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NEWS NOTES

Aldine ISD Public School Choices Festival

Aldine ISD will hold its annual Magnet/IB Festival on Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the M.O. Campbell Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Road. Parents and students can learn about the District's magnet themes, International Baccalaureate programs, and the application process. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dedicated parents, successful children workshop

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Early Voting starts Oct. 22

HARRIS COUNTY – Voters can start to begin to cast their votes starting this Monday. This mid-term election is considered by most political observers to be an important statement about the current Republican control of the White House, Congress, and the Texas government. Although the president is not on the ballot this time, many important seats in Congress and Texas will be decided. In addition, a number of local Harris County positions are on the ballot, and an important choice in the city of Houston regarding pay for firemen. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, but Early Voting will start on Monday, October 22 and continue through Friday, November 2. Hours that the polls are open are as follows:
 Oct. 22-26 8am-4:30pm
 Oct. 27 7am-7pm
 Oct. 28 1pm-6pm
 Oct. 29-Nov 2 7am-7pm



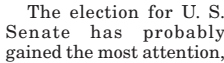
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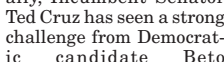
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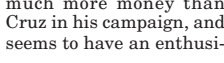
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The election for U.S. Senate has probably gained the most attention, both in Texas and nationally. Incumbent Senator Ted Cruz has seen a strong challenge from Democratic candidate Beto O'Rourke, who has raised much more money than Cruz in his campaign, and seems to have an enthusiastic grass roots support among the public. A number of U.S. Representatives seats are open for election, including District 6, with incumbent Kevin Brady vs. Steven David; District 18 with incumbent Sheila Jackson Lee vs. Ava Reynero Pate; and District 29, where long term Representative Gene Green has retired, and State Senator Sylvia Garcia is running against Phillip Aronoff. Governor Abbott is defending his seat against challenger Lupe Valdez, and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick is running against challenger Mike Collier. Another state race that has gathered attention is Attorney General, where the beleaguered incumbent Ken Paxton is running against Democratic challenger Justin

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East Aldine approves design for new offices

At their regular board meeting last week, the East Aldine District reviewed three schemes for a new office building to house the district offices and related functions. These schemes, as proposed by the architect, PGAL Associates, varied in size and number of stories. The building is to be built at the center of the new Town Center project on Aldine Mail Route. The first scheme as developed, is a two story building of approximately 16,950 square feet. The building is mainly for offices of the district, with lease space available on the second floor totaling 3300 sq. feet. On the first floor, in addition to district offices, there is a large multi-purpose/meeting room, able to house almost 200 persons seated or at tables. This room is also divisible into

smaller sections. It is served by a small kitchen. A conference room for about 25 persons is also adjacent. The building design features an attractive two story lobby, and on the second floor a large outside Deck overlooking the park and amphitheater which are part of the Town Center development. Construction cost is estimated at about \$6,500,000. The board also considered what was termed Option C, a two story design with more space for lease functions. On the first floor it contains about 1000 square feet of lease space, about 1125 sf of Sheriff's Storefront space, and the conference room and multi-purpose room as in the First scheme. On the second floor were the East

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Dr. Archie Blanson honored at dedication ceremony



Dr. Archie Blanson and his wife Beverly pose with Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and members of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees following a dedication ceremony to officially open the Dr. Archie L. Blanson Career and Technical High School. The ceremony was held on Sunday, Oct. 14.

Hundreds of family members, friends, and colleagues gathered to honor Dr. Archie Blanson for the dedication ceremony of the Dr. Archie L. Blanson Career and Technical High School on Sunday, Oct. 14. Dr. Blanson devoted 39 years to Aldine ISD serving as a teacher, assistant director of buildings and properties, director of buildings and prop-

erties, executive director of buildings and properties, director of human resources, assistant superintendent of human resources and completed his Aldine career at the district's deputy superintendent. In that role, Dr. Blanson oversaw AISD's operations department. Dr. Blanson thanked the many family members who made the trip to Houston to

share in this special day and his immediate family. "I want to recognize my wife Beverly, who has been my biggest supporter," he said. "And I want to recognize my children, Christina, Daniel and Eric. They are my proudest accomplishment in

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Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan to remain at the helm of HISD

Oct. 15, 2018 – The Houston Independent School District Board of Education announced today that Dr. Grenita Lathan will remain as the interim superintendent of HISD, the largest school district in Texas. During a press conference at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, trustees announced that they have mutually agreed to consider the reinstatement of Dr. Lathan as interim superintendent and the rescinding of Thursday night's vote to appoint Dr. Abelardo Saavedra to the position. "We are committed to working together as a board for the benefit of our students, and we are unified in our efforts to build a better governance structure for our children," HISD Board President Rhonda Skillern-Jones said. "We are confident that Dr. Lathan is the right person to lead the seventh-largest school district in the nation as our interim, and we thank the public



Grenita Lathan remains as HISD Interim Superintendent.

for their encouragement and support." "We, the Board of Trustees of the Houston Independent School District, would like to apologize to Dr. Grenita Lathan, our students, the community at large, the parents and families, all HISD employees, and our business and community partners," Trustee Diana Davila said. See **Interim Superintendent**, Page 3

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Zumba

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

Aerobics

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Former Francis Elementary students, staff make one final visit to school



Former Francis Elementary School Principal Gina Rodgers, center, catches up with former staff members who, along with former students, paid one last visit to the Aldine ISD elementary school on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Close to 100 former students and staff members, along with Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Selina Chapa, came out for a final walk through of the school. Former students and staff also signed up to receive bricks from the structure that will be razed in the near future.



A former Francis Elementary School student, left, poses with Aldine ISD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Selina Chapa and Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney during a final walk through of the Aldine ISD elementary school on Tuesday, Oct. 16. Close to 100 former students and staff members paid one final visit to Francis Elementary, which will be razed in the near future.

