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NEWS NOTES

Flood Bond statement from Commissioner Rodney Ellis

Commissioner Rodney Ellis Responds Historic Flood Election

and Renews Commitment to Equity and Transparency for Funding Flood Control

Projects. By passing Prop A, those who voted made it clear that we must effectively address flood control— one of the greatest challenges we face. We owe it to everyone to ensure that urgently needed flood control projects are funded equitably and transparently so that every community is protected from future floods.

We still have a lot of work to do to educate and engage the public so that they can better understand where and how these dollars will be spent on flood control, especially in hard-hit and vulnerable neighborhoods that have long been neglected and underfunded.

Throughout this process, I have made it clear that equity, transparency and resiliency must be at the center of the decisionmaking process for funding flood control projects. Voters have my commitment that I will continue to advocate for transparency and equitable funding for flood mitigation to foster resiliency and protect all neighborhoods.

Green Forest Civic Club hears from candidates



Phillip Aronoff (standing to the left) running for the United States Congress in the 29th District of Texas talks to area residents at last week's Green Forest Civic Club meeting. Aronoff is on the Republican ticket, Sylvia Garcia is on the Democratic ticket for this position, held currently by Gene Green.

HOUSTON, TX - On its United States Congress in last monthly meeting, Green Forest Civic Club (GFCC) received candidates Carol Alvarado who is running for Texas State Senate District 6 and Phil $lip\ Aronoff, running\ for\ the$

the 29th District of Texas. These seats are now occupied by Sen. Sylvia Garcia and Congressman Gene Green respectively and their terms will end the last day of the year

The residents gathered at the meeting to have their questions and concerns answered in lively discussions with both can-

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Aldine ISD football teams play their first games this week

High School varsity football started the season last weekend, with all the Aldine teams playing against relatively week teams, but losing anyway.

In an optimistic note the football writer for the Northeast News, Mike Keeney, had picked all the Aldine teams to win. Perhaps he meant next week?

On Thursday night, MacArthur played Klein Forest, and lost 45-58.

On Friday the Davis Falcons suffered the worst loss, against the Wood-lands College Park team, 0-31. The same evening, the Nimitz Cougars lost to powerhouse Channelview Falcons, 25-35.

Saturday games included Eisenhower Eagles 21, Fort Bend Marshall Buffs 28. The Aldine Mustangs lost to the Cypress Falls Eagles, 20-42.

In other local games Sam Houston HS/MST Tigers lost badly to the Needville Blue Jays, 0-55.

Over at North Forest, the Bulldogs played dog-gedly, and almost won against the Houston Austin Mustangs. The score was 28-29.

Aldine ISD had two new coaches, Eric Jackson at Eisenhower, and Wayne Crawford at MacArthur. No doubt they will try again next weekend for their first victory.



MacArthur RB#2 breaks open in the game against the Klein Forest Golden Eagles.

Congressman Gene Green tours immigrant children's shelter

HOUSTON - Sitting anonymously along the feeder road at I-10 near Beltway 8, a three story building that was once a hospital now houses over 200 children that are unaccompanied immigrants. In most cases, these young people were apprehended at the Mexican border, and detained by U.S. authorities until their disposition. This could be sending them back to their own country, or finding adult sponsors in the U.S.

On Monday, August 20 Congressman Gene Green, accompanied by State Senator Sylvia Garcia and State Representative Ana Hernandez, made an inspection tour of the facility. Green told this newspaper that he had a difficult time getting ac-



This building at 15101 I-10 East Frontage Road, now houses about 200 immigrant children most of whom crossed into the U.S. without their parents. The building was formerly the Kindred Hospital, and before that the East Department of the East Houston Hospital. It has been run by Southwest Key Programs as a shelter for undocumented children for several years. Last week Congressman Gene Green toured the facility, to learn how the children are being cared for, and how federal dollars are being See GREEN, page 8

eral government is paying for the program that supervises the children. In an earlier foray, Garcia and Hernandez had been refused admission, and blocked by armed guards from entry, as reported in this newspaper. Green said that the Southwest Key Program group, that runs the shelter, required two weeks notice and vetted those who wanted to go on

the tour.
All three legislators wanted to see the facility and talked with the children, because the building is in their district, and they are ultimately responsible for its financing.

Green explained to this newspaper that the pro-gram is administered by

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SCHOOL NEWS

Aldine, Stovall drum lines, Vaqueras perform at Camp Gladiator Stadium Takeover



Competitors who completed the Camp Gladiator Stadium Takeover challenge at Minute Maid Park were greeted by the Aldine High School drum line, the Stovall Middle School drum line and the Aldine High School Vaqueras who were there to provide musical support as they completed the fitness challenge. Pictured are members of the three groups who performed during the event. More than 10,000 people competed in the Camp Gladiator event. The Camp Gladiator Stadium Takeover was a fitness challenge sponsored by fitness company Camp Gladiator. The students were under the direction of Jeremy Gray, the Aldine High School band director, Dr. James Hill, assistant band director at Stovall Middle School, Jason Womack, assistant band director at Stovall Middle School, and Denise VanGils, director of the Aldine High School Vaqueras.



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Hoffman Middle School 8th Grade Language Arts – Book Tasting



8th grade Language Arts teachers Tiana Randle-Bean, Jasmine Oguntuga, and Jemmisia Bolden held a "book tasting" for their students. Students enjoyed the innovative lesson and are looking forward to another "buffet of books".

