance Placement scholar Awards



MacArthur graduating class of 2018

About 22 percent of the 2.2 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams.

More than 30 Mac-Arthur High School students have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams for the 2017-18 school

The AP Scholar Awards are a series of awards given by the College Board to students who have earned a score of 3 or above on at least three AP exams

AP Scholar Award Levels

• AP Scholar: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

• AP Scholar with Honor: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these ex-

• AP Scholar with Distinction: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these

exams • National AP Scholar: Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these ex-

Number of Honors Mac-Arthur HS Students

• 1 National AP Schol-

• 3 AP Scholars With Distinction • 3 AP Scholars With

 ${\bf Honors}$ • 27 AP Scholars

staff.)

(*Information provided by MacArthur High School

Each of the students graduated with the Class

Police investigate shooting of a man at Imperial Valley

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man that occurred in Greenspoint area about 7:40 p.m. on Friday, Sep-

According to HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division Detectives K. Clark and J. Pickett reported:

Carlos Burnett, 45, was inside a liquor store in the 17500 block of Imperial Valley when an unknown male suspect entered the business and, for unknown reasons, began firing. Burnett was struck multiple times and transported by paramedics to Houston Northwest Hospital in critical condition. The suspect fled on foot toward Greens

Road. The suspect is described only as a black male, between 30 to 40 years old, with a thin build. At the time of the incident, he was wearing a gray hoodie, dark pants and white

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Zumba

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-

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.

Last Day to Register to Vote

Tue, October 9, 2018. Last day to register to vote for the November elections!

Citizenship Classes

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 TO NOVEMBER 9 **EVERY FRIDAY FOR 10** SESSIONS 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM, 5356 11TH STREET KATY. TX 77493 For more information, call Bonding Against Adveristy at 281-799-9076 or 713-471-

Citizenship Workshops

■LONE STAR COLLEGE GREENSPOINT CENTER THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00 PM, 250 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, HOUSTON, TX 77060, (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (281-799-9076) Registration starts at 8 a.m for both workshops. Questions? call Bonding Against Adveristy at 281-799-9076 or 713-471-5832.



Aldine - One Year **After Harvey**

Mobile Health Village Event

Harris County Public Health will provide a Mobile Health Village event with multiple FREE services including:

- Wellness screenings
- Mosquito education and insect repellent
- Free fruits and vegetables
- Pet vaccines
- Health information for all the family
- Raffles and family fun!

Join us! Bring all the family!

Where? The Home Depot Parking Lot 10600 Eastex Freeway Houston, TX 77093

When? Saturday September 22

What time? 10am-2pm

Taking Public Health to the public

COMMUNITY NEWS

Aldine ISD students earn awards in Houston World Series of Dog Shows Art Contest

Students across the Houston area competed in the 2018 Dr. Mari Jon Filla Student Art Exhibit and Contest.

Aldine ISD had two students earn Blue Ribbon Excellence Awards. The District also had several students receive Red Ribbon Merit Awards.

The contest is held each year during the Houston World Series of Dog Shows in July.

Mari Jon Filla, Hazel Arnold and Rosalie Lisano founded the contest in the early '80s. The contest promotes student involvement in recognizing and honoring the dog, man's best friend.

The organizers' early efforts served to rally local area art directors to submit student artworks. It has now become a highly anticipated attraction at the annual Houston World Series of Dog Shows.

The art contest has grown to nearly 1,000 entries. The judging panel varies each year. The panel includes a spectrum of enthusiasts from both the art

trum of entitusiasts from both the art and dog worlds. The judges present seven categories of awards. All student entries were on display throughout the dog show event.



Artwork by Ariana Marquez.

Man wanted for parole violation

Crime Stoppers and the Office of the Texas Attorney General's Fugitive Apprehension Unit need the public's assistance locating a convicted sex offender.

Manuel Arocha Mora is a fugitive wanted for a parole violation on a sex crime that occurred in Fort Bend County, Texas. Manuel Mora was last

Manuel Mora was last seen at 3400 block of Mesa Drive in Houston, Texas. The fugitive's whereabouts are unknown.