Aldine ISD to observe Red Ribbon Week Oct. 22-26

Aldine ISD will observe Red Ribbon Week Oct. 22-26 throughout the district and at all grade levels. Red Ribbon week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the United States. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities like Aldine and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and to a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of a drug free America. During the week of Oct. 22, there will be a different theme each day for Aldine students and teachers to show off their creativity and say "no" to drugs.

Below are a list of the different themes for Red Ribbon Week:

- Monday, Oct. 22 – "We are Red Hot to Keep our Schools Drug Free." Students and teachers will wear red clothing.
- Tuesday, Oct. 23 – "Knock the Socks Out of Drugs." Students and teachers will wear crazy socks.
- Wednesday, Oct. 24 – "Team Up Against Drugs." Students and teachers will wear their favorite team jersey or shirt.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 – "Don't Get Tied Up with Drugs." Students and teachers will wear their favorite ties to school.
- Friday, Oct. 26 – "Heroes Don't Do Drugs." Students and teachers will wear Superhero shirts.

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George 'Golden Boy' Phelps visits with Hoffman Middle School, offers inspiration to students

The local artist seeks to inspire youths to open their eyes to the endless possibilities of their future.

George "Golden Boy" Phelps grew up in the neighborhood. He found success doing what he loves; however his path wasn't always smooth and easy. Yet, he persevered. Phelps recently dropped by to talk with Hoffman Middle School students to share his story and to inspire them to aspire higher but to be sure that they find doing something they love.

Phelps is a known hip-hop artist. He has worked with many musicians. Phelps is a known hip-hop artist. He has worked with many musicians, including Rick Ross, T-Pain, and Akron.

He didn't shy away from sharing how there was a time when his mind was not in the right place. Phelps spent time jail. It was here that he came to realize he was meant to do something more. He needed to improve his life. It was during his incarceration that he came up with the idea of developing SkyTrues. Phelps visualized creating artistically painted eyewear. The idea sounded crazy. He created a pair for himself. Phelps received positive feedback and sold the eyewear his was wearing. This inspired him to move forward with the idea. Today SkyTrues go for as much as \$300 a pair. Every pair is artistically crafted and hand-



Hoffman Hornet Warnisha Horn poses with Phelps. The gymnast received a pair of SkyTrues for working hard toward her goals.

Painted by Phelps. The "Picasso on Frames" has celebrity clients rocking his eyewear. They include Clyde Drexler, Dennis Rodman, Mike Tyson, Julius "Dr. J" Erving, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artist George Clinton, and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

While TrueSkies keeps Phelps busy, he continues to perform and write. He also recently achieved his dream of becoming a private chef.

His love of art and the desire to create started when he was in middle school. Phelps' teacher, James Davis, encouraged him to pursue art. Davis even hosted Phelps' first art exhibit at the campus. It is the reason he gives back to the community.

And it is no coincidence that the spoke to Hoffman students during their art class period.

"I want young people to know I believe in them," said Phelps. "I want them to open their eyes to the endless possibilities for their future. Art and creativity can be sources of inspiration."

Phelps mentors young people in Fifth Ward and Boys and Girls Club Greater Houston. He also presents his message of not giving up on your dreams to other local schools.

Hoffman students enjoyed hearing Phelps' message of hard work and persistence. The Hoffman Hornets are looking forward to Phelps' visit during Career Day later this school year.

Blanson honored,

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life." He thanked his parents Lula and Nathan for instilling a strong ethic in he and his siblings, many of whom attended the dedication ceremony. Dr. Blanson said education always played an important role in his life and he is glad he chose to have a career in education. "As the son of sharecroppers, who missed a lot of school in the early years because I had to work, I had every reason not to succeed in life or in education," Dr. Blanson said. "But instead of feeling defeated, I developed a strong thirst for education. "Although going to college was not presented to me as an option when I was in high school, I made it an option for myself because I had very little marketable skills. So, with the help of my family I attended college. I just wanted to have options on deciding what I was going to be in life." He challenged the students at Blanson CTE to take advantage of the opportunities they have before them. "Attending college was my

path, but it may not be yours and that's okay," he said. "College is not for everyone, but you will have that option. You will have training and you will have options. You will have the option of going straight into the workforce with a certificate in hand, which means higher pay. "You have the best of the best here," he continued. "A beautiful building, the best resources and the best staff. This district has made a major investment in you, and in return, all we ask is that you choose to be successful by taking advantage of your options." He also challenged the Blanson staff to make it their goal to give it their all each and every day they walk through the school's front doors. "As educators we should touch the life of every student in a positive way," Dr. Blanson said. "If we don't, we have failed them. We should feel the positive impact that we make in our students' lives and we should be touched by their desire to learn from us and not take them for granted.

So, staff, I ask that you use your senses differently. Ask yourself each day that you walk into this beautiful building, "what can I do today to help my students become successful?" He closed with one more challenge to Blanson students. "Students, I ask you to take advantage of your options and develop the grit and perseverance that you will need to help you get through the tough times." Dr. Goffney delivered closing remarks. "It is truly an honor to be here at the dedication ceremony for Dr. Archie Blanson," Dr. Goffney said. "Dr. Blanson's career with Aldine ISD started 39 years ago and he worked every day to promote a positive image of a model employee and leader. As an HR director he brought quality educators to the district and as a leader in the district he brought with him the classroom knowledge needed to make the right decisions. The hard work and vision of Dr. Blanson will always be remembered by the students, families and staff of Aldine."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BONDING AGAINST ADVERSITY

The joy of passing the exam: The Long Road to Citizenship



Reyna Delgado



Gustavo Hernandez



Teresa Roman

By Milagros Duran / BAA

More than 30 years passed for Gustavo Hernandez as he dreamt of becoming an American citizen. For Teresa Roman it was 19 years and for Reyna Delgado just 6, all of them just took the Citizenship exam and passed. Now they are just one step away from the Oath of Allegiance.

