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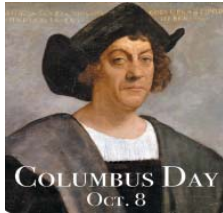
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Guests at Opening of BakerRipley Center



Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, East Aldine's Gerald Overturff, and State Representative Armando Walle were thanked for their support of the new BakerRipley Community Center.

NEWS NOTES



COLUMBUS DAY
OCT. 8

National Night Out

■EAST ALDINE DISTRICT – Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at BakerRipley on Aldine-Mail Rte., 3000 Aldine Mail Rt. Houston, TX 77039.
■AIRLINE DISTRICT – Bellmar Civic Club & Northline Terrace Civic Club. Food, fun & Fellowship. Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 7822 Northline (corner of Northline & Canino), 6:30 pm - 8:00 p.m.
■NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT – National Night Out on Tuesday, October 2 at Wussow Park, 500 Greens Rd. from 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.

AIISD Trustees approve tax rate

During the Sept. 18 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved the tax rate for the 2018-19 school year. Dr. Tamika Alford-Stephens, assistant superintendent of finance, recommended the tax rate be set at \$1.435888 per \$100 valuation (.2825 cents for interest and sinking and \$1.15388 for Maintenance and Operations. The 2018-19 tax rate is 6.25 cents higher than the 2017-18 tax rate due to additional debt payments that were approved by Aldine voters in November 2015 when they overwhelmingly passed the \$798 million bond referendum and to additional expenses the district incurred due to Hurricane Harvey. A notice of the proposed tax rate appeared in the Houston Chronicle and the Northeast News.

MacArthur Car Show cancelled

Due to a heavy rainstorm last Saturday, the Car Show at MacArthur HS was cancelled. No reschedule has been set.

Grand Opening of BakerRipley center

ALDINE – The much anticipated opening of the BakerRipley Community Center in East Aldine took place last Saturday.

In spite of a heavy rainstorm that delayed some, a crowd of several hundred local residents, financial backers and county dignitaries took part in the opening ceremonies.

BakerRipley CEO Claudia Aguirre thanked all who had helped raise funds and supported the idea of a community center for the Aldine area over the last four years.

Aguirre said that “the BakerRipley Campus is a blueprint of what is important to this community,” referencing community meetings where residents told of their needs and desires for a community facility. She said she admired the Energy and Spirit of the Aldine community, and



Participants in the Ribbon Cutting ceremony included Marc Shapiro, Murray Bowden, Armando Walle, Claudia Aguirre, Gwen and Ed Emmett, and Sylvia Garcia.

that future leaders would take advantage of the opportunities offered by the new BakerRipley center. She said that BakerRipley was there because “East

Aldine District had the Vision” to imagine the center.

Fund raising chairman Marc Shapiro said that the center was there because BakerRipley goes where it

is wanted, and the community clearly asked for the resource.

Judge Emmett said the county was glad to participate, and credited Arman-

do Walle with the impetus for the center. He noted that Walle grew up in the area, and had a clear vision of the need for such a facility, and enlisted the help of the other partners. Walle met with then CEO Angela Blanchard and they worked together on a plan to accomplish the center.

Walle modestly said “All I did was plant a seed” and credited East Aldine District for their help.

The new center consists of three buildings on a 7 acre campus. In their own words, “it is a place of welcome, engagement and collaboration where neighbors can enjoy a variety of holistic programs, resources, and services.

“Individuals of all ages - from youth to seniors - will have access to tools

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Coder Kids Program kicks off at Haverstock Hills Apartments



Photos courtesy of Rainbow Housing Assistance Corporation

Fifth to eight graders learn new skills provided by Rainbow Housing Assistance to children in Haverstock Hills Apartments in Northeast Houston.

HOUSTON – Rainbow Housing Assistance Corporation (Rainbow), a nonprofit organization which provides service-enriched housing programs for residents of rental housing communities across the country, is excited to announce the launch of a new program with Coder Kids,

a nonprofit which teaches the basics of coding to children throughout Texas. The program kicked off in September at Haverstock Hills Apartments in Harris County and will provide residents from fifth to eighth grade fundamental experiences in computer programming.

“This program will aid in offering continued opportunities to the residents of Haverstock Hills Apartments,” said Flynnann Janisse, Executive Director of Rainbow. “The partnership with Coder Kids truly raised

See Rainbow Program, P. 2

Aldine HS athlete named Ford player of the week

Ford Motor Company announces the winners of the 2018 Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week trophy for week 3 – among these winners is Aldine's Jacorey Howard. These six Built Ford Tough gridiron heroes are honored for their performance on the field and their leadership off the field. Each week of the regular high school football season will see a new winner in the sport's six classifications, all with hopes of ultimately becoming the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Year.

Class 6-A: Jacorey Howard, Sr., Quarterback, Aldine

Opponent: Sam Houston MSTC
Quarterback Jacorey



Aldine's Jacorey Howard Honored as Week 3 Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Players of the Week.

Howard helped lead the Aldine Mustangs to a win on Friday night -- and right out of a 23-game losing streak. Jacorey had 23 carries for 451 yards and five TDs. On his first TD run, Jacorey stiff-armed a defensive back 10 yards into the end zone. On another run, Jacorey ran over 8 defenders on his way to the end zone.

“Sometimes, you have a kid who finally says,

See Player of Week, P. 3

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Opens THURSDAY, Oct. 18
*HALLOWEEN (2018) (R) 7:00 9:30

*HELL FEST (R)
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:35pm, 9:10pm
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*NIGHT SCHOOL (PG-13)
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm
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*SMALLFOOT (PG) 3:45pm, 6:45pm
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*SMALLFOOT (PG) 3:00pm, 8:10pm
SPA-Spanish Dubbed; Stadium Seating; CC-Closed Caption

*SMALLFOOT 3D (PG) 1:15pm, 6:20pm
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*SMALLFOOT in 3D (PG) 12:30pm, 3:30pm
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*ASSASSINATION NATION (R)
3:30pm, 9:15pm
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*House With A Clock In Its Walls (PG)
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*House With A Clock In Its Walls (PG)
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THE MEG (PG-13) 12:45pm, 6:00pm
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Disney's CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (PG)
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

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Aerobics

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

Balance Day

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

CERT Training

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

Last Day to Register to Vote

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

Citizenship Workshops

• LONE STAR COLLEGE GREENSPRING CENTER THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00 PM, 250 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, HOUSTON, TX 77060. (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED) (281-799-9076)

• ST LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 2131 LAUDER RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039

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'Dot Day' encourages Aldine ISD students to be creative

District students joined more than 13 million others around the world in the reading and art celebration. A little book inspired them to trust in their own abilities by being brave enough to "make their mark."