Manuel Mora is a known Tango Blast gang member. He also has violent tendencies and is considered armed and danger-

Fugitive description -Hispanic male, 44 years of age, 5'5" approximately 200 lbs., hair: black, eyes: brown, and heavily tattooed. This fugitive has numbers "281" with a flaming skull tattooed on his right shoulder and the word "Blast-City" tattooed on his right forearm

on his right forearm. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS



MORA

(8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.

Aldine ISD student attends Lone Star Leadership Academy Camp

Each year, Education in Action provides outstanding students a week of fun and leadership development while learning about the State of Texas.

One student from Aldine ISD was among those selected from across the state to attend a 2018 Lone Star Leadership Academy Camp

During spring 2018, while a sixth grade student at Marcella Intermediate School (now Marcella Elementary School), Aaron Cebrero was nominated and accepted for the summer program.

mer program.

More than 1,140 outstanding fourth through eighth grade students participated in Education in Action's summer 2018 Lone Star Leadership Academy camps. It is worth noting that 24 student alumni of the Academy returned to serve in a leadership role as youth facilitators.

The young leaders were selected for the Academy camps based on demonstrated academic success and leadership ability. Additionally, they received an educator recommendation and demonstrated involvement in school/community activities.

The participating students, representing communities across Texas, traveled to Dallas/Fort Worth (4th, 5th and 6th graders), Austin/San Antonio (5th, 6th and 7th graders), and Houston/Galveston (6th, 7th and 8th graders) to take part in the camps.

During the weeklong camps, the students developed leadership skills while learning about the State of Texas. Participants experienced what they are learning in school through visits to notable and historically significant Texas sites.

exas sites. The Lone Star Leader-



ship Academy experience provides a unique opportunity for outstanding students to learn about Texas leaders and what it means to be from the Lone Star State. Participants discuss what they learn, complete problem solving and decision-making simulations exercise creativity, and practice presentation skills in Leadership Groups. In addition, participants have fun meeting other students and making new friends while adding to their re-

sume of academic achieve-

Educators may nominate their outstanding 4th-8th graders for Lone Star Leadership Academy camps online at

educationinaction.org/ nominate-leaders. The adult to student ratio is one to 10 and all facilitators are Texas educators. For more information, call \$17-562-4957 or visit the Education in Action website: educationinaction.org/ lone-star-leadership-academy.



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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SEQUOIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on October 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm at 14435 Sequoia Bend Blvd., Houston, Texas 77032. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: WILLIAM P. KING, MELVA STRAHAN, KAREN J. BAKER, JAMES EASTHAM, SR. AND RICHARD SLATER

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

	Last Year	This Year	
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.45/\$100 Adopted	\$0.45/\$100 Proposed	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	\$-0-/ -0-	%100 %	
Average appraised value	\$106,113	\$108,744	
General Exemptions Available (excluding senior citizen's or			
disabled person's exemptions)	\$-21,223	\$-21,749	
Average taxable value	\$84,890	\$86,995	
Tax on average residence homestead	\$382.01	\$391.48	
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if			
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$+9.4	.7	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+2.4	790%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The **Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the year 2018 on October 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the District's business office at 9419 Lamkin Road, Houston, TX 77044. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Stephen W. Landry, Leslie Brown, Charlotte Pierce, Cecilia Casas & Larry Allen

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

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

	2017 Last Year				2018	
				This Year		
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.28/\$100			\$1.27/\$100		
	Adopted			Proposed		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value			-\$0.01/\$100			
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)			-0.79%			
Average appraised value	\$	61,758		\$	66,742	
General exemptions available						
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled						
person's exemptions)	5%				5%	
Average taxable value	\$	58,670		\$	63,405	
Tax on average residence homestead	\$	750.98		\$	805.25	
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if						
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)			\$54.27			
and percentage of increase (+/-)			7.23%			

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If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Mike Arterburn, Tax Assessor-Collector (713) 688-3855

