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#### New Signs in North Houston



District branded street signs? Installation of nearly 500 signs is in progress throughout the District and is expected to be completed by the end of this fall!

student for Instagram threats

Aldine ISD Police arrest

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#### Last Day to **Register to** Vote Oct. 9

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

#### Greens Bayou Gala

Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Hilton Houston North, 12400 Greenspoint, 77060. Registration 6 pm. Gala 7 pm. greensbayou.org

#### AISD Transition Expo set for Oct. 17

The Aldine Transition Expo 2018 will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 5-7:45 pm at the M.O. . Campbell Educational Center (located at 1865 Aldine Bender Rd). The Transition Expo will allow students with disabilities and their

families to explore options for planning a good life beyond high school. The event will feature

agencies and organizations that serve students with disabilities, including Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, Texas Workforce Commission Office of Vocation and Rehabilitative Services. Social Security Administration, Lone Star College, Easter Seals, METRO, and Texas Parent to Parent, Representatives from day activity centers and group homes will also be available to discuss options to meet family's needs.

### National Night Out celebrated in many local Communities

Tuesday night, Oct. 2 many communities in the area stepped outside to meet and greet their neighbors, as part of the National Night Out program.

The event is meant to promote public safety, and community involvement. In this area, events were held in the East Aldine District at the new Baker-Ripley campus, in the Airline District at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and in the North Houston District at Wussow Park. In East Aldine, several

hundred residents came out for a night of dancing, eating, games, viewing exhibits including the new BakerRipley campus, and music and fun as well as just meeting their neigh-

bors The event was sponsored by the East Aldine District, BakerRipley, the Harris County Sheriff's of-

More NNO on page 8

Aldine Fire & Rescue #31.

Universal Technical In-

stitute (UTI) Houston and

Aldine Fire Station #31 re-

cently partnered on a



Enjoying the NNO were HCSO deputies, East Aldine board members, Lone Star NH president Napoles and daughter, Representative Armando Walle, and the Chick-fil-a mascot. Hundreds of others from the neighborhood enjoyed the evening, too.



Costumed Dancers from



MacArthur 9th grade.

# astlewood

Civic Clubs each had a



display and greeters

### "I want to commend our district's police officers for their quick action and for bringing this situation to a **Baker Ripley offers**

HOUSTON, TX, Sepswift conclusion " said Altember 26, 2018 — Aldine ISD Police arrested an Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonva M. Goffney. dine Middle School student "Aldine ISD will not tolerate any threats made against any Aldine ISD for posting threats on so-cial media against a campus administrator on school or individual. We Wednesday, September 25, 2018. The Harris County will work with law enforcement officers and the Har-ris County District District Attorney's Office has filed a charge of felony Attorney's Office to prose terroristic threat against cute offenders to the fullest extent of the law." Late Tuesday, Septem-ber 24, Aldine ISD Police

"Parents, I implore you to talk to your children and remind them that their actions can have serious consequences," Dr. Goffney said. "Aldine ISD will continue to make the safety and security of our students and staff our top priority.'

Recently, the Houston FBI office held a press conference addressing threats and hoax threats. They provided the following information of the consequences individuals face when they make threats on

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### **Aldine Fire Department gets** classes and services high water vehicle makeover

the student.

received information that

an individual was using In-

stagram to issue threats towards an administrator

at Aldine Middle School.

During their investigation

student's cell phone.

BakerRipley's new campus at the East Aldine Town Center offers a variety of opportunities for families and individuals.

The campus is a place of welcome, engagement and collaboration, where neighbors can enjoy a variety of programs, resourc-

es and services. Individuals of all ages, from youth to seniors, will have access to tools and equipment for digital fab-rication in the FabLab Houston.

Entrepreneurs will learn how to start or expand their business, adults will find continuing educa-tion opportunities, and youth will be able to develop their leadership skills.

With the entrepreneur-ial spirit of East Aldine, as evidenced in the BakerRi-pley workshops over the last year the center will be a place for neighbors to learn, make, and sell.

Families and individuals who want to participate in these opportunities will join with a yearly membership fee. For families, in-

cluding 2 adults and all children in the household aged 17 and under, the yearly fee is \$150. Individual memberships for Seniors aged 65+ the fee is \$35. For Youth aged 14-18, the fee is \$35.

The members will have access to free classes, in ESL to learn English, fitness programs for youth and adults, courses to grow or launch a business, use of fabrication tools in the FabLab, preparation for the GED test, and much more.

Other services offered include free, quality tax preparation, immigration and citizenship services, after-school programs, health fairs, recreational and fun community events, and discounted rates for room rentals of the facilities, for private events, parties and club and social gatherings.

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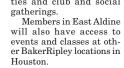
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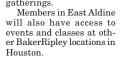


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#### SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Zumba

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

#### 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.

#### Citizenship Workshops

•LONE STAR COLLEGE GREENSPOINT CENTER THURSDAY OCTOBER 18, 2018 REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4:00 PM, 250 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, HOUSTON, TX 77060. (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED (281-799-9076) • ST LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH SATURDAY OCTOBER 27, 2018 REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM 2131 LAUDER RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039 PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM 19222 TOMBALL PARKWAY HOUSTON, TX 77070 •TRINITY LUTHERAN SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2018. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM 5201 SPRING CYPRESS RD SPRING 77379 ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17,2018, REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM 901 ROSELANE ST, HOUSTON TX 77039 • SAINT BARTHOLOMEW of any concerns with spe-cific individuals. THE APOSTLE DECEMBER 1ST. 2018, REGISTRATION STARTS hoax threats, but there is AT 8:00 AM 5356 11TH STREET, KATY TX 77493 Registration starts at 8 a.m. for all workshops Questions? call Bonding Against Adveristy at 281-799-9076 or 713-471-5832.