International Dot Day began when teacher Terry Shay introduced his classroom to Peter H. Reynolds' book *The Dot* on September 15, 2009. The event has students explore the story's powerful themes: grit, courage, creativity and self-expression.

The *Dot* is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark." What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage. It ignites a journey of self-discovery and sharing. The book has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe.

The author encourages people all over the world to celebrate. Art teachers and librarians across Aldine ISD celebrated during the week of Sept. 10. The educators guided students through activities and lessons. Inspired by the book and lessons, students expressed themselves through their artworks and words. In keeping with the theme, many students place these works on dots.



Texas Art Education Association Names Ptomey, Kelley to List of 2018 Award Honorees

Dr. Sara Ptomey and Dr. Michaelann Kelley join a list of distinguished award recipients (click here). They are being recognized for their dedication and commitment to the arts and art education in public schools.

Each year, the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) recognizes educators, leaders and individuals for their continued efforts and significant achievements in art education at the local, state, regional and national level. There are 10 different awards TAEA bestows. TAEA named Ptomey the 2018 Friend of Art Education Award recipient, while Kelley was honored with the Supervision/Administration Division Outstanding Art Educator Award.

Ptomey is assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. She has been a long supporter of the visual arts. Ptomey was Joey Doyle's (click), a well-known art educator and leader, direct supervisor for many years. She encouraged him to promote the arts not only in Aldine ISD, but also across Texas. Because of her support, Doyle was able to make an indelible impact in the development of the Visual Art Scholastic Event known commonly as VASE. He helped establish the pilot program and its expansion statewide. The UIL contest, which recognizes exemplary student achievement in the visual arts, draws thousands of students across the state each year. They compete in different levels as they all vie to advance to win the state's top honors.

She continually encourages others to grow on a personal and professional level. Ptomey supports art educators to present at TAEA conferences. She advises them to take on leadership roles. To show how much she values professional development, she has taken part or attended many a session. Most recently, Ptomey attended the TAEA State Conference held in Galveston.

Ptomey's leadership, creativity and collaboration have helped the visual arts program expand. She helped the program grow from six elementary art teachers in 2014-2015 to 20 the following school year. Today, every elementary school — 39 campuses — has an art teacher. This expansion has given nearly 70,000 students access to quality art experiences all year long. She inspires visual arts teachers to seek out new ideas and resources to use in the classrooms. Ptomey also promotes the visual arts in the development of



Dr. Sara Ptomey (l) and Dr. Michaelann Kelley (r) will be honored at the TAEA Conference this fall.

districtwide art curriculum.

Ptomey has worked in education for 29 years. Twenty-five of those years have been in Aldine ISD. Over the years, her support has been unwavering. She continues to support and fund educational initiatives that integrate the arts. Ptomey challenges art educators to ensure students receive quality teaching and learning experiences.

Kelley is director of visual arts. Colleagues describe her as a teacher, mentor and educational leader. Those who nominated Kelley list many qualities. There is one common descriptor. Her colleagues agree she sets a high bar for quality art education and collaboration.

Kelley strives to give her staff every staff development opportunity possible. She supports and encourages professional growth. She seeks to motivate and inspire them with new techniques and materials. An advocate of art education, she is always looking for new and innovative ways to teach art. Every year she writes grants. These ensure Aldine teachers are giving students the best art education possible. The grants also make it possible to provide integrated teaching experiences (click to read an example) for effective learning for all students.

Even after 25 years with the District, Kelley's energy and creativity are still boundless! Anyone who has met Kelley is immediately aware she is passionate about art and art education. She shares that passion and encourages her art teachers to do so as well. Ever-willing to experiment, she created "TACO 'bout It." The TACO (Teaching Art Collaboratively Online) webcasts feature art teachers. The segments help art educators to continue to learn and be inspired. The teachers also share how to integrate art in core subjects. Studies show integration is helping educators meet the

needs of diverse learners through the arts. It also helps students understand the connections between different disciplines while having fun.

Kelley is a prolific Twitter user posting and retweeting about the work art teachers are doing in the classroom. She also provides staff and student accomplishments — numerous AISD students have won awards over the years at the district, regional, area, state and national levels — with the District's Communication's Office to share with the community.

She is passionate about students and her staff. Her staff describe Kelley as a great listener. She is always ready to help staff members who need a hand or to share her knowledge. She empowers art teachers to write curriculum. And praises the work they do to develop each other's skills. Kelley encourages them to bring ideas to the table to help grow the District's art program. Because it is clear she values her educators, she has their gained respect. Her knowledge and effective collaborative skills have also gained her respect from District leaders.

Kelley has also not forgotten to support students directly. She makes time for the kids to let them know she cares about their success as artists. Kelley frequently visits classrooms. She is often times seen talking with students about their work. It is not unusual to see Kelley sitting down to guide students or to sit down to work on her own project alongside them. She also attends many of the events that feature students' work.

Ptomey and Kelley will receive their awards later this fall. They will be recognized at the First General Session of the TAEA 58th Annual Conference on Nov. 9 from 2-4 p.m. The event will take place at the McAllen Convention Center. In McAllen, TX.

HCC to help redesign college history courses

HOUSTON (Sept. 18, 2018) – Houston Community College has been selected to help evaluate and substantially revise introductory history courses at colleges throughout the United States.

The project, "History Gateways," is being funded by a \$1.65 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to the American Historical Association. The AHA will work with faculty from HCC and several other colleges to rework introductory history courses to better serve students from all backgrounds and to align the

curricula with the future needs of an increasingly complex society.