OPINION PAGE



Social Security Matter

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty - Declining Medicare Part B

Dear Rusty: Perhaps you could do an article about deferring Medicare Part B. I never found a way to formally "defer" part B, so apparently, we just ignore it if we have other qualified health insurance. I turned 65 in January but am still fully employed with qualified medical insurance. I became aware of the potential penalties for not enrolling in Medicare correctly, but despite my best efforts it still came out wrong for me. In my research I found I could defer Part B but that it would be good to get the deferral on record (somehow) when we enroll in part A. I created an account online and signed up. I had to bring some paperwork to the SS office and while there I brought up the Part B deferral. I was told that I was "all set" but a few weeks later I got a bill for Part B, so I had to take time off and go straighten it out at the SS office. I never did find anything online about "how to formally defer Medicare B." Signed: Working Still

Dear Working: It's

a fact that many more people are continuing to work past age 65 and have no need to enroll in Medicare Part B because they continue to have group healthcare coverage through their employer. So long as that employer coverage is "credit-able," you can decline Part B until your employer coverage ends, and thus avoid the Part B premium (2018 base premium is \$134/month). Although Medicare and Social Security are two separate agencies, they are inextricably linked since the Social Security Administration handles Medicare enrollment and administers premium payments. Though Medicare Part A (hospital coverage) is usually free and should be taken at age 65, Medicare Part B (doctors & outpatient services) is optional because there is a premium associated with it. For this reason, it may be declined and so long as one has "creditable" healthcare coverage

there will be no penalty

for enrolling in Part B later ("creditable" coverage is an employer group health plan for at least 20 employees). Not having creditable Part B $coverage\ after\ age\ 65$ will result in a lifetime late enrollment penalty when it is eventually taken. So how does one decline Part B?

If you are already

receiving early Social

Security benefits, you

will be automatically enrolled in Medicare A & B when you turn 65. If you do not want Part B because you still have creditable group coverage from your employer, when you get your Medicare enrollment package for Parts A & B it will include a page to which your new Medicare card will be attached. To indicate that you want to decline Part B, the back of that page has a spot to specify that you wish to decline Part B. That intent should be so marked, and the page returned to Social Security in the postage-paid envelope provided. If someone is not yet collecting Social Security benefits when they enroll in Medicare at age 65, the option to decline Part B is given as part of the application process, both online and in-office (Part A should be taken because it is free, and also because it's required to collect Social Security after age 65). Declining Part B during the applica-tion process or by returning your preference via US mail should normally resolve the matter. However, as with any agency as big as the Social Security Administration or Medicare, timeliness of processing could be an issue and mistakes can be made, and that is what appears to have happened in your case But either of the methods described above should normally work fine when you wish to decline Medicare Part B coverage.

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Governor points out actions taken to make schools safer

AUSTIN — Just before Labor Day weekend Gov Greg Abbott released a School Safety Action Plan Summary that lists actions taken by school districts to harden campuses in the wake of the deadly Santa Fe Independent School District shooting

in May. "Elected leaders, community members, students, teachers, parents and everyday Texans all share the common goal of making schools a safe place for our children," Abbott said. "Our goal is being realized as school districts across the state continue to put immediate and long term plans aimed at prevention and protection in place. While progress is being made, there is still much work to be done and I encourage everyone in Texas to continue the discussion surrounding school safety to ensure that we put in place measures that will benefit the safety and well-being of our state's $\begin{array}{l} {\tt greatest\ resource --our} \\ {\tt children."} \end{array}$

Highlights from the summary include developments such as:

- 1,705 public school employees attended Men-tal Health First Aid training courses during June and July;

The Texas Department of Public Safety expanded its"iWatchTexas" program to include school incidents as reported via mobile app, Internet or phone by students, teachers, parents and others in the statewide centralized system designed to provide law enforcement the opportunity to detect and

prevent an attack; The Texas School Safety Center has worked with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to provide introductory school-based law enforcement, behavioral threat assessment and emergency operations plan development courses to more

than 500 people; - An additional 92 school marshals had been appointed, with 73 prospective marshals in the training process as of Aug. 17, tripling the number of trained and licensed school marshals;

and - The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training program at Texas State University has provided direct training to nearly 1,300 police officers, firefighters, dispatchers, EMS personnel and others since May 18.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



