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THURSDAY



Toy Drive & Open House

Aldine Family Hope Center is collecting new, unwrapped gifts for boys and girls ages newborn to 17 years old fo Bucker Houston. Also in need of wrapping paper, tape, boxes, ribbon and bows. Drop location: 4700 Aldine Mail Rt.

OPEN HOUSE, December 11 from 11 am - 1 pm.

Davis routed in 66-7 defeat to Woodlands

In the first round of the high school football playoffs, the Davis Eagles fell to the Woodlands Highlanders by a lopsided score of 66-7.

Davis only scored once

Davis only scored once in the first quarter, with an exciting 96 yard kickoff return by Culverson Taylor, Jr. to tie the game at 7-7. After that, the Highlander's defense shut down the Eagles. The Highlanders used two quarterbacks, with Casey Sunseri completing 8-0f-9 passes for 192 yards, while also rushing for 56 yards and a touchdown.

and a touchdown.

The Highlanders also had an exciting run, with Malik Johnson rushing for 64 yards

288 New apartments proposed for Aldine

Community raises concerns at public meeting

ALDINE – LDG Development, a national apartment builder of low rent housing, has announced their plans to build 288 units on a site in Aldine at the corner of the Eastex Freeway and Hamill Road. The property is currently owned by the Greater Pure Light church, who have decided to sell the land and not to build a new building there.

A representative from LDG Development, Dru Childre, has been meeting with local entities last week to advise them of the project, and arrange for schools and utilities to accommodate the project.

At a public meeting held

last Thursday at the High Meadows library, Childre showed slides of the designs and explained the amenities and the plan for managing the apartments. Also present at the meeting were representatives of the Harris County Housing Authority, including their CEO Horace Allison.

About 25 local citizens attended the meeting, and many of them expressed



NORTHWOOD APARTMENTS is planned for family units of low-rent housing, with 12 buildings similar to this early design. The project site is the corner of the Eastex Freeway and Hamill Road.

concerns about the impact that the project will have on the neighborhood.

Questions were raised

about how the project would be managed, to avoid crime such as characterizes the Haverstock Hills apartments, and poor maintenance as can be seen at the Pine Village townhouses. Both of these projects, and several similar ones, are located close to the site.

Marina Suggs, a former resident of Pine Village, said she chose to move away due to the problems at the project that were not corrected and getting worse. Shirley Reed recounted a similar project, Fairgreen, proposed for a

site on JFK a few years ago, which was stopped when the community objected to more subsidized rent apartments. State Representative Armando Walle told the Northeast News that the Legislature enacted a law which allows a local representative to object to a project in his district, and effectively



Dru Childre, of LDG Development



Houston Housing
Authority CEO Horace

cancel it.

cancel it.

In this case LDG Development has gone to great lengths to answer these concerns, and provide an attractive, well managed and safe project for the community.

Childre explained that this is not a public hous-

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Two compete for vacated Senate seat



Ana Hernandez

Carol Alvarado Sylvia Garcia

After Sylvia Garcia twon a seat in the U.S. Congress in the Nov. 6 general election, she resigned from the Texas Senate District 6. She will now represent TX-29 in Congress, Gene Green's old seat.

To replace Garcia in the Texas Senate, Governor Greg Abbott has called a Special Election, to be held on Tuesday, December 11. Early voting will start on Monday, November 26. Four candidates are running for the position, including two well-known state representatives, Ana Hernandez and Carol Alvarado. The other two candidates are Martha Fierro, a Republican, and Mia Mundy. The latter are relatively unknown to voters.

Ana Hernandez now represents Dis-

See TWO COMPETE, page 8

Early registration kickoff fair at HCC North Forest Campus



Houston Community College's new North Forest Campus.

HOUSTON (November 8, 2018) – With rapid changes in technology, the economy and career opportunities, having advanced education and training is critical. The HCC North Forest Campus has expanded to provide more classes and training opportunities for the community to reach their educational goals. For those who may need guidance in getting started in school or simply what to know what career options are available, the HCC Northeast Forest Campus is hosting an

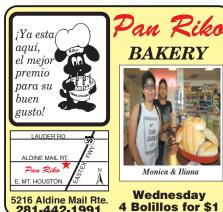
"Early Registration Kick-off Fair" from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 29. The newly expanded campus is located at 6010 E. Little York Road, Houston, Texas 77016.

Representatives will be available to provide infor-

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Harris Elementary School student wins **Holiday Contest**



Dietrich Butler (center, holding ornament) is pictured with (I-r) Assistant Principal Norman Dionisio, State Representative Jarvis Johnson, George Williams, and Iyah Pennie.

State leaders are already getting into the holiday spirit.

Congratulations to Dietrich Butler! The third grade student from Harris Elementary School is the winner of State Representative Jarvis Johnson's ornament decorating contest.

Dietrich's ornament will represent District 139. It will be one of the orna-ments that will hang on the State of Texas Holiday Tree in Austin.

Every year during the holiday season, each State Legislator from all 150 House Districts chooses an organization, school or individual to design an orna-ment for the official tree. The ornaments, representing the culture and personality of each district, are hung throughout the holi-

day season on the tree. State Representative Johnson dropped by the

campus to congratulate Dietrich. Also present was his grandfather George Williams. Dietrich acknowledged Iyah Pennie who is an instructional paraprofessional at the

his ornament.
The district ornament project was initiated in 2009 to give all the unique Texas communities a place on the Lone Star Celebration Holiday Tree in the Chamber of the Texas House of Representatives.

school. Pennie helped Di-etrich with the design for

The ornaments placed on the tree will hang through January 2, 2019. Visitors to the House chamber can find their home districts on a map in front of the tree. Once they find their districts, visitors can look through a large binder that provides photos of, and information

about, each ornament.
The House chamber is open to the public.

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Hambrick Middle School recognizes students of the month



Students of the Month at Hambrick Middle School include (pictured I to r) Cesar Lambarina, Fernando Salas, Principal Dr. Rebecca Sanford, Allissia Hernandez, Jasmin Garza, Estrella Castillo and Maximus Lozano.

Congratulations to Hambrick Middle School "Students of the Month" for October! The Student of the Month award is a way for students to recognize their peers who exhibit qualities that are distinc-tive and admirable. Each month the entire student body has the opportunity

dents whom they recognize as having these qualities, but also explain how these students have exhibited these characteristics and impacted them personally. The following students were chosen for Student of the Month by their peers.