HCC history faculty involved in this program are Theresa Jach, Kent McCaughy, and Nicholas Cox.

In addition to HCC, colleges taking part in the project include the University of Houston, University of Houston-Downtown, Texas Southern University and several other institutions in New York and Chicago.

"History Gateways" will launch in January 2019 and will continue for four years.

Former Francis, Johnson students, staff invited to walk through campuses

Former students and staff of Francis and Johnson elementary schools are invited for a final 'walk through' to say good-bye to their former schools.

Former Francis Elementary students will get their chance to walk-through the halls of their elementary school on Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 4-5 p.m.

Former Johnson Elementary students will get their chance to walk-

through the halls of their elementary school on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 4-5 p.m.

Ceremonial bricks will also be available as keepsakes.

For more information, contact Aldine ISD's Communications Department at 281 985-6202.

The two Aldine ISD elementary schools moved into new facilities at the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Mercer Botanic Gardens seeks volunteers

Mercer Botanic Gardens is seeking volunteers to work at its inaugural Pollinator Festival and Fall Plant Sale Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event celebrates pollinators of all varieties in a traditional fall festival setting. Volunteers are invited to dress as butterflies, bees, bats, hummingbirds, flowers. Proceeds benefit Mercer Botanic Gardens. For information on Pollinator Festival volunteer oppor-

tunities, contact Mercer's volunteer coordinator at 713-274-4160. To sign up, visit hcp4.net/mercer/volunteering.

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.

Rainbow Program

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es the bar for our young residents by providing lifelong learning opportunities and empowering them to turn their thoughts into actions, inspiring future leaders in tech."

The Coder Kids program aims to assist younger generations develop essential critical thinking skills, increasing post-high school employment opportunities. Students will learn the basics of Scratch, an interactive visual programming language which allows students to learn coding by developing games through matching words and commands in a puzzle-like format. Scratch encourages young people to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively, all of which are critical skills for the 21st century.

In spring of 2018, students will be introduced to a new programming language called Python, which will introduce more advanced coding topics. Each semester will consist of 12 one-hour classes taught at Haverstock Hills Apartments.

"We are ecstatic to be partnering with Rainbow, an organization with values which align with our mission of generating a more skilled 21st century workforce," said Jeff Ward, founder and lead instructor of Coder Kids. "Code touches everything we do from how we shop, learn, and communicate with friends and family. Computer programming is now an important part of literacy in today's society."

This new program will join a multitude of life-en-

hancing and skills-development programs offered to the residents of all ages at Haverstock Hills Apartments, including workforce development training, GED preparation courses, youth empowerment programs, personal finance workshops, and more. The community serves over 300 school-aged youth and in excess of 1,700 adult residents.

This past August, Rainbow and other local stakeholders in the Houston affordable housing market held a meeting at Haverstock Hills Apartments to celebrate 10 years of collaboration and to discuss initiatives to continue to improve the community and surrounding neighborhoods with crime prevention efforts and concepts. The coalition includes: Houston District Attorney's office; Kim Ogg, Harris County Sheriff's Department; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Aldine Independent School District; Houston Apartment Association; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; The First Tee; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Lone Star College; Local Faith Based Ministries; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Houston Housing Authority and JAllen Management.

"The group renewed their commitment with tenured members, new leaders, new partners, and new ideas," said Janisse. "We are excited to share Coder Kids as one of those initiatives which will improve lives for generations to come."

COMMUNITY NEWS

HCC launches new online college with 32 fully online degrees

HCC 3rd largest in the U.S. for online enrollments

HOUSTON (Sept. 25, 2018) - A regular ribbon and scissors just wouldn't do for the new Houston Community College Online College. Instead, attendees held tablets and swiped their fingers across the screen for the ribbon cutting marking the launch of 32 fully online degrees and certificates. By the fall of 2019, the college will have a total of 71 fully online degrees and certificates.

"This is a defining moment in the history of HCC," said Chancellor Cesar Maldonado. "The students who have registered for online courses this fall are the first to have the option of completing a fully online pathway to a certificate or associate degree at HCC."

"HCC has offered remote learning options since the time they were referred to as distance learning, but the addition of a seventh college within

the organization entirely dedicated to meeting the needs of online learners takes HCC's commitment to a whole different level," said Margaret Ford Fisher, president of HCC's online college. "We are providing students the option of completing their coursework anywhere, anytime."

With more than 21,000 students taking one or more online classes, HCC is the third largest community college in the U.S. for online enrollments. There are more than 60 areas of study and more than 5,000 individual courses available online.

"It is our goal at HCC to remove roadblocks that might get in the way of obtaining an associate degree or workforce certificate," HCC Board Chair Carolyn Evans-Shabazz said. "The online college does just that for potential students who, for a variety of reasons, cannot conveniently take traditional classes."

"The online college expands educational opportunities for stay-at-home

moms and dads, students committed to caring for elderly loved ones at home and those already in the workforce who need additional education to move up in their careers or change their careers altogether," said Norma Perez, HCC vice chancellor, instructional services, and chief academic officer.

According to a study by the Boston Consulting Group, HCC retention rates for first-time freshmen students were 9 to 10 percentage points higher when they took at least one fully online or mixed modality course. BCG also reported that HCC students who take a combination of digital and face-to-face courses complete their degrees at a higher rate than those who take all of their classes face to face.

HCC's Online College provides counselors, advisors and tutors for its online students. All HCC online classes are taught by credentialed faculty.

More information is available at hccs.edu/online.

FEMA grants more than \$5.8 million to Humble ISD

AUSTIN, Texas - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded more than \$5.8 million to the Humble Independent School District for emergency protective measures taken before, during and following Hurricane Harvey.

The district secured the campus facilities, opened an Emergency Operations Center, placed barricades, directed traffic and pumped flood water from the facilities.

The FEMA grant covers 100 percent of the project's costs because the district completed their work within 30 days of the disaster declaration period.

This grant comes from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response to and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal govern-

ments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations.

FEMA's Public Assistance grant program provides project funding directly to the state for disbursement to the applicants. Eligible applicants for Public Assistance grants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations.