MacArthur teacher Ramona Smith is world's top public speaker



Ramona Smith, a family consumer science teacher at MacArthur High School, poses with Channel 39's Michael Muston along with the trophy she won for being named the 2018 Toastmasters World Champion of Public Speaking. Smith competed against 30,000 other public speakers from around the world to win the coveted award.

Ramona Smith can walk the walk, and definitely talk the talk!

The first-year family consumer science teacher at MacArthur High School proved her prowess as a public speaker when she was named the 2018 Toastmasters World Champion of Public Speaking on Aug. 25 in Chicago.

Smith competed against more than 30,000 other public speakers from around the world over the six-month World Championship of Public Speaking competition. She was one of nine finalists who delivered their speeches in front of 2,000 spectators during the Toastmasters International Convention held in the Windy City.

Smith's winning speech was titled, "Still Standing." She focused on overcoming adversity in her life and how she found the strength to move on when she faced adversity in her

Smith said she joined Toastmasters in 2014.

"I wanted to continue to grow my communication skills," she said.

While many fear speaking in public, Smith embraces it.

"I enjoy the idea of people having their eyes on me," she said, during an interview with Channel 39 at MacArthur High on Aug. 28. "They want to hear what I have to say."

After her big win, she was interviewed by Business Insider Magazine.

She told the magazine the first thing she does to connect with her audience is to find a way to impart information to her audience.

Her winning speech used the example of a boxing match as she described the many times she has been knocked down in life, but refused to give up.

but refused to give up.

"Pain and difficulty and adversity, those are things that everybody everywhere can deal with, whether you're in America or Australia or Africa," she told Business Insider. "We all experience times when we feel like life has knocked us down."

Smith became the second African-American woman and fifth woman to win the vaunted honor of being the best public speaker in the world. The Toastmasters World Champion of Public Speaking competition began in 1938

She uses her public speaking skills in the classroom to better communicate with her students

"Public speaking is still most people's No. 1 fear," she said. "I want to open things up for my students and I hope they will take advantage of what I am teaching them."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Free mammograms

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

Family Strengthening Conference

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

Free CERT Training

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

Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Small moments Walle at Cheyenne Center make a big difference

(NAPSI)-There are about 74 million children in America today and if you're a parent, here's something you should know: involved fathers whether they live with their kids or not-can help their children lead happier, healthier and more successful lives. Children who feel close to their fathers are two times more likely to go to college or find a job after high school, 80 percent less likely to end up in jail and 50 percent less likely to experience depression.1 The small moments kids enjoy spending with their fathers can make a big difference in their lives. If you're like most fathers, you're already doing what you can to be a great dad. Here's a look at five easy ways to

keep it up. What You Can Do

- 1. Spend time with your children.
- 2. Be a positive role model.
- 3. Send a text to stay connected when far away.
- 4. Read to your children. 5. Remember #Dad-

There has been a massive growth in fatherhood involvement over decades—fathers now spend nearly triple the amount of time with their children than fathers did in the 1960s.2

What Dads are Already Doing

Recent research suggests fathers are already very involved:

- ullet 90 percent consider their role as a dad to be rewarding day in and day
- 78 percent have talked to their child's teacher about progress in school.4 • 61 percent have at-
- tended a PTA or other • Over half have helped

with a class trip, special project or activity.6

• Over a third of fathers have helped with coaching their children's sports

Even though fathers are largely more involved than in previous generations, dads today still want to be more engaged. Nearly half say they don't spend enough time with their kids and want to do a better job at parenting.8

To help more fathers understand the importance of their role in their children's lives, the U.S Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (@fatherhoodgov), and the Ad Council (@adcouncil) have partnered on a national Responsible Fatherhood Campaign.

"All dads should be supported and celebrated for their efforts on Father's Day and year-round because we know how the story ends for the kids whose fathers show up for them consistently-these children and families thrive," says Kenneth Braswell (@braswellkenneth), Director, National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse and Fathers Incorporated.

The campaign drives to Fatherhood.gov a free resource that offers information, tools and more. Dads can visit the website for ideas to get involved and stay involved in their children's lives. Other resources include activity suggestions, homework help, online games and a long list of dad jokes! No matter how busy you may be, make time for your children. It only takes a mo-



A COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING took place last week, at the Cheyenne Center on E. Crosstimbers and Jensen Streets. Present were these members of the community. State Representative Armando Walle, center, said that "it was not a coincidence I met Pastor David L. Smith of New Bethlehem BC, and Father Miguel Solorzano of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Our office, along with Congressman Gene Green, and Pastor Smith initiated an inaugural faith leaders lunch to better coordinate community efforts along Eastex-Jensen. We are building bridges and ready to work. Momentum is building to revitalize the area. We have done clean-ups, annual parade, disaster relief, and look forward to bike-rides, providing affordable housing, social services and many other outreach efforts. If you want to attend the next meeting, contact my office. Thank you Pastor Smith for helping lead our group." #txlege #TakingJensenBack

SEMINAR CLASSES AVAILABLE IN NORTHEAST HOUSTON



Or. Steve W. Hall Pastor, Bethany Baptist Church

Reformed Theological College 8 Seminary (SRTCS) with its Headquarters located in Northwest Houston at 4740 Dacoma, now has a presence ton. Dr. Steve W.

Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church SBC is working in cooperation with the Seminary to provide access to seminary level training for the Church community within the NE quadrant. Two (2) years ago, Dr. Terry Curtis,

Former-President of SRTCS approached Dr. Hall about potentially accepting a Professorship and teaching at the Seminary. Dr. Hall was willing to accept this chalrequirement. The Seminary would agree to provide basic seminary class instruction at a satellite site within the North east community. That Satellite site is a reality today at the Bethany Baptist Church Campus, for

Southern Reformed Seminary opened its door in October 2008, reaching out primarily to the Northwest communities of Houston, Reformed has been

community use.

ABHE accrediting agency since 2013 The Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) is a national accrediting agency, a member of the Council of Higher Education Accredi

is approved by the United States Department of Education. The seminary was accepted into the rigors of its active accreditation program at its Board of Governors February 2014

meeting, as a

tation (CHEA) and

seminary is on course to host an on-site visit for the purpose of possible for Candidate

For the past 2 years, seminary classes have been conducted at the tion of the seminary. Bethany Baptist is located at 7304 Homestead Road and is currently register ing seminary students for the Fall

Church is excited to

be a part of such a milestone opportunity to train and develop young "up & coming church leaders: and, to continue the growing development of current church leaders within the Body of

For more information or to Register for classes, please feel free to call the Seminary office at 713-467-4501 or visit the website at

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Current Class Offering at the Bethany Church Site location are listed below:
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Thur 7pm-9:30pm EVA-110 Introduction to E
Thur 7pm-9:30pm NTW-300 The Book of Acts

Introduction to Church History Theology of Biblical Doctrine: Introduction to Evangelism

Dr. S. Hall Dr. Q. Rodgers Dr. K. Washington Rev. J.D. Denkins

If you miss the fall registration, the spring class registration begins in December.

Harris County Emergency Corps receives Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Recognition Award

HOUSTON, August 29, 2018 - Harris County Emergency Corps (HCEC) has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Gold Plus Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. The award is the highest achievement through the American Heart Association for EMS agencies and it is the second year for HCEC to achieve the designation.

Every year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) the deadliest type of heart attack caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it's critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the viding clot-busting medica-

The Mission: Lifeline initiative provides tools,



training and other resources to support heart attack care following protocols from the most recent evi $dence\text{-}based\ treatment$ guidelines. Mission: Lifeline's EMS recognition pro-

recognizes emergency medical services for their efforts in improving systems of care to rapidly identify suspected heart attack patients, promptly notify the medical center and trigger an early response from the awaiting hospital person-

"HCEC is dedicated to providing optimal care for all of the people we serve, especially heart attack patients," said Jeremy Hyde, Executive Director at

HCEC. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care efforts through Mission:

"EMTs and paramedics

play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks," said Tim Henry, M.D., Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Acute Coronary Syndrome Sub-"Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they can save precious minutes of treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals to an incoming heart attack patient. We applaud HCEC for achieving this award in following evidence-based guidelines in the treatment of people who have severe heart at

HUMBLE Young man found dead on the side of the road

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man found at 20800 Birnamwood Boulevard about 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, August 25

According to HPD Homicide Division Officers, the victim, who appeared to be in his 20s, was found deceased on the side of the roadway. He had sustained several gunshot





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At this time, there is no known motive or suspect(s) in the shooting and the pending verification by the Harris County Institute of

tion in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS



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EDUCATION

New classroom technologies can make learning easier and more fun

(StatePoint) Technology is changing the face of education. Check out the newest ways teachers are modernizing their lesson plans in order to make learning easier and more fun.

1. Virtual Reality. Whether it's a tour through an ancient Roman archaeological site or a deep-sea look at ocean creatures, VR can enhance educational experiences and create new immersive opportunities, allowing students to see the world without leaving the classroom

2. Math Anywhere, Anytime. Technology advancements are enabling students of all learning styles to absorb mathematical concepts at their own pace without buying expensive calculators. Check out ClassPad.net, digitalscratch paper with a range of functions that's web accessible and free for students and teachers 3. Modernized

Music. Learning music is now easier than ever with new apps and next generation digital keyboards that have such features as lighted keys to help students learn notes intuitively. One such keyboard, Casio's LK-265, connects to iOS and Android devices via a free app, so students can learn to play their favorite songs. Access to an endless library of music will give students constant motivation to keep at it.

4. Language Learning in the Palm of Your Hand. Today, you don't need a stack of books or tapes to learn a new language. A variety of apps can introduce language learners to correct pronunciations, proper grammar and vocabulary, giving students opportunities to hone their reading, writing and speaking skills at their own pace in the classroom and on-the-go.

5. Classroom Updates. There's less downtime for teachers and students these days, thanks to certain projectors today that reach maximum brightness in sec and are safer and more energy efficient to boot. For example, Casio's LampFree technology provides high brightness and connectivity, so lesson plans stay in sharp focus.



Officials observe anniversary of Hurricane Harvey at Rockport church

AUSTIN — August 25 marked one year since Hurricane Harvey's battering winds and torrential rains brought death and destruction to coastal and inland counties of Texas.

