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National Night Out approaches



NEWS NOTES

BakerRipley East Aldine Campus grand opening

Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring your friends and families to celebrate the newest East Aldine Campus center, 3000 Aldine Mail Rt., Suite A, Houston, TX 77039. The new BakerRipley East Aldine Campus will be a place for neighbors to learn, make and sell - a unique hub for entrepreneurs and innovators of all ages.

HCDE Board adopts lower Tax Rate

Sept. 20, 2018 - In a move to continue its fiscal accountability, Harris County Department of Education's Board of Trustees voted for a fourth consecutive year to adopt a tax rate below the effective tax rate. HCDE trustees adopted the proposed rate of \$.005190 in a vote of six to one. The rate is significantly lower than the 2018 effective tax rate of \$.005279 and lower than last year's (2017) tax rate of \$.005195.

"We continue to be below the effective tax rate," said HCDE Board President Louis D. Evans III. "We are going to go back and take a look at everything to make sure there is no waste. We will make sure that we can still provide our current services, expand the number of students that need to be served, and still represent the taxpayers." With an average Harris County residence valued at \$169,843 in August 2018, the adopted rate of \$.005190 per \$100 assessed property value will mean the average homeowner will pay \$8.81, less than \$9 a year for HCDE services.

Services from HCDE benefit school districts and the community at large and include adult education, special schools, school-based therapy services and afterschool programming.

Report: Crime drops in North Houston

(HOUSTON, TX, Sept. 20) - During the hot, 100 degree summer days, members of the North Houston District Public Safety Task Force made multiple rounds by foot at apartment communities along Northborough Drive in Greenspoint as part of the Northborough Initiative Knock and Talks. The initiative, launched by the North Houston Management District in May, is a proactive approach to re-



North Houston District, HPD, Sheriff's Office and Community Partners unite to keep district safe knocking out crime one talk at a time.

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Northside job fair hosts 40 employers, over 400 job seekers

HOUSTON, TX - Congressman Gene Green held his annual Northside Job Fair Monday morning, which hosted over 40 employers and more than 400 job candidates at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center arena. Many participants made connections with employers and began the interview process, others were offered jobs immediately.

"We had a great turnout of participants, and a

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Congressman Gene Green, right, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney, center, with leaders at the Northside job fair.

Texas Ren Fest opens Sept. 29 with new themes and a Royal Season Pass

HOUSTON - Magic, merriment and majesty await at this year's Texas Renaissance Festival, the nation's largest Renaissance-themed event, now announcing unique themes for all nine festival weekends, from September 29 to November 25, 2018, and a brand new season pass, The Royal Pass.

In 2017, Texas Renaissance Festival saw its second highest attendance season, welcoming a total

of 644,917 attendees, while facilitating 63 weddings, the most recorded in a single season. Texas Renaissance Festival also saw a 14 percent increase in campers from the previous year, hosting 23,000 guests in the campgrounds - suited perfectly for both those seeking nighttime thrills around a bonfire, and families seeking a quiet retreat with a place to shake off the fairy dust.

"We encourage the no-



Texas Renaissance Festival festivities are held at Todd Mission, 50 miles north of Houston.

blest lords and ladies of the land who are interested in purchasing Festival tickets to secure the Royal Pass at once to get the most savings - up to 68% off admission, with many free perks included, such as preferred parking and access to TRF After Dark," says Texas Renaissance Festival General Manager Terre Albert. "We're

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MacArthur High School Car Show set Sep. 29



MacArthur High School Basketball Team will host a Car Show & BBQ Fundraiser this Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 9 am - 1 pm, gates open at 8 am at MacArthur High School, 4400 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039.

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thrilled for our loyal patrons to take advantage of such bargains, and excited to see everyone for nine themed weekends this year!"

The Royal Pass
By order of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, we present to you The Royal Pass – a simpler, more cost-effective way to enjoy all the merriment and magic of the Festival! The Royal Pass offers patrons all-inclusive perks to maximize the experience of Texas Renaissance Festival for all 19 days of the 2018 nine-week season.

Admission to all 19 days includes Saturdays, Sundays and Thanksgiving Friday, from Sept. 29 through Nov. 25, 2018. The pass also includes:

- 19 days of Preferred Parking Access
- Free admission to TRF After Dark every Saturday evening for adults 21 years and over.

The Royal Pass: Campground Pass Add-On

Royal Pass holders can easily transform into Royal Campers every night by adding the Campground Pass for even more savings. Save nearly 30 percent off the regular campground admission price per visit, and keep your campsite in place for the entire Festival season with the Campground Pass. Royalty should not be burdened with packing and unpacking!