They spent a year studying U.S. history, civic responsibilities and political rights. Hernandez, Roman and Delgado took Citizenship Classes with "Bonding Against Adversity" and achieved their goal: They passed the Immigration exam.

Now, they are just around the corner from becoming American citizens, a dream that at times seemed unreachable.

Gustavo Hernandez (59) is from Jalisco, Mexico. He has 3 children and works as a truck driver. He admits that maybe he could have taken this step earlier, but he says that the language was an important barrier. "Now, because of my age, they let me take the test in Spanish and all the questions they asked were answered correctly," he says proudly.

When he finished answering the questions the immigration officer told him he had already passed

the exam and congratulated him. He was so excited, he told the first person he found in the parking lot, "Hey, I just passed the Citizenship test", he said laughing.

Hernandez expects to receive the letter for the Oath of Allegiance within 2 weeks.

He thanked 'Bonding Against Adversity' for helping him through the whole process: "I thank Bonding for those good classes, without their help I wouldn't have achieved it," he said.

Teresa Roman (50) from San Lucas, Michoacán, Mexico, has been living in the United States for 23 years. She has four sons and has been a permanent resident for 19 years. She works in a fast food restaurant.

She admits that she was a little nervous, but at the same time confident that she had spent enough time studying at Bonding Against Adversity. She says that watching the news, she realized that these are hard times for immigrants in this country, so she decided it was time to become a U.S. Citizen.

Reyna Delgado (48) is from Durango, Mexico, she spent 7 years as a Permanent Resident. She has 3 children and works as a housekeeper.

She said they asked her 8 questions and she answered them all correctly.

"There was an atmosphere of cordiality, so I felt safe during the interview, the immigration officer was very kind. And the officer congratulated me when I finished the exam. I felt very happy, I think I even wanted to jump out of joy. The official told me: 'Reyna, you did a good job.'"

She says Mariana Sanchez, vice-President of BAA, was the first person she told the good news to. Delgado will take the Oath of Allegiance on October 17.

Now Reyna advises legal permanent residents not to be afraid, and to take their Citizenship classes, and enter the process to become Citizens, and that way, have all the rights that come with it.

Bonding Against Adversity (BAA) provides different Educational Programs to the community since 2010. Since BAA was founded it has helped more than 8000 people to become U.S. citizens.

ABOUT BONDING AGAINST ADVERSITY:

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HCC cuts ribbon on health sciences tower in Texas Med Center



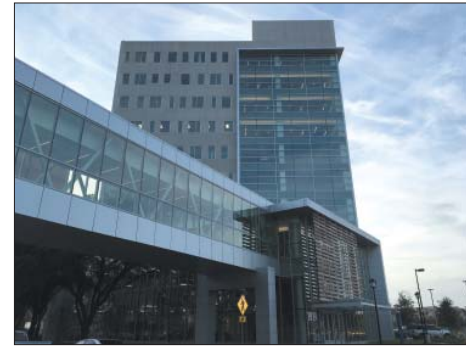
Harris County Representatives Al Green and Sheila Jackson Lee joined State Rep. Garnet Coleman and HCC officials at the Coleman College Health Sciences Tower for a ribbon cutting.

HOUSTON (Oct. 15, 2018) – Joined by prominent medical professionals and elective office holders, Houston Community College officials cut the ribbon Monday, October 15, on the new 10-story HCC Coleman College Health Sciences Tower in the heart of the Texas Medical Center.

The tower includes floors that simulate hospitals and cutting-edge training facilities for more than 20 health-related fields. The \$68 million tower is now the centerpiece of the HCC Health Sciences program, the only community college program of its kind in the medical center.

State Representative Garnet Coleman, the son of the late Dr. John Coleman for whom Coleman College is named, and numerous other members of the Coleman family were on hand for the ribbon cutting. Representative Coleman said that "practicing medicine came first for his father" and through Coleman College his father's legacy continues. The college is the only facility in the medical center to bear the name of an African American.

"This new Coleman Tower is equipped with



New HCC Coleman College Health Sciences Tower.

21st century tools to keep up with the changing technology and needs of the healthcare industry and community," said HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado. "It stands as a monument to HCC's commitment to provide the best health-related education possible to our students."

The state-of-the-art building received a 2018 Landmark Award in the category of Educational Facility from the Houston Business Journal. Entries for the Landmark competition were judged on their impact on Houston, including job creation, innovation, amenities and being environmentally friendly.

"What sets this building

apart is the true hospital experience it affords our students," said Dr. Philip Nicotera, president of HCC Coleman College. "Students will work with the very same equipment they will use in medical facilities once they enter the workplace."

The project, part of a capital improvements bond issue approved by voters in 2013, will take HCC's rigorous health-related programs to an even higher level. "This facility means new opportunities for student success and growth," said Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, chair of the HCC Board of Trustees.

Interim Superintendent,

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"We will work to improve our behavior as adults, treat each other with respect, and embark on the right focus of doing all we can to improve academic achievement for all our students," Trustee Jolanda Jones said.

Dr. Lathan will remain as interim superintendent of HISD while the execu-

tive search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates conducts a national search for a permanent superintendent. Dr. Lathan will have the opportunity to apply for the permanent superintendent position.

"My focus is and will always be the education of our children," Dr. Lathan said. "We have a lot of

work ahead of us, and we need to move forward to provide every single student in HISD with the same opportunities to succeed."

Trustees hold a special meeting on Thursday, October 18, at the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center (4400 W. 18th, Houston 77092).

Woman charged in fatal shooting of a man

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man that occurred at 13350 Northborough at 7:10 p.m. on October 10.