Repairs and rebuilding in the region continue to this day, and the U.S. Office of Coastal Management has estimated the cost of the storm at \$125

Gov. Greg Abbott and a host of other government officials spoke on Aug. 22 at the First Baptist Church in the hard-hit city of Rockport on the Coastal Bend. "I know there are miles to go before this race is finished. Our goal is to do far more than just rebuild. Our goal is to ensure that we rebuild all of these communities even better than they were before Hurricane Harvey hit," Abbott

Vice President Mike Pence said he had come on President Trump's behalf "to reaffirm to all of the people — not just to Rockport, but to all across this region — that this administration is going to work with this governor, with all of the wonderful, outstanding volunteers and faith communities across this region until we rebuild Rockport and all of Texas bigger and better than ever

Also at the church to deliver their perspectives and words of encouragement were Commissioner John Sharp of the gover-nor's Commission to Rebuild Texas, Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, Texas Division of Emergency Management Director Nim Kidd, and Land Commissioner George P.

Schools rated for readiness

State Education Commissioner Mike Morath on Aug. 21 announced 61 Texas school districts and district charters received a distinction designation for postsecondary readiness

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as part of their 2018 state countability rating.

Postsecondary readiess is the only distinction designation at the district level under the state accountability system.

The distinction takes into account factors such as graduation rates, ACT/ SAT participation and performance, Career and Technical Education graduates and dual-credit ourse completion rates. Earlier in August, all

multi-campus school districts and charters - for the first time ever - received an accountability rating based on an A-F

Mortality,

morbidity studied

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Aug. 21 announced the release of case reviews by its Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force. The task force recently

completed its first full year of case reviews by studying medical, autopsy and other confidential records for 89 maternal deaths that occurred in 2012. DSHS reported. Four out of five pregnancy-related deaths in 2012 would have had at least some chance of being prevented with the proper intervention, DSHS said.

"The report provides us with more evidence to guide our activities to address maternal mortality and morbidity in Texas, said DSHS Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt. "It shows where interventions like TexasAIM can have the greatest impact."

Launched earlier this year, TexasAIM is a partnership with more than 180 hospitals to implement maternal safety "bundles' sets of practices that help hospital staff prevent

and respond to pregnancy complications. Hospitals are first implementing the bundle on maternal hemorrhage. Future will address opioid use and high blood pressure, the DSHS

Demand for notes **is high** State Comptroller

Glenn Hegar announced the Aug. 22 sale of \$7.2 billion in Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes received a net interest rate of 1.84 percent.

Hegar said his office received 65 bids worth \$27.4 billion, or 3.8 times the amount offered for sale. The state of Texas uses money from the sale of the notes to help fund expenditures such as publicschool payments made early in the fiscal year before the arrival of tax rev-

enues later in the year. Hegar said the fact that bids totaled nearly four times the amount offered demonstrates "the market is confident that Texas remains a solid investment."

Notes sold on Aug. 22 will be repaid on Aug. 29, 2019, Hegar added.

Jobless rate stays

same

Texas' seasonally ad $justed\ unemployment\ rate$ remained at 4.0 percent in July, unchanged from June 2018, the Texas Workforce Commission

Even though the June and July percentages were the same, the state economy added 23,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in July and marked 25 consecutive months of employment growth.

Counting July's figures, Texas has added 377,100 jobs for an annual employment growth rate of 3.1

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas metropolitan statistical areas with a not-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.2 percent, followed by the Amarillo and Odessa MSAs with rates of 2.9 percent. The Austin-Round Rock MSA recorded the fourth-lowest rate of 3.1percent for July.

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How many Americans are finding affordable housing

(StatePoint) With the cost of housing continu-ing to rise faster than wages, it's no wonder that many Americans nationwide are struggling to make ends meet. Luckily, solutions already exist to address the affordable housing shortage, say experts.

For example, more than 22 million people in the U.S. now live in manufactured housing -homes built to a federal standard in factories and placed on a homeowner's land or on rented lots in manufac-tured home communities, according to the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI). In many parts of the country, homes like expensive kind of housing available without a government subsidy. The cost to buy a manufactured home averages about \$70,600, compared with \$286,000 for a single-family sitebuilt home not including land costs.

In response to growing market demand, almost 93,000 new manufactured homes were built in the U.S. in 2017, an approximate 15percent increase over 2016, according to MHI, but this is still not nearly enough to meet the nation's affordable housing needs, according to experts. Advocates say that zoning restrictions and other rules and regulations in many areas are prevent-

ing manufactured housing from closing the gap -- as certain jurisdictions only allow manufactured housing in locations far from town centers and other jurisdictions have considered banning them altogether.

"Part of this bias may be based on the negative stereotype of earlier generations of manufactured housing, however, today, our homes are built with quality construction materials to meet rigorous federal standards for safety, installation and construction," says Richard Jennison, president and CEO of MHI.

What's more, today's manufactured housing includes features that today's homebuyers want, such as luxury bathrooms, vaulted ceilings and state-of-theart kitchens with energy-efficient appli-ances. Often situated in communities with swimming pools, play-grounds and clubhouses, they can be a very attractive option for families and retirees seeking affordability. To learn more visit, manufacturedhousing.org.

"At a time when there is a great need for high-quality, affordable housing, today's manufactured homes are an effective solution for many American families and communities," says Jennison.

Do you have enough savings for planned and unplanned expenses?

(StatePoint) Nearly half of consumers have encountered an emergency expense in the past year, but when it comes to financially preparing for the unexpected, many fall short, according to CIT Bank's new Summer Savings Survey conduct ed by The Harris Poll. What's more, the survey also found that many consumers don't have the savings to afford the planned expense of the

racations they take. "More than one in four consumers don't save anything for as a home repair or health expense," says Ravi Kumar, head of Internet Banking for CIT Bank. another quarter report saving less than 5 percent of their monthly household income for emergencies.

