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Aldine Noon Optimist Club donates bikes to Aldine ISD schools

The nonprofit donated two bikes to every elementary school to award as prizes for literacy achievements.

For years, the Aldine Noon Optimist Club has supported Aldine ISD schools and students. This year was no different. The nonprofit donated 78 bikes — one for a boy and one for a girl — to every elementary school, which awarded the bikes as prizes for success in the reading initiative.

Steve Mead with the Aldine Noon Optimist Club delivered the bikes to each campus. Mead is also an Aldine Board Trustee.

Each elementary school

taking part in a reading initiative has been awarding the bikes as prizes. For every book a student reads during the initiative, he or she puts his or her name in the box. They enter a raffle for an opportunity to win a new bike. Rules of participation and award dates vary from campus to campus.

According to Stacey Smith, this is not the first time that the club has participated in the project. Smith serves as director of special programs for AISD. She is also an Aldine Noon Optimist Club member.

"The Aldine Noon Optimist Club has helped Aldine ISD has been a great partner," said Smith. "Over the last few years, the club has been donating bikes to every campus taking part in the reading contest. We appreciate what the club does for the District and I know the schools and the students appreciate it too."

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Carroll ES winners Samara Garcia and Brandon Lopez pose with Steve Mead and their new bicycles.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jacorey Howard delivers huge season for Mustangs in 2018

By Mike Keeney
Contributing Writer

Jacorey Howard had a season to remember in 2018.

It was a tough one for the Aldine Mustangs, but the senior running back kept things interesting by rushing for 1,417 yards, averaging 6.6 yards per

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Head football coach Hank Semler congratulates Aldine High School running back Jacorey Howard after being named the 2018 Northeast News' Offensive Player of the Year. It marked the second straight year that Howard won the award. He and former MacArthur High School star quarterback Odell James is the only other two-time NE News Offensive Player of the Year.

Year in Review 2018

Compiled from the files of the Northeast News

JANUARY:

Houston Independent School District Board of Education approved plan to rebuild 4 Harvey-damaged schools. Aldine Independent School District named schools to honor individuals. Northeast News named Dominic Livingston and Jacoby Simpson as Co-Defensive Players of the Year. A total of 11 candidates competed for Congressman Green's seat (TX-29), 7 Democrats and 4 Republicans. North Forest High School celebrated transition to new high school.

FEBRUARY:

Aldine FFA livestock show rewards students' work. Local Channel 2 sponsored flood forum with Mayor Turner and Judge Emmett to explore solutions to flooding. Texas Central picked high-speed rail train station site at Northwest Mall. Congress voted to keep government offices opened. East Aldine District reviewed crime stats at safety forum. Congressional candidates for District 29 spoke at East Aldine District. Pct. 2 met with public on improving drainage.

MARCH:

Primary Election day for Congress in District 29 set for March 6. Rodeo Time in Houston. Senator Sylvia Garcia won Congressional District 29 seat. New station for Houston Police Department opened in North Belt Division. Two fires destroyed 16 apartments and building in North Houston. Aldine ISD selected Teachers of the Year. UT Clinic Jensen held open house and festival. Thousands of students rally for stricter gun control in downtown Houston.

APRIL:

Water level in Lake Houston lowered as a flood control measure. Pct. 1 Commissioner Ellis planned \$30 million in "Complete Streets" improvements. East Aldine's Richard Cantu elected to LSC-Foundation Board. Rep. Walle held Immigration forum. Westfield Fire Department celebrated 76 years of service to the community. Thousands enjoyed 11th annual Turner Family Day. Astrodomo tour to the public held. Harris County Control District began \$84 million Hurricane repair program. East Aldine celebrated Earth Day with tree planting. Pct. 1 and City spent \$15.5 million for bike and pedestrian safety. Former First Lady Barbara Bush died at 92. New Aldine ISD center named in honor of Superintendent Bamberg.

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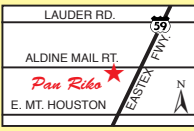
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SPORTS & SCHOOL NEWS

2 Aldine ISD student-athletes are named Wendy's High School Heisman 2018 National Finalists

From an applicant pool of nearly 42,000 high school scholar-athletes graduating with the class of 2019, 10 students have been named National Finalists in the 25th year of Wendy's annual scholarship competition. Two of those students — Myracle Lettries and Jashon Palmer — are from Aldine ISD.

Wendy's High School Heisman was created by Wendy's founder Dave Thomas in 1994. Dave dropped out of high school when he was 15 years old to work full-time and went on to become one of the most successful entrepreneurs in history. While this nontraditional path led to his prosperity, it worried Dave that others would follow in his footsteps and expect to achieve similar fame and wealth by not finishing high school or attending college. At 61 years old, Dave enrolled at Cocanut Creek High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and received his General Equivalency Diploma. Inspired by this moment and with a desire to celebrate the outstanding achievements of youth in America, he launched Wendy's High School Heisman.

Twenty-five years later,



Myracle Lettries and Jashon Palmer from AISD are National Finalists in the program's annual college scholarship Competition. Myracle and Jashon attend MacArthur HS and Eisenhower HS, respectively.

Wendy's has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships to students and more than a million dollars to high school academic and athletic programs across the country. Wendy's High School Heisman has also celebrated more than 650,000 of the nation's most esteemed high school seniors who share Wendy's values of giving back to their communities, treating people with respect, continuing education and

excelling on the athletic field.

To be considered, athletes have to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better as well as be proven leaders and role models within their school and community. Applicants must also perform in at least one of the 47 school sponsored sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games or the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Former Nimitz HS Player, now Giants DB Michael Thomas nominated for Walter Payton Man of the Year Award



Michael Thomas (far right) poses with Nimitz HS Principal Dr. Crystal Watson (in pink), Tobias White (third from left) and Aldine ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney (third from left). Also in the picture are Nimitz HS Class of 2008 alumni that formed the Camp Mike T Scholarship Committee.

The NFL recently announced the 32 nominees for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award presented by Nationwide. One of the nominees is Michael Thomas, an Aldine ISD graduate. The former Nimitz High School football star currently plays for the New York Giants.

Considered one of the NFL's most prestigious awards, the honor has more to do with what players do off the field rather than on the field. The Walter Payton Man of the Year Award goes to the player who does the most for his community.

Each NFL team gets one nominee, and the winner is selected at the NFL Honors awards show at the end of the season.