7 now in race for

speaker State Reps. Walter "Four" Price, R-Amarillo, and Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, last week announced their candidacies for speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

The 150-member House will vote to elect a new speaker after the 86th Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 8. Already having declared intentions to run for speaker are Reps. John Zerwas, R-Sugar Land; Eric Johnson, D-Dallas; Travis Clardy, R-Nacog-doches; Phil King, R-Weatherford; and Tan

Parker, R-Flower Mound. Almost a year ago, the current speaker, Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio. announced his intention not to seek re-election, over the House for a record five consecutive terms.

Governor forms committee

Gov. Abbott on Sept. 5 issued an executive order establishing the Governor's Committee to Support the Military.

Abbott appointed 22 Texas-resident military veterans, community leaders and business leaders to the committee and commissioned the body to look for "ways to maintain and enhance military value at installations within the state.'

The committee's first report, due by Dec. 1, is to contain recommendations for legislative action during the 2019 legislative session.

Revenue totals announced

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 5 announced state revenue

totals for fiscal 2018, which began Sept. 1, 2017, and ended Aug. 31, and state revenues for the month of August. For the fiscal year

sales tax revenue totaled \$31.94 billion, an amount 10.5 percent great than the total reported for fis-cal 2017.

Details were given as

follows:
- Oil and natural gas production tax revenue: \$4.82 billion, up 56.1 percent over fiscal 2017;

- General revenue-re-lated revenue: \$57.2 billion, up 9.3 percent over fiscal 2017;

- All-funds tax collections: \$55.6 billion, up 12 percent over fiscal 2017; and

- All-funds revenue: \$120.2 billion, up 8.1 per-cent over fiscal 2017.

Hegar also said state sales tax revenue totaled a record \$2.87 billion in August, an amount 15.8 percent greater than the amount reported in August 2017. The amount eclipsed the previous monthly record amount of state sales tax revenue, which was \$2.78 billion in November 2017, he add-

Coalition seeks to

end ACA Texas Attorney Generer states on Sept. 5 asked a Fort Worth U.S. District Court to issue a nationwide injunction to halt the Affordable Care Act while a lawsuit attempting to repeal the 2010 federal law pro-

ceeds. One of the coalition's main arguments before the court was that Obamacare's key "individua mandate" was rendered meaningless when Congress passed the Trump administration's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

The court had not ruled on the motion for an injunction as of Sept. 9.



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SPORTS

Texans host Giants in home opener: Texas, TCU open Big 12 conference play

After playing their first two games on the road, the Texans return to NRG Stadium on Sunday to host the New York Giants. Houston fans are hopeful Bill O'Brien's team has worked out the kinks after a lackluster performance in the season opener two weeks ago against New England.

Houston was once again dogged by questionable clock management by the fifth-year head coach, a rusty performance by quarterback DeShaun Watson and continued issues with the offensive line. The defense wasn't up to snuff as well as J.J. Watt, Jadaveon Clowney and Whitney Mercilius teamed up for zero sacks in the game. That trio is being counted on to record double-digit sacks this year, but so far, they are pitching a shutout.

While the Texans struggled in their season opener, so did Texas' other NFL team, the Dallas Cowboys. Dallas' much vaunted offensive line gave up six sacks and quarterback Dak Prescott struggled to connect with his receivers all afternoon It was only one game, but it appears the Cowboys receiving corps lacks any wide receiver with break away speed. Running back Ezekiel Elliott struggled early, but did score the team's lone touchdown in the second half. This week Jason Garrett's team plays at Seattle, which won't be any walk in the park despite the fact the Seahawks appear to be in rebuild mode.