How are consumers making ends meet? Family and credit cards top the list of resources Americans rely on for financial support during emergencies. As for the planned expense of a vacation, approximately one in three (29 percent) report taking extreme actions to pay their way. including taking out a bank loan, going into debt, cleaning out a

savings account, borrowing money or maxing out a credit card.

"Americans can do more to ensure their lifestyles and savings priorities are aligned," says Kumar. "But saving

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SPORTS

Texans open season against Patriots: Aggies host No. 2-ranked Clemson in prime time

The NFL takes center stage this weekend when it opens its 2018 season on Thursday night with the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles hosting the Atlanta Falcons on NBC. The two teams met in the division round of the NFC playoffs last January with the Eagles picking up the win en route to winning the Lombardi Trophy.

On Sunday, the Texans begin their season when they travel to Foxborough to take on Tom Bray and the New England Patriots. These two teams played a thrilling game in 2017 as Brady and the Texans' DeShaun Watson put on rallying for a 36-33 victory. In that game, Brady threw for 378 yards and five touchdowns, while Watson threw for 306 yards and two scores. The Texans are hoping for a full season from Watson, who sustained a season ending knee injury on Nov. 2. When Watson went down, so did the Texans season as Bill O'Brien's team finished 4-12 Optimism is high in on Kirby Drive with the return of Watson, defensive end J.J. Watt, wide receiver Will Fuller During the offseason, Houston rebuilt its offensive line and improved the secondary with the signing of safety Tyrann Mathieu (formerly of Arizona) and cornerback Aaron Colvin (formerly of Jacksonville). O'Brien and first-year General Manager Brian Gaine are hoping the new additions, and the return of the injured players, will result in the Texans returning to the playoffs in 2018. Also on Sunday, the Dallas

Cowboys begin their 2018 season at Carolina without two key offensive weapons as dependable tight end Jason Witten retired to join the Monday Night Football team and wide receiver Dez Bryant was released. The Cowboys are hoping quarterback Dak Prescott is prepared to take reigns of the team in his third year as the teams starting quarterback. Prescott will have running back Fzekiel Elliott for a full season, hich could be huge for the offense. Elliott served a six-game and the offense sputtered with him gone. In 10 games, the Ohio State product did rush for 983 yards and caught 26 passes for 269 yards. He accounted for nine touchdowns and will be counted on to be a bigger factor in the

passing game.
In other openers this weekend the Bears and Packers renew the league's oldest rivalry when they meet at Lambeau Field on Sunday Night Football. On Monday night, MNF will feature a double-header as the New York Jets visits Detroit and Jon Gruden makes his return to the NFL when his Raiders host the Los Angeles Rams in the MNF nightcap.

There are a handful of interesting games on the college schedule this weekend and the Texas A&M Aggies will be involved in one of them when Jimbo Fisher's team hosts the No. 2-ranked Clemson Tigers at Kyle Field in prime time on ESPN Aggie fans will get an early indication of what they can expect from their team this year after this one. Clemson will bring one of the top defenses in the country to Aggieland and a high-scoring offense. A&M will be facing a team that has earned a berth in the College Football Playoffs (CFP) for three straight seasons

Other key games on tap this weekend feature former University of Houston coach Kevin Sumlin returning to H-town to take on the Cougars and a key early-season game in the Pac 10 with USC visiting Stanford.

So, without further ado, let's take a look at this week's games.

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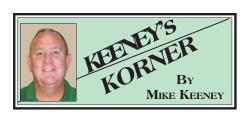
Aldine at Humble - Hank Semler's Mustangs hit the road for the first time this year when they travel to Humble to take on the Wildcats at Turner Stadium on Friday night. Humble returns to Class 6A after spending a few years at the Class 5A level. The Wildcats struggled to a 1-7 season last year. The Aldine defense will need to contain Humble running back Isaiah Robinson (750 yards, 3 TDs in 2017) in order to pull off the win. My pick, Aldine 23, Humble 20

MacArthur at College Park – Wayne Crawford's Generals visit College Park on Friday night to take on a team that finished 1-8 a year ago. College Park does return seven offensive and four defensive starters, so should be a bit more experienced in 2018. My pick, MacArthur 17, College Park

Davis at Conroe - James Showers' Falcons also travel north this week to take on a Conroe team that finished 1-7 a year ago. Conroe returns six starters on both sides of the ball. but look for Davis to control this game with its big offensive and defensive lines. My pick, Davis 26, Conroe 18

Nimitz at Baytown Sterling Richard Slater's Cougars also take to the road this weekend when they travel to Baytown to face Sterling on Friday night. Sterling finished 4-6 a year ago and returns four offensive and six defensive starters. The Cougars have experience on both sides of athleticism to be the difference maker in this game. My pick, Nimitz 27, Sterling 21

Eisenhower vs. Channelview



 Fric Jackson's Fagles host Thorne Stadium. Channelview had a rough go of it in 2017 finishing 3-6. Channelview does return six offensive and seven defensive starters this year and should be much improved, as should the Eagles. My pick, Eisenhower 18, Channelview 16