Current players who have won the award include J.J. Watt (2017), Eli

Manning and Larry Fitzgerald (2016 co-winners), Thomas Davis (2014) and Drew Brees (2006). The previous winners wore a patch of Payton shrouded in a cloak.

Leadership On and Off the Field

Thomas is being lauded for the community work he and his wife have done in every community he has played for including Miami and New York. However, Thomas never forgot where he came from. For the past four years, Thomas has held his summer Mike T Camp in Aldine. The focus of the camp isn't just on football skills. Thomas' real goal is to push education "to make a real change in people's lives." In 2018, Thomas provided the first Mike T Camp \$10,000 academic scholarship.

Thomas stated in a recent interview that if he

were named the winner, the award would not be for him. It would be for his family, the NFL, the Giants organization, everyone he has helped and his teammates.

"It's a humbling experience to be nominated by my peers," said Thomas. "This is a special honor considering the caliber of recipients who have won the award in past years."

NFL to Announce Winner on Feb. 2, 2019

All the finalists will be recognized for their important work during the weekend leading up to Super Bowl LIII.

The 2018 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year will be announced during NFL Honors. This will be a two-hour prime time awards special to air nationally on Feb. 2, the eve of Super Bowl LIII, on CBS. NFL Honors will be at Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

A total of \$500,000 will be donated in the name of the 2018 winner. Of this amount, \$250,000 will be donated in his name to expand Character Playbook, which is the NFL and United Way's digital character education program. An additional donation of \$250,000 will be donated to the charity of his choice. All other 31 nominees will receive a donation of \$50,000 in their name to expand Character Playbook, and an additional donation of up to \$50,000 to their charity of choice. All donations are courtesy of the NFL Foundation, Nationwide and United Way Worldwide.

Vardeman Center announces Jingle Bell Run Winners



Students ran the Jingle Bell Run during Physical Education Class the following winners received awards!

This was Vardeman First Jingle Bell Run! Coach Nigro, right, was pleased with their improved times since the last race in November!

Jingle Bell Run Winners:

- Aubrey Rodriguez - Park, 200
- Juan Gonzalez- Pascual, 201
- Adonai Hernandez- Ramirez, 202
- Mailen Morales- Ortuar, 203
- Raymond Romalo- Ned, 204
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- Cecilia Gonzalez- Torres, 505
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- Jaime Oliva- Jones, 506



- Aaliyah Pina- Jones, 506
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- Yeilin Duarte- Rosales, 508
- Angelique Moya- Brown, 510
- Elizabeth Hernandez- Hernandez, 602
- Arian Garcia- Mixon, 603
- Jordan Flores- Sanchez, 604
- Aleksandar Pecikozic- Gilliams, 606
- Daisy Romano - Gilliams, 606

Eisenhower High School's Tyrique Matthews named Houston TD Club Defensive Player of the Year finalist

Touchdown Club of Houston's 2018 UIL High School Awards finalists were announced during the awards dinner on Dec. 13 in the Galleria.

The Touchdown Club of Houston has been handing out its Player of the Year honors to the top high school players in the Houston area since 1980. Each year, both a senior offensive and defensive player from public schools in Greater Houston are given the award.

Eisenhower HS' Tyrique Matthews was among the 20 finalists recognized. The linebacker is committed to play for Texas Tech University in fall 2019.



Jacorey Howards signs with TSU

MSMS Names Aldine ISD's Carter Academy "Best Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program"

Cutline: Lauren Anderson with Houston Ballet After-School Program seen in 2015 working with the students.

Carter Academy has been named as the "Best Visual and Performing Arts Program" by Magnet Schools of the Mid-South (MSMS). The regional organization highlights the academic achievement and successful magnet implementation in campuses in Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The campus received the award at the organization's annual regional conference held in Houston last week.

The award lauded Carter Academy's vibrant magnet curriculum. The program provides "ample opportunities to learn through a unique approach that enriches the lives of all students."

Carter students receive specialized instruction in dance, drama, visual arts, music and strings. The program encourages students' appreciation of the arts while developing critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.



Aldine High School senior running back Jacorey Howard signed a national letter of intent with Texas Southern University during the early signing period on Wednesday, Dec. 19. He's pictured with Aldine High School head football coach Hank Semler, left, and his mother Georgiana Tryals. During his senior season, Howard rushed for 1,417 yards and scored 13 touchdowns.

"I am proud of Carter Academy. This is one of many wonderful magnet programs we offer in AISD," said Olivia Boatner, director of magnet schools. "We are very honored to receive this award and recognition," said Principal Lee Wold. "At Carter Academy, we strive to provide students with an excellent program that integrates arts and academics to teach the whole child."

Several Aldine ISD leaders attended the conference including representatives from magnet schools across the District. Superintendent LaTonya M. Goffney served as keynote speaker.

Schools can apply for the award each year. They must prove fidelity of implementation of the program. Other factors include gains in student achievement and success in narrowing gaps.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Aldine ISD Theater students deliver impressive performances at 2018 State Thespian Festival
42 students advance to Nationals

Carver High School and Eisenhower HS students delivered outstanding performances at the Texas State Thespian Festival held Nov. 15-17 at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, TX.

Each year, Texas Thespians hosts a statewide festival, which includes more than 8,000 delegates. It is one of the largest annual thespian festivals where students and their troupe directors celebrate an entire weekend of theater.

The festival gives students opportunities to perform and earn recognition. Activities include:

- Workshops
- Main Stage performances
- Play marathons
- College auditions
- Performance competitions
- Technical competitions
- Nationally acclaimed guest speakers
- Opportunities to advance to the International Thespian Society National Festival.

The sessions and workshops help the young thespians develop their acting and technical theater skills.

In the competition portion, Carver and Ike students shined. More than 40 earned Superior ratings and will advance to national competition at the International Thespian Festival held each June in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Students Advancing to Nationals

Carver HS for Engineering, Applied Technology & The Arts

- Duet Acting — Folasade Asoro & Brielle Johnson
- Duet Musical — Jocelyn Dorsey & Kaleb Womack
- Group Acting — Joshua Cruise, Yasaar Ellis, & Trysten Williams
- Group Musical — Sissi Arriaga, Armani Brown, Cody Dixon, Colby Ester, Oscar Garcia, Ashley Harrison, Miriam Hernandez, Prejazacyn James, Jordan Johnson, Jaila Stanley, Oscar Villagran, Ashlee Walker, Kevin Washington & Kai Womack
- Monologue — Narius Nedd
- Sound Design — Zavion Milburn
- Solo Musical — Jazmyne Charles

Eisenhower HS — An IB@ World School

- Costume Design — Erika Escobedo
- Duet Acting — Javion Cox & Jardon Brown

Eisenhower HS

- Short Film — Angel Rivas
- Solo Musical — Emma Velásquez
- Stage Management — Lauren Smith
- Stage Management — Jasmin Garcia.