6th Grade Allissia Hernandez Ceasar Lambarina 7th Grade Estrella Castillo Fernando Salas 8th Grade Jasmin Garza Maximus Lozano

Dr. Javier Villarreal named Aldine ISD's Chief of Human Resources

During the November 13 Aldine ISD Board of Trustees meeting, Dr. Javier Villarreal was announced as the district's new Chief Human Resources Officer. He succeeds Dr. Selina Chapa who now serves as Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Villarreal brings 19 years of ed-ucational experience to

He comes to Aldine from Fort Bend ISD where he served as the Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership. Dr. Villarreal has also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston, as principal of Edison Middle School and DeZavala Elementary School in Houston

Aldine.

ISD, and as an assistant principal at Ortiz Middle School in HISD.

He began his educational career as a first-, second-and fourth-grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School and Wilson Elemen-

tary School. Dr. Villarreal earned his bachelor's degree in psy-chology at the University of Houston, his master's degree education from the University of St. Thomas and his doctorate of educa-tion from the University of

Houston. "I want to welcome Dr. Villarreal to Aldine ISD and I look forward to working with him as we hire the best teachers possible to ensure that all of our stu-



Dr. Javier Villarreal

dents have access to the very best education," said Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

NOTICE OF ORDER AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN DISTRICT OFFICE AND MEETING PLACE

OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AND REAFFIRMING MEETING PLACE OF THE DISTRICT THE STATE OF TEXAS

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 74

WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 74 (the "District") at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, came to be heard a motion to change the District Office and Meeting Place Outside the Boundaries of the District and Reaffirm Meeting Place of the District; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 49.062 and 49.063 of the Texas Water Code as amended, the Board of the District by previous resolution established an office outside the boundaries of the District at the office of DISHONGH LAW, PLLC, 107 1" Street West, Suite 206, Humble,

WHEREAS, since the District's counsel has moved the District desires to change its office and daries of the District to the attorney's new office space;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reaffirm the regular office and meeting place inside the 's boundaries to remain unchanged at 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, Texas 77039;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.

District hereby terminates the office of the District located at DISHONGH LAW PLLC. 107 1" Street West, Suite 206, Humble, Texas 77338 effective immediately, and establishes an office and meeting place outside the District's boundaries at DISHONGH LAW, PLLC, 107 1st Street West, Suite 208, Humble, Texas 77338; and

The District hereby reaffirms that its regular office and meeting place shall remain unchanged and is located at 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, Texas 77039; and

The District's general manager is hereby authorized and directed to publish such notice of change in the District's office, repository and additional meeting place outside the District in a newspaper of general circulation within the District, to notify the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of such change in location, and to notify all other appropriate governmental agencies and take any and all other steps necessary to carry out the intent of this Order.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT this 13* day of November 2018

/s/ Juan Jacquez

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Houston Symphony celebrates Thanksgiving weekend with the music of Mozart

HOUSTON (Nov. 7, 2018) – The Houston Symphony celebrates Thanks-giving weekend by giving thanks for the musical leg-acy of two of the greatest symphonic composers of all time, Mozart and Brahms. The orchestra is joined by exciting guest artists Inon Barnatan, piano and David Danzmayr, conductor for A Mozart & Brahms Thanksgiving at 8 p.m., Nov. 23-24, and 2:30 p.m. Nov 25 at Jones Hall

Known as "a true poet of the keyboard" (The Ne York Ťimes), Barnatan brings his consummate artistry to Mozart's great Piano Concerto No. 22: a work often considered the pinnacle of Mozart's ingenious skill at finding unique orchestral hues. In fact this work marks the first time Mozart adds clarinets to the orchestra of one of his piano concer-

Current chief conductor of the Zagreb Philharmonic Orchestra, Danzmayr opens the program with the overture to Franz von Suppé's operetta The Beautiful Galatea, a tuneful concert-opener full of Viennese waltzes. Danzmayr and the orchestra close out this program with Johannes Brahms' powerful, cathartic Symphony

A Mozart and Brahms Thanksgiving sponsored by Rand Group takes place at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana Street, in Houston's Theater District. For tickets and information, please call (713) 224-7575 or visit www.houstonsymphony.org.



Inon Barnatan

Tickets may also be purchased at the Houston Symphony Patron Services Center in Jones Hall (Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). All programs and artists are subject to change.

About the Houston Symphony

During the 2018-19 sea-son, the Houston Symphony celebrates its fifth season with Music Director Andrés Orozco- Estrada and continues its second century as one of America's leading orchestras with a full complement of concert, community, education. touring and recording ac-tivities. The Houston Symphony, one of the oldest performing arts organizations in Texas, held its inaugural performance at The Majestic Theater in downtown Houston June 21, 1913. Today, with an annual operating budget of \$33.9 million, the full-time ensemble of 88 professional musicians presents nearly 170 concerts annually, making it the largest

performing arts organiza-



David Danzmavi

tion in Houston. Additionally, musicians of the orand chestra chestra and the Symphony's four Commu-nity-Embedded Musicians offer over 900 communitybased performances each year, reaching thousands of people in Greater Hous

The Grammy Awardwinning Houston Symphony has recorded under various prestigious labels, including Naxos, Koch International Classics, Telarc RCA Red Seal Virgin Classics and, most recently. Dutch recording label PENTATONE. In 2017, the Houston Symphony was awarded an ECHO Klassik award for the live recording of Alban Berg's Wozzeck under the direction of former Music Director Hans Graf. The orchestra earned its first Grammy nomination and Grammy Award at the 60th annual ceremony for the same recording in the Best Opera Recording category.

NEWS COMMUNITY

Suspect charged in Hawk Award recipients at shooting on Airline Drive Hambrick Middle School

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the shooting of a man at 5524 Airline Drive about 4:10 p.m. on Monday, Nov.

The suspect, Christo-pher Jermaine Bradley, 28), is charged with aggravated assault - serious

bodily injury.