The suspect, Letousha Marshall, 43, is charged with murder. She is accused in the killing of Samuel Earl Edmon, 27, who died at the scene.

Investigators said Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the parking lot of the Canfield Apartments and found Mr. Edmon shot at least one time. Several persons were interviewed at the scene and released.

Further investigation and witness statements identified Marshall as the suspect in this case and she was arrested on Saturday, October 13 without incident.



Marshall

Police investigate fatal crash at U.S. 59 North

Houston police are investigating a fatal hit-and-run crash at 16600 Eastex Freeway (U.S. 59 North) about 10:35 p.m. on Saturday, October 13.

According to HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Rodriguez and Officer J. Hill, a witness stated the victim was driving a van, possibly the wrong way on an Eastex Freeway ramp and then the wrong way on the free-

way's service road. The van went off the roadway and crashed into a wooded area. At that time, it appears the victim exited the van and attempted to run across the northbound main lanes of the freeway. He was struck by a vehicle whose driver fled the scene without stopping to render aid. Two other vehicles then struck the victim.

Paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene. The

two drivers stopped, were determined not to be impaired and released without charges.

The identity of the deceased male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Anyone with information on the wanted driver of the vehicle that initially struck the victim is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4065.

Leadership recognized

The Women Empowering Women Express Network (WEWEN) of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) recently awarded a \$500 scholarship to WEWEN Member Demetra Orion of Odyssey Limousine Services, Incorporated. This scholarship will be used to attend local leadership program, Leadership North Houston.

Leadership North Houston (LNH) was formed in 1995 when several area Chambers of Commerce and the Lone Star College System partnered together to meet the need for a leadership program in the north Houston area. Monthly interactive sessions are held from October through May covering topics such as education, cultural diversity, economic development, health and human services and more. Participants learn more about the key issues facing the community, develop relationships with other influential leaders in the Houston area, make a difference in the future of their community, emerge as a leader rather than a follower, and develop an increased knowledge of leadership styles to better serve their current organizations and communities. The program curriculum also includes a leadership skills enhancement component which is designed to strengthen a participant's foundation as a leader to achieve personal goals and contribute to the success of their organization.

"We are excited about the diverse cohort of pro-



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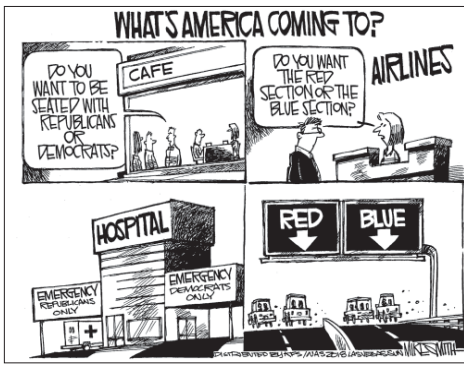
fessional peers selected to participate in LNH Class XXIV," said Kay Fitzsimons, LSC Community Leadership Programs executive director. "They are an outstanding group of established leaders who are ready to make a meaningful contribution to the North Houston region's growth and success."

The selection process allows for 30 participants to be chosen from the emerging and existing leaders who apply for the program. "Our organization was thrilled that Demetra was selected for the program. She has been an important part of our leadership team, serving as Vice President of Programs and on several committees. We look forward to encouraging her throughout the year and learning from her experience in this program," stated Melissa Rotholz, WEWEN President.

About ABWA-Women Empowering Women Express Network

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 69 years to women's education, workplace skills, and career development training. Local ABWA league Women Empowering Women Express Network meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11:30AM-1PM at Wyndham Garden Houston Willowbrook. Join them to expand your network, grow your business skills, reach a new audience, or advance your career. Additional details and monthly luncheon registration (\$30) are available online at wewen.org. Contact communications@wewen.org with any questions.

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Panel hears about what's being done to 'harden' school campuses

AUSTIN — The Texas House Committee on Appropriations met Oct. 9 to hear ideas on improving school safety in the aftermath of the May 18 Santa Fe High School shooting that left eight students and two teachers dead and 13 injured.

"It's an unbelievable reality that shootings in schools are occurring more frequently," said state Rep. John Zerwas, chairman of the powerful, state budget-writing committee. "As a Legislature we must do what we can to ensure our schools are places of learning and not places of fear."

During the four-hour hearing, the committee heard invited testimony from representatives of the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Education Agency, the Office of the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board and others. Santa Fe Independent School District Superintendent Leigh Wall testified that federal and state grant funds are being spent in his district on items such as:

- Architectural redesigns to accommodate metal detector units;
- Panic buttons and automatic locks;
- Mental health services;
- Staff training; and
- Adding security personnel.

Safety grants are awarded

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath on Oct. 8 announced the Texas Education Agency has received two federal grants under the Students, Teachers and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act.

Both grants, worth \$1 million each, will be used to support mental health training for Texas school districts, as well as establish effective campus threat assessment practices across the state.

"Texas remains committed to providing a safe learning environment for every student on every public school campus across our state," Morath said. "By focusing on these two key areas of mental health and preventative measures, we strengthen our state's ongoing com-

mitment to school safety."

Drug deaths in Texas have been increasing and nearly half of them are attributed to opioid overdose, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

On Oct. 9, the DSHS announced the receipt of a \$2.66 million grant to help fund the expansion of the state's public health response to opioids over the next year.

The grant comes from the Atlanta, Georgia-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The funding will help local health departments and health care providers prevent overdose deaths, enhance the available data on opioid use in Texas and expand the prescriber network for medication-assisted treatment.

The funds will improve the state health department's ability to track opioid-related illnesses and other conditions being seen in emergency rooms around Texas. It will also provide researchers and the public with more information on opioid use and its consequences via the DSHS Texas Health Data website, allowing access to more data more quickly down to county and ZIP code levels.