Group Acting — Maylasia Brue, Gavin Griggs, Clarence Moore, Diego Segura, Kayla Williams & Gabriel Zeremo

Group Acting — Samantha Doclan, Brycen Jones, Dylan Martinez, Courtney Neal, Danielle Powell, Carra Randel, Francisco Segura & Malik Washington

Carver HS for Engineering, Applied Technology & The Arts

- Costume Design — Eriqah Rhodes
- Scenic Design — Imani Titus & Madison Jones
- Stage Management — Alexis Stewart
- Theater Marketing — Alyssa Vincent & Bailey Mitchell

Eisenhower HS

- Short Film — Angel Rivas
- Solo Musical — Emma Velásquez
- Stage Management — Lauren Smith
- Stage Management — Jasmin Garcia.

Aldine ISD leaders meet with business, community partners

Recently, Aldine ISD partners gathered at the Business Advisory Luncheon held at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center to hear from the executive leadership who shared key updates and the District's key focus areas for the Texas 86th Legislative Regular Session, which starts January 8.

AISD Plans for the Future

Dawn Ayers-Rodriguez, executive director of assessment, accountability and school improvement; and Katie Roede, director of strategic planning and school improvement, gave an update on the District's strategic design. The duo form part of Superintendent LaTonya M. Goffney's Transition Team. They gave an overview of the timeline for the process that began in spring 2017. The District continues to develop and seek input from stakeholders. The team, along with the Board of Trustees, will finalize the vision, mission, goals and beliefs in spring 2019.

District Asks Legislature to Invest in Kids

District leaders are also planning ahead for the Texas 86th Legislative Regular Session, which begins in January. Dr. Selina Chapa, deputy superintendent, provided an overview of the District's key focus areas:

- School finance reform
- State evaluation system
- School safety infrastructure fund



Superintendent LaTonya M. Goffney (right) speaks with a partner at the Business Advisory Luncheon held Dec. 7 at the M. O. Campbell Educational Center.

- Funding full-day pre-kindergarten for eligible four-year-olds

On a local scale, AISD is pushing for more awareness about the importance and impact early childhood education has on students. AISD, which currently offers free full-day PK for eligible four-year-olds, launched in October a pilot program for 3-year-olds.

Goffney, a strong supporter of prekindergarten programs, hopes business and community partners will support the effort to have the state fund full-day PreK for all eligible four-year-olds.

"We must ensure we are helping these students develop the skills they need to be reading at third-grade level before they enter third grade," said Goffney. "I hope business and community partners realize that early childhood education matters for

the kind of future individuals will have. It is also an investment in the kind of future we as a community will have."

The community showed its commitment to invest in students when voters overwhelmingly passed the 2015 Bond Referendum. Patrick Mouton, executive director of facilities, planning and construction, shared information about completed projects, which included technology upgrades, renovations and expansions. However, the biggest projects came to fruition when the District opened six new campuses in August 2018, and two new schools that replaced the older campuses.

Creating Successful Partnerships

Before closing the luncheon, Goffney thanked partners for their support of the District, students and staff members.

Aldine ISD names new Chief Communications Officer

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney officially announced that Sheleah D. Reed has been named Chief Communications Officer for Aldine ISD. The announcement was made during the Board of Trustees meeting held December 19.

Reed, who came on board Dec. 5, heads the Communications Office where she is responsible for providing leadership, vision, direction and execution of major District communication programs, strategies, events and activities.

For more than 15 years, Reed's work focused on branding, crisis communications and marketing. Reed has had stints at The Princeton Review, Texas Southern University, Prairie View A&M University and Spring ISD.

Prior to joining AISD, Reed was the strategic engagement and outreach officer in Business Operations at Houston ISD. Reed oversaw the communications efforts of the Business Services unit, which included four departments — Nutrition



Sheleah D. Reed

Services, Transportation, Facilities and Bond. Her responsibilities included strategic communications, increased internal communications, public relations campaigns, new marketing initiatives and partnerships.

Before advancing to her latest role with HISD she was general manager of strategic marketing and communications for Nutrition Services. She has previously served HISD as press secretary.

While working at Spring ISD, she provided leadership to the executive-level team in the development and implementation of SISD's five-year strategic plan. The communications team she worked with earned state recognition for the work they did on the strategic plan, earning Best of Category during the 2016 TSPRA Star Awards.

Reed holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Prairie View A&M University and master's degree in journalism and public relations from Texas Christian University. Reed also is an Accredited Public Relations practitioner. The APR is the PR industry's only post-graduate certification program.

The native Houstonian is active in professional and civic organizations including the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) where she serves on the Nominating Committee. Reed, a public education advocate, is a Leadership ISD Harris County Fellow (Class 2018). In 2016, Reed made Prairie View A&M University's inaugural class of 40 Under 40 alumni.

Aldine ISD selected among 14 finalists in Texas for the Holdsworth Center Leadership Program

Aldine ISD was selected as one of 14 school district finalists across Texas for the second cohort of a 5-year leadership program by The Holdsworth Center (click). The Center is a leadership institute for Texas public schools founded by H-E-B CEO and Chairman Charles Butt.

The nonprofit works with districts to train administrative leaders in each district, while also establishing systems for identifying and selecting future high-level district staffers.

AISD submitted an application to The Holdsworth Center to compete for a spot in the cohort. The Center has surveyed the districts to determine their willingness and ability to change as well as their level of commitment to the process.

The next step in the process for final consideration

is a visit to AISD by The Holdsworth Center's executive team. A decision will be made in April 2019 on the six chosen districts that will take part in the second round of training with The Holdsworth Center.

Aldine ISD would be among the largest Holdsworth Center participants if selected. The District has a student population of nearly 67,000 (2018 Snapshot) and is ranked ninth in the state.

"Aldine ISD is incredibly honored to be among the finalists," shared Superintendent LaTonya M. Goffney. "We look forward to the visit in the spring to show the ways in which we are leading."