Suspect wanted in stabbing of a man

Houston police are investigating the stabbing of a man at 9421 Jensen Drive about 10 p.m. on Sunday, September 23.

Records indicate HPD patrol officers responded to a stabbing call in a parking lot on Jensen Dr. and found Jason Mejia, 23, had been stabbed. According to witnesses, Mejia got into an altercation with a male suspect and they started to fight. During the fight, the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed Mejia in the abdomen. The suspect then fled the scene on foot. Paramedics then transported Mejia to the hospital where doctors expect him to survive his injuries.

The suspect is described only as a black male known as "Mike."

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.

Man charged in death of a teenager

A suspect charged and wanted in the fatal shooting of a juvenile female at 89 Casa Grande about 10:45 p.m. on Sept. 12 is in custody.

The suspect, Irbin Vargas, 22, was arrested on Saturday, Sept. 22.

According to HPD Officials, Lourdes Sandoval, 16, was shot as she was walking along the street. A caller stated a male suspect shot her and then fled the scene in an unknown vehicle.

Paramedics transported Sandoval to Houston Northwest Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Further investigation identified Vargas as the



Vargas

suspect in this case and charges were filed against him on Sept. 14. On Saturday, Sept. 22, Vargas surrendered to members of the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force without incident.

Man charged on fatal shooting on Airline

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man at 3200 Airline about 5:45 a.m. on May 29 2018.

The suspect, Eric Wayne Curtis, 35, is charged with murder for his role in the killing of Willie Tremayne Washington, 42.

According to Officials, HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call and when they arrived, found Mr. Washington lying on the sidewalk. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced Washington death. He had been shot multiple times.



Curtis

Further investigation led to the identity of Curtis as the suspect in this case and he was arrested last Thursday, Sept. 20 without incident.

Gardening in Texas

October has to be one of the best months in Texas! That first cool front blows in, and everyone's thoughts turn to the outdoors. You may be lured by football games, hunting, or fall festivals, but you really should do a little yard work as well. Here are a few things you might consider.

For starters, now is the best time of the year to sow wildflower seed. Bluebonnets, for example, need the winter to dig themselves in and to develop the leaf structure they need for blooming in March and April. Many bulbs are ready to go in as well, with the exception of things like tulips. The amaryllis, daffodils, and most of the lilies can be planted. The wildflowers and the bulbs both prefer "higher ground," so consider raised beds for the bulbs, and slopes for the wild ones.

Sweet peas and poppies can be planted in the flower beds now. Wait until later for the pansies; they want it cooler. You could divide the daylilies and phlox now, if you wish.

If you're beginning your fall vegetable gardens, save the lettuce seeds till the cool front gets in. Sow the lettuce seeds right on top of the soil and press them in - don't cover. They actually need light to germinate. Keep them misted if there's no rain in sight. Spinach seed can be covered by about 1/2 inch.

Root crops like the radishes, carrots, beets, and turnips, can all go in now.

Thin them so they will not be crowded; they need space to develop their root. The brassicas (cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, chard) can all be planted as soon as possible now. They need time to develop their upper branches and fruits.

Lawn feeding time is finally here, about the end of the month. If you are going to use a pre-emergent herbicide, do it this month. You may also see fungal spots developing in the lawn in this season. Improving the drainage and the health of the grasses themselves will combat some of these fungal issues like brown patch, Take-all Root Rot, and other issues we get with soggy lawns and moist air. Brown patch tends to make circles, Take-all patches are more irregular. Like its name suggests, if you pull at a clump of grass and it comes right up with no roots, you've got Take-all.

If you have weed issues that are already up, there are a variety of products that you can use to control them somewhat. None are perfect. Glyphosate, for example, can not only kill your weed, but the surrounding grass, and any bushes you spray it near. Target your weed closely; waving your sprayer around results in chemical damage from movement through the wind.

2, 4-D doesn't touch any of the grasses, so while it gets the broad-leaved weeds, it leaves the crabgrass. Horticultural strength vinegar is one I

plan to try. I expect it will kill nearly everything it touches as well. I recently tried a product that was primarily cinnamon oil. It was a lot slower acting than glyphosate, but eventually did the job. Any time you use these products, make sure to read the instructions. A lot of the product in your sprayer does not necessarily mean it will work better, and they tend to be costly anyway. If your weeds are contained, nothing is cheaper, faster, and more effective than hand weeding.

Full plant sales are in full swing in the area. These are great occasions to get ornamentals such as bulbs, bushes, and small trees, if you need them to fill in spots. The sales are usually conducted by garden clubs or Master Gardener groups, and the plants are selected for conditions specific to our area. Proceeds from these group sales usually go for good causes. On a more commercial level, roses come bursting back about now, and there are excellent area resources for rose purchases that make a pleasant destination trip. These are great places to view a lot of different rose varieties in bloom, and knowledgeable staff members can recommend types that will work well in your particular soil and microclimate. Check the web and the area newspapers for information on these sales and other resources.

Player of the Week

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"Enough is enough. We are not going to lose this game," said Aldin Head Coach Hank Semler. "When that happens, as a coach, you want that kid to have the ball in his hands as much as possible. Jacorey Howard has been a steady rock for our team through a 23-game losing streak, and he took it upon himself to end that streak. The entire stadium was awestruck by his performance when they put his stats on the jumbotron after the game."