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stedt. "Using data to better understand and respond to the opioid crisis will ensure that resources provide the most benefit for the people of Texas."

Additional funds will be used to train public health personnel at the community level on when and how to properly administer naloxone, a drug that may be administered to prevent someone who has overdosed on an opioid from dying.

Watch for changes in drug coverage. Read any letters from your insurance company outlining changes in your prescription drug coverage. Insurance companies often tweak their formula, or list of covered drugs, each year. That can mean higher out-of-pocket expenses for you.

Compare coverage for your prescriptions under any new Medicare plan you consider.

Be sure your doctors participate in your plan. Double-check to make sure your preferred doctors will still be part of your health plan's network next year. You'll pay more to see non-network providers, and some health insurers won't cover out-of-network providers at all, except in an emergency.

Compare services. Medicare Advantage plans tend to offer additional benefits you can't get with Original Medicare. These can include dental, vision, hearing and even fitness benefits.

Shopping for Medicare plans can seem daunting, but there's a range of services out there to help enrollees navigate them. Read up on your options and don't hesitate to work through a licensed agent to help match you with the best plan for your needs.

DPS bolsters efforts to increase school bus safety

AUSTIN — In conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 22-26), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to comply with laws prohibiting drivers from passing stopped school buses.

DPS Troopers across the state will be riding and/or following school buses to ensure that drivers are obeying school bus laws. "DPS urges all motorists to make the safety of our schoolchildren a top priority year round, and to practice safe driving habits when traveling near school buses, in school zones and wherever children are present," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Drivers who disregard the law needlessly put children in danger, and that type of reckless behavior will not be tolerated by law enforcement."

According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 43,000 school buses transport approximately 1.6 million Texas children every school day.

"A strong public education system starts with assuring our students safely travel to and from school," said Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. "The Texas Education Agency joins with the Texas Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement and staff members at public schools across our state in this shared commitment to keep our students safe during National School Bus Safety Week and throughout the school year."

The moments when a student is entering or exiting the bus can be one of the most dangerous times of a child's trip on the school bus. It is illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal — either flashing red lights or a stop sign — and those who violate the law could

face fines of up to \$1,250. In an effort to increase the safety of student passengers, Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses are picking up or dropping off passengers.

In 2017 and year-to-date in 2018, Texas Highway Patrol Troopers have issued 1,394 citations and 685 warnings for passing a stopped school bus.

According to Texas statute, a driver — traveling in either direction on a roadway — must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

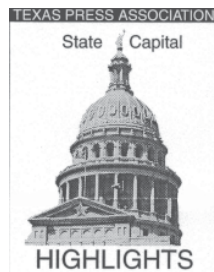
If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.

(As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.)

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safe:

- Be mindful of posted speed limits when driving in school zones and near buses.
- Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops.
- Be aware of student pedestrians and watch for children who may unexpectedly dart into the street without checking for traffic.
- Know and obey the traffic laws regarding school buses in Texas.

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Fraud unit makes arrests

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Oct. 12 announced that four individuals have been indicted on 30 felony counts of voter fraud and arrested following an investigation by his office's Election Fraud Unit.

The defendants, Paxton alleged, were paid to target elderly voters in certain north-side Fort Worth precincts in a scheme to generate a large number of mail ballots and then harvest those ballots for specific candidates in 2016.

"Ballots by mail are intended to make it easier for Texas seniors to vote. The unfortunate downside is their extreme vulnerability to fraud," Paxton said. "My office is committed to ensuring that paid vote harvesters who fraudulently generate mail ballots, stealing votes from seniors, are held accountable for their despicable actions and for the damage they inflict on the electoral process."

Tax revenue will be sent

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Oct. 10 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$736 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of October.

The amount, Hegar said, is 11.4 percent more than his office reported in October 2017. Allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly, he added.

Your Medicare Open Enrollment To-Do List

(NAPSI)—Medicare's annual enrollment period is now underway, and runs from October 15 to December 7, 2018. You may be happy with your current Medicare coverage, but it pays to shop around. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

Don't shy away from shopping. Plan details change each year, so the policy that was best for you in 2018 may not be your best option for 2019. Changes to premiums, deductibles and co-pays can be costly. An analysis of more than 17,000 people using Medicare.com to compare Medicare plans found that just 10 percent were enrolled in the lowest-cost plan for their prescription drug needs. Those who switched to a new drug plan stood to save an average of \$611.

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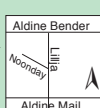
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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Texans get prime time exposure on Thursday Night Football: Aggies have tough assignment against Miss. State on the road

The Texans will host the Miami Dolphins on Thursday Night Football (FOX) to kickoff Week 8 of the NFL season.

Both teams are in the hunt in their respective divisions and in the AFC Wild Card hunt, so the outcome could be of great significance down the road for both teams' playoff chances.

Two weeks ago, the Texans won an ugly game at home against the Bills when defensive back Jonathan Joseph returned an interception for the game-winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter. The Houston offense once again struggled, especially the offensive line (where have we heard that before?) as quarterback DeShaun Watson was sacked seven times and absorbed 12 hits. Not good for a guy who entered the game with a chest injury suffered Oct. 7 against Dallas.

If Bill O'Brien doesn't figure out how to better protect his franchise quarterback, Watson may not make it to the end of the season.

While the Texans survived against a bad Buffalo team, two weeks ago, the Dolphins upset the Bears in Miami behind Brock Osweiler! Yep, the same Brock Osweiler who was run out of Houston two years ago, had a cup of coffee with the Broncos in 2017 and wound up in Miami as Ryan Tannehill's backup.

Brock Osweiler threw for 380 yards and three touchdowns against one of the league's top defenses.

I assume Tannehill will be back for the Texans game, but wouldn't it be a hoot if Osweiler was the man under center on Thursday night?