"Everyone in Aldine is committed to continuously improving as a team and as leaders to ensure every student and staff member is supported to thrive to

their full potential."

We believe leaders have a direct impact on student achievement," said Board President Steve Mead. "Pursuing this (The Holdsworth Center Leadership program) is an opportunity for AISD to be able to enhance the way in which the District grows and develops its own leaders."

"This is a priority as we seek to build a legacy of equity and excellence."

The Holdsworth Center is in its second year working with seven Texas school districts that piloted the initiative.

The Center dedicates about \$4 million in services and benefits to each district, including on-the-ground staff members, training from management experts as well as airfare and accommodations for visits to organizations renowned for leadership practices.

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*VICE (R) - 12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

*AQUAMAN (PG-13) - 3:15pm, 9:40pm

*AQUAMAN (PG-13) - 2:50pm, 9:15pm

*AQUAMAN 3D (PG-13) - 12:00pm, 6:30pm

*AQUAMAN 3D (PG-13) - 11:45am, 6:00pm

*BUMBLEBEE (PG-13) - 1:40pm, 7:00pm

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*BUMBLEBEE in 3D (PG-13) - 11:00am, 4:15pm, 9:45pm

*SECOND ACT (PG-13) - 11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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*WELCOME TO MARWEN (PG-13) - 11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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*MORTAL ENGINES (PG-13) - 9:15pm

*THE MULE (R) - 11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

*Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG) - 12:15pm, 5:45pm

*Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG) - 12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm

*Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse 3D (PG) - 3:00pm, 8:30pm

*CREED II (PG-13) - 1:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:40pm

*RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET (PG) - 11:00am, 4:15pm

*DR. SEUSS: THE GRINCH (PG) - 12:20pm, 4:45pm

*DR. SEUSS: THE GRINCH in 3D (PG) - 2:30pm, 7:00pm

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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Maximizing Spousal Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband turns 68 next year, and I will be turning 66. He plans on continuing to work and retiring at age 70 to maximize his monthly Social Security benefits. I am retiring next year due to a spinal injury. Since my monthly maximum is based on his, we are trying to figure out when mine should be activated to earn the highest benefit amount. Do I need to wait until he reaches age 70 to maximize mine, or can I activate it next year at the lesser amount and would Social Security adjust it to the higher rate when he activates his? Signed: Timing is Everything

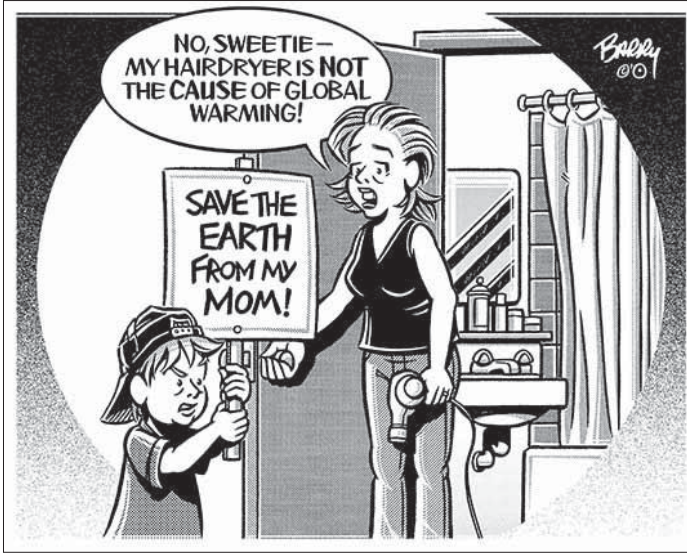
Dear Timing: Your eventual spousal benefit from your husband's Social Security record will be based upon his full retirement age benefit amount, not on the increased benefit he will get by waiting until he is age 70 to claim. Thus, you don't gain anything by waiting past your full retirement age and until he claims his at 70 to start your own benefits. If you will be 66 next year, I assume your year of birth is 1953, which means your full retirement age (FRA) is 66. That means at age 66 you will get 100% of the benefit you have earned from a lifetime of working. By starting your benefits at age 66, your husband can then file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" and collect 50% of the amount you are collecting, while allowing his own Social Security retirement benefit to continue to grow (it's already growing, but without him getting a spousal benefit from your record).

He can do this because he was born before the January 2, 1954 cutoff date after which that option was eliminated. By filing the restricted application after you start

your benefits, your husband can collect a spousal benefit from you while he is still earning delayed retirement credits (DRCs) for himself, which will mean his benefit at age 70 will be 32% more than it would have been at his FRA of 66. Then, when your husband claims his own benefit at age 70, you should apply for your spousal benefit, which will be 50% of his FRA benefit amount (you get that if it is more than you are getting from your own work record). And in the intervening months between when you apply at age 66 and when he claims his own benefits at age 70, your husband will have collected about 2 years worth of spousal benefits from your work record.

One final word of caution: should you decide to claim your own Social Security benefit before you reach your full retirement age next year, your eventual spousal benefit will be somewhat reduced. Waiting until you reach your FRA to apply for your own benefit will ensure you get the maximum spousal benefit you are entitled to when your husband switches to his own Social Security benefit at age 70. And at that time you will need to apply for your spousal benefit; it will not start automatically.

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Whitley succeeds Pablos as Texas secretary of state

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Dec. 17 announced the appointment of David Whitley as Texas' 112th secretary of state.

In his new role, Whitley will act as Texas' chief elections officer, as protocol officer for state and international affairs, and will serve as liaison for the governor on Mexico and border affairs. Whitley's appointment fills the vacancy left by outgoing Secretary of State Rolando Pablos, who served in the post for two years.

"David has been an invaluable member of my administration for over a decade, both in my time as attorney general and during the entirety of my first term as governor," Abbott said. "He has a keen understanding of the election process, and has served as a top advisor for international relations within the Office of the Governor. I am confident that in his new role as secretary of state, David will continue to safeguard the integrity of our elections and maintain Texas' standing on the international stage."

Whitley most recently served as Abbott's deputy chief of staff. He served earlier as appointments director. He began working for then-Texas Attorney General Abbott in 2004, serving in various roles including assistant deputy attorney general. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and volunteers in the UT Law Mentorship Program. A native of Alice, Whitley received finance and law degrees from The University of Texas at Austin.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised the governor's appointment of Whitley, saying, "I'm confident David will make it a priority to preserve and protect the integrity of our election system in Texas."