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Keep East Aldine

### AISD Board members, administrators attend annual TASA/TASB Convention Pre-K Pilot Program for



Members of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees joined AISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and members of her leadership team at the annual TASA (Texas Association of School Administrators)/TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) Convention, held Sept. 28-30 at the Austin Convention Center. Pictured are (I-r): Abel Garza, assistant superintendent of community and governmental relations, Board Member Dr. Kimberley Booker, Board President Steve Mead, Dr. Goffney, Board Member Dr. Viola M. Garcia, Board Assistant Secretary Connie Esparza, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Selina Chapa, Assistant Superintendent of Finance Dr. Tamika Alford-Stephens and Board Vice-President Paul Shanklin. The convention is held annually to help school board members across Texas improve governance and leadership skills, and provides a wonderful opportunity for board members and school administrators to network with their peers from across the state.

### School Threat,

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social media. That infor-mation includes: hind the threat, and law enforcement must investi-gate the origin of the • Making hoax threats directed at schools is a sethreat to determine the credibility. rious criminal action that has potentially dangerous Hoax threat investigation consequences. Hoax threats are not a joke. They tions are expensive and cost taxpayers a lot of mon-ey. Although there are no have ramifications for both first responders and those

national statistics on how who issue the threats. • Hoax threats are danmany of these threats are made annually, the FBI estimates there are thougerous to first responders and to the victims because sands. it is not always immediately clear whether it is a • Hoax threats are tak-

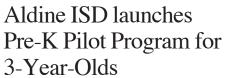
en seriously by law en-forcement and prosecutors, hoax and the motivation behind posting the threat. as seen by the two arrests • It is imperative that the community remain enmade this week within the Aldine school district. gaged in identifying and informing law enforcement

• Public assistance is crucial to our efforts to curb these hoax threats. We ask that the public con-• There are a multitude tinue to contact law enof reasons people make forcement to report any potential threats or suspicious activity. If there is any reason to believe the always a possibility that

safety of others is at risk, we ask that the public im-mediately reach out to their local police depart-ment by calling 911.

• Students are remind-ed that if they see or hear of a threat, they should re-port it to law enforcement immediately. Notify au-thorities but don't share or forward the threat until law enforcement has had a chance to investigate-this can spread misinformation

and cause panic. "Again, I want to reiterate that Aldine ISD takes these types of matters very seriously and will not tol-erate this type of behavior," Dr. Goffnev said. "I also want to thank the other local law enforcement agencies who assist in cases like this."



The District is currently accepting applications for eligible students to enroll at three pilot campuses. Space is limited for this pilot program, so sign up today

Aldine educators say that three-year-olds can handle school. They aren't the only ones lauding the benefits of prekindergar-ten. Studies show that early intervention is critical to children's success.

The District's current prekindergarten program currently serves eligible four-year-old students. That may change in the future. Aldine ISD is starting to look at offering prekindergarten (PreK or PK) to children who are three (3) years old.

Currently, the District is accepting applications to enroll eligible three-yearold students into a pilot program. As space is limited, seats will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.

The pilot program kickoff or "first day of school" for the youngsters is October 15 It's starting small.

The pilot program, dubbed 3-PK, for younger students is starting at three schools. The initial application period has already started at one campus

To be eligible, students would need to meet the cri-teria for the District's prekindergarten programs, which are available for students who come from an economically disadvantaged household, have limited English proficiency, are homeless, have a parent in the military or are in foster care

Additionally, children must be three (3) years old on or before September 1 of the current school year. They must live in Aldine ISD - no waivers will be allowed. The three-yearolds must also be potty trained. The District will not provide bus transportation. Parents will be responsible for getting their children to and from school

What to Expect

Getting kids in at the age of three gives them a good foundation of learning before they get to third grade. That is when they're really starting to use that academic language. Research shows that kids from homes that don't speak English or are low income need that extra leg up. It prepares them to be on the same level as their classmates once they enter kindergarten.

The 3-PK curriculum will include hands-on activities as well as interactive play, literacy math skills. This sets the stage for strong learning as students move through the upper grade levels. The program will focus on developing the whole child (e.g. cognitive, social, emotional, personal aspects). It will also acclimate students to rules and routines of a classroom. There are still many questions District leaders are addressing about the pilot plan. However, they are already organizing staff and training.

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"We're going to be talking to families," said Dr. Sara Ptomey, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. "We want to make sure they have the services they need to make this a successful year.'

The pilot program will vary at each of the campuses taking part. For example at Keeble EC/PK/K School, students will be in a mixed classroom. This means their peers will include four-year-olds currently in a Montessori classroom. One will be a bilingual class, while another will be an all-English classroom.

The programs at Griggs and Stovall EC/PK/K Schools will offer two all-English classrooms and two Spanish classrooms. They will not include older students. Teachers would only work with three-year-olds. Classes for three-year-

olds will run Monday through Friday. Students will receive two free meals breakfast and lunch. However, schools still need to collect income data.

Assistant Superintendents Pat Leon-Wade, Dr. Janet Ray and Dr. Chris-tina Gómez, who oversee the EC/PK campuses, all stated that there is interest in the community to offer a program three-year-olds. District leaders will monitor interest from families, student progress and the financial viability. These factors will help determine if AISD will expand its PK program, which now serves nearly 4,000 4-year-olds.

Campuses With Pilot PreK Program for 3-Year-Olds

Contact the schools if you would like to enroll your eligible child. Each school will set up its own enrollment window. If you have any questions, please call the schools.

•Keeble EC/Pre-K-K - $(281)\ 878\text{-}6860$ 

•Griggs EC/Pre-K-K -(281) 985-3760

•Stovall EC/Pre-K-K -(281) 591-8500

Note: The District is looking into offering the pilot program at a campus on the east side of the District.

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney hopes the pilot is successful with parents. She is a strong supporter of prekindergarten for three-year-old children.

"We know we have youngsters who start off with a disadvantage," said Goffney. "We know they



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to ensure that we are giving them a leg up on their development. We want to ensure we are helping them develop the skills early on. We want to have them reading at third-grade level before they enter third grade. We want them to be successful in school and develop the skills critical to their future success. I hope that families take advantage of this opportunity."

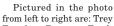
Apply today to enroll your eligible 3-year-old child!