In the college ranks, the Big 12 begins conference play with the marquee game pitting TCU against Texas in Austin, Both teams are coming off big nonconference contest as TCU played No. 4-ranked Ohio State in Arlington last Saturday, while Texas hosted USC. Texas fans have to be wondering just what the heck is going on at the 40 Acres. After rolling out the red carpet, and a lot of dough, for Tom Herman, UT fans haven't gotten much in return. UT went 7-6 his first year and did win a bowl game, but 2018 was supposed to be the year the 'Horns began their return to prominence and thus far, that hasn't been the case. Texas opened the season with a loss at Maryland (the second straight year UT has lost to the Terps) and struggled to beat Tulsa, 28-21 two weeks ago in its home opener. Texas jumped out to a 21-0 lead in that game and should have put the Golden Hurricanes away, but they allowed them to hang around and make a game of it

If they are lackluster against Gary Patterson's team, it could be a long day at Royal Memorial Stadium

In other key games this Saturday, Georgia visits high-scoring Missouri, Texas Tech and Oklahoma State begin Big 12 play in Stillwater and No. 5-ranked Wisconsin gets a tough road test at lowa. Oh, and Texas A&M, which made a nice accounting of itself two weeks ago against No. 2-ranked Clemson, (the Aggies lost 28-26) has the pleasure of visiting No. 1-ranked Alabama.

All five of Aldine ISD's varsity programs have bye this week as they prepare for the start of the District 16-6A season. Two weeks ago, Eric Jackson's Eisenhower Eagles picked up their first win of the season with a 41-14 pasting of Channelview, while James Showers' Davis Falcons defeated Conroe, 25-

Before we take a look at this week's game, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week brought the season record to 12-12 (50%).

Now, onto this week's

NCAA

TCU at Texas - Both teams want to get off to a good start in league play and the one that comes into this one the healthiest will probably come out on top. Both teams had physical contests a week ago as TCU played Ohio State and UT hosted USC. The Texas defense will have its hands full with a TCU offense that is halanced. The Horned Frogs have a talented signal caller in Shan Robinson (328 passing yards, 4 TDs; 112 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and a veteran running back in Darius Anderson (105 rushing yards). Texas will need a big day from quarterback Sam Ehlinger (500 passing yards, 4

TDs) if they hope to upend the Frogs. Texas appears to be putting the running game in the hands of talented true freshman Keontay Ingram (108 rushing yards, 2 TDs). Ehlinger will look to make plays in the passing game with wide receiver Lil'Jordan Humphrey (13 receptions, 191 receiving yards, 1 TD). If Herman and UT want to let the rest of the Big 12 know they are serious contenders for the league crown, a win over TCU would go a long ways towards reaching that goal. My pick, Texas 26, TCU 24

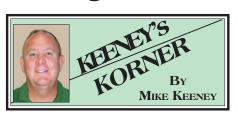
Texas Tech at Oklahoma State - This is a big game for both programs as each could be a dark horse in the league race. Tech rode its running game to a 77-0 win over Lamar two weeks ago as seven Red Raiders scored rushing touchdowns The Cowboys appear to be as explosive as ever on offense as they've averaged 56.2 points in their first two games. Quarterback Taylor Cornelius (728 passing yards, 6 TDs) has done well as a replacement for two-year starter Mason Rudolph now with the Steelers) and running back Justice Hill (154 rushing yards, 3 TDs) is back to lead the ground game. Tech has struggled in Stillwater and I think that trend continues on Saturday. My pick, Oklahoma State 36, Texas Tech 34

Georgia at Missouri – No 3-ranked Georgia hits the road for the second time in three weeks to face the high-scoring Missouri Tigers. Two weeks ago, Georgia strolled into South Carolina and left with a convincing 41-17 victory. The Bulldogs are led by quarterback Jake Fromme (351 passing yards, 3 TDs) and the running game is in the capable hands of sophomore D'Andre Sims (107 rushing yards, 2 TDs). The rebuilt Georgia defense will get a real test when it faces Mizzu QB Drew Lock (687 passing yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Emanuel Hall (14 receptions, 343 receiving yards, 3 TDs). The Tigers scored 91 points in their first two games, but they didn't face a team of Georgia's quality in either of those games Look for the Bulldogs to notch another road win as they set their sites on a second straight SEC East title and a berth in the SEC title game. My pick,