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

DPS stop study is released

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 13 announced the release of a comprehensive analysis of traffic stop data by race and ethnicity of drivers. The study, which includes traffic stop data by race and ethnicity from 2017, concludes that DPS' internal controls "align with documented best practices."

The study was requested by DPS and was conducted by the University of North Texas. It recommended no changes to the department's current practices, policies and protocols.

Nevertheless, the DPS announced the launch of a new system that tracks the agency's traffic-stop data related to the race and ethnicity of drivers. The new system will be used by the DPS "to identify trends and outliers that could indicate performance issues, including the potential for racial profiling," according to the agency.

DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "We are pleased with the findings of the UNT analysis, yet we continue to look for ways to enhance the way we protect and serve Texans. This new internal control program will do just that."

Agency head updates budget

J. Bruce Bugg Jr., chair of the Texas Transportation Commission, on Dec. 14 posted an update on what taxpayers are getting for their transportation dollars. "Transportation touches the lives of every Texan, every day, and there's no time to wait as we deliver on our commitment to keep Texas moving forward," Bugg said.

The commission and the agency it oversees — the Texas Department of Transportation — have spent more than \$24 billion toward relieving road congestion in the state's major metropolitan areas as part of the \$75.4 billion Unified Transportation Program over the next 10 years, Bugg said.

Since 2015, more than 1,300 lane miles have been added to state roads and more than 2,600 non-tolled road projects worth \$11 billion have been completed.

Also, a priority for the commission and TxDOT is addressing safety and roadway improvements in the energy sector. So, over the next decade, the commission has directed \$3.4 billion to make repairs and improve roads in the energy-rich Permian Basin, Bugg added.

Bush supports beach levee

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on Dec. 15 announced his support of the levee proposed by the Coastal Texas Study on or along the beach. He called the study "an important step in the effort to reduce the risk along the Texas coast from dangerous storm surges and other threats."

"It is important to remember, this is a draft proposal and the location of the levee has not yet been determined. I support locating the barrier on or along the beach, however, data and engineering studies must still be done before we can determine the placement of the levee. We are listening. I will continue to work to ensure that public comments are carefully considered and included as we move forward with this draft proposal," Bush said. Comments must be postmarked by Jan. 9, 2019.

TxDOT SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON FUTURE OF RAIL IN TEXAS

Texas Rail Plan to reflect latest rail project priorities, fulfill federal funding eligibility requirements AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking public input on an update to the Texas Rail Plan, which includes a list of current and future rail projects that the public will have the opportunity to learn about and submit comments. The plan also keeps inventory of all rail lines; analyzes rail service goals and contributions to the economy; catalogs and assesses potential infrastructure projects; and examines finance strategies for projects and services.

The public can review and provide input on the plan via the online meeting. There also is a survey and online form to submit public comments until Jan. 8, 2019 at www.surveymonkey.com/r/TexasRailPlan. These options provide an opportunity for the public to comment on all rail-related issues in Texas, both freight and passenger, as well as existing and future projects and programs.

The rail system is a critical component of our thriving economy, safely connecting industries, ports and people. Per federal requirements, states must have a state rail plan that is updated every four years to establish policy, priorities and implementation strategies for freight and passenger rail in the state.

Optimist Club,

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One of the campuses that received bikes is Carroll Elementary School. On Dec. 18, Principal Jennifer Price lauded the students for their efforts. The two lucky winners were fourth graders Samara García and Brandon López.



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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Texans look to hold onto No. 2 seed in finale against Jags: 'Bama, OU, ND and Clemson look to advance to CFP title game

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was written before the Bowl Games, but the general information is useful for review of game results.

As the New Year approaches, we say good-bye to the 2018 football season as the bowl season winds up with the College Football Playoff semifinals on Dec. 29, and a host of other big-time bowl games ring in the New Year.

The NFL winds up its regular season on the final weekend of December with a number of teams still jockeying for playoff position, including the Texans, who could possibly see up one of the top two seeds in the AFC and earn a first-round bye. Not too shabby for a team that lost its first three games. The Texans hope New England (two weeks ago they lost their second straight game when they fell at Pittsburgh to move to the third seed in the AFC behind Houston). It should be noted the Pats played Buffalo last week and closed the season with a home game against the Jets, while the Texans had to play against a rejuvenated Philadelphia team in Philly last week and close at home against Jacksonville.

Still, there's a good chance the Texans could win out to finish 12-4, quite an accomplishment for Bill O'Brien's team that was left for dead three weeks into the season.

Other key games this weekend have the Cowboys, who looked woeful two weeks ago in their 23-0 loss at Indianapolis, visiting the Giants. Cleveland faces Baltimore as both teams are still alive in the AFC playoff picture, and the Steelers host the Bengals looking to wrap up the AFC North title. Two weeks ago, the Steelers gutted out a 17-10 win at home against the Patriots to end their three-game losing streak and keep them atop in the AFC North.

Indianapolis visits Tennessee in an important game for both teams who have to hope the Texans stumble down the stretch. If the Texans lose their final two games (highly unlikely) and either of these two teams wins their final two, the winner could earn the division title.

While many eyes will be on the NFL this weekend, a lot more of them will be on the CFP playoffs which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 29. The first semifinal game will take place in Arlington in the Cotton Bowl as No. 2-ranked Clemson takes on No. 3-ranked Notre Dame. The second semifinal game will be held at the Orange Bowl and will pit No. 1-ranked Alabama against No. 4-ranked Oklahoma and Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray. The winner of the two semifinal games will meet in the CFP National Title game on Monday, Jan. 7 in Santa Clara, CA.

Other bowl games with Texas ties has Jimbo Fisher's Texas A&M Aggies facing North Carolina State in the Taxslayer Bowl in Jacksonville, while Tom Herman's Texas Longhorns face a talented Georgia team in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. A 5-4 week brought the season record to 110-70 (61%).

I want to wish all of you readers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for taking the time to read my ramblings and I hope to return again next year. Now, onto this week's game.