#### COMMUNITY NEWS

### Aldine's Jacorey Howard awarded **Built Ford Tough Texas High School** Football Player of the Week Trophy

On Thursday, September 27, 2018 during a Thursday night game at Aldine High School, Trey Traylor of Doggett Ford awarded Jacorey Howard the "Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week" trophy. Jacorey was recognized for his achievements on and off the field during Week 3 of the regular high school football season.



Traylor, Doggett Ford; Georgiana Tryals, mother of Jacorey Howard; Jacorey Howard, Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week for the Private Class for Week 3; (Photo courtesy of Doggett Ford)

### HCDE recognizes cybersecurity safety month with 4 student data safety tips

Oct. 1, 2018 - October is designated as Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Harris County Department of Education Digital Education Director David McGeary provides four tips to help keep students and their data safe when working online.

1. Be aware of who has access to your devices or who may be able to see your screen when you are online.

There is a saying amongst hackers: "If I can get physical access to your device, then I can own it." Whether you're watching a video on YouTube or logging in to a laptop while waiting for the bus, try to stay aware of the access that others may have to your devices or the content on your screens

2. Treat your data like you would treat your most

prized possession. You would never leave your phone or gaming system out on your porch overnight, so don't do the same with your personal data. Before you use a new online service (whether at home or at school), be sure to read the "terms of service" or the "privacy policies," and share them with your parents. This information can usually be found at the bottom of a site's main page (or the set-

tings of a phone app) and spells out what data is being used by the app and how it is handled.

3. Use strong and unique passwords for all the services that you use. Where possible, have more than one way to authenticate your accounts. We've all done it. We

create a simple, easy-to-remember password for Ins-

tagram or Gmail. Then we use that password for a lot of different things. Before too long, we're using the same password to access Steam library as we do to access our grades. The best policy for passwords: Make them random Include numbers, letters and special characters. Use a unique password for every major account you have. 4. If you see something,

ay something. Students: If a person or

online app is suspicious, it never hurts to report your suspicion to parents or another trusted adult. If you receive a message from a stranger on social media, don't respond. Show the message to your parents or a teacher. If you can't find someone right away, screenshot the message. Don't ever give away access to your personal information or personal photos

### Meet Sergeant Sarah Malkowsky

Sergeant Malkowsky is a new face around the North Houston District. Since June, she leads the proactive Harris County Sheriff's Office Task Force created specifically for the North Houston District.

The task force was created to proactive ly improve safety in the community and combat criminal activity.

"My role as supervisor is to ensure that the proper resources are available to accomplish our goals, and to communicate with the community about the best ways we can serve them," says Malkowsky, who served as the first female on her SWAT team.

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In her 13 years of expethe more resources you can pull together, the easier it Sergeant rience, Malkowsky has worked as is to accomplish the misa sergeant over another sion. Q: What's a day on the proactive patrol unit in job with Sgt. Malkowsky Harris County, and in a variety of experiences beyond like? patrol deputy, from gang A. Checking in on the investigations to internal team, updating payroll, approving reports, review

affairs Here's what she shared ing surveillance videos and with us. responding to emails. Q: So what falls under

your responsibilities as the Task Force Sergeant? A. I mainly focus on

meeting with community representatives, businesses and apartment complexes to ensure the task force can and is meeting their needs, and ways we can support each other's goals.

I also network with agencies and internal units and divisions within the Sheriff's Office to provide assistance for any and all investigations involving criminal activity. I have

A. I am a gym rat (laughs). I care a lot about learned over the years that



Sergeant Sarah Malkowsky

my ability to perform my duties. Being the healthiest I can be always motivates me.

Currently, I'm in my second year of grad school to obtain a Master's Degree of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management, so that takes up a lot of my extra time right now.

Q: Anything you'd like to add?

A. I love my job! And I love working so closely with the community. I encourage everyone to be more involved in our North Houston District community

Q: Favorite places to eat I am excited about being on the promotion list for A. Jimmy John's on lieutenant and look for-Greenspoint Drive! The ward to meeting more of #12 Beach Club on wheat you!

Learn more about Sergeant Malkowsky in our upcoming issue of Quadrants later this fall.



I try to accomplish those

duties first and as effi-

ciently possible so I can hit

the streets with the team.

Not as a supervisor, but as

a teammate. We all learn

more from each other

when we work as a whole

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Q: Hobbies?

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in the area?

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Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Special Victims Division need the public's assistance locating Fugi-tive Lee Smith III who is wanted for Sexual Assault of a Child and Indecency with a Child.

Lee Smith III may also





### **Former Francis, Johnson** students, staff invited to walk through campuses one last time!

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 thei chance to walk-through the halls of their elementary school on Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 4-5 p.m.

e Justin Le alias name.

On Tuesday, August 1, 2017, Lee Smith III sexually assaulted a 15-year old victim, and also sexually molested a 6-year old victim in the 13100 block of Northborough Drive in Houston, Texas

Lee Smith III is a black male, 29 years of age (though he at times poses as an older male), approximately 6'06", 210 lbs., with brown eves and short black hair. His head is misshapen, with the skin on the top of his head pushed together, making inden-tions which can give the illusion of braids. He has been known to dress as a doctor and pose as a pediatrician.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for informa-tion leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.



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.

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#### **OPINION** PAGE

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### What to know when selecting a Medicare Plan loans: Teaching kids

(StatePoint) For the millions of Americans aged 65 and older, Medicare is a critical source of health care. And during the Medicare Annual Election Period between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7, those eligible can select or make changes to their plans for 2019. Experts say that this selection is vitally important and should be done with care.

"It's a good idea to go shopping for potential plans and consider each element of them," says Brian Evanko, who leads Cigna's government programs, including Cigna-HealthSpring, which is a supplier of Medicare Advantage products. "Your goal should be to choose a plan that strikes the right balance between the benefits you'll need and what you can afford."