Georgia 34, Missouri 18 Wisconsin at Iowa - The Badgers get their first real test of the season when they open Big 10 play at Iowa. Wisconsin has one of the country's top running backs in sophomore Jonathan Taylor (398 rushing yards, 5 TDs) and a veteran quarterback in senior Alex Hornibrook (405 passing yards, 3 TDs). They will face a stout lowa defense that allowed only 10 points in their first two games this year. That unit will get a severe test from the high-scoring Badger defense. Look for the Badgers to give the Hawkeyes a steady dose of Taylor in this game as the big and talented Wisconsin offensive line wears down the lowa defense and leads the way to the victory. My pick, Wisconsin 24, Iowa 12 Stanford at Oregon – A

good one in the Pac 12 North pits the defensive-minded Stanford Cardinal against the offensive-minded Oregon Ducks The Stanford defense has carried the team thus far while the offense looks to find its footing. Running back Bryce Love, a Heisman Trophy candidate, has gotten off to somewhat of a slow start (165 rushing yards, 1 TD) and head coach David Shaw is hoping he gets untracked this week against the Ducks. If Love can chew up yards and control the clock, that will keep Oregon's potent offense (120 points in its first two games in 2018) off of the field. When the Ducks do have the ball, quarterback Justin Hebert (531 passing vards, 9 TDs) will look to connect with is favorite target, wide receiver Jaylon Redd (117 receiving yards, 3 TDs). Shaw always has his teams prepared for big games and that will be the case this week as the Cardinal earn a huge North Division victory on the road. My pick, Stanford 30, Oregon 26

Texas A&M at Alabama –
Aggie fans should be very proud
of their team after the way it
performed two weeks ago
against No. 2-ranked Clemson
at Kyle Field. The Aggies trailed
21-6 in the third quarter and
could have folded, but Jimbo



Fisher's team got back in the game and had a chance to tie it up but failed on a two-point conversion late in the game This week, Fisher's team faces its ultimate test of the season when the Ags travel to Tuscaloosa to take on Nick Saban's No. 1-ranked Crimson Tide. A&M will need another big game from guarterback Keller Mond (614 passing yards, 5 TDs) and running back Trayveon Williams (271 rushing yards, 3 TDs). Mond has a number of options to turn to in the passing game in wide outs Kendrick Rogers (9 receptions, 153 yards, 2 TDs), Jhamon Aubson (9 receptions, 142 vards) and Camron Buckley (7 receptions, 137 yards) and tight end Jace Sternberger (7 receptions, 104 yards, 2 TDs). The Aggies must establish
Williams and the running game if it hopes to pull off the upset. The rebuilt Alabama defense looks just as good as last year's unit. The 'Bama defense has given up 21 points in its first two games, while the offense has rolled up 108 points. The A&M defense will face a balanced offense led by quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (455 passing yards. 6 TDs), wide receivers Devonta Smith (7 receptions, 176 yards, 1 TD), Jerry Jeudy (8 receptions, 156 vards, 4 TDs) and running backs Najee Harris (165 rushing yards, 2 TDs) and Damion Harris (116 rushing vards) Look for Fisher's team to put up another strong effort, but the Tide defense will wear them down in the fourth quarter and be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Alabama 31, Texas A&M 20

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New Orleans at Atlanta – Week 3 of the NFL season

features a key NFC South contest as the Saints visit the Falcons on Sunday. The Saints were upset by Tampa Bay in Week 1 48-40 as the secondary was abused by TB quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (417 yards passing, 4 TDs). Saints QB Drew Brees had a nice start with 439 passing yards and three TDs, while running back Alvin Kamara accounted for three touchdowns and wide receiver Michael Thomas hauled in 16 passes for 180 yards and one score. The Saints need to shore things up on defense if they hope to pul off the road win. The Falcons opened the season with an 18 12 loss at Philadelphia as Matt Rvan's team once again struggled to score in the Red Zone. The Falcons appear to be too predictable when they get in the Red Zone, so look for them to switch things up as the season goes along and allow Ryan to spread the ball to his host of talented wide receivers led by super talented Julio in Week 1). This one could turn into an offensive shootout, but the Falcons get the edge because their defense will make plays down the stretch to pull out the victory. My pick, Atlanta 34, New Orleans 31