NCAA

Cotton Bowl - Clemson vs. Notre Dame:

CFP semifinal number one pits Clemson's dominating defense against a balanced Notre Dame offense at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Dabo Swinney's Tigers have three first round NFL picks on the defensive line and a pretty fair offense led by sophomore Trevor Lawrence (2,606 yards, 24 TDs) and running back Travis Etienne (1,463 yards, 21 TDs). If the Irish hope to pull off the upset, they must establish the running game behind tailback Dexter Williams (941 yards, 12 TDs) to open up the passing game for Ian Book (2,468 yards, 19 TDs). Book has a stable of capable receivers and tight ends to throw to and I expect head coach Brian Kelley to have Book tossing the ball to all of those weapons to keep Clemson on its toes. ND's offensive line must give Book time to throw against that potent Clemson front seven, which will be a tall task. Defensively, the Irish need to get to Lawrence early to rattle him into a mistake or two, which could swing the game in ND's favor. This is Kelley's most athletic team on both sides of the ball and something tells me the luck of the Irish will prevail as ND shocks the Tigers. My pick, Notre Dame 30, Clemson 27.

Orange Bowl - Alabama vs. Oklahoma:

Two of college football's most storied programs go after it with a spot in the CFP title game at stake when No. 1-ranked Alabama takes on No. 4-ranked Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. The OU offense will face its sternest test of the season when it takes on a 'Bama defense that is loaded with five-star talent. The Sooners have a load of talent on offense as well led by Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray (4,053 yards passing, 40 TDs; 892 yards rushing, 12 TDs). Murray has two capable backs to hand the ball to in Kennedy Brooks (1,021 yards, 12 TDs) and Trey Sermon (925 yards, 12 TDs) and two explosive wide receivers in Marquis Brown (75 receptions, 1,318 yards, 10 TDs) and CeeDee Lamb (57



receptions, 1,049 yards, 10 TDs). Brown was injured in the Big 12 title game, but should be back for this game. Alabama has a few weapons itself on offense led by Heisman runner-up Tua Tagovailoa (3,353 yards, 37 TDs). Look for head coach Nick Saban to turn to his running game to chew clock and keep Murray off the field. Senior tailback Damien Harris (771 yards, 7 TDs) will be called on to lead the way on the ground and when Tua does throw, he has a host of talented receivers to go to in Jerry Jeudy (59 receptions, 1,103 yards, 12 TDs) and Jaylen Waddle (41 receptions, 803 yards, 7 TDs) and talented tight end Irv Smith Jr. (38 receptions, 648 yards, 7 TDs). Tua suffered an ankle injury in the SEC title game but has practiced with the team as they prepared for the Orange Bowl. Should Tua be slowed by that injury, Saban has an insurance policy in former starter Jalen Hurts (755 yards passing, 8 TDs) who came off the bench to save the day for the Tide in the SEC title game. OU is going to be in this game, but in the end, it will be the Alabama defense that paves the way for Saban to go after national title No. 6 as the Crimson Tide's head coach (he also won one at LSU). My pick, Alabama 36, Oklahoma 33.

Taxslayer Bowl - Texas A&M vs. North Carolina State:

Jimbo Fisher's Aggies will be looking for their 10th win of the season when they face a solid NC State team in the Taxslayer Bowl in Jacksonville. A 10-win season would be a solid first season for the Aggies and their new head coach and would carry a lot of momentum into the offseason. This game will feature two big-play quarterbacks in A&M's Kellen Mond (2,967 yards, 23 TDs) and NC State's Ryan Finley (3,789 yards, 24 TDs). The Aggies also can get it done on the ground thanks to speedy running back Trayveon Williams (1,524 yards, 15 TDs). This should be a fun one to watch with plenty of scoring. The nod goes to the Aggies who played in the tougher league and are a bit better on defense than are the Wolfpack. My pick, Texas A&M 38, North Carolina State 34.

Sugar Bowl - Texas vs. Georgia:

Tom Herman's second season in Austin was a positive one as the Longhorns played in the Big 12 title game and earned a

trip to the Sugar Bowl to face a talented Georgia team. Texas fans are now hoping Herman can deliver a victory against a top 10 team, which might easier said than done against a Georgia team that gave Alabama everything it wanted in the SEC title game. Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger (3,123 yards, 23 TDs; 418 yards rushing, 13 TDs) will face a good Georgia defense and will need help from his wide receivers to make plays down field. The Texas defense will have its hands full with Bulldog QB Jake Fromm (2,537 yards, 24 TDs) and speedy running back D'Andre Swift (1,037 yards, 10 TDs). Georgia has a lot of speed on offense and that might be the difference maker against a suspect UT defense. My pick, Georgia 31, Texas 23.

NFL

Jacksonville at Houston:

The Texans close out the 2018 season hosting a disappointing Jacksonville team that might be making sweeping changes in the offseason. Houston might have to win this game to secure the AFC South title, so don't expect O'Brien to sit stars Deshaun Watson (3,592 yards, 23 TDs) and DeAndre Hopkins (94 receptions, 1,321 yards, 11 TDs). Those two came up with the game-winning play two weeks ago in the Texans' 29-22 win over the Jets and Hopkins did suffer an ankle injury on the play. He should be good to go, but running back Lamar Miller might not be after he sustained an ankle injury as well early in the game and did not return. Look for the Houston defense to tee off on Cody Kessler early to take the fight out of the Jags as the offense does just enough to pull out the victory. My pick, Houston 26, Jacksonville 13.

Indianapolis at Tennessee:

A huge game for both team's playoff chances meet in Nashville on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks ago, the Indy defense led the way to a 23-0 pasting of the Cowboys and will need to bring it again this week against Titans running back Derrick Henry (882 yards, 11 TDs). In wins over the Jags and Giants, Henry rushed for 408 yards and six touchdowns. The Titans defense will have its hands full trying to stop Indy QB Andrew Luck (3,951 yards, 34 TDs), running back Marlon Mack and speedy wide

receiver T.Y. Hilton (67 receptions, 1,071 yards, 6 TDs). Tennessee is tough at home. Look for Henry to be the difference maker in this one as he controls the clock and keeps Luck off the field. My pick, Tennessee 23, Indianapolis 20.

Dallas at New York Giants:

The Cowboys offense was pathetic two weeks ago during its 23-0 loss at Indianapolis and should get well this week against a Giants team that is playing out the season, but should be motivated to hand their long-time rivals a season-ending loss and have them stumbling into the playoffs (Dallas should have sewed up the NFC East at home against Tampa Bay last week). Dallas QB Dak Prescott (3,337 yards, 17 TDs) needs to pick it up as the playoffs approach. Look for the Cowboys to attack the weak Giants run defense with Ezekiel Elliott (1,349 yards, 10 TDs) as he looks to win the NFL rushing title. Defensively, look for the Cowboys to get after Eli Manning, who will look to rookie running back Saquon Barkley (1,155 yards, 13 total TDs) to make plays with his legs. My pick, Dallas 24, New York Giants 16.