Other key games this weekend has the Eagles visiting Jacksonville, the Packers visiting the Rams in what should be an offensive shootout and New Orleans returning to the scene of the Minneapolis Miracle when they visit the Vikings on Sunday Night Football.

In NCAA action, Jimbo Fisher's Texas A&M Aggies face a tough road test at Mississippi State, while Florida and Georgia face off in a huge SEC East game for both teams in Jacksonville.

Before we take a look at this week's games, let's review last week's record. A 6-6 week brought the season record to 49-35 (58%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

MacArthur vs. Nimitz – Wayne Crawford's Generals take on Richard Slater's Cougars on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, Crawford picked up his first win as the Generals head coach with a 25-23 decision over Aldine High. Taylor Eaton rushed for a team-high 127 yards and quarterback Eric Delgado threw for 106 yards and two touchdowns. The Cougars won their second straight game two weeks ago with 41-35 win over DeKaney. The Nimitz offense has been roaring recently and looks like the Coogs have found their groove at just the right time. My pick, Nimitz 36, MacArthur 23

Davis vs. Eisenhower – Two weeks ago, James Shower's Falcons dropped a 35-22 decision to Spring, while Eric Jackson's Eagles dropped a 42-14 decision to Westfield. This is an important game for both teams' playoff chances, so expect a tightly contested contest on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. In the loss to Spring, Davis running back Culverson Taylor led the way with 90 yards rushing and a touchdown. In like's loss to Westfield, quarterback Christian Sims threw for 160 yards and two touchdown passes, one going to Deon Allen for 66 yards and the other going to Robert Turner for 32 yards. My pick, Eisenhower 31, Davis 30

Aldine at Westfield – Two weeks ago, Hank Semler's Mustangs lost a tough one to MacArthur, 25-23, while Westfield cruised by Eisenhower 42-14. Aldine running back Jacory Howard had another big night rushing for 231 yards and three touchdowns. Aldine will have its hands full with a Westfield team that is loaded

with talent, led by quarterback Ra'Quon Washington (220 yards passing, 2 TDs against Eisenhower) and wide receiver Malachai Jones (4 receptions, 161 yards, 2 TDs against Eisenhower). My pick, Westfield 36, Aldine 19

NCAA

Texas A&M at Mississippi State – The Aggies hit the road for the second time in three weeks (they were off last weekend) to face a dangerous Mississippi State team. Two weeks ago, the Aggies won a tough one at South Carolina (26-23), so playing away from Kyle Field doesn't seem to be that big of a deal for Fisher's team. Jimbo will once again rely on quarterback Kellen Mond (1,800 yards passing, 10 TDs), tight end Jace Sternberger (29 receptions, 496 yards, 6 TDs) and running back Trayveon Williams (788 yards rushing, 8 TDs) to handle things offensively. The A&M defense must contain MSU QB Nick Fitzgerald (709 yards passing, 4 TDs; 513 yards rushing, 7 TDs) if they hope to pull off another road win. Fisher has exerted his will on this A&M team and they appear to be a tougher team than past Aggie squads. This game will be a real test of that on Saturday. My pick, Texas A&M 26, Mississippi State 20

Texas at Oklahoma State – This could be a trap game for Tom Herman's Longhorns. They travel to Stillwater to take on a struggling Oklahoma State team and if they get caught looking ahead to next week's huge encounter against West Virginia, they could very well leave with a devastating defeat. The health of quarterback Sam Ehlinger (1,534 yards passing, 11 TDs; 230 yards rushing, 6 TDs) could also be a factor for UT. Two weeks ago in Texas' 23-17 win over Baylor, Ehlinger sustained a sprained shoulder to his passing arm. The extra week of rest should have Ehlinger ready for the Cowboys, but if Herman holds him out for the WVU game, former starter Shane Buechele (184 yards passing, 1 TD against Baylor) should be a capable replacement. Whoever is under center will be looking to make plays down field to Lil'Jordan Humphrey (42 receptions, 576 yards, 4 TDs) and Collin Johnson (41 receptions, 563 yards, 5 TDs). Freshman running back Keaontay Ingram (403 yards rushing, 2 TDs) appears to have become the main back and that's a good thing for UT fans. Even though OSU is down this year, they have some dangerous weapons on offense led by quarterback Taylor Cornelius (2,014 yards passing, 16 TDs) and running back Justice Hill (684 yards rushing, 7 TDs). A win over Texas could make OSU's season, but look for Herman to have his troops prepared as they enter the



stretch drive with a key win. My pick, Texas 33, Oklahoma State 26

Florida vs. Georgia – This one is known as the Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party in the world and this year it has major implications in the SEC East race. Both teams were open last week, which gave both programs a chance to rest up for what should be a physical game on Saturday in Jacksonville. Two weeks ago, Florida overcame a 21-3 deficit at Vanderbilt with a big second-half rally for a 37-27 win. The Gators are led by quarterback Feleipe Franks (1,406 yards passing, 15 TDs) and running backs Lamical Perine (376 yards rushing, 3 TDs) and Jordan Scarlett (381 yards rushing, 3 TDs). While Florida rallied for a win two weeks ago, the Bulldogs ran into a buzz saw in Baton Rouge en route to a 36-16 whipping at the hands of LSU. In that game, Georgia's young offensive line was pushed around by the vaunted Tiger defense and that group will face another stern test against a talented Florida front seven. Kirby Smart needs to get his running game going to open up things for quarterback Jake Fromm (1,409 yards passing, 13 TDs). Look for Georgia to give the Gators a steady dose of running backs Elijah Hollyfield (488 yards rushing, 4 TDs) and D'Andre Swift (363 yards rushing, 4 TDs). Once the ground game is established, look for from to make plays down field to wide receivers Mercole Hardman (24 receptions, 358 yards, 4 TDs) and Riley Ridley (25 receptions, 337 yards, 5 TDs). This one will be decided late, but I'm going with the Bulldogs because of their big-game experience over the last two years. My pick, Georgia 27, Florida 23