To help you choose a plan and get the most from it, consider these tips from the experts at Cigna-HealthSpring:

• Determine your priorities. Plans can vary widely, and certain plans go beyond the basics to include such benefits as transportation assistance to doctor appointments, fitness classes, discounts on home delivery of covered prescription medications and even nutritious meals after a hospital discharge. "Special needs plans" are available to those with qualifying conditions, such as having certain chronic illnesses or being eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Taking the time to identify your priorities and health care needs will help you evaluate your plan

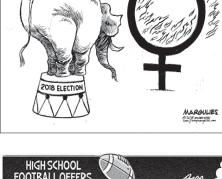


• Leverage preventive care opportunities. Preventive care saves lives and helps you delay or avoid the onset of disease. So, schedule your annual check-up and keep your appointment. Get to know your doctor and ask about any screenings you need for your age and background. For more information about preventive care, visit cigna.com/takecontrol

• Get active. Incorporate exercise into your routine; it's essential to healthy aging. While original Medicare doesn't cover gym memberships or fitness programs, a number of Medicare Advantage plans offer such benefits as part of their coverage at no extra cost.

• Use free resources. To compare plans, use free resources like the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Plan Finder where plans are rated from one to five stars. Many insurance plans offer no-cost, noobligation seminars explaining plan details. You can also check health plans' websites or call their customer service team for more information.

This Annual Election Period, consider your personal health circum-stances and budget needs carefully. The right plan will help you maximize your physical and financial wellbeing, ensuring you have affordable access to the benefits you need all year long.





### From chores to student money basics

(StatePoint) For kids, October is a big month be-cause it includes the one night where costumes are encouraged and begging for candy is expected. But it's also National Finan-cial Awareness Month, and amazingly, many teenagers will graduate high school this year with little knowledge about how finances work, flying blind into a hurricane sized storm of potential debt, bad loans, bankruptcy, and no savings or retirement.

As a parent, you can head this off. To help, the makers of BusyKid, an app that tracks kids chores and allowance, are offering families tips and financial basics for get-ting started.

Chores. Introduce chores early and treat them as if it's your child's first job. By changing the mindset around chores. kids can develop a good work ethic that can carry over to a real job.
Modern Money. It's estimated that less than

10 percent of the world's currency is actually pa-per or coins. This means your child needs to know how to manage invisible money, including paying bills and tracking credit and debit card spending.

• Savings. Thirty-nine percent of Americans admit to having no money in a savings account. Teach children to save a portion of money they receive from birthdays, hol-idays, babysitting, mowing grass, etc. A good rule of thumb for kids: 50 percent savings, 40 per-

provide a tax benefit when your child is old enough to be filing.
Investing. If your child ever wants to retire,

he or she will need to invest money along the way, and practice makes perfect. Luckily, there are resources available to teach them how, including some fantasy investing games, as well as apps like BusyKid, which provides a place to buy real shares of stock for as little as \$10.

 Compound Interest. Compound interest is when a bank pays interest on both the principal (the original amount of money) and the interest an account has already earned. As an example, if you put \$1000 in the bank with compound interest of 10 percent, in 20 years you'll have more than \$7,000. Without compound interest, it would be \$3,000. Let your money make money!

• Credit Cards. This is not free money! Have one card for emergencies or travel, but make sure the annual percentage rate is low and is paid off monthlv. Your kids will be flooded with offers as soon as they're old enough, so teach them to say no, even when promised gifts

for signing up. • Student Loans. The U.S. student loan debt is currently \$1.45 trillion (an average of \$37,000 per student) and nearly 7 million loans are in default. Follow this simple rule -- don't borrow more than your child will earn in his or her first year out

#### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS **By Ed Sterling**

Abbott, Valdez present views on Texas in one hour forum

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and Lupe Valdez on Sept. 28 appeared together on television for 60 minutes in the only scheduled gubernatorial debate, a forum hosted by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum on the University

TEXAS of Texas campus.

A Republi-can and former Texas attorney general, Abbott is seeking a second fouryear term as the state's chief executive His challenger,

Guadalupe "Lupe" Valdez, a San Antonio-born Democrat, held elected office as Dallas County sheriff from 2005 to 2017 and previously served as a senior agent and investigator for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, earlier as an agent for other federal agencies, and as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Abbott and Valdez voiced their positions on topics including education, property taxes, health care, immigration, border security, gun control, school campus security and disaster management related to Hurricane Harvey. Abbott touted his record on each topic and asked voters to stay the course and support him. Valdez said she would use the state's \$12 billion "rainy day fund" to speed up assistance to hurricane-stricken Texans. Valdez also said she would fund public education and health care programs at a much higher level, rather than devote state dollars to militarizing the Texas-Mexico border. Also, she said that as governor she would sign a "red flag law" to help keep fire-arms out of the hands of ill-intentioned individuals

Both candidates said they would support legislation that increases access to medical mari-juana and decreases the criminal penalty for possession of small amounts of marijuana for non-medical use Robert Hadlock of KXAN, the Austin NBC-TV affiliate, moderated the forum in which the candidates answered questions from a panel of four journalists from Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio broadcast stations

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tered to vote ahead of the Oct. 9 voter registration deadline. It was Pablos' final call

to action to voters, community leaders and elected officials to encourage fellow Texans to register and prepare to vote in the

upcoming Nov. 6 State Capital election. He suggested that Texans check their registration status on the Texas

Secretary of State's "Am I Regis-tered?" web page, and that those

who have moved to a new address within the same county or have changed their name can update their information online.

HIGHLIGHTS

Early voting will begin on Oct. 22 and end on Nov. 2. Voters with questions about how to cast a ballot in upcoming elections can call 1-800-252-VOTE.

### Abbott announces grant

Gov. Abbott on Sept. 24 announced a \$2 millior grant to the Austin Community College District in partnership with The University of Texas and the U.S. Army

The funds, Abbott said, are for the build-out of communication facilities supporting the new U.S. Army Futures Command in Austin.

The \$2 million comes through the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance grant program administered by the Texas Military Prepared-ness Commission, a part of the governor's office that advises Abbott and the Texas Legislature on defense and military issues.