Cleveland at Baltimore:

Don't look now, but the Browns are building a team that should contend for the playoffs by next season. They could be still alive in the playoff hunt this week when they visit the Ravens, who are also hoping to earn a Wild Card spot themselves in the final game of the regular season. Two weeks ago, the Browns picked up a big road win at Denver, while the Ravens rolled the Bucs. Baltimore will look to control the game and the clock with its running game led by quarterback Lamar Jackson (818 passing yards, 5 TDs; 566 rushing yards, 5 TDs) to keep Cleveland QB Baker Mayfield (3,065 yards, 21 TDs) and running back Nick Chubb (860 yards, 10 total TDs) off the field. The Browns will give the Ravens a battle, but look for the Baltimore defense to be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Baltimore 23, Cleveland 20.

Chicago at Minnesota:

This game means virtually nothing to the Bears who have the third seed secured in the NFC playoff race, but it means everything to the Vikings who might need to win to earn a Wild Card spot. Two weeks ago, the Minnesota offense finally came to life with a 41-point outburst against Miami. Quarterback Kirk Cousins (3,913 yards, 26 TDs) will need another big day when he faces one of the league's best defenses. The Bears do have some injury concerns in the secondary, so look for Cousins to make plays to wide receivers Adam Thielen (105 receptions, 1,255 yards, 9 TDs) and Stefon Diggs (92 receptions, 964 yards, 7 TDs). The Vikes will also hope that second-year running back Dalvin

Cook has another big day like he did against the Dolphins when he rushed for 136 yards and two scores. My pick, Minnesota 23, Chicago 20.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh:

Two weeks ago, the Steelers might have saved their season with a hard-fought 17-10 win at home against Tom Brady and the Patriots. The defense played one of its best games of the season and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (4,462 yards, 30 TDs) made enough plays with wide receivers Juju Smith-Schuster (95 receptions, 1,274 yards, 6 TDs) and Antonio Brown (90 receptions, 1,112 yards, 13 TDs) to get the job done. Rookie running back Jaylen Samuels filled in nicely for the injured James Conner with 142 rushing yards to help in the running game. The Steelers smell blood and this one could get ugly early as the banged-up Bengals are making vacation plans. My pick, Pittsburgh 34, Cincinnati 16.

Carolina at New Orleans:

The Saints will look to earn the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs when they host a Carolina team that might be looking for a new head coach after the season. I don't expect head coach Sean Payton to rest starters like Drew Brees, Alvin Kamara, Mark Ingram and Michael Thomas in this one until the game is put out of reach. I expect Carolina QB Cam Newton and running back Christian McCaffrey to put up big numbers in this one to keep the Panthers in the game, but look for Brees and his load of offensive weapons to be too much for a beat-up Carolina defense. My pick, New Orleans 33, Carolina 20.

Los Angeles Chargers at Denver:

Don't look now, but the Chargers might be playing for the No. 1 seed throughout the AFC playoffs when they visit a disappointing Denver team on Sunday. Two weeks ago, Phillip Rivers (3,951 yards, 31 TDs) and his teammates won at Kansas City, 29-28 when they came up with a two-point conversion with 4 seconds left in the game. The Chargers lost wide receiver Keenan Allen to a hip injury in that game and his status is unknown for this game, but fell wide out Mike Williams stepped up with seven receptions for 76 yards, two receiving touchdowns, a rushing touchdown and the game-winning two-point conversion to stun the Chiefs and their fans. LA should have running back Melvin Gordon (802 yards, 13 total TDs) back for this game after he missed three straight games with a knee injury. I don't expect the Chargers to take the disappointing Broncos lightly because this is a division game with so much at stake for the Chargers. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 31, Denver 23.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. BALLET: What is the name of the young girl who stars in "The Nutcracker"? 2. TELEVISION: Which actor played the dad in the sitcom "Eight Is Enough"? 3. GOVERNMENT: According to the Constitution, what is the minimum age of a member of the U.S. Senate? 4. MUSIC: What is the nickname of country music singer Hank Williams Jr.? 5. FOOD & DRINK: Where did gumbo originate in the United States? 6. MOVIES: Which 1990s film had the tagline, "A little pig goes a long way"? 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president is honored in the Wrestling Hall of Fame? 8. LITERATURE: What was the nickname of the deadly flu that wiped out most human beings in Stephen King's "The Stand"? 9. U.S. STATES: Where is Fort Knox located? 10. MEASUREMENTS: What does the Brannock Device measure?

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Trivia Test Answers: 1. Clara; 2. Dick Van Dyke; 3. 30; 4. Bocephus; 5. Louisiana; 6. "Babe"; 7. Abraham Lincoln; 8. Captain Jack; 9. Kentucky; 10. Shoe size

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 3. Which book proclaims the first day of the new year is for resting and a memorial sounding the trumpet? Genesis, Exodus,

Leviticus, Numbers
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Castlewood Civic Club's Christmas Spirit



By Judy de la Garza

"Christmas in Castlewood" was a huge success! A wonderful time was had by all you came to enjoy yourselves on a crisp Saturday morning. This community event was in full spirit as there were homemade tamales and cookies, goodie bags for the children and even a candy-filled piñata to celebrate this time of year. But most importantly, there were smiles and laughter

amongst all the kids who attended from Castlewood. Not to mention, the Christmas music was the cherry on top of this festive event to set the perfect mood of the season. Parents took advantage of the photo opportunity to conclude their visit. A surprise visit from Texas State Senator Elect District 6 Carol Alvarado helped kick off the party! Special thanks to Wanda and Patrick LeBlanc for hosting the "Christmas in Castlewood" event.

Aldine ISD Board reorganizes

During the Dec. 18 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved a new slate of officers.

Each year, the Board reorganizes in December with a new president, vice-president, secretary and assistant secretary to serve as officers for one year. In November, the Board's Nominating Committee presented a full slate of officers for approval by the full Board during the regular business meet-

ing. The Nominating Committee, consisting of Trustees Paul Shanklin, Dr. Kimberley Booker and Dr. Viola M. Garcia, recommended that Steve Mead serve as president, Connie Esparza serve as vice-president, Dr. Booker serve as secretary and Mr. Shanklin serve as assistant secretary. Trustees Dr. Viola M. Garcia, Rose Avalos and Patricia Ann Bourgeois will serve as members.