The Campground Pass allows Royal Pass holders camping ac-

cess for one vehicle each weekend of the 2018 Festival season. Campgrounds are open and accessible every week during the festival season from Thursday at noon through Monday at noon.

The Royal Pass and Campground Pass can only be purchased online at www.texrenfest.com. Kids ages 12 and under will be granted free admission every Sunday.

2018 Texas Renaissance Festival Themes

September
Sept. 29 and 30: Opening Weekend, Oktoberfest Weekend
October
Oct. 6 and 7: 1001 Dreams Weekend
Oct. 13 and 14: Barbarian Invasion Weekend
Oct. 20 and 21: Pirate Adventure Weekend
Oct. 27 and 28: All Hallows' Eve Weekend
November
Nov. 3 and 4: Roman Bacchanal Weekend
Nov. 10 and 11: Heroes and Villains Weekend
Nov. 17 and 18: Highland Fling Weekend
Nov. 23, 24, and 25: Celtic Christmas Weekend

The festival and the adjacent Fields of New Market Campground are located in Todd Mission, Texas 50 miles northwest of downtown Houston. For more information, please visit www.texrenfest.com.



District celebrates 43 AP scholars



More than 30 MacArthur HS students earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams taken in spring 2018. Nimitz and Eisenhower students also earned awards.

Students in schools all over the globe take Advanced Placement (AP) exams every spring. The College Board's AP® program 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.

The College Board released the AP scores in August. A total of 43 Aldine ISD students earned AP Scholar Awards in recogni-

tion of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams taken in spring 2018.

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.

Carver High School Jazz Band receives scholarship from Mayor's Office

The Carver High School jazz band program received a \$3,500 scholarship from the City of Houston Mayor's Office. As a recipient, the group was invited to attend the Mayor's Jazz Brunch presented by AT&T at the Hobby Center in August.

The brunch focused on celebrating the city's rich culture and diverse music history. The event also served to raise funds for student scholarships to further their musical education.

During the brunch, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced that Houston is set to host its first Houston Jazz Festival in fall 2019. The festival will invite jazz and blues performers from around the world.

Other sponsors of the



Director Mike McCullough (seated, far left) with two Carver HS jazz students.

brunch included H-E-B, Verizon, Texas Southern University, KTSU, Houston Airports (Houston Bush Airport and Hobby Airport), Bayway Lincoln and Cigna.

Dr. Sara Ptomey made

the scholarship announcement during the AISD Board of Trustees meeting held Sept. 18. Ptomey is the assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

Mike McCullough directs Carver's jazz band.

Aldine ISD celebrates Hispanic Heritage month

Schools across the District will celebrate the diversity, culture, traditions and contributions of Hispanics.

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates a diverse group of people. They trace their roots to Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries in North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

Of the District's nearly 70,000 students, more than 74 percent are Hispanic. They represent a number of Spanish-speaking countries.

By the numbers ...

- There are more than 20 countries where Spanish is spoken.
- Number of Spanish speakers worldwide soars to 572 million. From this figure, 477 million people are native speakers, according to a 2017 report from the Spanish government's Cervantes Inst.
- Around 754 million people expected to speak language globally by 2060, report shows.

Several events and activities will take place throughout the City of Houston. For example,

the Museum of Fine Arts Houston hosted Bayou Bend Family Day "Hispanic Heritage" on Sunday, Sept. 16. The Houston Public Library also has several events planned visit houstonlibrary.org/hispanic-heritage-month more details.

National Hispanic Heritage Month falls during the anniversaries of independence for several Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico's independence is September 16.

North Houston Crime,

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ducing and preventing crime in the area.

In January, the Houston Police Department (HPD), opened a new police station in the North Houston District at 100 Glenborough Drive as a partnership with the North Houston District. Known as the North Belt Division, the station is the hub for officers covering Willowbrook, Greenspoint and Bush Intercontinental Airport areas. Consequently, crime in the area has decreased 13 percent with an additional 11 percent decrease since bike patrol was implemented according to HPD.

"The progress that our law enforcement partners have made in the district in recent months is noticeable," says

Tracy Harrison, public safety director, North Houston District. "We plan on doing more to keep the area even safer," says Harrison.

In a crime analysis completed in 2017, it was determined that the area in which most crimes occurred in the North Houston District (Greens Crossing, Greenspoint, Pinto Business Park and Airline Corridor) took place on Northborough Drive. Northborough Drive is located in the northwest quadrant of the district with approximately eight apartment communities.