Abbott noted that he announced more than \$50 million in grant awards to military installations across Texas over the last two state budget cycles

### Jobs increase in August

The Texas economy added 32,000 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs during the month of August, the Texas Workforce Commission announced in September.

Private-sector employ-ers added 32,800 positions in August and Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 3.9 percent, down slightly from 4.0 in July.

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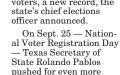
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#### **SPORTS** ENTERTAINMENT &

### Georgia, LSU game winner gets huge CFP boost: Texans need to make hay against hapless Bills

All eyes will be on Baton Rogue on Saturday afternoon when No. 2-ranked Georgia takes on No. 5-ranked LSU in Death Valley.

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The winner will be able to pad its resume for the College Football Playoff (CFP) committee, while the loser will need to run the table if it hopes to be one of four teams selected for the playoffs

This game will pit Georgia's high-powered offense against LSU stingy defense and playing at home before the rapid LSU faithful will be big for the Tigers and head coach Ed Ogeron. But Georgia and head coach Kirby Smart won't let the raucous and juiced up crowd (too bad this one won't be played at night where Tiger fans will have had a full day to "get ready" for the big game) get to them. The Bulldogs have played in a number of big games over the last two years and this is just one more big one on their schedule. While the Georgia-LSU game

takes center stage in the college game, the big game in the NFL this week comes on Sunday night when Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs visit Tom Brady and the New England Patriots on Sunday Night Football That game pits the new big thing in quarterbacking in Mahomes against the gold standard for QBs in Brady.

The Texans host Buffalo in a teams are built around stout game Bill O'Brien's team can't games. The Badgers have one take lightly considering their poor start to the 2018 season. The in sophomore Jonathon Taylor Texans have little room for error from here on out if they hope to game-manager quarterback in Alex Hornibrook (800 yards contend for a playoff spot. Up in Arlington, the Cowboys have a passing, 6 TDs). Hornibrook huge challenge when they face Jacksonville, which will bring one and he will have his hands full of the best defenses in the league to AT&T Stadium

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-5 week brought the season record to 34-26 (57%). Now, onto this week's schedule

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Davis vs. Spring - James Showers Falcons take on the Spring Lions in Thorne Stadium on Thursday night. Two weeks ago, the Falcons' offense erupted for 42 first-half points en route to a 48-14 win over Nimitz. Spring fell to Westfield, 41-17 to fall to 1-3 on the season. Look for the Davis offense to roll once again as they get past the Lions. My pick, Davis 33, Spring 17

MacArthur vs. Aldine These two long-time rivals meet on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, Wayne Crawford's Generals dropped a 35-14 decision to DeKaney. Joshua Eaton returned an interception 85 yards for a touchdown and running back Romelle Marks gained 68 vards. Hank Semler's Mustangs dropped a 42-20 decision to Fisenhower. Running back Jacory Howard led the way with 79 yards rushing and one touchdown. Look for Howard to be the difference maker for the Mustangs on Friday night, My pick, Aldine 24, MacArthur 22 Fisenhower at Westfield -

Eric Jackson's Eagles take on Friday night in George Stadium in Spring. Two weeks ago, the Eagles downed Aldine 42-20 as Jonathan Thymes rushed for 98 yards and one touchdown and wide receivers Joshua Palmer and Anthony Isom each caught a touchdown pass. The Eagles face a stern test against a Westfield team that finished 11-1 a year ago and returns four offensive and two defensive starters. My pick, Westfield 26, Eisenhower 23 Nimitz vs. DeKaney -Richard Slater's Cougars dropped a 48-14 decision to Eisenhower two weeks ago and host DeKanev on Saturday evening in Thorne Stadium Nimitz will be led by guarterback Timberland Sanders, who rushed for a 113 yards and one touchdown and threw for another score in the Eisenhower game. My pick, Nimitz 23, DeKaney 20



lost two of their first four games.

Hardman (18 receptions, 290 yards, 4 TDs) Jeremiah Holloman (8 receptions, 208 ards, 2 TDs) and Riley Ridley and T.J. Vasher (16 receptions, (17 receptions, 205 yards, 3 273 yards, 3 TDs). Tech will be TDs). The 'Dawgs can also do it facing a guick and fast defense on the ground with speedy backs D'Andre Swift (240 yards rushing, 4 TDs) and Elijah ground and through the air. The Holyfield (368 yards rushing, 2 TDS). Holyfield is the son of former heavy weight boxing (1,027 yards passing, 7 TDs; 188 champion Evander Holvfield Georgia's depth at running back could be a key factor in this yards rushing, 2 TDs) and wide game as Smart will be able to attack the LSU defense with fresh backs with hopes of wearing the Tigers down. That will be easier said than done. Look for TCU's speed on offense This is one of the best defenses and defense to be the difference LSU has put on the field in years naker in this one as once again and that's saying something Tech stumbles in Fort Worth. My about a program that produces top-notch NFL talent year-in-Wisconsin at Michigan - If and-year-out. The LSU offense should be able to move the ball conservative offenses, then this against a young and inexperigame is right up your alley. Both enced Georgia defense. Quarterback Joe Burrow (1,023 yards passing, 6 TDs) has done a nice job with the offense and of the nation's top running backs he has some weapons in running back Nick Brossette (481 yards (628 yards rushing, 5 TDs) and a rushing, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (18 receptions, 294 yards, 2 TDs) Georgia knows it will have its won't take many chances deep hands full with the LSU defense, but Fromme has big-game against a Michigan defense that is loaded with talent. The experience and look for that to be the difference maker as the Bulldoos pick up a big win in Baton Rogue on Saturday afternoon which will keep their running back Karan Higdon (479 national title hopes alive. My yards rushing, 5 TDs). Michigan pick, Georgia 24, LSU 21 is tough at home. Expect a low-