Arizona at Houston - Kevin

Sumlin returns to Houston to take on the Cougars, a team he coached from 2008-2011. He left UH to become the head coach at Texas A&M and was let go in December after another November collapse in the SEC. He landed in Tucson and inherited a Heisman Trophy candidate in quarterback Khalil Tate, a dual threat quarterback much in the mold of a guy he coached at A&M named Johnny Manziel. The Cougars will have their hands full with Tate, who passed for 1,591 yards and 14 touchdowns and rushed for 1,411 yards and another 12 scores during the 2017 season. Tate will be facing one of the best defensive players in the country in defensive tackle Ed Oliver, who some consider to be a serious Heisman contender himself. The Cougars have a talented signal caller in D'Erig King (1,260 yards passing, 7 TDs; 379 yards rushing 10 TDs). Both teams are used to playing in the heat and the 11 a.m. start should not be a factor. Look for Oliver to be the difference maker in this one as Major Applewhite's team picks up a big early-season victory. My pick, Houston 31, Arizona 26

Clemson at Texas A&M - As mentioned earlier, Jimbo Fisher's Aggies will know a lot more about themselves after this one when they face the No. 2-ranked team in the country when the Clemson Tigers come calling on Kyle Field on Saturday night. The Aggie offensive land is going to have its hands full with the Clemson defensive line, which features three future NFL first-round draft choices in defensive tackle Christian Wilkins and defensive ends Dexter Lawrence and Clelin Ferrell. Fisher, an offensive mastermind, will need to reach into his bag of tricks and come up with some misdirection plays to

slow down the Tigers front rush. A&M does have a veterar offensive line, so look for Fisher to try and get running back Trayveon Williams (798 yards rushing, 8 TDs in 2017) untracked early. If A&M can have some success on the ground, that might open up the passing game for quarterback Kellen Mond (1,375 yards passing, 8 TDs; 340 yards rushing, 3 TDs in 2017). Look for Mond to use his legs to make plays if his receivers are covered. When Clemson has the ball, they will put the game in the hands of quarterback Kelly Bryant (2,802 yards passing, 13 TDs; 665 yards rushing, 11 TDs), a dual threat who returns as the Tigers QB this year. The Aggies will get a big boost from their raucous home crowd, but look for the Clemson defense to make the plays down the stretch to secure the victory. My pick, Clemson 24,

USC at Stanford - The Trojans and Cardinal meet in an early-season game in the Pac 10 in a contest that should favor the home standing team. USC will be breaking in a new quarterback in true freshman JT Daniel. The scouting reports say the 6-3, 210pounder has all the talent in the world, and he will need to call on all of that talent when he faces a David Shaw coached team, Shaw is one of the best coaches in the country who does a tremendous job of scheming for a particular opponent, Look for the Stanford defense to bring pressure early and often with hopes of rattling the young Daniel. Offensively, the Cardinal will call on running back Bryce Love (2,118 yards rushing, 19 TDs in 2017) to lead the way. My pick, Stanford 31, USC 23

Atlanta at Philadelphia - The Eagles open defense of their Super Bowl title at home against for another deep playoff run in time for the Falcons to pull off the upset. It does not appear that starting guarterback Carson Wentz will be ready to play as he continues to recuperate from the ACL injury he sustained last December against the Rams That means playoff hero Nick Foles will lead the team until

Wentz returns. Foles had an amazing playoff run, but has struggled in the pre-season behind an offensive line that struggled a bit in the fake games The Eagles are also beat up at running back and wide receiver. so look for the strong Philly defense to lead the way in this game. They will have their hands full with a loaded Falcons offense led by quarterback Matt Ryan (4,095 yards passing, 20 TDs), wide receiver Julio Jones (85 receptions, 1,444 yards, 3 TDs) and versatile running back Devonta Freeman (865 yards rushing, 8 TDs; 36 receptions, 317 yards, 1 TD). Add rookie wide receiver Calvin Ridley to the mix and the Philly defense is going to have its hands full in Week 1. Even with all the question marks surrounding the Eagles, I still think they find a way to eek out a win on Thursday night and hope Wentz returns sooner rather than later. My pick, Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 20 Houston at New England

This will be a good test right out of the box for O'Brien's team that looks to make up for last year's 4-12 season. Playing at the defending AFC champions should be a good barometer for the rest of the season. Expect plenty of offense in this one as Watso (1,697 yards passing, 19 TD in 7 games) and Brady (4,577 yards passing, 32 TDs) dual for a second straight season. Watson will look to attack a suspect NE secondary with strikes to DeAndre Hopkins and Will Fuller He will also use a slim downed Lamar Miller to attack on the ground. Brady will lean on tight end Rob Gronkowski (69 receptions 1084 yards 8 TDs) in the passing game while he adjusts to a host of new receivers. Brady's security blanket, Julian Edelman is suspended for the first four games due to violating the NFL's substance abuse policy and long-time receiver Danny Amendola signed with Miami as a free agent. Look for Brady to also use running back James White in the passing game to slow down Watt and Mercilus, I expect the Texans to be in this one all the way, but the Patriots have the X factor in Brady. My pick, New England 34, Houston 30