One of the ways in which the Northborough Initiative task force hopes to make a positive impact is through active engagement with residents.

The task force includes members from HPD, Harris County Sheriff's Department, City of Houston Legal Department, Houston Apartment Association, Villa Serena Communities, Texas Excel Management Properties, The Thicket Apartments and community partners such as the Lighthouse Church and Ambassadors for Christ. "For our area, this collaboration to push out crime together is unprecedented," says Harrison.

The goals of the Northborough Initiative are to:

1. review crimes for each property and the number of calls for service, while focusing on crime trends and patterns
2. secure property manager/supervisor for the long term to better enforce the highest operating standards
3. train apartment staff on how to implement the best screening methods in leasing to avoid delinquent tenants
4. engage with every resident on Northborough Drive through "knocks and talks" to assess public safety needs and improve dialogue between residents and law enforcement
5. facilitate apartment property managers trainings on how to deal with common challenges
6. provide residents a safe environment with access to counseling, support, and mentorship within walking distance and at no cost

To date, six apartment communities have been visited, and 1,000 apartment unit encounter attempts were made resulting in 350 actual resident interactions. During April through June, service calls for the area dropped approximately 40 percent.

"We still have more work to do, but we need every apartment community's cooperation in order to make bigger progress," says Steve Moore, owner, Villa Serena Communities.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FBI warns of posting hoax threats to schools



Aldine ISD Police Chief Craig Gorlaski (far left) along with other officials attended the FBI press conference held Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

Fake threats lead to serious consequences. The FBI launched a campaign today to educate the public.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Houston Division is launching #ThinkBeforeYouPost, a public awareness campaign to educate the public about the consequences of making hoax threats of violence to schools and other public places, and reminds everyone that hoax threats are not a joke.

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Perrye K. Turner was joined at a news conference today announcing the campaign by members of the Houston Police Department; the Harris County Sheriff's Office; police chiefs from the Houston, Katy, Fort Bend, and Aldine Independent School Districts; Crime Stoppers of Houston; and Clear Channel Outdoor.

"With the school year underway, we need students and the public to understand that making threats against a school is not a joke. There are serious legal consequences for those who do, even if there was never an intent to carry out the threat," said SAC Turner.

In the aftermath of tragic shootings such as the ones at Santa Fe High School in Texas and Mar-

jory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, the FBI and law enforcement agencies around the country often see an increase in threats made to schools.

"The FBI and our local law enforcement partners spend countless hours following up on every tip we receive from the public. We analyze and investigate all threats to determine their credibility," said SAC Turner. "Schools shut down and teachers and students lose precious learning time as a result of these threats. Making false threats drains school and law enforcement resources unnecessarily and cost taxpayers a lot of money," he added.

When an investigation concludes there was a false or hoax threat made to a school, or another public place, a federal charge could be considered, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. If a federal charge is not warranted, state charges can be considered.

The Houston region #ThinkBeforeYouPost campaign will include digital billboard space generously donated by Clear Channel Outdoor to promote the message. Motorists will see the billboards along major highways in the greater Houston area beginning September 18,

2018.

"When someone posts false threats on social media it creates a lot of fear and anxiety that's why it is a third-degree felony in the State of Texas," said Aldine ISD Chief Craig Gorlaski.

Gorlaski added that the consequences for students making false threats range from a stay in a juvenile center to jail time. He reminds parents that criminal responsibility begins at age 10. So individuals from 10 years of age and older are legally responsible for their own actions.

Officials said the campaign would take a village to be successful. They are asking parents to sit down with their children and have this talk. Officials also recommended that students who see threats should report them to authorities, but refrain from sharing them with others to prevent fear and panic.

Public assistance is crucial to efforts to curb these hoax threats. If there is any reason to believe the safety of others is at risk, we ask that the public immediately contact their local police department by calling 9-1-1, or contact the FBI Houston Field Office at 713-693-5000.

Hoax threats are not a joke. Think before you post!

Goldman Sachs 10K Small Businesses program graduates new HCC class

HOUSTON (September 12, 2018) - When Priti Singh took over as CEO of Associated Testing Laboratories in Houston, her focus was on the immediate, day-to-day operations of the family-owned business that opened its doors in 1959.

Today, she has taken on a vastly broadened perspective powered by a strategic growth plan - sage advice she gained from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program at Houston Community College.

Singh is among 21 Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses alumni who received certificates of completion at the summer class graduation ceremony at the HCC Missouri City campus.