#### NFL

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key game in the AFC North,

late stand to pull out the victory. My pick, Michigan 23, Wisconsin

especially for the reeling Georgia at LSU - As stated Steelers, pits two heated rivals earlier, this is a huge game for on Sunday. To say these two both teams, not only in their teams don't like one another respective divisions in the SEC. would be an understatement but also for their post-season Over the last few years, this hopes. The Georgia offense is rivalry has been like a street fight one of the most balanced units in than a football game with both the country led by quarterback sides exchanging cheap shots and questionable hits. Pittsburgh Jake Fromme (924 yards passing, 9 TDs) and a host of needs to focus on football and receiving targets led by Mecole saving their season after they

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Two weeks ago, the Steelers lost at home 26-14 to the Ravens and were shut out in the second half. Quarterback Ben Rothlisberger (1,414 yards passing, 8 TDs) needs to get the vertical passing game going and he has the weapons in JuJu Smith-Schuster (31 receptions, 416 yards, 1 TD) and Antonio Browr (29 receptions, 272 yards, 3 TDs). Big Ben won't have running back Le'Von Bell once again. Rumor has it Bell will return to the team after their Week 7 bye date, which means he returns for the Oct. 28 home game against Cleveland. While the Steelers have gotten off to a rough start, the Bengals have been one of the surprise teams in the league. Cinci won three of its first four and two weeks ago rallied for a 37-36 win at Atlanta Quarterback Andy Dalton (1,197 yards passing, 11 TDs) is having a great start to the season and he's has capable receivers in A.J. Green (20 receptions 210 yards, 5 TDs) and Tyler Boyd (26 receptions. 349 vards, 2 TDs). Look for Dalton to attack a suspect Pittsburgh secondary and make plays downfield. If the Steelers don't solve their defensive problems, they can kiss their playoff hopes goodbye. My pick, Cincinnati 31, Pittsburgh 27 Buffalo at Houston - The Texans may have saved their season two weeks ago with their 37-34 overtime victory at Indianapolis. O'Brien finally allowed guarterback DeShaun

. Watson (1,246 yards passing, 7 TDs) to make plays with his feet and arm and as a result the second-year QB passed for a season-high 375 yards, tossed Pittsburgh at Cincinnati – A two touchdown passes and ran for another. Look for Watson to put up big numbers again this week as wide receivers DeAndre Hopkins (30 receptions, 443 yards, 2 TDs), Will Fuller (17 receptions, 263 yards, 3 TDs) and Keke Coutee (11 reception 109 yards) will have a field day against the beleaguered Bills defense. My pick, Houston 33, Buffalo 13

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Los Angeles Rams at Denver - Two weeks ago, the Denver defense had to go up against Mahomes and the high scoring Kansas City offense, this week, things don't get any easier when the high-flying Los Angeles Rams come calling to the Mile High City. Two weeks ago in front of a national TV audience. LA quarterback Jared Goff (1,406 passing yards, 11 TDs) put on quite show, throwing for 465 yards and five touchdowns in the Rams' 38-31 win over Minnesota. The Rams have weapons galore on offense with Goff heading up the passing game and Todd Gurlev (338 yards rushing, 6 total TDs) handling the running duties and a stable of talented wide receivers led by Brandin Cooks (26 receptions, 452 yards, 1 TD) and Cooper Kupp (24 receptions 340 yards, 4 TDs). The Broncos have a decent defense and did hold Mahomes to just one touchdown pass, but the Rams might have the most diversified offense in the NFL. If the Broncos hope to pull off the upset, they will need to have success running the football Rookie running backs Philip Lindsay (267 yards rushing, 1 TD) and Royce Freeman will be called on to control the clock and keep Goff and Co. off of the field. When Denver guarterback Case Keenum (988 yards passing, 3 TDs) has chances to score, he must take advantage of those opportunities. If Denver gets into the Red Zone and settles for field goals, it's going to be a long day in Denver. My pick, Los Angeles 31, Denver 23 Jacksonville at Dallas - The Cowboys host the Jags on

Sunday and had better hope the offense plays as well as it did two weeks ago in the team's 26-24 last-second win over Detroit. In that game, the Dallas coaching staff finally got running back Ezekiel Elliott untracked as he rushed for 152 yards and gained another 88 on receptions He also scored on a screen pass and his 32-yard reception (a beautiful over-the-shoulder catch) late in the game set up the game-winning field goal. With Elliott able to run, guarterback Dak Prescott had more time to throw and delivered 255 passing yards and two scoring tosses. Elliott and Prescott must have similar performances against one of the best defenses in the league. They don't call them Sacksonville" for nothing! The Jags front seven might be the best in the NFL and will give the Dallas offensive line fits or

Sunday. The one thing going for the Cowboys is the Jags don't light things up on offense Quarterback Blake Bortles (1,095 yards, 7 TDs) has been efficient and is doing a better iob of protecting the football thus far Jacksonville will probably be without starting running back Leonard Fournette who reinjured his hamstring two weeks ago against the Jets. Dallas needs a quick start on offense. If they can get up on the Jags, they can then lean on Elliott to contro the clock and control the game. Something tells me the Cowboys get it done on Sunday. My pick, Dallas 23, Jacksonville 20 Kansas City at New

England - The new big thing meets the established thing when Mahomes gets his first start against Brady in Foxbor ough on Sunday Night Football. A year ago, Alex Smith spoiled the Patriots home opener and celebration of winning Super Bowl LI by dropping a 42-27 curb stomping on Brady and Bill Belichick. This year, Smith is playing for the Redskins and Mahomes is at the control of Andy Reid's offense. The New England defense will have their hands full with Mahomes and all the speed he has around him in running back Kareem Hunt (289 yards rushing, 3 TDs) and receivers Tyreek Hill (23 receptions, 364 yards, 3 TDs) and Travis Kelce (23 receptions 307 yards, 3 TDs), but if anyone can come up with a game plan to slow any offense it's Belichick. Two weeks ago, the Pats dismantled previously undefeated ed Miami, 38-7, as Brady (918 yards, 9 TDs) threw three touchdown passes. NE may have also found a running game in rookie Sony Michel (196 yards rushing, 1 TD) and Rob Gronkowski (17 receptions, 233 yards, 1 TD). Gronk sustained an ankle injury in the Miami win, but it's not suspected to be serious. Brady also has his security blanket back in wide receiver Julian Edelman, who returned last week after being suspended for the first four games of the season for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Edelman missed the entire 2017 season with a knee injury and you can bet Brady is happy to have him back. I think Mahomes will have quite a bit of success against the New England defense, but Brady loves a challenge and he will more than deliver against the young upstart come Sunday. This will be a fun game to watch with plenty of offense. My pick, New England 36, Kansas City 33