Offensive Player of the Year,

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carry and scoring 13 touchdowns. He also added 101 passing yards for a total yardage on the season of 1,517 yards.

Not bad for a kid who missed the last two games with a sprained ankle.

For his effort, Howard was named the 2018 Northeast News' Offensive Player of the Year. He also won the award after the 2017 season when he played quarterback for Hank Semler's team. Howard and former MacArthur High School star quarterback Odell James are the only two-time winners of the award.

On Dec. 19, Howard signed a national letter of intent with Texas Southern University.

He also had offers from Rice, Lamar and Northern Iowa.

"TSU has a great medical program and I want to be an occupational therapist," Howard said of his decision to stay close to home to play his college ball.

When asked how he thought his senior season went, Howard said he was happy with it.

"It was great," he said. "I couldn't finish the last two games because I had a sprained ankle, so that was sort of disappointing, but overall it was a good season. I've been playing football since I was three-years-old and when I score a touchdown nothing else matters in the world."

He did a lot of scoring during the 2018 season.

His best game of the season came against Sam Houston High when he rushed for an eye-popping 417 yards and five touchdowns. It could have been an even bigger night, but two rushing touchdowns and a punt return for a score were called back because of penalties.

Aldine High head football coach Hank Semler said while Howard is a very good athlete, he's an even better person.

"Jacorey loves to help people," Semler said. "He's

a man of God. He's a model student (he carries a 3.6 grade point average). He's everything a model Aldine ISD graduate should be. He's the kind of young man I hope my daughter finds some day."

High praise indeed for the young man. He's also a team player.

Last year, Howard played quarterback and had a nice season, but during seven-on-seven play last summer, Howard approached Semler with a request.

"He came up to me after one of their games and said, 'Coach, I think the team plays better when I play running back. Do you think it would be OK if you moved me to running back?'"

It didn't take Semler long to make the change.

The 6-1, 220-pounder runs a 4.4 40-yard dash and that speed was evident in the Mustangs' first game against Cypress Falls.

"Cypress Falls had some fast defensive back, but Jacorey had a 93-yard touchdown run where he left them in the dust. They (Cy falls defensive backs) went from the side view to the rear view in a short time frame."

Semler believes Howard should have a chance to play as a freshman at TSU, but he needs to do some work in the weight room from now until he reports in August.

"He will have a chance to play as a freshman, but he needs to gain about 20 pounds of muscle in the chest and neck area," Semler said.

Semler said he is going to miss having Howard around his program, but looks forward to following him in college.

"You get a productive kid like Jacorey about once every three years," Semler said. "I've been a lucky guy to be around such an outstanding young man. He's the type of kid that if he borrowed your car, he'd return it with a full tank of gas."

Year in Review 2018,

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MAY: Aldine ISD Board named Dr. LaTonya Goffney Superintendent finalist. Mother of injured students in bus crash sued First Class Tour bus company in Aldine for \$1 million. Grand Texas Theme Park set opening, started selling tickets. Aldine Education Foundation and Aldine Scholarship Fund awarded 251 scholarships. A welcome reception is held for new Aldine Superintendent, Dr. Goffney. Aldine ISD received alleged threat note.

JUNE: \$2.5 Billion flood bond issued for August's election. Aldine ISD said goodbye to Superintendent Wanda and Deputy Superintendent Archie. Mayor Turner held Juneteenth Parade. First allocation of funds for voluntary home buyouts due to Hurricane Harvey flooding set. East Aldine District voted to enter into contract with H-E-B Company for a new Joe Y's Supermarket at Town Center.

JULY: Immigrants kids housed in Harris County facility. Work began at detention basin to reduce flood risks in Greens Bayou. Civic Clubs heard from County Attorney on services. Aldine Optimist Club recognized Partners. Judge Emmett announced \$5 billion more for flood work. Free Karate class sponsored by East Aldine District. Sen. Sylvia Garcia resigns Legislature to run for TX-29 Congress seat. Residents attended second flood bond meeting in Aldine. Aldine ISD held Jamboree.

AUGUST: Baker Ripley opened new Town Center facility with back-to-school health fair. Aldine ISD announced the opening of six new schools for 2018-2019 school year. Congressman Gene Green held 23rd annual immunization day at UT Clinic. Aldine ISD held Jamboree with bands, cheerleading and performing arts. Voters approved flood bond. A new Leo Daniels tower construction announced to help in Jensen revitalization efforts.

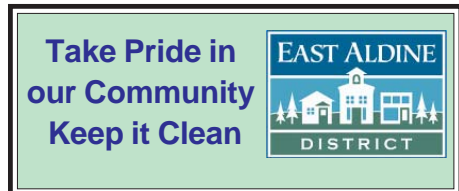
SEPTEMBER: Congressman Gene Green toured immigrant children's shelter. Huge crowd heard Candidate Beto at Aldine Town Hall meeting. Grandparents Raising Grandkids strengthened families with annual conference. MacArthur High School announced car show for September 29. Report showed crime dropped in North Houston.

OCTOBER: Baker Ripley center held Grand Opening. Kids' program kicked off at Haverstock Hill apartments. National Night Out observed. Aldine ISD Police arrested student for Instagram threats. Aldine Fire Department received high water vehicle makeover. Community hosted parade to revitalize Eastex Jensen area. 140,000 cubic yard of hurricane storm debris removed from Bayous and Channels. East Aldine approved design for new offices. Greens Bayou held 3rd annual Reggata.

NOVEMBER: Texas selected Sylvia Garcia as first Latina to Congress. Pct. 2 Commissioner Jack Morman defeated as well as Judge Ed Emmett, winners were Adrian Garcia and Linda Hidalgo respectively. Ted Cruz won National Senate Race. 288 new apartments were proposed for Aldine. Gov. Abbott called for Special Election for Senate 6 seat; Rep. Ana Hernandez and Carol Alvarado competed. Mattress Mack provided free Turkey dinners to families. Eastex Fire Department sent help to combat California wildfires.

DECEMBER: Mayor and County Judge announced final round of Hurricane Harvey relief funds grants. Early voting began for Senate candidates. Underserved Northside kids received stocking stockings stuffed with books and legos. East Aldine District held annual awards ceremony. Carol Alvarado won election for Texas Senate. Holiday cheer spread at the Annual Nadine Kujawa Gala. Warrant service left 3 officers shot and gunman dead in Aldine.

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