Before taking part in the program, Singh said she had a parochial view of her business, which provides environmental and geotechnical engineering

services, as well as construction materials testing and inspection.

"Now, I have more awareness of the different aspects of the business," she said. "We've implemented a growth plan and we're procuring new business."

While there is no one-size-fits-all formula for business success, many small business owners are getting ahead with the intensive training and guidance they receive in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program.

"Today, there are roughly 600 small businesses that have received help from the Goldman Sachs program that began at HCC in 2011," said Rita Reed, the program's alumni manager.

During the summer session, the business leaders spent 14 weeks, roughly 100 class hours, soaking up an innovative manage-

ment and business curriculum that included growth opportunities, money and metrics, a legal clinic, and marketing. The class also took part in one-on-one business advising and financial workshops, and got timely advice from Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses community partners.

"When you give business owners the opportunity to have the tools to grow their business, they will be able to increase their revenue and hire additional employees," said Manuel Aguilar, lead faculty for the Goldman Sachs program at HCC.

The deadline to apply for the spring 2019 session is Oct. 11, 2018. The program is open to business owners from across the Greater Houston region.

To learn more or apply, visit hccs.edu/10ksmallbiz or 10ksbapply.com.

Second suspect wanted in shooting of an elderly man

Police are looking for a second suspect who shot and critically wounded a 65-year-old man earlier this month.

Investigators have arrested and charged James Ryan Varnell, 28, with three counts of aggravated robbery, and are currently searching for Rolando Tomas Mendez, 27, also charged with three counts of aggravated robbery.

Deputies were dispatched to the Los Charros Tex-Mex Restaurant in the 11100 block of Bentley, on Monday, September 3, 2018, around 9:50 a.m., after the victim stumbled into the business saying a



Mendez Varnell

Hispanic male shot him.

The victim was sitting in his vehicle, when a gold colored Honda sedan with paper tags driven by Varnell stopped in front of his truck.

Mendez approached the victim, and tried to open his door. An altercation occurred between the two

and Mendez shot the male and fled.

The victim is currently recovering in an Intensive Care Unit at a local hospital.

Rolando Tomas Mendez is 5'9 and weighs 170Lbs., he has black colored hair and brown eyes. He also has numerous tattoos and a distinctive tattoo of red lips on his right cheek and "Hardaway" above his left eyebrow.

He is known to reside in the Aldine Westfield road and Cromwell street area.

Anyone with information is urged to call the HCSO Violent Crimes unit at 713-274-9210.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The PINE VILLAGE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on October 10, 2018 at 4:30 pm at 5333 Aldine Mail Route, Houston, TX 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: JACQUELINE JOSEPH-HOWARD, W. CLYDE LEMON AND DARIUS SMITH

AGAINST the proposal: JUDY M. SHILLING

PRESENT and not voting: VIOLET ALLEN

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)	\$1.54/\$100 Adopted	\$1.40/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.14/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-9.0909%
Average appraised value	\$26,992	\$29,310
General Exemptions Available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$-5,000	\$-5,000
Average taxable value	\$ 21,992	\$ 24,310
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 338.68	\$ 340.34
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ +1.66 +0.4901%

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.

Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2018 on October 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at 16505 Air Center Boulevard, Houston, TX 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: Stephanie Rush, Mark Ivy, Thomas Brummett, William Swan & Robert Shawn Emerick

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	2018
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.33/\$100 Adopted	\$0.32/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.01/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-3.03%
Average appraised value	\$ -	\$ -
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average taxable value	\$ -	\$ -
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ -	\$ -
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ - 0.00%

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OPINION PAGE

Cruz & Beto hold first debate for U.S. Senate seat

DALLAS – Last Friday night, the candidates for the U. S. Senate from Texas held a televised debate, and each delivered a feisty and factual speech.

Senator Ted Cruz is the incumbent, seeking this second term at a Senator from Texas. Beto O'Rourke is a Congressman from El Paso, and wants to replace Cruz as Senator. Cruz is the Republican candidate, and Beto the Democratic challenger.

The campaign for this seat has drawn national attention, because this is one race where the Republicans might lose a seat, and possibly the majority vote in the Senate. Polls over the last few weeks have shown Cruz leading by several points, but Beto notes that each poll has shown his followers increasing their position.

Beto has attempted to draw support from a popular base, by visiting all 254 counties in the state, on a driving tour. He has appeared locally at a number of events, including a Town Hall in Channelview, and a Rally at the Stamped Club in Aldine where a huge crowd yelled their support.