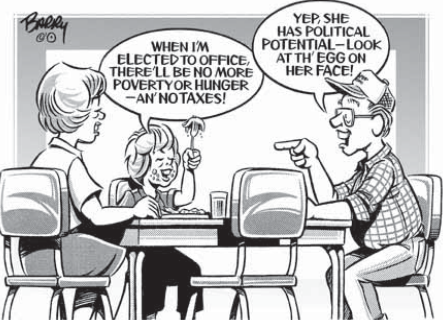
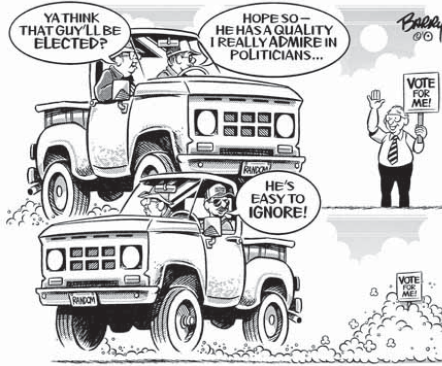
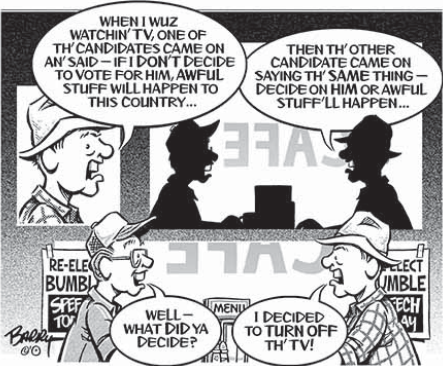
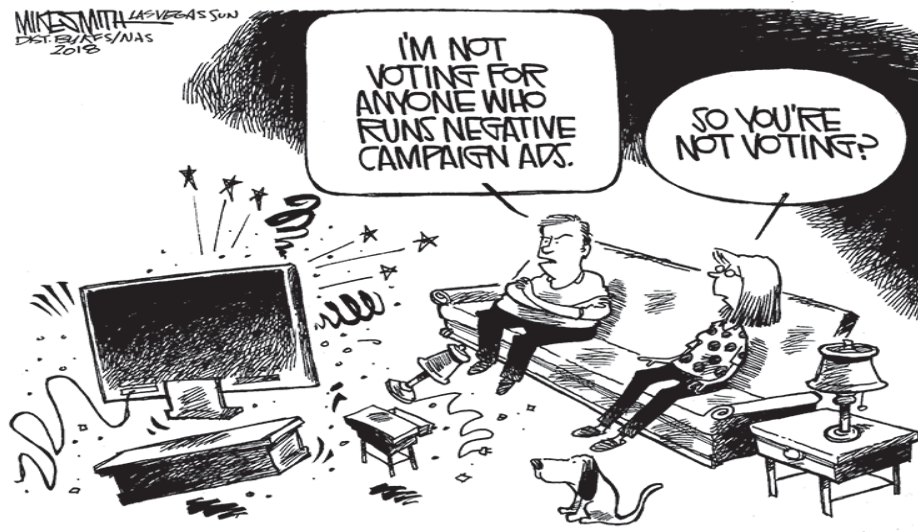
- Awards/Accolades:
• Led his teammates in a Hurricane Harvey relief effort
• HOSA
• Student Council
• Multi-sport player including Basketball, Powerlifting, Track
• All-District Football 2017.

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OPINION PAGE



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

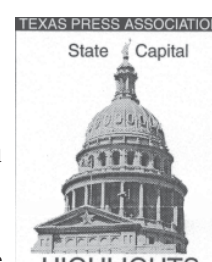
Future of TRS health care hinges on lawmakers' support

AUSTIN — Retired teachers facing the unwelcome prospect of paying higher monthly health insurance premiums received better-than-expected news last week.

performing arts center to an area church because of its stance that marriage is between a man and a woman.

Opponents meet in debate

The Teachers Retirement System board of trustees on Sept. 21 voted not to increase premiums because the TRS staff negotiated a better rate and other cost savings with its health insurance provider, while keeping plan and pharmacy benefits the same.



Incumbent U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz on Sept. 21 met U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke in the first of three scheduled debates in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 6 midterm election.

The TRS Care fund balance had been projected to be \$410 million in the red at the end of 2021. To address the shortfall, the Texas Legislature in 2017 directed TRS to increase premiums by \$50 per year over the next four years.

But TRS's successful negotiations improved the projected fund balance to minus \$238 million, an amount the Legislature can include in the appropriations process during its 2019 session, which begins in January. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said he is "confident that the Senate will support additional funding for TRS Care" and "hopeful the next speaker of the House will follow our lead on this."

AG's office cautions AISD

The Texas Attorney General's office on Sept. 21 cautioned Austin Independent School District "against changing its facilities use policy to ban churches with traditional Christian beliefs from renting its facilities after school and on weekends."

A letter from the attorney general's office warned the school district that the proposed actions are not neutral toward religion and violate the First Amendment and Texas' Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"We caution you to reconsider these changes and be respectful of the religious liberty protections afforded churches under the Constitution and Texas law," stated the letter addressed to AISD Superintendent Paul Cruz and signed by First Assistant Attorney General Jeff Mateer.

In an Aug. 25 AISD web post, Cruz said, "The use of district properties by outside organizations does not create an endorsement of, or an association of that organization with the district. In addition, funds collected from the Performing Arts Center rental will be dedicated to our district-wide efforts to ensure we support an inclusive, welcoming environment for all students and staff including our LGBTQ students and staff," Cruz added.

Current Austin ISD policy expressly permits churches to rent school facilities on the same terms as all community organizations.

O'Rourke, D-El Paso, is seeking to unseat Cruz, R-Texas, who is running for a second six-year term. The two faced off in a televised, 60-minute debate at Southern Methodist University in Dallas co-moderated by Gromer Jeffers of The Dallas Morning News and Julie Fine of the NBC-TV Dallas affiliate.

Cruz challenged O'Rourke on his personal life and attempted to characterize the Democrat as tax-friendly and pro-regulation. O'Rourke brought up Cruz's record of missing Senate floor votes while campaigning for the presidency in other states and not welcoming well-intentioned immigrants with a path to citizenship.

The two candidates have agreed to debate again on Sept. 30 in Houston and on Oct. 16 in San Antonio.

Flores wins runoff election

Republican Peter P. "Pete" Flores of Pleasanton won a Sept. 18 special runoff election for the Texas Senate District 19 seat.

The resignation of state Sen. Carlos Uresti after he was convicted of felony charges in June created the vacant Senate seat. In July, eight candidates vied in a special election to fill the post. Since no candidate received 50 percent of the vote, a runoff resulted between the top two in the field of eight: Flores and Democrat Pete Gallego of Alpine.