NFL

Miami at Houston – As mentioned earlier, this is an important game for both teams and their playoff hopes. The Texans won an ugly one two weeks ago at home against the Bills, while the Dolphins used a 15-point fourth quarter to force overtime where they upset the Bears with a field goal. O'Brien must get Watson (1,798 yards passing, 9 TDs) better protection, especially against a pretty good Miami defense. Watson will once again look to make big plays down field to wide receiver

at home, the Panthers suffered a 23-17 loss at Washington. Look for Newton to turn things around this week as he and running back Christian McCaffrey (349 yards rushing, 34 receptions, 238 yards receiving, 1 TD) lead Carolina to an important win on Sunday. My pick, Carolina 26, Baltimore 23

Green Bay at Los Angeles Rams

This should be an offensive fans delight when Aaron Rodgers and Jared Goff and their host of offensive weapons go at it in the LA Coliseum on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks ago, Rodgers (1,997 yards passing, 12 TDs) led the Packers to a 33-30 win over the 49ers by passing for 425 yards and two scores, while the Rams roughed out a 23-20 win at chilly Denver. Rodgers has a plethora of young wide receivers to throw to, but his favorite is Davante Adams (47 receptions, 557 yards, 6 TDs) as evidenced by the 10 times the two hooked up for 132 yards and two touchdowns in the win over the 49ers. Goff (1,928 yards passing, 12 TDs) has just as many weapons to choose from and has perhaps the best running back in the game in Todd Gurley (623 yards rushing, 9 TDs; 2 touchdown receptions) and a trio of capable wide receivers in Robert Woods (36 receptions, 524 yards, 3 TDs), Brandin Cooks (28 receptions, 505 yards, 1 TD) and Cooper Kupp (30 receptions, 438 yards, 5 TDs). Rodgers will keep things close, but the Rams will over power the suspect Green Bay defense to pull out the win at home. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 38, Green Bay 34

New Orleans at Minnesota

The Saints return to the site of one of the worst defeats in team history when they visit the Vikings on Sunday Night Football. Last January in the playoffs, the Saints, and the rest of the country, watched as Case Keenum lofted a pass to Stefon Diggs near the sidelines. The hope was to get the Vikes close enough for a shot at a game-winning field goal. We all know what happened next. Diggs averted a tackle, and sprinted down the sideline for the game-winning touchdown in the Vikings' thrilling 29-24 playoff triumph. You had better believe NO head coach Sean Payton will

remind his troops of what happened last January, which should be all the motivation they need in this game. Saints QB Drew Brees (1,658 yards passing, 11 TDs) is having another spectacular season and he will spread the ball to Alvin Kamara (299 yards rushing, 5 TDs; 38 receptions, 351 yards, 1 TD) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (46 receptions, 519 yards, 3 TDs). The Vikings defense entered the year with big expectations, but teams have been able to score on them this year. Kirk Cousins (1,921 yards passing, 12 TDs) should make plays against a suspect NO secondary, so look for Adam Thielen (58 receptions, 712 yards, 4 TDs) and Diggs (40 receptions, 435 yards, 3 TDs) to make plays down field. I think this one is close, but look for the Minnesota defense to be the difference maker down the stretch. My pick, Minnesota 32, New Orleans 29

New England at Buffalo

This one should be over by halftime as Tom Brady (1,599 yards passing, 13 TDs) gets the New England offense going early and often against a struggling Buffalo team. Brady has a running back to turn to in rookie Sony Michel (400 yards, 4 TDs) and Mr. Reliable in tight end Rob Gronkowski (26 receptions, 405 yards, 1 TD). He also has his favorite receiver back in wide receiver Julian Edelman (11 receptions, 111 yards, 1 TD in 2 games). Being at home might benefit the Bills for the first half, but look for Brady and the Patriots to pull away in the second half as they begin to get on a roll for the rest of the season. My pick, New England 34, Buffalo 17



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Join Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center for a day of authentically outfitted re-enactors, old-fashioned games, interactive experiences, and musical performances Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kick off the fun with a hayride to the park's Red-bud Hill Homestead for popular settler-era games and activities. Don't miss The Story of the Lone Star State by iAct Theater at 1 p.m. and a battle re-enactment of the Texian-Mexican Skirmish at 2 p.m. Live entertainment from the Celtaire String Band, Dulcimer Doin's, Eric and Friends, Laughing Lizards, and North Harris

County Dulcimer Society will take place throughout the day.

Enjoy live demonstrations in woodworking, blacksmithing, gardening, fire starting, and more while sampling fresh cornbread, yaupon tea, jerky, freshly churned butter, and other outdoor fare. Visitors can participate in corn grinding, butter churning, weaving and spinning, and archery, with crafts available for children! Commemorate the experience by donning pioneer-style clothing and artifacts for photos in a covered wagon.

Travel to the Akokisa Village to hear Native American lore and view five historically recreated

structures, including a chickee, sweat lodge, and council lodge. Hand-crafted items, such as leather pouches, bonnets, yarn dolls, flint knapped arrowheads, and necklaces, will be available for purchase at the Peddler Wagon and Settler Store. Concessions will include chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Please note, the concession booth, Peddler Wagon, and Settler Store will accept cash only, with proceeds supporting Jesse Jones Park Volunteers events and activities at Jones Park.

Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center is located at 20634 Kenswick Drive in Humble. 281-446-8588.

Priceless

Dr. Mark Trice

Am I dating myself that I remember learning the song "Deep in the Heart of Texas" in school? Mind you, I'm not saying I remember much of the song beyond "The stars at night are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas," but I do remember learning it. I wonder if they even teach songs like that these days. Regardless, you really don't have to be from Texas to appreciate the majesty of the night sky. Just get out into the country, away from all the city's light pollution, kick back, and look up.