Friday's debate had an audience, and at times they applauded one or the other candidates. It was hard to tell which had the most support, but Beto seemed to have the loudest.

Both candidates were extremely good debaters, and as the intensity grew, they sometimes attacked the other.

Candidates mostly spoke on domestic issues, and their will be a two later debates on a broader agenda.

They disagreed on immigration policy, freedom of speech as witnessed by the NFL players kneeling, second amendment gun rights, marijuana legalization, police-involved shoot-



ings, and the hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

On immigration, Beto said he wanted a way to legalize undocumented immigrants, and opposed Cruz's position of deporting them, including "Dreamers." Cruz's response was "Legal Good, Illegal Bad," which drew a negative reaction from the audience.

In several ways, Cruz tried to portray Beto as anti-law enforcement, citing events that Beto has commented on. Beto charged that Cruz was changing the facts, and slandering him.

On Kavanaugh's appointment, Cruz said that Beto showed a pattern of supporting liberal activist judges that will not follow the

Constitution.

Beto said that Cruz was a part-time Senator, missing one-quarter of the votes in 2015, and one-half of the votes in 2016. Cruz countered by saying he has been in the field during every disaster or shooting in Texas.

On school shootings, Cruz said that we have "removed God" but Beto said that he supports the second amendment gun rights, with opposed making military-style guns available to the public.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Suicide Is Preventable: The District encourages everyone to be aware of the warning signs. Learn what family members, friends and educators can do.

The statistics show that teen suicide is on the rise. According to the National Association of School Psychologists, suicide can be prevented. Experts agree that everyone needs to get to a place where everybody, everywhere asks the questions that help identify at-risk individuals and get them the help that they need. Together, we can prevent these unnecessary tragedies.

Dr. Charlotte J. Davis, director of guidance and counseling, oversees school counselors and works with at-risk students. The District has school counselors, social workers and licensed school psychologists available to work with students in need of assistance.

"Our job is to ensure the emotional well-being, safety and health of all AISD students," said Davis. "The District has trained staff to work with students and their families. We can provide resources to help students, their families and staff members experiencing emotional trauma. Everyone works together to determine the appropriate level of treatment."

Davis' staff members receive training on suicide prevention, crisis intervention, early warning signs of mental health issues and risky behaviors.

According to an April 2016 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the suicide rate jumped 24 percent from 1999 to 2014. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people ages 15-24 years old, and it does not discriminate. Anyone, no matter his or her age, race, ethnicity or socioeconomic background, can be suicidal.

Warning signs someone may be thinking about suicide need to be taken seriously. Signs can include:

- Social withdrawal from friends, family and the community
- Dramatic mood swings
- Expressed suicidal thoughts or actions
- Impulsive or reckless behavior
- Substance abuse (e.g. alcohol, drug use)
- Aggressive behavior; sudden change in eating and sleeping habits
- Sadness and hopelessness; low self-esteem
- Feels pressure to be perfect and/or over-achieve; has an intolerance to failure or imperfection
- Doesn't want to attend school due to harassment – known as bullying; sudden drop in academic performance
- Previous suicide attempts

Even if the teen sounds sarcastic or joking – it is important to take these statements and actions seriously and check in with your teen.

What can you do if your teen is talking to you about suicide?

Youth who feel suicidal are not likely to seek help directly; however, parents, school personnel, and peers can recognize the warning signs and take immediate action to keep the youth safe. When

a youth gives signs that they may be considering suicide, the following actions should be taken:

- Remain calm and do not judge.
- Ask directly if he or she is considering suicide (e.g., "Are you thinking of suicide?").
- Be willing to listen with care and concern.
- Offer hope that alternatives are available; reassure the youth that there is help and he or she will not feel like this forever.
- Remind him/her that nothing is urgent or forever.
- Take action to ensure his or her safety. For example, provide constant supervision. Monitor what the youth watches online. Do not leave him or her alone and remove means for self-harm (e.g. sharp objects, poison, medications).
- Get help: No one should ever agree to keep a youth's suicidal thoughts a secret and instead should tell an appropriate caregiving adult, such as a parent, teacher, or school psychologist. Parents should seek help from school or community mental health resources as soon as possible. School staff should take the student to a school-employed mental health professional or administrator.