Returns posted by the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division showed Flores received 23,576 votes, or 57 percent of the total number of votes cast in the runoff election, while Gallego received 20,911 votes, or 43 percent.

Flores retired as a game warden for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department at the rank of colonel in 2012. Gallego, an attorney, served 11 consecutive terms as the representative for state House District 74, from 1991 to 2012, and one term as a U.S. representative for Texas Congressional District 23, serving from 2013 to 2015.

Sprawling SD-19 consists of Brewster, Crockett, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Pecos, Real, Reeves, Terrell, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala counties and parts of Atascosa and Bexar counties. An estimated 840,000 people reside in the district, an estimated 478,000 of whom a

Social Security Matter

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
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Ask Rusty - Changed my mind after claiming Social Security

Dear Rusty: I will be 67 years old this September and have been receiving my Social Security benefits since September of last year (2017). I've found that I do not need the money now, and since I don't need the money, I'm wondering if can I repay

what I've already collected and just wait until I'm 70 to get a larger benefit? Signed: Changed My Mind

Dear Changed: Situations such as yours are exactly why Social Security has a "do over" option, which allows those who claim benefits to withdraw that application within one year. Reality is that sometimes financial circumstances change. People who lost their job may react by claiming Social Security, and then later find other employment, which provides them the income they need. Or they may

simply just change their mind and be sorry they applied for benefits. In any case, the do-over option can be used to fix that but exercising that option does have some important consequences.

The short answer to your questions is "Yes" - you can exercise the "do over" option and totally withdraw from Social Security if you do so within 1 year of the date your benefits originally started. But - and this is a big but - you will have to pay back everything that you have collected, including any withheld taxes, Medicare premiums, and any spousal or other dependent benefits that may have been paid on, to or from your account over the past year. Obviously if you wish to do that you should act with haste to submit Form SSA-521 (Request for Withdrawal of Application), because you're coming up on the one-year anniversary of your original application.

However, since you have already reached your full retirement age of 66, you have another less financially painful option available to you which you might want to consider - you can simply suspend your current benefits, which will allow you to earn delayed retirement

credits equal to 2/3rds of 1% per month of suspension (8% per year) up until you reach 70 years of age. You will have lost that initial 8% benefit growth you would have otherwise realized for the 1st year after you reached age 66, but that may be less traumatic than repaying Social Security a very large lump sum for an entire year's worth of benefits paid. Then when you reinstate (un-suspend) your benefits at age 70, the benefit amount will be about 24% higher than it is now. Thus, you'll gain a significantly increased benefit without needing to repay all that money you collected for a whole year.

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UT, OU meet in annual Red River Rivalry: Cowboys, Texans meet in Disappointment Bowl

The first weekend in October brings with it the annual Red River Rivalry pitting Texas against Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas in a key Big 12 game with the winner gaining a lot of momentum heading into the meat of their respective conference schedules.

This year's game might have a different feel to it now that Tom Herman's Longhorns appear to be legitimate contenders for the league title, while Lincoln Riley's Sooners will be out to continue their dominance in the series and the Big 12.

After dropping their season opener, Texas ran off three straight wins heading into last Saturday's game at Kansas State. The offense, under the direction of sophomore quarterback Sam Ehlinger, has improved weekly, while the defense has come up with big play after big play.

The OU offense has not missed a beat even with a new quarterback under center in Kyler Murray, but the defense has struggled. If Texas is going to get OU, this might be the year to do so.

While a lot of eyes will be on the big game in Dallas, the same should hold true on Sunday night when the Texans host the Cowboys on Sunday Night Football in a game that should be tabbed the Disappointment Bowl.

Both teams entered the 2018 season with high hopes, but both have struggled out of the gate. Bill O'Brien's Texans lost their first three games heading into last Sunday's game against a spunky Indianapolis team, while Dallas lost two of their first three heading into last Sunday's home game against Detroit. The Dallas offense has been atrocious thus far. The passing game is non-existent and running back Ezekiel Elliott has yet to get untracked. The defense has played well, but has been on the field way too much due to its inconsistent offense.

The Texans have also struggled on offense as O'Brien's play calling has been called into question. Quarterback DeShaun Watson has been a sitting duck playing behind a subpar offensive line. Perhaps O'Brien should give Watson more snaps in the shot gun where he can have more time to assess the defense and maybe throw in some run-pass-option (RPO) plays.

Before we take a look at those two games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-5 week brought the season record to 27-21 (56%). Now, onto this week's schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine vs. Davis - Hank Semler's Mustangs take on James Shower's Falcons on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium. Aldine will once again rely on the legs of quarterback Jacorey Howard (451 yards rushing, 5 TDs in Aldine's 41-17 win over Sam Houston on Sept. 14). Davis blew out Westbury 49-7 that same weekend as Decorie King threw two touchdown passes and running back DeMarcus Barlow rushed for 119 yards and two scores. My pick, LSU 26, Aldine 24

Nimitz at Spring - Richard Slater's Cougars will play at Spring on Friday against a Lions team that returns five offensive and four defensive starters from last year's 8-2 playoff team. Nimitz has had little trouble scoring points, scoring 109 points in their first three games, but the defense has allowed 147 points. Nimitz is led by running back Jayvon Davis (255 yards rushing, 4 TDs), quarterback Austin Remo (497 yards passing, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Karl Reynolds (13 receptions, 280 yards, 2 TDs). If Nimitz can shore up their defense, they could be a factor in the District 16-6A race. My pick, Nimitz 34, Spring 31

MacArthur vs. Eisenhower - Wayne Crawford's Generals take on Eric Jackson's Eagles on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. The Generals are led by quarterback Joey Guzman (153 yards passing, 2 TDs) and running back Romelle Marks (149 yards rushing, 1 TD). The Eagles are led by quarterback Christian Sims (467 yards passing, 6 TDs), running back Sevan Guidry (281 yards rushing, 1 TD) and wide receiver Anthony Isom (12 receptions, 180 yards, 2 TDs). My pick, Eisenhower 26, MacArthur 23