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Texas Tech at TCU - The Red Raiders and Horned Frogs hook up on Thursday night in Cowtown in a key game for both school's Big 12 title hopes. Two weeks ago. Tech dropped a 42-34 decision to West Virginia at

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### LIFESTYLE

## *3 Aldine ISD educators attended the Society for Science & the Public's Research Teachers Conference*

Science research educators from across the U.S. recently gathered in Washington, D.C., for the Society for Science & the Public's Research Teachers Conference. Of the nearly 20 that attended from Texas, three hailed from Aldine ISD. Nineteen teachers repre-

sented Texas. The three educators from AISD were Sean Doyle from MacArthur High School, Remelia Arpino from Eisenhower HS, and Daniel Krall from Nimitz HS.

The teachers discussed key science education issues, including how to lead students through scientific research, how to gain support from elected officials and best practices for recruiting underserved students. The conference, sponsored by Regeneron, includes teachers

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from 43 states and Puerto Rico. Kumar Garg, Society fellow and a former official within the Obama Administration's Office of Science and Technology Policy keynoted the conference. Garg shared his experiences with those gathered. He fo-

cused on the importance of teachers sharing their experience with their elected officials and community leaders. Other topics included finding funding and resources for their research program, identifying local mentors, handling projects beyond their content knowledge, incorporating scientific research into class time, leading research with limited resources and



Aldine ISD STEM teachers Sean Doyle, Remelia Arpino and Daniel Krall (left to right) pose in Washington, D.C. On the first day of the Research Teachers Conference, the teachers took to Capitol Hill to visit their members of Congress to talk about STEM education. had an opportunity to learn about the Society's worldclass science competitions, including the Regeneron Science Talent Search, which is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science competition.

Teachers, selected via lottery to attend the all-expensepaid weekend, came from 200 schools. During the conference, the Society drew upon the expertise of the teachers in attendance, calling on them to lead most of the breakout sessions. Through this model, the teachers were able to learn from one another.

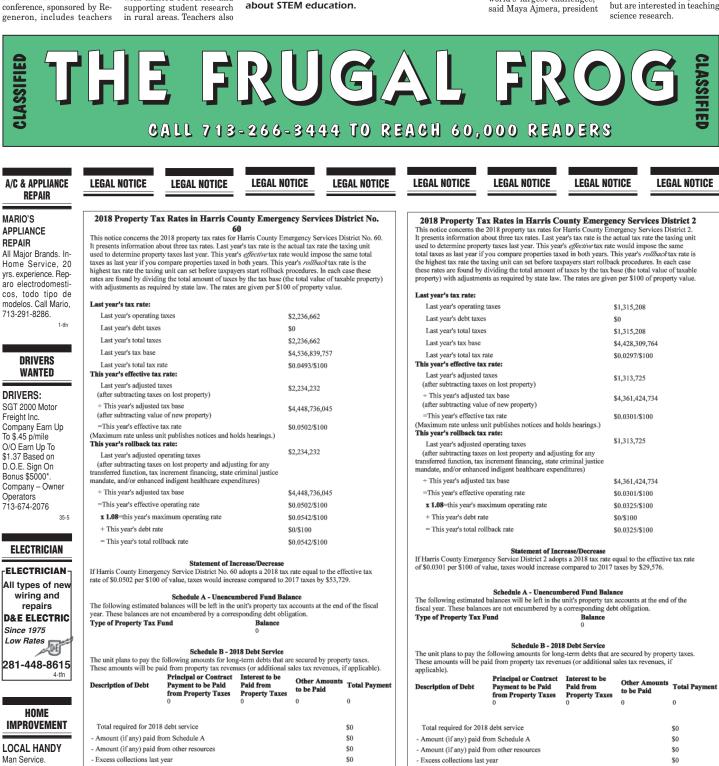
"The young people sitting in science classrooms today will someday be solving our world's largest challenges," said Maya Ajmera, president and CEO of the Society for Science & the Public and publisher of Science News. "I'm thrilled that through the Research Teachers Conference, the Society is providing educators with the tools they need to guide their students through scientific research and help foster a love of science

ence. "It is critical that we provide their teachers with the tools they need to ensure that these students have quality STEM research experiences." Of the teachers in atten-

dance, one third are veterans with significant experience teaching research. One third are teachers with some experience teaching research and one third have no experience but are interested in teaching science research.

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### Dedication ceremony held in honor of Steve Mead

Family members, friends and colleagues gathered on Thursday, Oct. 4 to honor Board President Steve Mead at a dedication ceremony at Steve Mead Middle School.

Mr. Mead had the school named after him last fall by his fellow Board members.

Mr. Mead, a graduate of Aldine High School, has served on the Board of Trustees since he was elected to the Position 5 seat in May 2004. He has held all four Board offices and has chaired numerous committees. He currently serves as Board President.

Mr. Mead, who moved to Aldine when he was 4 years old, said he was humbled to have a school named after him and was thankful to his fellow board members for bestowing the honor upon him.

'I am so humbled to have this beautiful school named after me," he said. "I have to be honest with you, it has not fully hit me yet. I want to thank my fellow Board members for this tremendous honor."

Mr. Mead has worked and lived in the Aldine community for more than 50 years. He is the owner of Component Sales and Services, a geotechnical lab equipment company that is located in Aldine. He has been active in a number of civic organizations, serving on the boards of Aldine YOUTH, the Aldine Noon Optimist Club, the Aldine Scholarship Foundation and the Aldine Improvement District, where he was one of the first members having been appoint-ed by former State Representative Kevin Bailey. He also served as the president of the Mac-Arthur Dance Team and Booster Club, was an original member of the North Houston Chamber of Commerce, served as president of the Aldine Fire Department and has served as a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the finance committee at his church.