New York Giants at Houston – The Texas host the Giants in their home opener and will look to rebound after a tough outing two weeks ago against New England. Quarterback DeShaun Watson (176 passing yards, 1 TD) struggled in his first game since returning from a knee injury he sustained last November. He fumbled on his first play from scrimmage and had trouble connecting with his receivers Wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (8 receptions, 78 yards) had a so-so game, so look for those two to get back on track against a Giants team that is coming off a 3-13 season. The Giants, who lost at home to Jacksonville two weeks ago, have a budding super star in rookie running back Saguon Barkley (106 yards rushing, 68-yard TD run) in his pro debut. Wide receiver Odell Beckham (11 receptions, 111 vards) looks fully recovered

from the broken ankle he

suffered last season. Watt and

Co. need to get to Eli Manning early to force a mistake or two to knock him off his game. Look for a much better effort from Watson and the offense this week as the Texans bring a victory to their fans. My pick, Houston 30, New York Giants 23

Los Angeles Chargers at Los Angeles Rams - The Chargers and Rams meet in the battle for Los Angeles on Sunday when the Chargers visit the Rams at the Coliseum. The Chargers dropped a 38-28 decision to Kansas City in their home opener, while the Rams rolled to a 33-13 win at Oakland in Week 1. In the KC loss, Phillip Rivers did throw for 424 yards and 3 touchdowns, but his receivers dropped a number of catchable balls that would have resulted in big plays. The Rams road the strong-arm of quarterback Jared Goff (233) yards passing, 2 TDs), the sturdy legs of Todd Gurley (108 yards rushing, 39 yards receiving, 1 TD reception) and a stout defense (one sack, 3 interceptions, one returned 50 yards for a touchdown) en route to their spoiling Jon Gruden's return to the NFL. Look for the Rams to have another strong performance on both sides of the ball against their LA neighbors on Sunday. My pick, LA Rams 36, LA Chargers 23

Dallas at Seattle – If the Cowboys don't sort things out on offense, it could be a long season for Dallas fans. As

considered one of the best in the league, struggled in the season opener at Carolina, as did quarterback Dak Prescott (170 passing yards, 1 turnover). The Cowboys face a Seattle defense that is not as nearly as good as Seahawk defenses of the past, but they still have decent talent that could pose problems for Dallas on Sunday. The Cowboys need to get Elliott (69 yards rushing, 1 TD) going early if they hope to escape with the win. If Elliott can set the tone, then Prescott should be able to hit some intermediate routes (Dallas has no deep passing game) to open things up on offense. The Dallas defense played well against the Panthers and the front seven shows promise, but they will have their hands full with Russell Wilson (298 yards passing, 3 TDs in 27-24 loss at Denver in Week 1). Wilson may be without his top weapon as wide receiver Doug Baldwin suffered a knee injury against Denver. If Baldwin is out on Sunday, that's a huge blow to the Seattle offense. My pick, Dallas 23, Seattle 20

stated earlier, the offensive line

New England at Detroit -The Master takes on the Pupil as Bill Belichick takes on his former defensive coordinator, Matt Patricia, on Sunday in Detroit. The Patriots defeated the Texans 27-20 in Week 1 as guarterback Tom Brady threw for 277 yards and three touchdowns. Tight end Rob Gronkowski had a nice day with seven receptions for 123 yards and a touchdown. While the Patriots were getting off to their usual solid start, the Lions were embarrassed at home in Patricia's head coaching debut falling 48-17 to the Jets and rookie quarterback Sam Darnell The Lions were outscored 31-0 in the third quarter and I don't think things get any better this

week as the Belichick and the Pats will school their former DC. My pick, New England 36,

Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay -Week 3 concludes on Monday night with the Steelers visiting Tampa Bay, In Week 1, the Steelers stumbled and bumbled their way to a 21-21 at Cleveland, while the Bucs surprised the entire league with their 48-40 win at New Orleans. As of this writing, the Steelers are still without star running back LeVon Bell, who has vet to report as he holds out for a new contract. The team has new deal. Bell's backup, James Conner, had a nice opener rushing for 135 yards and two scores, while quarterback Ben Rothlisberger struggled with three picks (he did throw for 335 yards and 1 TD). Look for Big Ben to have a better game this week as he spreads the ball to Antonio Brown (9 receptions, 93 yards, 1 TD) and JuJu Smith Schuster (5 receptions, 119 yards). The Pittsburgh defense had better not take quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick for granted or they will suffer as the Saints did two weeks ago. Fitzpatrick, starting in place of the suspended Jameis Winston threw for 417 yards and four touchdowns and added a rushing TD in the win over the Saints. Wide receivers Mike Evans (7 receptions, 147 vards 1 TD) and DeSean Jackson (5 receptions, 146 yards, 2 TDs) will give the Steelers secondary fits on the big stage on Monday night. Look for Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin to have his troops focused for this one as they pick up a tough road win on Monday night. My pick Pittsburgh 26, Tampa Bay 23

Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on October 2, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, Texas 77039. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Ray Griggs, Ramiro Vasquez, Beatrice Munguia & Homero Campos

AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Juan Jacquez

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

		2017			2018
	Last Year			This Year	
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0	0.95/100		\$	0.95/100
		Adopted			Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value			\$0.00/\$100		
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)			0.00%		
Average appraised value	\$	90,678		\$	93,668
General exemptions available					
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled					
person's exemptions)		20%			20%
Av erage taxable value	\$	72,543		\$	74,934
Tax on average residence homestead	\$	689.16		\$	711.88
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if					
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)			\$22.72		
and percentage of increase (+/-)			3.30%		

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Emmett: State of the County,

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were energized and the public believed and trusted them. On Aug. 25th, the one-year anniversary of Harvey, Harris County voters approved the flood mitigation bond with 86% voting yes. On that day, Harris County became truly Harris County Strong.'

Emmett noted that the county's experience with a series of recent. floods and national events also has strengthened its experiences with the federal and state government, as well as local governments, private business and not-for-profits

throughout the region. "So, on the 10th

anniversary of Hurricane Ike, a storm we thought was one for the ages, Harris County has now endured a worse storm, but we have emerged with unshakeable partnerships and a belief in each other that we can, and must, carry forward into all of our endeavors," Emmett said. "Harris County is $not\ just\ strong.\ Harris$ County is together and ready to face the future.'

Emmett was introduced at this afternoon's event by state Rep. Garnet Coleman, chairman of the House County Affairs Commit-

Story courtesy of Joe Stinebaker

Shooting at Stampede night club parking lot

men were arrested after a shooting took place in the parking lot of the popular western club Stampede.

Authorities report that an apparent attempted burglary was in progress in the crowded parking lot, when it was interupted by a person who recognized the car they were trying to get into, and that it was not their auto but belonged to a friend.
The burglary occurred

last Saturday morning about 2 p.m. at the Stampede Night Club at 11900 Eastex Freeway.

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When the three men were stopped from the crime two off-duty sheriff's deputies working se curity at the club intervened. One of the suspects raised a gun at the deputies, and they responded by shooting at the suspects. At that point the suspects jumped into a car and tried to run from the scene. Deputies fired at the

car as it was leaving. Several bullet holes can be seen in the side of the car, but no one was wounded.

Two of the suspects fled from the car as the shots were fired, and one stayed in the car. Deputies were able to detain all three and they are being charged with the burglary and shooting, according to Capt. Joe Ambriz of the Sheriff's office.



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David holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Texas at Austin and a Masters of Arts in Public Administration from the University of Houston.



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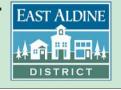
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