Dallas at Carolina - The Cowboys face a tough test in Week 1 when they face Cam Newtown and the Panthers in Carolina. Dallas is counting on its stout offensive line to lead the way for Prescott and Elliott, but four of its five starters suffered injuries during training camp and in pre-season games. Left tackle Tyron Smith (hamstring) and guard Nick Martin (knee) should be back for the opener, but cente Travis Frederick will be out for

some time as he deals with an autoimmune disorder. Aside from Smith, who protects Prescott's blindside, the loss of Frederick could be a big blow to the Dallas offense. They still have a healthy Elliott who is chomping at the bit to make up for sitting out six games a year ago. Look for Elliott to have a big year in 2018, but he might find the going tough against a very good Carolina defense. Speaking of defense, the Cowboys are high on theirs for the first time in years. The front seven is strong and while the secondary is young, there is quality talent on the back end That group will learn a lot about itself in Week 1 when it takes or the dual-threat Newton (3,302 yards passing, 22 TDs; 754 yards rushing, 6 TDs). Second-year running back Christian McCaffrey (435 yards rushing, 2 TDs; 80 receptions, 652 yards, 5 TDs) could be in store for a break out season now that he won't be sharing carriers with Jonathan Stewart (signed by the Giants in free agency). Talented tight end Greg Olsen, who missed nine games with a foot injury, appears healthy and ready to go, which means Newton has his security blanket back, especially in the Red Zone. Look for a competitive game, but I think the Panthers win it late thanks to Newton, My pick, Carolina 26, Dallas 23

Chicago at Green Bay - The Bears and Packers go at it on Sunday Night Football with both teams looking for better things in 2018. The Bears finished 5-11 in 2017 and fired head coach John Fox. They brought in former Kansas Čity offensive coordinator Matt Nagy to upgrade the offense and groom second-year quarterback Mitch Trubisky (2,193 yards passing, 7 TDs). The Bears have some young talent and can run the football with Jordan Howard (1,122 yards rushing, 9 TDs) at tailback. They also have a young and underrated defense. The Packers welcome back guarterback Aaron Rodgers (1,675 yards passing, 16 TDs in 7 games) who was lost for the season with a broken collarbone in Week 7. Rodgers has a new toy in the passing game in tight end Jimmy Graham who should be huge for Rodgers in the Red Zone. The Packers struggled on defense a year ago but should be improved with the addition of defensive tackle Muhammad Wilkerson. Wilkerson should improve the pass rush and help a young but talented secondary adjust as the season goes along. Look for a competitive game on Sunday night, but Rodgers will have the last laugh and will have Packer fans smiling into the Wisconsin night. My pick, Green Bay 27, Chicago 23

Aldine ISD 2018 6A Football Schedule

Aldine High School					
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time	
Sept. 1	Cypress Falls	Thorne	Н	6:00 PM	
Sept. 7	Humble	Turner	Α	7:00 PM	
Sept. 14	Sam Houston (HC)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
	BYE				
Sept. 27	Eisenhower (SN)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Oct. 4	Davis	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM	
Oct. 12	MacArthur	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM	
Oct. 20	Spring	Thorne	H	2:00 PM	
Oct. 27	Westfield	George	Α	4:00 PM	
Nov. 2	Dekaney	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Nov 8	Nimitz	Thorne	A	7:00 PM	

Davis High	School			
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 31	College Park	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Sept. 7	Conroe	Conroe	Α	7:00 PM
Sept. 15	Westbury	Butler	Α	6:00 PM
	BYE			
Sept. 28	Nimitz	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM
Oct. 4	Aldine (HC)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 11	Spring	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 19	Dekaney	George	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 26	Eisenhower	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Nov. 3	MacArthur (SN)	Thorne	Α	2:00 PM
Nov. 9	Westfield	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM

Eisenhower High School					
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time	
Sept. 1	Marshall	Hall	Α	6:00 PM	
Sept. 7	Channelview	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Sept. 14	Strait Jesuit	Strait Jesuit	A	7:00 PM	
	BYE				
Sept. 27	Aldine	Thorne	A	7:00 PM	
Oct. 5	MacArthur	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Oct. 12	Westfield	George	Α	7:00 PM	
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Oct. 26	Davis	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM	
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Nov. 8	Dekaney	George	Α	7:00 PM	

MacArthur High School

MacArthur High School				
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 30	Klein Forest	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Sept. 7	College Park	Wood Forest	Α	7:00 PM
Sept. 15	Bellaire	Delmar	Α	7:00 PM
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Sept. 29	Dekaney	Thorne	Н	6:00 PM
Oct. 5	Eisenhower	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM
Oct. 12	Aldine (HC)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 18	Westfield	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 25	Nimitz	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM
Nov. 3	Davis (SN)	Thorne	Н	2:00 PM
Nov. 9	Spring	George	Α	7:00 PM

Nimitz High School					
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time	
Aug. 31	Channelview	Memorial	Α	7:30 PM	
Sept. 7	B. Sterling	Stallworth	Α	7:00 PM	
Sept. 14	Mayde Creek	Rhodes	Α	7:30 PM	
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Sept. 28	Davis	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Oct. 4	Spring	George	Α	7:00 PM	
Oct. 13	Dekaney	Thorne	Н	6:00 PM	
Oct. 19	Eisenhower	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM	
Oct. 25	MacArthur(HC)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Nov. 2	Westfield	George	Α	7:00 PM	
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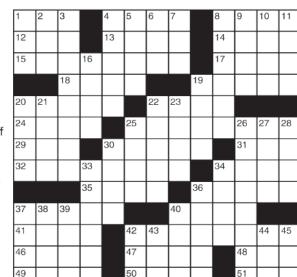
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night
3. In addition to the butler, which other servant of Pharaoh was im-