Persons or agencies specializing in crisis intervention and suicide prevention:

- Mental Health Authority of Harris County Main: 866-970-4770 Crisis Line: 713-970-7000 and 713-970-7070 Teenline English: 713-529-8336 Español: 713-47-AYUDA o 713-472-9832
- National Suicide Prevention LifeLine: 1-800-273-8255 For hearing impaired, contact Lifeline: 1-800-799-4889
- Crisis Hotline for Crisis Intervention of Houston, Inc. Teen (call): 832-416-1199 Teen (text): 281-201-4330

Talk With Your Children: Good communication is the key to generating trust.

Many parents avoid mentioning the topic because they fear that, in doing so, they will incite suicide but it is not so. That is a myth. Talking about suicide should not be a taboo. The important thing is to take into account the minor's capacity to understand and reflect on taking his own life. Remember: you have to prevent before you regret.

Create an open space with your teen to have the conversation – even if it is hard. Sharing an ear, shoulder, hug, smile or simple moment of connection today may be the beginning of the support your teen needs.

Even if your teen is not thinking about suicide, a friend of theirs may be, or they may just be worried about the topic in general. Knowing the pathways to get help opens the door to healing. Talking about tough topics and offering support opens the lines of communication, reduces risk and can lead to getting the professional help your child may need.

Remember: You are NOT alone.

Weather system prompts Texas to prepare as hurricane season continues

AUSTIN — Before Hurricane Florence reached the shores of the Carolinas last week, Gov. Greg Abbott focused on the Gulf of Mexico, where an inbound tropical disturbance threatened the southern region of Texas.

Proactively, Abbott on Sept. 14 issued a disaster declaration for 78 counties stretching from the Texas Gulf Coast to deep into the interior of the Lone Star State.

A daily earlier, Abbott ordered the state's emergency operations center to increase its readiness level and said some 25 state agencies, plus the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army, would be ready to help communities. The governor urged Texans to prepare by assembling emergency kits, essential documents and evacuation maps.

Abbott also recommended that Texans in coastal areas:

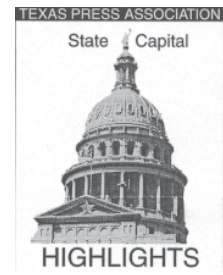
- Select a safe evacuation route for all family members and pets;
- Consider special needs for individuals with disabilities or the elderly;
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions; and
- Follow local officials' instructions if a storm develops.

While last week's tropical disturbance proved to be much milder than anticipated, the Atlantic hurricane season continues until Nov. 30. Comprehensive disaster readiness and response tips can be found at the National Weather Service website, weather.gov and ready.gov.

Rainy Day fund is eyed In preparation for the

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling



Some members of the committee suggested tapping the state's nearly \$11 billion Economic Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy Day fund, to help overcome local property tax revenue shortfalls.

The Texas Attorney General's Office on Sept. 10 launched a new portal within the agency's official website that enables victims and claimants to apply online for Crime Victims' Compensation and Emergency Medical Care Compensation for sexual assault exams.

The portal is intended to make it easier for crime victims, claimants and their advocates to submit applications, upload crime-related bills and follow the steps of the claim and bill review process with near real-time updates.

Created by the Legislature in 1979, the Crime Victims' Compensation program is administered by the attorney general's office and reimburses victims and claimants for certain crime-related expenses not paid by other sources, such as funeral and burial, mental health care, loss of wages, loss of support, child care and medical care.

The program receives criminal court costs, fees and fines from convicted

offenders to reimburse victims and their families for crime-related expenses of up to \$50,000. More information can be found at texasattorneygeneral.gov.

Revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 12 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$739 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of September, an amount 10.5 percent greater than the amount returned in September 2017.

Allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

Registration ends Oct. 9

Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos on Sept. 7 posted a reminder that Oct. 9 is the voter registration deadline and to make all necessary preparations to be able to cast a ballot in the upcoming November 6 General Election.

Texans may check to see if they are already registered to vote by visiting www.votetexas.gov.

Pablos encouraged all eligible Texas voters to ensure that they:

- Are registered to vote in their county of residence; and
 - Are aware of what they need to bring to the polls in order to cast a ballot.
- "Don't wait until the last minute," Pablos said, and encouraged Texans to avoid waiting at the polls on Election Day by voting during the early voting period that will begin on Monday, Oct. 22, and end on Friday, Nov. 2.

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

AISD teams begin district play: Texans look to right ship at Indy

Aldine's five varsity football programs begin District 16-6A play this weekend...

The opening weekend of the 16-6A schedule will pit Aldine against Eisenhower on Thursday night...

There are four playoff spots up for grabs for the five AISD teams and the three Spring ISD teams.