The male victim, Earnest Hudson, 18, was transported to an area hospital where he is expected to survive his wounds. A second victim, a girl, 6, was

Early

served.

ed to open in 2019

about the campus and pro-

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transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

According to Houston Police Officials, Mr. Hudson exited the business after stealing a cell phone and setting off an alarm. Bradley, a security guard not in uniform, confronted Hudson outside the business. Bradley pointed his gun at Hudson, who began to run. At that time, Bradlev fired multiple shots and struck Hudson sever-al times. One of the shots



ported both victims to area

Bradley was detained and subsequently charged on Tuesday, Nov. 13, for his role in the incident.

Man critically Registration injured dies after CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 mation regarding training driver ran red light

programs, academic courses, Seniors 55 yrs.+ tuition discount program, certifi-A man critically injured in a crash at 3600 cations and student support services. There will be Laura Koppe Road drawings for prizes and about 4 p.m. on October light refreshments will be 30 has died from his injuries.

The campus opened its The identity of the second academic building victim, 43, is pending verification by the Harand will soon offer workforce training in automoris County Institute of tive technology, HVAC, Forensic Sciences. According to HPD Vewelding, machining and plumbing in facilities slat-

hicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Arnold and Certifications and train-Northeast Patrol Diviing in the new programs sion Officer J. Mixon, can lead to high-wage cathe driver of a black reers in industries in and Chevrolet Silverado surrounding the North pickup truck was trav-Forestcommunity. Regiseling northbound in the tration for the spring se-8900 block of the Eastex Freeway (North U.S. mester is now underway. For more information Highway 59) service grams, stop by the North Forest Campus, call 713-

road, ran the red light at the intersection of Laura Koppe Road and struck a yellow Hummer H3 traveling eastbound on Laura Koppe. The pickup truck then struck a utility pole.

The drivers of both vehicles and three male passengers, 17, 17, and 15. in the pickup truck were transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital.

Doctors pronounced the driver of the Hummer (victim) deceased on Thursday (November

No charges have been filed at this time, as the investigation is continu-

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Hawk Award recipients for the 1st 9 weeks at Hambrick Middle School pictured with principal Dr. Rebecca Sanford include (top row, I to r) Joqsan Amaya, Ta'Korrious Johnson, (bottom row), Diana Vicente, Nayeli Vasquez and Monserrat Maldonado. Not pictured are Allison Bonilla, George Covarrubias and Lizbeth Martinez

Hambrick Middle School's Student Awards and Incentives Committee strives to recognize the students who are making a difference. One of the ways in which the committee does this is by selecting Hawk Award Recipients. In order to receive this recognition stu-dents are nominated by their teachers based on

DISTRICT

See Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

certain criteria observed by staff members including grades, exemplary behavior, and model citizenship. Students in all grades are eligible to receive the hon-or of being named Hawk Award recipients. Throughout the year these students will have extra privileges on campus and will be able to participate in special events as well.

6th Grade Allison Bonilla Abrego George Covarrubias 7th Grade Nayeli Vazquez Joqsan Amaya Barralaga Lizbeth Martinez Ta'Korrious Johnson 8th Grade Monserrat Maldanado Diana Vicente

Toss it into the can. It's a neat idea.

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ALDINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2018

Data	,			Total Nonmajor	Exhibit C-3	
Control				Governmental	Governmental	
Codes		General Fund	Capital Projects	Funds	Funds	
	Assets					
1110	Cash and temporary investments	\$ 43,244,753	\$ 1,574,700	\$ 17,149,854	\$ 61,969,307	
1120	Investments	88,334,439	100,927,444	39,037,600	228,299,483	
	Receivables:					
1220	Property taxes - delinquent	47,695,076		6,851,738	54,546,814	
1230	Allowance for uncollectible taxes (credit)	(23,824,933)		(2,882,562)	(26,707,495)	
1240	Receivables from other governments	89,683,535		9,987,168	99,670,703	
1250	Accrued interest	181,292		10,194	191,486	
1260	Due from other funds	5,429,671			5,429,671	
1290	Other receivables	61,507		8,132	69,639	
1300	Inventories, at cost	1,278,663		747,992	2,026,655	
1410	Prepaid items	193,984		34,057	228,041	
1000	Total Assets	\$ 252,277,987	\$ 102,502,144	\$ 70,944,173	\$ 425,724,304	
	Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balance Liabilities					
2110	Accounts payable	\$ 10,213,006	\$ 29,797,636	S 1,406,444	\$ 41,417,086	
2150	Payroll deduction and withholdings payable	9,479,047	3 27,171,030	3 1,400,444	9,479,055	
2160	Accrued wages payable	38,622,441		4,430,116	43,052,557	
2170	Due to other funds	30,022,441		5,429,671	5,429,671	
2180	Payable to other governments	13,792,179		211,410	14,003,589	
2200	Accrued expenditures	2,399,238	18,661,619	20,690	21,081,547	
2300	Uneamed revenue	1,308,319	10,001,019	791,393	2,099,712	
2000	Total Liabilities	12.289.732	136,563,217			
2000	Total Caloning	75,814,230	48,459,255	12,207,752	150,505,217	
	Deferred Inflows of Resources					
2600	Deferred inflows	23,870,144		3,969,175	27,839,319	
	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	23,870,144		3,969,175	27,839,319	
	Fund Balance					
	Non-Spendable				1900000000	
3410	Inventories	1,278,663			1,278,663	
3430	Prepaid items Restricted	193,984			193,984	
3450	Federal State funds grant restrictions			20,034,335	20,034,335	
3470	Capital acquisitions and contractual obligations		54,042,889	specification (CE)	54,042,889	
3480	Debt service		POSTORES A	32,189,380	32,189,380	
	Committed					
3545	Other purposes	2,300,000		2,461,551	4,761,551	
3600	Unassigned	148,820,966		50, 10	148,820,966	
3000	Total fund balances	152,593,613	54,042,889	54,685,266	261,321,768	
4000	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows,	-				
	and Fund Balances	\$ 252,277,987	\$ 102,502,144	\$ 70,944,173	\$ 425,724,304	