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will flourish like the palm tree,

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er, Tentmaker, Workman, Seam stress

4. What archangel argued with the devil in a dispute over the body of Moses? Abaddon, Michael, Gabriel, Chephirah

5. From Proverbs 6, a whorish woman reduces a man to a piece of ...? Dust, Stone, Hell, Bread 6. As mentioned 12 times in the Bible (KJV), what is a hyssop? Bird, Beggar, Plant, Robe AN-SWERS: 1) Old; 2) Noon; 3) Bak-er; 4) Michael; 5) Bread; 6) Plant

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Deputy shots, kills man Apartment building fire, at parking lot on Airline destroys 14 units



A Sheriff's deputy shot and killed a man last Sunday night in the parking lot of the Club Las Cumbres at 8801 Airline Drive. The shooting occurred

A club shares a parking lot with an adjoining flea market on Airline. The deputy observed two men acting suspiciously, and ordered the men to keep their hands up. When he looked into the pickup they were driving, he observed a gun. He said one of the men reached for the gun, and the deputy fired, killing the man.

Deputies arrested the second man in the incident, who also was carrying a gun, according to authorities.

Lt. Chris Sandoval of the Harris County Sheriff's office said that the incident prevented any further loss of life because of the deputy's actions.

Candidates,

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Carol Alvarado stands in front of local residents at last week's Green Forest Civic Club meeting. She is seeking Sen. Sylvia Garcia's seat for Texas Senate

Ms. Alvarado shared many of her past accomplishments as a city council member and state representative, and that if elected state senator she would advocate an agenda that would benefit all members of our communi-

Mr. Aronoff said he had a lot of experience in business and politics, wel-

comed and approved of new immigrants to the U.S., and that if he got elected he would fight to

empower the people.
Also attending the meeting were Green Forest Civic Club Board Members Shirley Reed, Marina Flores Sugg and Armando Cordona as well as Lucy Hernandez and Denise Rath, civic club members

There were six newcomneighborhoods, and several others that lived in oth-

er parts of East Aldine. The Civic Club Board was pleased that East Aldine was well represented by residents of all ages and from different areas of East Aldine. Until next

Green tours immigrant kids facility,

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the U.S. HHS, or Housing and Human Services administration, and South west Key and other groups contract with the government to care for the children until their situation can be resolved.

Green said that presently there are 206 children in the facility, boys and girls ages 12 to 16. He said they live in dormitories, one gender per floor, and occupy their time with classroom work, recreation, and relaxation. Green said that he did not observe any conditions that alarmed him, and the children seemed well taken care of.

In addition to recreation on the property, the kids are also taken to a nearby county park named Gene Green Park. This was dedicated in that name by the County Commissioner at that time, Sylvia Garcia. They also have a soccer field, and basketball court on the property, he said.

Green said that most of the children he spoke with said they came from Central American countries. namely Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Only a few were from Mexico or other countries.

Asked what he would change or improve, Green indicated the facility was acceptable as is, but the real problem was federal policy that was separating children from their parents at the border, or like these children at the North Shore shelter, incarcerating them until their cases can be heard by a federal ency in charge of their future.

Senator Garcia said, "If there is one positive to come out of President Trump's disastrous family separation policy, it's that it has helped shine a bright light on the treatment of immigrant children in the custody of the federal government. No longer will institutions like the Southwest Key Programs facility in Channelview operate in the shadows. While they may have blocked us from observing their operations today, we will be back again and again until we can be certain that the children in their care are being treated humanely. They may try to shut us out, but they won't shut us up. Our voices will be heard. We demand full transparency of this operation and others like it, and insist that any child in

ents be reunited with their family immediately." State Representative Ana Hernandez said, "The

here that has been forcibly

removed from their par-

Channelview facility's refusal to work with lawmakers and allow us entrance is a red flag and a clear signal that the safety of the children in its care is secondary to protecting the Trump Administration and its enablers from the sunlight of scrutiny. This strengthen our commitment to the strict regulation and closure of these

operations." "The Trump Administration's executive actions have done nothing to end the spread of detention centers like this facility They have only replaced baby jails with family internment camps," Hernandez said. "These facilities are an insult to the basic principles upon which our nation was founded. The time for words ended a long time ago. Direct action is the only answer to stop the imprisoning of entire families seeking asylum from violence."

Representative Hernandez has worked to aggressively push back against the spread of detention centers, recently writing to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to halt the licensing of such facilities under state oversight.



A 2- Alarm Apartment Fire broke out at Crescent at Cityview apartments on Langwick near West Hardy on Monday August 27, 2018.

The fire was reported around 12:30 a.m. According to reports, firefighters arrived on scene and found heavy fire coming from the first and second floor of an apartment building. They began an offensive attack on the fire and conducted a primary search. After proceeding to the second floor the attack on the fire was changed to defensive mode and a second alarm was requested.

The fire was tapped out at 1:48 a.m. and firefighters conducted salvage and overhaul. Firefighters from Stations 74, 30, 15, 31, 64, 12, 13, 34, 39, 58, 63, 67, 11, 6, 84 and HazMat responded to this incident. The American Red Cross responded to the scene to assist the displaced residents. About 14 families were left without a place, however, no injuries were

Mercer Botanic Gardens to host pollinator Festival and Fall Plant Sale

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

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

purchase with proceeds benefitting Mercer Botanic Gardens.

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

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

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

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