While district play begins for most area high school teams, the NFL moves into Week 4 with the Texans looking to turn things around after a rocky 0-2 start.

This week, the Texans travel to Indianapolis to face the Colts and a healthy Andrew Luck.

In other NFL games, we get a great one on Thursday night as the Vikings visit the Rams in what could be a preview of the NFC championship game in January.

In the NCAA, West Virginia visit Texas Tech in what should be an offensive shootout, while Stanford plays at Notre Dame.

Before we take a look at this week's games, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week upped the season record to 20-16 (55%).

Now, onto this week's schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine vs. Eisenhower - Two weeks ago, Hank Semler picked up his first win as Aldine's head coach with a 41-17 win over Sam Houston.

Davis vs. Nimitz - James Showers Falcons defeated Westbury 49-7 two weeks ago, while Richard Slater's Cougars fell to Mayde Creek, 68-50.

MacArthur vs. DeKaney - Two weeks ago, Wayne Crawford's Generals dropped a 41-27 decision to Bellaire. This week they face a DeKaney team the dropped two of its first three games.

Ohio State at Penn State - The No. 4-ranked Buckeyes visit No. 10-ranked Penn State in a key game in the Big 10's Eastern Division.

NCAA

Stanford at Notre Dame - Stanford travels half way across the country to take on a Notre Dame that has done just enough to win its first three games (ND played at Wake Forest last Saturday).



Urban Meyer is back as the Buckeyes head coach and that should be a big boost for Buckeye Nation.

West Virginia at Texas Tech - This game has the potential to break the scoreboard at Jones Stadium in Lubbock when these two high-octane offenses meet on Saturday.

Minnesota at Los Angeles Rams - Week 4 begins with a good one on Thursday night when the Vikings visit the Rams in a battle for supremacy in the NFC.

Detroit at Dallas - The Cowboys picked up their first win of the season two weeks ago at home against the Giants as the defense recorded six sacks and the offense did just enough to earn the victory.

have played well on defense and will get their first real test of the season against a balanced Stanford offense.

NFL

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Baltimore at Pittsburgh - A key game in the AFC North pits two bitter rivals on Sunday Night Football.

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Houston at Indianapolis - The Texans hit the road for the third time in four weeks to face a Colts team that has Andrew Luck back under center.

Miami at New England - The Dolphins entered Week 3 at 2-0 and in first place in the AFC East, while the Patriots started 1-1 after suffering a 31-20 loss at Jacksonville two weeks ago.

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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate.

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

- ACROSS 1 Eastern big-wig (Var). 5 One-on-one battle. 9 Scoundrel. 12 Rice-A-... 13 Paquin or Faris. 14 Raw rock. 15 Over. 17 Pen point. 18 Vagrant. 19 Ticket. 21 Aspect. 24 Idea that spreads on the Web. 25 48-Across' counterparts. 26 Room-to-room access-es. 30 Convent dweller. 31 Great praise. 32 Old card game. 33 Wine pourer. 35 Existed. Biblically. 36 Do as you're told. 37 Exposés. 38 Cease-fire. 40 Noble title. 42 Melody. 43 Ecclesiastical compact. 48 See 25-Across.

King Crossword grid with numbers 1-53.

- 49 Soon, in verse. 50 "Do - others ...". 51 Shelter. 52 Sit for a photo. 53 Unaltered. 10 Operatic solo. 11 Credit card user's problem. 16 Parcel of land. 20 Coal diggers' org. 21 Ward (off). 22 Chills and fever. 23 Open area at a terminal. 24 Othello, for one. 26 Responsibility. 27 Praise in verse. 28 Days gone by cosmetic. 29 Drunkards. 31 Patella. 34 Jimmy Kimmel's network. 35 Tusked mammal. 37 Buddy. 38 Party-game pin-on. 39 Go by train. 40 Son of Seth. 41 Pimples. 44 Yoko of music. 45 "CSI" evidence. 46 \$ dispenser. 47 Pirouette pivot.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was the first African-American woman to be crowned Miss America? 2. SCIENCE: What temperature does water boil in Celsius? 3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of ladybugs called? 4. MEDICAL: What type of blood does a universal donor have? 5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Armenia? 6. HISTORY: When did the Spanish Civil War end? 7. TELEVISION: How does the title to this 1990s drama series end: "Beverly Hills, ..."? 8. GAMES: How many dots are on a standard, six-sided die? 9. MOVIES: What was the name of the father lion in "The Lion King"? 10. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Iceland?