NCAA

LSU at Florida - The Tigers visit the Swamp on Saturday in a key SEC game for both teams. LSU has jumped to No. 5 in one national poll and has been a pleasant surprise this season. The Tigers will once again look for a steady performance from quarterback Joe Burrow (731 yards passing, 3 TDs) in the passing game, while tailback Nick Brossette (409 yards rushing, 5 TDs) handles the running duties. The LSU defense has been stout this year and will get tested by a Florida team that has plenty of firepower thanks to quarterback Feleipe Franks (742 yards passing, 12 TDs), running back



KEENEY'S KORNER By MIKE KEENEY

Dameon Pierce (225 yards rushing, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Freddie Swain (8 receptions, 193 yards, 3 TDs). If LSU hopes to keep pace with Alabama in the SEC West, they need to prove they can win on the road in hostile conditions. It doesn't get more hostile than playing in the Swamp. Something tells me LSU's special season continues on Saturday. My pick, LSU 23, Florida 20

Notre Dame at Virginia Tech - Two weeks ago, Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly made a switch at quarterback replacing starter Brandon Wimbush with Ian Book and the move paid off handsomely. Book passed for 325 yards and 2 touchdowns and ran for another three in the Irish's 56-27 rout at Wake Forest. ND faces a Virginia Tech team that lost to Division II Old Dominion 49-35 two weeks ago and in the process lost starting quarterback Josh Jackson to a broken leg. Ryan Willis (195 yards passing, 1 TD) will replace Jackson and will face a stout ND defense. Book has plenty of help on offense in running back Jafar Armstrong (245 yards rushing, 3 TDs) and Tony Jones Jr. (263 yards rushing, 3 TDs). If the Irish hope to get in the College Football Playoff mix, they will need to impress the voters and winning in Blacksburg should open a lot of eyes. My pick, Notre Dame 32, Virginia Tech 24

Auburn at Mississippi State - A key SEC West game for both teams as the Tigers visit the Bulldogs in a game that will feature two of the league's top signal callers in Auburn's Jarrett Stidham (718 yards passing, 3 TDs) and MSU's Nick Fitzgerald (542 yards passing, 4 TDs; 286 yards rushing, 5 TDs). This game is probably more important for MSU due to the fact they lost at Kentucky two weeks ago and can't afford another conference loss. Look for Fitzgerald's legs to be the difference maker in this one as the Bulldogs pick up a big win on Saturday in Starkville. My pick, Mississippi State 30, Auburn 27

Texas vs. Oklahoma - Big Tex, Fletcher Corny Dogs and the OU-Texas rivalry! Who could ask

for more as fall arrives in North Texas and the annual Red River Rivalry is once again played in the Cotton Bowl with the State Fair of Texas as a backdrop. OU has dominated this series in recent years, but this year the Sooners will get tested by a UT team that appears to have turned the corner in Tom Herman's second year as head coach and looks like a conference title contender. Two weeks ago, the UT offense scored 21 straight points to over come a second-half deficit against TCU behind Ehlinger (978 yards passing, 8 TDs, 127 yards rushing, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Lil'Jordan Humphrey (21 receptions, 352 yards, 3 TDs) and Collin Johnson (20 receptions, 299 yards, 2 TDs). Look for Texas to attack a suspect OU secondary and come out throwing. The Sooners have a very potent offense led by quarterback Kyler Murray (1,028 yards passing, 11 TDs; 240 yards rushing, 3 TDs), running back Trey Sermon (275 yards rushing, 2 TDs) and wide receivers Marquise Brown (19 receptions, 412 yards, 3 TDs) and CeeDee Lamb (16 receptions, 247 yards, 4 TDs). There should be plenty of big plays in this game, but the nod goes to Texas because they play better defense. OU has struggled on that side of the ball and it will catch up with them on Saturday in the Cotton Bowl. My pick, Texas 33, Oklahoma 29

NFL

Atlanta at Pittsburgh - This game will pit two of the league's hottest quarterbacks in Atlanta's Matt Ryan and Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger. Two weeks ago in his team's 43-37 overtime loss at home to New Orleans, Ryan (897 yards passing, 7 TDs) accounted for five touchdowns, while Big Ben tossed three TD passes to lead the Steelers to a 30-27 win at Tampa Bay. This game will also feature some of the best wide receivers in the league with Atlanta's Julio Jones (20 receptions, 329 yards) and the Steelers Antonio Brown (24 receptions, 210 yards, 2 TDs)

and Juju Smith-Schuster (27 receptions, 356 yards, 1 TD) ready to put on a show for the fans. Pittsburgh is coming off a brutal stretch with a road game at Tampa, followed by last Sunday's rivalry game at home against Baltimore. Look for the Steelers to have enough left in the tank to outscore the Falcons on Sunday. My pick, Pittsburgh 34, Atlanta 30

Jacksonville at Kansas City - This game pits one of the league's top defenses against the league's most prolific offense as the Jags defense will try to slow down Chiefs second-year quarterback Patrick Mahomes (896 yards passing, 13 TDs). Two weeks ago in KC's 38-27 win at home against San Francisco, Mahomes became the first quarterback in the history of the league to throw 13 touchdown passes in his first three games. He has a host of targets to throw to, but his top two targets are speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill (14 receptions, 300 yards, 3 TDs, an average of 22 yards per reception) and tight end Travis Kelce (16 receptions, 299 yards, 2 TDs). Mahomes also has a steady running back in Kareem Hunt (168 yards, 2 TDs) to keep the Jags from teeing off with the pass rush. Jacksonville's defense is very good, but it will need help from Blake Bortles (707 yards, 5 TDs) and the return of running back Leonard Fournette (he's missed the last two games with a hamstring injury) if it hopes to pull off the upset on Sunday in KC. Look for the Jags defense to slow down Mahomes a bit, but he will still make enough plays to lead the Chiefs to the victory. My pick, Kansas City 26, Jacksonville 17