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 2018

Data Control		General Fund	Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Exhibit C-3 Total Governmental Funds
	Revenues				
5700	Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 220,569,244	\$ 3,785,628	\$ 53,668,298	\$ 278,023,170
5800	State program revenues	363,725,504		12,003,161	375,728,665
5900	Federal program revenues	10,446,686		92,828,375	103,275,061
5020	Total revenues	594,741,434	3,785,628	158,499,834	757,026,896
	Expenditures				
	Current:				
0011	Instruction	352,965,855		36,008,432	388,974,287
0012	Instruction resources and media services	1,795,119		577,965	2,373,084
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	15,040,762		11,890,946	26,931,708
0021	Instructional leadership	9,882,491		1,186,768	11,069,259
0023	School leadership	44,850,014		1,147,521	45,997,535
0031	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	27,694,271		3,340,899	31,035,170
0032	Social work services	1,749,437		1,258,957	3,008,394
0033	Health services	5,612,165		327,148	5,939,313
0034	Student transportation	37,858,291		805,049	38,663,340
0035	Food services			40,962,935	40,962,935
0036	Extracurricular activities	8,138,345		1,573,317	9,711,662
0041	General administration	15,091,623		433,259	15,524,882
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	55,554,231	123,091	2,768,628	58,445,950
0052	Security and monitoring services	8,338,702		88,739	8,427,441
0053	Data processing services	13,189,957			13,189,957
0061	Community services	416,919		1,004,429	1,421,348
	Debt service:				
0071	Principal on long-term debt			22,685,000	22,685,000
0072	Interest on long-term debt			35,475,895	35,475,895
0073	Debt issuance costs and fees		2,787,108	6,905	2,794,013
	Capital outlay:				
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction Intergovernmental:	3,038,256	366,642,626	395,779	370,076,661
0097	Payments to tax increment fund	5,744,470			5,744,470
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	1,919,416			1,919,416
6030	Total Expenditures	608,880,324	369,552,825	161,938,571	1,140,371,720
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(14,138,890)	(365,767,197)	(3,438,737)	(383,344,824)
	Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
7901	Refunding bonds issued			26,264,092	26,264,092
7911	Capital-related debt issued (regular bonds)		355,485,908		355,485,908
7912	Sale of real or personal property	97,488			97,488
7915	Transfers in			703,191	703,191
7916	Premium or discount on issuance of bonds		47,305,619	15,000,000	62,305,619
8911	Transfers out	(1,498,772)	(4,419)		(1,503,191
8949	Payment to refunded bond escrow agent.		434	(26,264,092)	(26,264,092
7080	Total other financing sources and uses	(1,401,284)	402,787,108	15,703,191	417,089,015
1200	Net change in fund balances	(15,540,174)	37,019,911	12,264,454	33,744,191
0100	Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	168,133,787	17,022,978	42,420,812	227,577,577
3000	Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 152,593,613	\$ 54,042,889	\$ 54,685,266	\$ 261,321,768

PAGE OPINION

Plastic Pollution: What to Know

(StatePoint) Plastics are an increasingly widespread pollutant, according to environmen-tal experts, harming ecosystems and wildlife as well as endangering human health. One of the largest worldwide industries driving this crisis -- the fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector which offers such things as soft drinks, toiletries, foods and other consumables -- is not taking significant action to put the brakes on the growing production and marketing of single-use plastics, suggests a new

The report, "A Crisis of Convenience: The corporations behind the plastics pollution pan-demic," by Greenpeace, found that single-use packaging is the main delivery system used by all of the companies surveyed and there is no sign of that changing What's more, none of these companies have comprehensive strategies that include commitments to move away from single-use plastic, with some companies actually increasing the amount of single-use plastic packag-ing and waste they

"Unfortunately, across the board, the consumer goods industry has failed to take responsibility for the single-use plastics crisis they helped create, said Greenpeace USA ocean plastics campaign director, John Hocevar "The current commitments corporations have made around plastics actually allow for increased use in the future. We need more transparency and substantive action immediately."

Other study findings solutions being explored rily related to addressing recyclability or recycling, not reducing or creating new delivery systems. Unfortunately, most companies know or disclose little about the amount of their packaging that is recycled and even less about the destination of their plastic waste after onsumption.

choices, such as recycling single-use plastics and using reusable bags and bottles, Hocevar points out that individuals can make an impact by talking to their local grocery stores, restaurants and businesses about phasing out single-use plastics as well as by writing to some of the larger companies urging them to move in a better direction. More information

Beyond personal

about the study and plastic pollution can be found by visiting ww.greenpeace.org.

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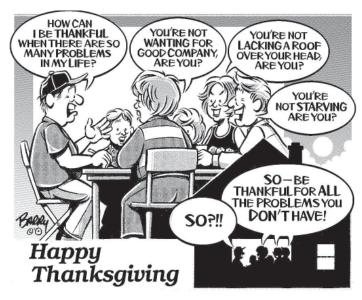
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Election results reveal larger than usual turnout

AUSTIN — More than 8.3 million of Texas' 15.8 million registered voters cast ballots in the Nov. 6 general election, as shown in results posted by the secretary of state.

The turnout of almost 53 percent was recognized widely as the highest in nearly 50 years for a Tex-as election without presi-dential candidates on the

U.S. Rep. Robert Francis "Beto" O'Rourke, D-El Paso, garnered national attention in his quest to unseat U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Houston, but Cruz won the race with 4,244,204 votes (50.92 percent) to 4,024,777 (48.29 percent) for O'Rourke.

Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, was re-elected to a second term. He received 4,638,532 million votes, which amounted to 55.83 percent of total votes cast Democratic challenger Lupe Valdez of Dallas re-ceived 3,528,705 million votes or 42.47 percent of the total vote.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a Republican who presides over the Texas Senate, was re-elected to a second term, receiving 4,244,709 million votes, 51.32 percent. Democratic challenger Mike Collier of Houston received 3,841,940 million votes, 46.45 percent.
Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, a Republican, was re-elected with 4.2

million votes, 50.6 percent. Democratic challenger Justin Nelson received 3.9 million votes, 46.9 percent. Incumbents retain

postsIn other state agency races, Texas Comptroller

Glenn Hegar, Republican, was re-elected over Democrat Joe Chevalier; Land Commissioner George P. Bush, Republican, was re-elected over Democrat Miguel Suazo; Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller, Republican, was re-elected over Democrat Kim Olson; and Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, Republican, was re-elected over Democrat Roman McAllen. All incumbents won re-

election in Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and State Board of Education races. Winning open seats on the State Board of Education were: Matt Robinson, Republican, over Democrat Elizabeth Markowitz, District 7: Pam Little, Republican, over Democrat Suzanne Smith, District 12; and A. Denise Russell, Republican, over Democrat Aicha Davis, District 13.