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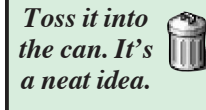
BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Who slew a giant that had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot when he defied Israel? Sibbechai, Cyrus, Silas, Jonathan
 3. What god of the Philistines had a man's face and hands, but the body and tail of a fish? Bullock, Elohim, Dagon, Baalgad
 4. From Proverbs 22, what is a good name better than? Great riches, Scorn, Its own reward, Lust
 5. What town was home to Jesse's boys? Gilgal, Jericho, Hebron, Bethlehem
 6. On which day of creation did dry ground appear? Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Jonathan; 3) Dagon; 4) Great riches; 5) Bethlehem; 6) Third

Green Forest CC 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. 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.



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LIFESTYLE

Art project encourages families to walk, learn and play on the sidewalks

The Kester Avenue Magnet Parent's Association's (KAMPA) "Walk The K!" project created fun, creative play spaces around several Houston elementary school communities.

After learning of Hurricane Harvey's devastation of South Texas in 2017, the KAMPA, with the help of KaBoom!, reached out to share the "Walk The K!" project with the South Texas community.

KAMPA and its partners selected Kujawa Elementary School as one of the campuses to reach out to. The "Walk The K!" installations will be at the

campus Aug. 20 to Sep. 4. The project will then move to other Houston area schools for the rest of the 2018-2019 school year.

The sidewalk project launched earlier this year at Kester Elementary School in Sherman Oaks, CA. According to a press release, the Kester "Walk The K!" project was made possible by Let's Play Everywhere LA, a citywide competition held by Ka-BOOM!, Let's Play (an initiative by Dr Pepper Snapple Group) and the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office. The competition awarded grants to fund creative solutions that make play a way of



Kujawa Elementary School kicked off the new school year with "Walk The K!" project.

life in everyday and unexpected places. KAMPA's project brought 18 professional sidewalk artists.

They highlighted sidewalks as a place to walk, exercise and play. Since its successful

project launch, KAMPA, along with its partners, has been reaching out to other schools to provide the "Walk The K!" installation.

Tara Rollins, information literacy specialist at Kujawa Elementary School (click here), coordinated with KAMPA. The project installation included a play set, which was shared from a KaBOOM! Play Everywhere Challenge from the LA Unified School District, 10 large banners and five small banners with action words. In the library, students could see artwork and read a bio of each of the participating artists.

Castlewood Civic Club 2018 Board Elections

On September 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at East Aldine Management District Offices, The Club will elect a new board for all positions. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and voted on that evening so be prepared to Attend, Nominate and Vote! Qualifications:

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Walle hosts annual Seniors Dance



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Armando Walle held his 10th annual Seniors Dance last week, at the Pct. 1 Hardy Seniors Center. Visiting guests included Congressman Gene Green, State Representatives Ana Hernandez and Mary Ann Perez, seen in photo at left. Several hundred seniors attended this event, and enjoyed good BBQ food, good company, and even a chance to dance a little. Walle thanked his staff, Myriam Saldivar and Rahul Sreenivasan, for making the arrangements, and Myriam's family for the decorations.



Man, woman stabbed over towed car

Houston police are investigating the stabbing of a man and a woman that occurred at 10300 Shady Lane about 3:40 a.m. last Thursday, September 20.

The male victim, 32, and the female victim, 34, both suffered stab wounds and were transported to an area hospital with non-life threatening wounds.

According to Houston Police, the male victim borrowed a known suspect's ve-

hicle. At some point, the vehicle was towed. The suspect became angry, grabbed a knife and during the altercation stabbed both victims. The suspect then fled the scene.

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.

Police investigate stabbing of man and woman

Houston police are investigating the stabbing of a man and a woman at 315 Benmar Drive about 4:35 a.m. on Sunday, September 16.

According to Officials, HPD patrol officers responded to a stabbing call and found Chester Anduray and Kimberly Pereira had both been stabbed multiple times. Houston Fire Department paramedics trans-

ported the victims to the hospital. According to witnesses, the suspect may live in the same apartment complex.

The suspect is described only as a Hispanic female, 18 to 20 years of age, about 5 feet 4 inches tall.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Job Fair,

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very successful job fair," Green said. "This event offers constituents an opportunity to interact with various companies in a wide variety of professions. We not only want to help people find employment, we want to help them move into higher-paying jobs so that they can get ahead and support their families."

Over 40 companies and organizations participated in the event from both the public and private sector, and a variety of industries. Full-time, part-time and seasonal positions were advertised for an array of skill sets ranging from first-responders to engineers to educators.

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