Really, how many things are as impressive as a clear night sky that's absolutely filled with stars? And if you happen to catch a meteor shower? You can't pay for that kind of entertainment! But then, if you dig into NASA's photo files, you quickly realize that what we see

from Earth is only the smallest glimmer of what's out there. God's star collection is... pardon me... astronomically impressive! It is unimaginably massive in not only size, but variety.

Yes, I said God's star collection. That's really what it seems like, after all. He filled the universe with this glorious diversity, and He did it while giving special attention to each and every one of the stars He created. How do I know? Psalm 147:4 tells me so. It says, "He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name." (NKJV) Isaiah 40:26 agrees: "Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing." (NIV)

Impressive, right? Okay, "impressive" is an understatement. But here's the truly impressive thing: This very same God who delights in His

astounding universe also delights in us, in each of us as individuals. He knows OUR names! In Matthew 6:26 Jesus talks about birds, how God takes care of them and will take even better care of us. Then, in Luke 12:6-7, He addresses the birds again, how even the sparrows men consider near worthless are always under God's watchful eye. He also reveals that God knows exactly how many hairs each of us has on our heads at any given moment. Seriously! Read it!

God made us in His image and after His likeness. (Genesis 1:26) He has plans for our lives. (Jeremiah 29:11) He loves us so much He sent His son to die for us. (John 3:16) He makes us new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) He knew us before we were in our mothers' wombs. (Jeremiah 1:5) He calls us His children. (1 John 3:1) I could go on for days, showing you in Scripture how important you are to the Creator of Everything. If you grasp only one truth this week, let it be this: You, truly, are priceless to Him.

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2. From Genesis 3, who made clothes for Adam and Eve out of skins? Adam, Eve, The Lord, Serpent
3. What did Jesus say His followers would never walk in? Fear, Solitude, Darkness, Shame

4. Lamentations 3 speaks of the wormwood and the ...? Damnation, Gall, Fence, Fig
 5. Who had a vision of a lion that had eagle's wings? John the Baptist, Peter, Herod, Daniel
 6. From 2 Samuel 20, who killed Amasa? Joab, Sheba, Abishai, Bichri
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East Aldine New Building,

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Aldine offices in 1800 sf, and a space for Contract Deputies in 2100 sf. There was also another 2500 sf of lease space available. Features were similar to the first scheme, except the outside second floor Deck was much smaller. Total size of this scheme is 20,800 sf. Construction cost is about \$7,500,000.

The third scheme considered by the board, Option F, is a three story building. This design has the same facilities on the first floor as the previous scheme Option C. On the Second Floor, District offices occupy 1800 sf, and there is lease space of 1540 sf. The large outside Deck is similar to the first scheme in size and overlook. This design has a third floor, containing 2130 sf for Contract Deputies, and lease space totaling 1200 sf. The total size for this building is 23,330 sf. Construction Cost would be about \$8,500,000. Because this scheme provides the most opportunity for housing services to the community, and is within the budget set by the board in earlier workshops, the board voted to proceed with this three story scheme.

The three schemes that were considered, were a result of a concerted "programming" session held by

a committee to determine needs and possible uses for the new office building. At a workshop session, the board, staff, architects and landscape planners, and consultants including State Representative Armando Walle and commercial real estate expert Bill Ginder, discussed alternatives and arrived at these three schemes to be further developed by the planners.

Last month the board selected a "Construction Manager at Risk" to oversee the construction and keep the project within budget. After this month's board action, the architect was instructed to proceed. Construction is expected to start in 2019, and be completed in 2020.

RECONSTRUCTION OF MEDIANS

In other board action, an engineering firm Cobb, Fendley was hired to design a solution to the continued damage incurred on medians by large trucks and other equipment. Lead civil engineer Mahmoud Salehi will study at least four intersections that have been damaged, including JFK, Aldine Westfield, and Little York, to design a more durable installation. After that reconstruction of these medians will follow.

Early Voting,

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Nelson.

A number of State Representatives are running unopposed, and therefore will be re-elected. These include Armando Walle in District 140; Senfronia Thompson in 141; and Ana Hernandez in 143.

Harris County voters will decide on keeping incumbent judge Ed Emmett, or vote for Democratic challenger Lina Hidalgo.

Other county offices of interest include District Clerk, with incumbent Chris Danie vs. Marilyn Burgess; County Clerk, with well known incumbent Stan Stanart vs. Diane Trautman; County Treasurer, Orlando Sanchez vs. Dylan Osborne.

A race of local interest in the Aldine area is for county school trustee, where well-known East Aldine District executive Richard Cantu is running against Marc Cowart.

Several County Commissioner seats are to be elected including Precinct 2, where the incumbent Jack Morman faces Democratic challenger Adrian Garcia; and Precinct 4, where incumbent Jack Cagle faces Penny Shaw.

In races for Justice of the Peace, of local interest is Precinct 3, Place 2 Lucia Bates is running unopposed. This district includes North Forest and a part of the Aldine area.

Voters in the Lone Star College area will be asked to decide between Michael Stoma or George Edwards, Jr. in District 1; Ernestine Pierce or Matthew Wheeler in District 2; and Mike Sullivan or G. Puente in District 8.

For voters who reside in the City of Houston, two propositions will be on the ballot, both concerning the finances of the city, and both controversial and considered important.

Proposition A known as ReBuild Houston calls for voters to approve the City's existing street and drainage program, and secure the revenue so other departments cannot use it.

Proposition B asks voters whether they are in favor of Firemen receiving the same pay as police officers.

Mayor Turner has indicated that he is in favor of Proposition A, and against Proposition B, which he says

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