Results tweak seat counts
Also in Nov. 6 election results, Democrats picked up 12 seats in the 150member Texas House of Representatives, so in 2019 Republicans will hold

83 seats and Democrats 67. Incumbent House members who lost their re-elec-tion bids include: Reps. Matt Rinaldi, R-Irving; Paul Workman, R-Austin; Ron Simmons, R-Carrollton; Linda Koop, R-Richardson; Rodney Anderson, R-Grand Prairie; Mike

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Schofield, R-Houston; Gary Elkins, R-Houston; and Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park.

In the Texas Senate, Democrats picked up two seats as Republicans Kon-ni Burton of Colleyville and Donald Huffines of Dallas lost their races to Beverly Powell and Nathan Johnson, respectively. Republicans currently hold 21 Senate seats and Democrats hold 10, but in 2019 the balance will shift to 20-11 or 21-10 depending on the outcome of a special election to fill the Senate District 6 seat vacated by Sen. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston. Gov. Abbott or-dered the special election to be held on Dec. 11. Two state representatives who won re-election on Nov. 6. Democrats Carol Alvarado and Ana Hernandez of Houston, both have expressed their intent to run for the vacated seat. Field narrows in

speaker race When the 86th Texas

Legislature convenes on Jan 8 House members will elect a new speaker to preside. Current House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, who chose not to seek re-election, is now less than two months from the end of his record five conear terms leader of the House.

State Rep. Walter "Four" Price, R-Amarillo, on Nov. 11 withdrew as a candidate in the race to become the next speaker. State Rep. John Zerwas, R-Richmond,

withdrew on Oct. 29.

Declared candidates for the speakership presently include Reps. Dennis Bon-

nen, R-Angleton; Travis Clardy, R-Nacogdoches; Drew Darby, R-San Angelo: Eric Johnson, D-Dallas: Phil King, R-Weatherford; and Tan Parker, R-Flower

Mound.
Both Price and Zerwas indicated that they would support Bonnen's candidacy. Bonnen currently serves as speaker pro tempore of the House.

Dems win U.S.

House seats
Now-former Sen. Sylvia Garcia won the race to succeed retiring longtime U.S. Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, in Congressional District 29. Also winning U.S. House seats were Demo-crat Lizzie Pannill Fletcher, who defeated longtime incumbent Republican John Culberson of Hous-ton, Congressional District 7; and Democrat Colin Allred, who defeated incumbent Republican Pete Sessions of Dallas, Con-gressional District 32.

Hegar distributes revenue Texas Comptroller

Glenn Hegar on Nov. 7 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$817 million in local sales tax allocations for the month November. The amount is 5.4 per-

cent more than the local sales tax allocations distributed by the comptroller in November 2017.

Allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly fil-Allocations as compared

with those from November 2017:

- Cities, \$535.8 million, a 5.6 percent increase; Transit systems, \$173.7 million, a 2.5 per-

cent increase; — Counties \$50.6 million, a 10.3 percent increase;

— Special purpose tax-ing districts, \$57 million, a 9.4 percent increase.

Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty - Will I Get Spousal Benefits?

Dear Rusty: What percentage, if any, should I be able to collect on my husband's Social Security benefits? He started his at full retirement age and I'm turning 62 in 3 months (born 1957). I did work and am eligible to collect on my own work record. Half of his benefit would be approximately \$300 more a month than I would collect with my own benefit. I am not currently working and do not have plans to go back to work. When I called the SS office to make an appointment, I asked this same question and the person I spoke with said I couldn't collect on my spouse. I have a friend who told me his wife did get some extra benefit from his Social Security and she also worked. Signed: Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring: Not everyone is automatically everyone is automatically entitled to spousal benefits, and everyone doesn't get 50% of the higher earning spouse's benefit amount. Whether or not you are eligible depends upon how much your benefit on your own work record is at your full retirement age, compared to half of your husband's benefit at his full retirement age (FRA). And if you take benefits at age 62, both your own benefit and your spousal benefit will be reduced. Born in 1957, your benefit at age 62 from your own work record will be reduced by 27.5% from what it would be at 66 $_\,(your\ full$ retirement age). Because you're taking the spousal benefit early (you'll be deemed to be filing for spousal benefits when you claim your own) you won't get 50% of your husband's FRA benefit, rather it will be reduced. Here's how you can figure out your total benefit at

age 62, and whether you

will get a spousal benefit in addition to your own.

First, find out what would be if you wait until your full retirement age to claim (you can get this from Social Security or by creating your own "My Social Security Account" online at www.ssa.gov). Since you say your husband claimed at his FRA, compute one half of his current benefit, and then compare your FRA benefit amount to one half of his benefit amount. If half of his is less than your FRA benefit, you won't get a "spousal boost." If half of his is more than your FRA benefit, you will get a spousal boost, but it will be reduced because you're taking it at age 62 instead of at your FRA. At age 62, rather than half of your husband's benefit you would get about 34% of his benefit, and the difference between that amount and your own reduced age 62 benefit is your spousal boost. That spousal boost, if any, will be added to your age 62 benefit amount to arrive at your total Social Security benefit at age 62 And that total amount will be less than 50% of your husband's benefit. Since Social Security has already told you that you aren't entitled to a spousal benefit, it's probable that your own FRA benefit amount is more than 50% of your

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OU, WVU clash should be offensive shootout: **Texans host Titans on Monday Night Football**

Thanksgiving is around the corner and with it comes a feast of food and football Ain't life great!

Thanksgiving weekend features plenty of rivalries in college foot-ball as well as a triple-header of NFL games on Thanksgiving

The biggest game of the college schedule will take place in the Big 12 with Oklahoma visiting West Virginia with the winner taking over sole possession of first place in the conference There's a good chance these two teams will meet again in two weeks in the Big 12 title game slated for AT&T Stadium in Ar-

Other rivalry games on tap feature Michigan visiting Ohio State in the Big 10, Auburn visiting Alabama in the SEC, LSU travel ing to College Station to take on Texas A&M and Notre Dame heading out west to face a strug gling USC team.