Minnesota at Philadelphia - The Vikings return to Philadelphia for a rematch of last year's NFC title that saw the Eagles run roughshod over Minnesota, 38-7, to advance to the Super Bowl. Things are a bit different this time around. The Vikings are improved at quarterback with Kirk Cousins (965 yards, 7 TDs) under center. Two weeks ago, Cousins had a rough outing against Buffalo with three turnovers as the Bills upset the Vikes at home, 27-6. Expect a much better effort from Cousins on Sunday. He has two solid receivers to throw to in Adam Thielen (32 receptions, 338 yards, 1 TD) and Stefon Diggs (16 receptions, 188 yards, 3 TDs). Two weeks ago, Eagle fans got a lift with the return of Carson Wentz, who was back under center after suffering a knee injury last Dec. 10. Wentz was a bit rusty in his return passing for 255 yards and one touchdown but should be

better this week. The Eagles are tough to beat at home, which the Vikings will discover for a second straight year. My pick, Philadelphia 23, Minnesota 20

Dallas at Houston - The Battle for Texas comes to NRG Stadium and Sunday Night Football on NBC with both teams looking for a boost to turn around their thus far lackluster seasons. The Cowboys need to get running back Ezekiel Elliott (274 yards rushing, 2 TDs) going to open up things for quarterback Dak Prescott (498 yards passing, 2 TDs). The Dallas passing game has no deep threat, so teams are crowding the line to slow down Elliott and force Prescott to beat them with his arm. Thus far, Prescott has not been up to the challenge. The Texans have also struggled on offense and will face a Dallas defense that has done a good job of pressuring opposing quarterbacks. If the Texans offensive line continues to struggle, quarterback DeShaun Watson (871 yards passing, 5 TDs) will continue to struggle. He has two good receivers in DeAndre Hopkins (20 receptions, 274 yards, 1 TD) and Will Fuller (13 receptions, 214 yards, 2 TDs) to throw to, but he needs time to find them down field. Look for a big night from Elliott as the Cowboys look to get back in the NFC playoff hunt. My pick, Dallas 26, Houston 20

Washington on New Orleans -

A pretty good one for Monday Night Football has the Redskins paying a visit to the Big Easy and the Saints. Washington won two of its first three games, while the Saints have done the same. New Orleans has one of the most potent offenses in the league led by quarterback Drew Brees (1,078 yards passing, 8 TDs), running back Alvin Kamara (141 yards rushing, 30 receptions, 287 yards, 3 total TDs) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (38 receptions, 398 yards, 3 TDs). The Saints cause matchup problems for most teams and they should light it up against a suspect Washington defense. The Redskins are hoping running back Adrian Peterson (236 yards rushing, 3 TDs), a former Saint, still has something left in the tank. If Peterson has success early running the ball, Washington could use him to chew up clock and keep Brees and Co. off of the field. Even if that plays out, Brees will make plays downfield to lead the Saints to the victory. My pick, New Orleans 33, Washington 23

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Includes two panels of a man at a bakery and a list of differences to find.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: Who directed the movie "La Dolce Vita"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the famous Olduvai Gorge located?
3. MYTHOLOGY: Tyr was a Norse god of what?
4. MUSIC: What pop group sang "Love Shack"?
5. PRESIDENTS: How old was Theodore Roosevelt when he was inaugurated?
6. SCIENCE: In what century was Isaac Newton born?
7. HISTORY: When was the last year the Dodgers played in Brooklyn?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the symbol of the zodiac sign Scorpio?
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "speleo" mean?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many bottles of champagne are in a jeroboam?

Answers for the crossword puzzle.

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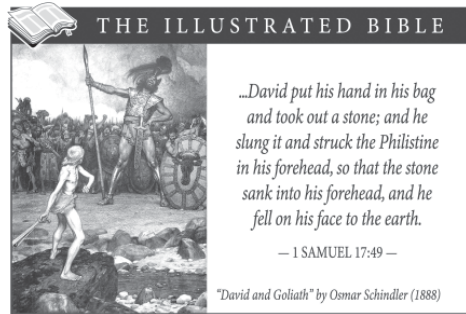
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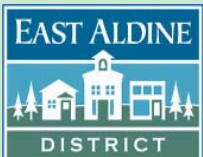
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and equipment for digital fabrication in the Fab Lab Houston.

"Entrepreneurs will learn how to start or expand their business, adults will find continuing education opportunities and youth will be able to develop their leadership skills. Fueled by the entrepreneurial spirit of East Aldine, the center will be a place for neighbors to learn, make and sell - a

unique hub for innovators of all ages."

The center noted that membership is required, at \$150 for families, and \$35 for Seniors and Youth.

The BakerRipley East Aldine center has been in the planning and construction stages for over 4 years, and is part of a 61 acre Town Center campus that the East Aldine District planned for the community. It is expected to serve

approximately 5000 people each month at full operation.

Partners in development of the Town Center campus include East Aldine Management District, Lone Star College, Aldine ISD, and the Harris County Sheriff's department.

The center will have adjacent retail space, including a new Joe V's super-market.



AERIAL VIEW of the new BakerRipley East Aldine Campus.

Armando Walle comments:

ARMANDO WALLE ON BAKERRIPLEY OPENING:

Today is the best day of my public service career. Aldine District several years back bought 61 acres of land to develop in the future. Knowing of the great work of BakerRipley I requested they partner with East Aldine District to build a community center. Although no commitments were made then, we continued discussions and about 4 years ago BakerRipley decided to include us in their future growth plans as part of their capital campaign. They had countless community meetings to gather input on what we wanted. They listened and today we officially opened the \$20M community center that Seniors and Youth can benefit. It will also include Chevron's FabLab and a small business incubator. Thank You partners but especially Mark Shapiro and Murray Bowden, chairs of the capital cam-



Armando Walle with BakerRipley CEO Claudia Aguirre at the Grand Opening.

paign. Thank you to all the BakerRipley staff and volunteers. All my best to Angela Blanchard for taking my initial meetings and to Claudia Aguirre for continuing our partnership. Shout out to Harris County for building infrastructure. Thank You Judge Ed Emmett and

Senator Sylvia Garcia for attending. After we are long gone this center will still be helping life up our community. Too many other people to thank but know that we are very appreciative. Can't wait for the whole Aldine Town Center to be complete.
— Armando Walle



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Interior of a workshop lab in the Brown Foundation Business Incubation Center and Chevron Fab Lab Houston



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