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney posed with members of the AISD Board of Trustees with the portrait of Board President Steve Mead that will hang at Steve Mead Middle School following a dedication ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 4. Pictured with Mr. Mead and his wife Jill are, (I-r): Board Member Dr. Kimberley Booker, Board Member Patricia Ann Bourgeois, Board Member Dr. Viola M. Garcia, Board Vice-President Paul Shanklin, the Meads, Dr. Goffney, Board Assistant Secretary Connie Esparza and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Selina Chapa.

what Aldine ISD means to

stakeholders. In closing, I

"I want all of you to

First Baptist Church of North Houston. "The Aldine community

has been very good to me and that is why I believe it Mr. Mead said. has been imperative for me to give back to the commuby sharing his thoughts on nity," Mr. Mead said. him.

During his address, Mr. Mead introduced members of his family. He and his know that we have a great school district, a great suwife Jill have three daugh-ters, Kathy, Donna and perintendent, wonderful teachers and staff and committed administra-April; all of who attended Aldine ISD schools and tors," Mr. Mead said. "All of graduated from Macthem have the desire to the Arthur High School. challenges to make our children the best they can

He also introduced members of his church, his be and they are committed Aldine family and individ-ually acknowledged his felto continue to produce the low Board members and Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "I would like to person-

nation's best. To do all of this, we need the involvement and support from our parents and all of our

ally introduce my team of have and always will be All In for Aldine!" eight, my second family, all of whom I deeply respect,' Following Mr. Mead's remarks, Dr. Goffney spoke He closed his remarks on behalf of the Board and

school district. "Before I speak about Mr. Mead, I first want to thank his wife Jill. Jill, thank you so much for letting us steal your husband. Without your service we know that Mr. Mead would not be able to accomplish all that he has done. So we thank you.

Dr. Goffney then turned her remarks to Mr. Mead. "It is truly an honor to be here at the dedication ceremony for Mr. Mead," Dr. Goffney said. "After my first experience with Mr. Mead, I realized he was a

truly passionate man in

fellow student Madison Eaton led the audience in reciting the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Michael West-bury of First Baptist Church North Houston de-livered the invocation, which was followed by a video about Mr. Mead produced by Alyssa Duty, the district's videographer. The Mead Middle School Choir. under the direction of Amy Cullen, performed a song, which was followed by the acceptance of the school by a number of individuals.

Board Vice President Paul Shanklin accepted the school on behalf of the Board of Trustees, while Mead Principal Jessica Scott accepted the school on behalf of the administrative staff. Mead teacher Patrick Campbell accepted the school on be half of the teaching staff, student Lorena Sanchez accepted the school on behalf of the student body and Mead parent Mirella Macias accepted the school on behalf of the communi-

Prior to Mr. Mead's remarks, a number of elect-ed officials and their representatives presented Mr. Mead with proclamations and other gifts. U.S. Congresswoman

Sheila Jackson Lee pre-sented Mr. Mead with a Congressional proclama-tion, State Rep. Armando Walle presented him with a proclamation on behalf of the Texas House of Repre-sentatives, John Garcia, representing U.S. Con-gressman Gene Green presented Mr. Mead with a United States flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol and Dr. Rico Matthews, representing Houston City Council member Jarvis Johnson, presented Mr. Mead with a proclamation. Prior to the dedication

eremony, a reception was held in the school's fover The Mead Middle School Band under the direction of Matthew Adamson, performed during the recep-



Fire Department, Mac-Arthur Generals, Mac-Arthur 9th grade, and Castlewood, High Meadows, and Green Forest Civic clubs. Chick-fil-A provided 400 sandwiches, which were gone quite quickly.



A young boy learns how to laser cut a pumpkin design from orange acrylic plastic in the FabLab.





Costumed dancers from MacArthur 9th grade dance team, Mrs. De La

Rosa teacher.



serving God and his com-

munity. It is a pleasure working with him on a dai-

ly basis and I look forward

to a long working relation-

superintendent of commu-

nity and governmental re-

lations, delivered the welcome and introduced the Board, the executive

leadership team and former Board members

A.W. Jones, Rick Ogden, Marine Jones and Cathy

Griggs, wife of former

Board member Merlin

School LOTC presented the colors and Mead stu-

dent Bryan Garcia led the

audience in reciting the

Pledge of Allegiance and

Houston Airport System is in search of

Mead Middle

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### Vehicle Makeover,

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flooding emergency rescues within the communi-

Students and instrucand applied the technical skills learned in the classroom to the project. Many UTI Houston students and staff were rescued in these types of trucks when Hurricane Harvey devastated the community one year ago. The first of the two ve-



Deputies dance with McGruff the crime dog, and the Chick-fil-A mascot.



Musical chairs was one of many games.



hicles is complete and the second is now in progress. "This is an excellent representation of our cam-

pus' commitment to the community and our ongoing partnership with our neighbors at Aldine Fire Department," said Darrin Brust, president of UTI Houston. "Our students and instructors put in hours of hard work, coming in on weekends and during their free time to complete the project. While we're not looking forward to another hurricane coming ashore anytime soon, these two high water rescue vehicles will be ready to assist in case of another emergency." In addition to volunteer-

**Original Military Vehicle before makeover** 

ing in the community, UTI students are training to work in a high-growth in $dustry \ with \ significant \ job$ and career opportunities.

Across the industry, de mand for trained automotive and diesel technicians continues to accelerate. Most recently, the federal government tripled its estimate for the number of transportation technicians needed nationwide between now and 2026. According to new projections, the transportation sector

will require more than 1.2 million new technicians over the next decade enough for 120,000 new techs each year.1

According to U.S. Department of Education . College Scorecard data, students who attended one- or two-year technical schools have an opportunity to earn more than their counterparts seeking fouryear liberal arts college degrees ten years after starting school.