In the NFL, Detroit will once again play the early game on Thanksgiving Day when it hosts Chicago, while the Cowboys will play the afternoon tilt when Dallas hosts Washington in an important NFC East game for both teams. The nightcap will feature the hot New Orleans Saints host ing the Atlanta Falcons

On Sunday, Green Bay travels to Minnesota to face the Vikings in a key NFC North game on Sun-day Night Football and the Texans will host the Titans on Monday Night Football to close out the busy holiday weekend football fest. This is a key game in the AFC South as the Texans entered last Sunday's game at Washington with a one-game lead over the Titans. Two weeks ago, Tennessee rolled over New England 34-10 to pick up its sec the division race. The Texans enjoyed their bye week and used the time off to rest up for the stretch run

The Titans appear to be playing better on offense, and the de fense did a good job of shutting down Tom Brady and the Patriots offense. Let's see how good of a job the Titans do this Monday night against a hot DeShaun Watson and Co.

Before we take a look at this week's schedule, let's review last week's record, if we must. A 6-6 week brought the season record to 80-52 (61%).

I want to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving and I hope you eniov time with family and please travel safely. Now, onto this week's games

Oklahoma at West Virginia -

What a treat for the Friday after Thanksgiving as two of the best offenses in the nation go at it in Morgantown. This game features two very good quarterbacks as OU's Kyler Murray (3,038 yards passing, 32 TDs; 640 yards rushing, 9 TDs) and WVU's Will Grier (2,961 yards passing, 31 TDs) will be throwing the football all over the field come Friday. Both have exceptional weapons to turn to. Murray might have the advantage in the running game with Trey Sermon (846 yards, 10 TDs) to hand off to keep the WVU defense honest, but Grier has a trio of talented wide receivers to play pitch and catch with in David Sills V (49 receptions, 697 rards, 12 TDs), Marcus Simms (37 receptions, 635 yards, 2 TDs) and Gary Jennings Jr.. (40 receptions, 600 yards, 10 TDs). The Oklahoma defense struggled against the pass in its 48-47 win over Oklahoma State two weeks ago in Norman and it should struggle again Friday against a much better offense when it faces the Mountaineers The WVU defense isn't a difference maker either and it will have its hands full with Murray Sermon and wide receivers Marquis Brown (53 receptions, 956 yards, 8 TDs) and CeeDee Lamb (41 receptions, 777 yards, 9 TDs). This game will be decided by which team makes the fewer mistakes and playing at home will be a huge advantage for

WVU. The Mountaineers take this one, but look for OU to get payback in two weeks in Jeri World. My pick, West Virginia 46, Oklahoma 45 Notre Dame at USC – Notre

Dame heads west to face a USC

team that is having a down sea-

son, but a win over the Irish would be a huge boost for the Trojans and having the chance to knock ND out of the College Football Playoffs (CFP) might be motivation enough for 'SC to put forth its best effort of the season I'm sure ND head coach Brian Kelly is well aware of that, so don't expect Notre Dame to look past this game. The Irish know they can't afford a blemish on their schedule if they hope to land one of the four CFP berths The Irish should have Ian Book (1,824 yards, 15 TDs) back as their starting quarterback after he missed their 42-13 win over Florida State two weeks ago with a rib iniury. Brandon Wimbush filled in admirably throwing three touchdowns in the route of the Seminoles. Look for the Irish to give the Trojans a steady dose of running back Dexter Williams (770 yards, 10 TDs) to open up the passing game for Book and wide receivers Miles Boykin (44 receptions, 654 yards, 8 TDs) and Chase Claypool (37 recep tions, 460 yards, 3 TDs). I think USC shows up for this one, but look for ND to pull away late and then see if their body of work is good enough to land a CFP spot My pick, Notre Dame 34, USC 23 Michigan at Ohio State – Michi gan is as hot as any team this side of Tuscaloosa as Jim Harbaugh's team has reeled off nine straight wins since their opening loss to Notre Dame in South Bend. They hosted Indiana last Saturday so they should carry a 10-game winning streak into Columbus on Saturday to face their arch rivals. The Wolverines have one of the best defenses in the country and face an OSU offense that has struggled lately. although this is a unit that is loaded with talent led by quarter back Dwayne Hoskins (3,280 yards passing, 33 TDs). He has two talented running backs to turn to in J.K. Dobbins (712 yards, 7 TD) and Mike Webber 711 yards, 4 TDs) and solid receivers in K.J. Hill (57 receptions, 733 yards, 4 TDs) and Parris Campbell (62 receptions 673 yards, 9 TDs), Michigan is stout up front and will look to slow down the Buckeyes running game and put the game in Hosk ins' hands. Offensively, look for Harbaugh to give running back Karon Higdon (1,005 yards, 9

of the nastiest rivalries in college football and even though there is nothing on the line but bragging rights (Alabama clinched the SEC West title three weeks ago this will be a fiercely contested contest on Saturday and 'Bama head coach Nick Saban is well aware of that. The Tide knows it will face Georgia on Dec. 1 in the SEC title game in Atlanta and Saban might want to rest his banged up quarterback (knee and quad injuries) Tua Tagovailoa (2,525 yards passing, 28 TDs), but he might not have that luxury if former starter Jalen Hurts is still ailing after minor knee surgery three weeks ago. The ideal scenario would be for Hurts to get the majority of playtime time Saturday so Tagovailoa will be ready to go against the Bulldogs. Look for the Crimson Tide to lean on its ground game as Damien Harris (595 yards, 7 TDs) and mates carry the offense against a disappointing Auburn team. My pick, Alabama 23, Auburn 14

TDs) plenty of work to chew up the clock and keep the OSU

offense off the field. This Michi-

gan team has answered every

challenge thus far, and look for

them to claim the Big 10 East

title with a big road win on Satur

day. My pick, Michigan 26, Ohio

Auburn at Alabama – This is one

LSU at Texas A&M - The Aggies host the Tigers in their season finale with hopes of finally beating LSU in SEC play. Jimbo Fisher was given \$75 million for

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games such as this and the Ag-gie faithful hope he can end ears of frustration at the hands of the Bayou Bengals. Playing at home should be a big lift for the Aggies and quarterback Keller Mond (2,488 yards passing, 15 TDs) and running back Trayveon Williams (1,159 yards rushing, 11 TDs). The Aggies need a signature win heading into the offseason and beating LSU would be the perfect tonic. I think the A&M defense will get to Tiger quarterback Joe Burrow (1,923 yards passing, 7 TDs) and force a key turnover or two. The Aggie offense will be facing one of the best defenses in the SEC, but look for Mond to be the differ ence maker in this one as the Aggies end the season on a high note and carry a load of momentum into their bowl game. My pick, Texas A&M 26, LSU 22

Chicago at Detroit – The Lions host the Bears in the traditional Thanksgiving game that kicks off the NFL triple-header on Turkey Day. The Bears have been one of the surprise teams of the NFL this season and have risen to the top of the NFC North with a stout defense that has a penchant for causing turnovers and sacking opposing teams quarterbacks Look for the Chicago defense to nave a field day against a suspect Detroit offensive line (three weeks ago they allowed 10 sacks against Minnesota). The Bears will have the chance to strut their stuff before a national TV audience and look for them to make it a long day for Lions QB Matt Stafford. My pick, Chicago 30, Detroit 16 Washington at Dallas – Just

when we were ready to bury the Cowboys, they go out and get a big win at Philadelphia two

weeks ago to perhaps save their season. If Dallas hopes to get back in the playoff hunt, they will have the perfect opportunity on Thanksgiving afternoon when hey host NFC East leading Washington. Two weeks ago in the win at Philly, running back Ezekiel Elliott (831 yards rushing, 6 total TDs) had a big night rushing for 151 yards, 36 receiv ing yards and two touchdowns (one on a run, another on a re ception) and guarterback Dak Prescott (1,930 yards, 11 TDs) tossed two scoring passes. It appears the acquisition of wide receiver Amari Cooper (11 recep-tions, 133 yards, 1 TD in two games with Dallas) is helping to open up things for the offense and Dallas will need all of its weapons when it faces a very good Redskins defense. Dallas has a pretty fair defense of its own and look for them to get to quarterback Alex Smith (2,045 vards, 10 TDs) early and force a turnover or two. Dallas knows there is little room for error from here on out, so look for them to get a key win on Thursday after noon. My pick, Dallas 26, Wash

Atlanta at New Orleans - The high-flying Saints offense gets to show off in prime time when it hosts Atlanta on Thanksgiving night on NBC. New Orleans may be the best team in the NFL at that can get it down through the air and on the ground. Quarte back Drew Brees (2,601 yards passing, 21 TDs) is having an MVP-like season. He has loads of weapons led by running back Alvin Kamara (546 yards rushing, 55 receptions, 473 yards, 14 total TDs) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (78 receptions, 950 yards, 7 TDs). Look for Brees and Co. to put on another

offensive show and to put a major crimp in the Falcons' playoff hopes. My pick, New Orleans 34

Seattle at Carolina - A key game for both teams as both are in the NFC Wild Card hunt and need this one to remain in contention Two weeks ago, the Seahawks put up a game effort in their 36-31 loss at Los Angeles as quarterback Russell Wilson (2,741 yards passing, 17 TDs) had his team driving late in the game but failed to convert on fourth down to end their upset hopes. While Seattle was giving the Rams all they could handle, the Panthers took a 52-21 drubbing a Pittsburgh. There was one bright spot in the Pittsburgh loss as running back Christian McCaffrey (579 yards rushing, 54 receptions. 439 yards, 8 total TDs) had a big night scoring all three of Carolina touchdowns. Look for quarterback Cam Newton (2,086 yards passing, 17 TDs; 352 vards rush ing, 4 TDs) to bounce back this week and lead his team to a key home win as the Panthers look to remain alive in the playoff hunt. My pick, Carolina 24, Seattle 20

Steelers hit the road to take on a Denver team that appears to be playing for next season, but Pittsburgh can't take the Broncos lightly and head coach Mike Tomlin will have his team pre pared for this game. The Steelers are rolling on offense behind guarterback Ben Rothlisberger (2,888 yards passing, 21 touch downs), running back James Conner (Le'Veon who?) and wide receivers JuJu Smith-Schuster (56 receptions, 762 yards, 3 TDs) and Antonio Brown (57 receptions, 690 yards, 10 TDs). Conner has had a stellar season rushing for 771 yards and 11 total TDS. Two weeks ago the Steelers put up 52 points against a pretty good Carolina defense. I don't expect that sort of output against a quality Denver defense this week, but look for the Steelers to continue their roll towards the AFC North title. My pick, Pittsburgh 31, Denver

Pittsburgh at Denver - The

Green Bay at Minnesota - A big NFC North battle pits the Packers against the Vikings on Sun-day Night Football. The key to

this game will be how well the GB offensive line can protect quarterback Aaron Rodgers (2,741 yards passing, 17 TDs). It appears the Packers have found a feature back in Aaron Jones (497 yards 4 TDs) who picked up 141 yards and two scores in the Pack's 31-12 win over Miami two weeks ago. If Jones continues to produce on the ground that will prevent the very good Minnesota defense from focus ing only on Rodgers and bringing the heat. On offense, the Vikings will need a big game from guar will need a big game from quar-terback Kirk Cousins (2,685 yards passing, 17 TDs) and wide receivers Adam Thielen (78 re-ceptions, 947 yards, 7 TDs) and Stefon Diggs (58 receptions, 587 yards, 4 TDs). This should be a fun game to watch, but I'm going with the better defense in this one and that belongs to the Vikings. My pick, Minnesota 26, Green Bay 23 Tennessee at Houston - The Thanksgiving football feast comes to a close on Monday

night when the Texans host the Titans in a key AFC South game for both teams. A win by the Tex ans will increase their division lead and set them up for a fast finish (Houston hosts Cleveland and Indianapolis the next two weeks), while a Titans win could move them a game closer to the Texans in the division. The Titans' offense put forth its best effort of the season two weeks ago in its 34-10 pasting of New England, Quarterback Marcus Mariota (1,498 yards passing, 7 TDs) threw two touchdown pass es and may have found a go-to receiver in Corey Davis (43 receptions, 576 yards, 2 TDs), who had a big day with seven receptions for 125 yards and a touch down catch. The Texans have a pretty good signal caller them selves in DeShaun Watson (2,389 yards passing, 17 TDs) and one of the league's best receivers in DeAndre Hopkins (63 receptions, 894 yards, 7 TDs). This will be Demaryius Thomas' first home game, so look for him to have a big night as the Texans put it all together on offense and defense and

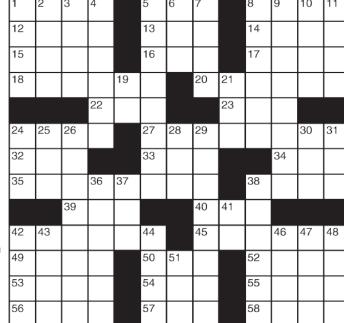
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with a loss. My pick, Houston 31

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) nentions the word "thanksgiv ing" the most times at eight? enesis, Nehemiah, Psalms,

2. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshippers, Renegades, Unthankful people 3. From Psalms 106:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord; for his .. endureth forever"? Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit 4. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the ... of God"? Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail

5. From Leviticus 22. a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaning ful when it is ... ? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant 6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanks-giving? Fish's belly, Aboard ship, In the wilderness. Mountaintop

ANSWERS: 1) Psalms; 2) Unthankful people; 3) Mercy; 4) Will; 5) At your own will; 6) Fish's

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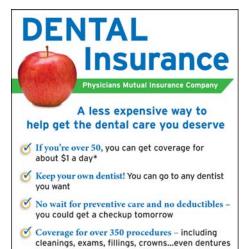
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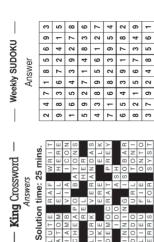




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COMMUNITY NEWS

Northwood Apartments,

ing Section 8 project, but rather a private develop-ment that will have vari-ous income limits and rental rates. To qualify to live here, prospective tenants must have an income 2-1/2 time the rental rate.

The project is being fi-nances by a CBDG grant from the Harris County Community Development Department, and a 4% Tax Credit from the State of Texas, and tax exempt

LDG is one of the top Affordable Housing developers, according to the magazine of the same name. They are headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. They currently have three prajects in the House. three projects in the Hous-ton area, of which Childre showed slides. His company will make a 10 year commitment to build, maintain, and manage the Northwood project. In addition, natiionally known Capstone Management will be in charge of running the project, selecting tenants and maintaining security. The project will be gated access, with security cameras. Childre said that the

cost of the 3 story walk-up apartment buildings would be about \$35 million dollars, and total project costs \$51 million. They are prepared to start construc-tion in 2019 and open in 2020. It is expected that the project will generate about 150 construction jobs for the area, with tens of millions in wages. After completion, it will require six full-time positions with an annual aggregate in come of approximately \$320,000. A mix of one, two, three,

and four bedroom units are planned. Units are spa-cious, with balconies and laundry outlets. Buildings are three stories tall, walkup type with no elevators. The site development will include a playground, swimming pool, and a club-house. The clubhouse is to include a community room and kitchen, a theater room, fitness center, computer lab, and outdoor sit-

ting areas and gazebo.
Childre said that apartnents would be available for the elderly and handicapped, as their are no age restrictions except a minimum of 18 years old. Screening of prospective tenants takes place in all their properties, and you cannot be a felon, must pass a police background check, have a current job or income, and good credit



Site Plan shows 12 similar apartment buildings, adjacent. Views of a community room, theater room, computer lab, and parking, and a 4000 sf clubhouse and office. Also planned is fitness equipment. a swimming pool and playground.







Two-Bedroom Unit



A model of a typical 2 bedroom, 1084 sf unit.

rating. Your income must be from 30% to 81% of the area's MSA medium in-

Childre showed detailed models of each unit size. These included: ONE BEDROOM, 861

square feet, rent ranging from \$421 to \$1125, with an income limit below

\$48,000; TWO BEDROOM, 1085 sq. ft., rent from \$506 to

\$4, 157, 16th 16th 5500 to \$1350, and an income lim-it below \$54,000; THREE BEDROOM, 1257 sq. ft., rent from \$584 to \$1558, and income limit

to \$1538, and income limit below \$69,520; FOUR BEDROOM, 1525 sq. ft., rent from \$652 to \$1738, and income limit below \$79,120.

Because the project is a artnership with the local housing authority, Harris County Housing Authority, the head of that organization, CEO Horace Allison, also spoke to the people at the meeting. Allison spoke about how important proper management was to the commu-

nity, and to his agency, and said they now have 8 projects in Harris County with similar controls. He said "We don't tolerate people that violate the lease.

He said that the HCHA now has 7 projects that are for the Elderly, and one that is a family-oriented project. North-wood Apartments would be a family type development.

Some at the meeting said they pre-ferred single family or elderly units. Alli-son said they have a 90 acre site on Lake Houston that will eventually be developed for single family units, but finding sites in the urban areas is difficult.

Allison said that the Housing Author ity had built 300 new units in the last 3 years, and was prepared to do more, including a new development for the homeless near the University of Houston. He said that Hurricane Harvey had caused a shortage of available units.



A model of a typical 3 bedroom, 1257 sf unit.



Views of a typical community room, apartment kitchen, bath and bedroom

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House. She is originally from Reynosa, raised in Pasadena, and was formerly an undocumented immigrant that earned her citizenship in 1986. She has been a State Representative since 2005. In fairs. She is a member of the house, she has a record of bill passage rate nearly 50 percent greater than the average She has championed bills that help families find goodpaying jobs, crack down on human trafficking, and make neighborhoods safer and more secure. She campaigns for better funding for public schools, immigration reform, expanding healthcare for all and better roads and infrastructure She serves on the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures, and Committee on Redistricting. She has degrees from the University of Houston, and University of Texas. Ana is also a practicing attorney, with her own firm. She has won numerous awards for her work in the Legislature, and in

volunteer work. Carol Alvarado now

represents District 145 in the Texas House. She was 2008. Previously she was a member of Houston City Council. She is chairperson of the Texas House Committee on Urban Afthe Higher Education Committee, and the Select Committee on Opioids and Substance Abuse She campaigns for protection for so-called "Dreamers," proper funding for public education women's reproductive health, and full recovery from Hurricane Harvey. As a legislator she has won numerous awards, including in 2015 the Texas Municipal Legislator of the Year. She holds two degrees from the University of Hous-

Senate District 6 includes portions of Texas House Districts 143 and 145, so voters are familiar with these two candidates. The district is primarily Democratic, with a 74 percent Hispanic population, and 85 percent minority. When the Legislature reconvenes on January 8, 2019 it will have a new Senator from District 6.

