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NEWS NOTES

Walle & GFCC Town Hall Aug. 27

State Representative Armando Walle will hold at Town Hall in partnership with the Green Forest Civic Club to discuss upcoming legislative session, and other district priorities. Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the East Aldine District offices, 5333 Aldine Mail Rte.

Free Mammogram Screening

The Rose will provide free Mammogram tests on Saturday, September 7 at the Greater Pure Light Church, 12330 Vickery Drive at Aldine Mail Route. This is for Insured and Uninsured women, age 35 years or older. You must not be pregnant or breastfeeding, not had a mammogram in 12 months, and have no preexisting symptoms or problems. ONLY 25 POSITIONS OPEN. Call Connie Graham at 832-453-3837 to schedule an appointment.

Grandparents Family Strengthening Conference

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group of Aldine-Harris County, is hosting its 16th Annual Family Strengthening Conference on Saturday, September 7th at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center in Houston, Tx from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Conference is a FREE community event provided to help spread the awareness of health, mental health, family issues and other situations that Grandparents and kinship face when raising children.

If your organization would like to donate for the event please call 832-265-8380 or email at grandparentsmarketing@gmail.com.

Explorer Post at HCEC

The Harris County Emergency Corps will soon be the home of a new Explorer Post! Exploring is an after-school program for young men and women ages 14-20. Learning includes: EMT, paramedic, dispatcher, and more. Be also focusing on leadership, healthcare skills such as CPR and first aid, and will offer fellowship opportunities.

To learn more, please attend an Open House, Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 7-9 p.m., 2800 Aldine Bender Rd, Houston, TX 77032.

World class BMX Bike Park opens in North Houston

NORTH HOUSTON – A ribbon cutting was held last Friday, August 16 for a huge new World Class Bike Park and BMX track. This \$25 million dollar project was funded by the North Houston Development Corporation, and is expected to be a major attraction for bike enthusiasts and fans.

The ribbon cutting was unusual, with the participants arriving at the line mounted on bikes. Included were Mayor Sylvester Turner, Pct. 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Councilman Jerry Davis, NHDC executive director Sally Bradford, HCH Sports Authority CEO Janis Burke,

Rockstar Energy VP Paul Tarney, and WCMX President Gretchen Bailey.

The new bike park occupies 20 acres of the 30 acre recreation site, which also includes the largest skate park in America, and Dylan Park, designed for children with all types of abilities.

The development includes 11 attractions: a BMX track, BMX Super Cross trails, Pump Track, Dirt Jump Track, Street-riding Plaza, Multi-skills trails, Bike Skills area, Tot Track, Bowl Riding Performance Pavilion, and Bayou Trail Walking

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ROCKSTAR ENERGY BMX BIKE PARK as seen in this aerial view, with nearby I-45 frontage road at upper left. Stands hold 3500 spectators.

Major fire in Haverstock Hills apartments displaces 24 families

ALDINE – A major fire in the ill-fated Haverstock Hills Apartments on Aldine Bender Road destroyed one complete building early Friday morning, and displaced at least 24 families.

The two-alarm fire occurred about 3:00am on Friday morning, and the Eastex Fire Department and others responded. It took several hours to put out the fire, which left a pile of charred wood on the upper floors of the building. The firemen were still

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EASTEX FIRE DEPARTMENT Aerial Ladder Truck arrives at the fire at Haverstock Hills Apartments.

A New Way Forward for Aldine ISD: It's time to focus on choice and opportunities

By Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney

This week, 124 freshmen are walking through the doors of a new high school.

Rose Avalos P-TECH School is a state-of-the-art high school designed to create pathways for students from high school to college. The Pathways in Technology program ensures that students graduate high school with workforce certificates and an associate degree from Lone Star College. Students will also have internships and career development opportunities.

Principal Diana del Pilar, an Aldine ISD graduate, is charged with ensuring her students' learning ties to the real-world needs of tomorrow. This is the future of Aldine ISD.

Nearly 70,000 Aldine ISD students started the 2019-2020 school year this week. During my listening tour last year, I heard from many of our students and their families. I agree with what they said should be our priority: Aldine ISD must do more to ensure that students receive a dynamic and unparalleled education that guarantees choices and opportunities today and in the future.

We must ensure that Aldine ISD students are receiving the highest-quality education. Providing innovative programming like Avalos P-TECH does just that.

Last year that included creating a pre-kindergarten pilot for three-year-olds at

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Un nuevo camino hacia adelante para Aldine ISD: Es tiempo de enfocarse en opciones y oportunidades

Por la Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney

Esta semana, 124 estudiantes de primer año de preparatoria están entrando por las puertas de un nuevo plantel escolar.

Rose Avalos P-TECH School es una escuela con tecnología de vanguardia diseñada para crear caminos para los estudiantes desde la preparatoria hasta la universidad. El programa 'Pathways in Technology' o 'Rutas a la Tecnología' garantiza que los estudiantes se gradúen de la escuela preparatoria con certificados de la fuerza laboral y un título asociado de Lone Star College. Los estudiantes también tendrán pasantías y oportunidades de desarrollo profesional. La directora Diana del Pilar, graduada de Aldine ISD, está encargada de asegurar los vínculos de aprendizaje de sus estudiantes con las necesidades del mundo

real del mañana. Este es el futuro de Aldine ISD.

Cerca de 70,000 estudiantes de Aldine ISD comenzaron el año escolar 2019-2020 esta semana.

Durante mi 'gira de escuela' el año pasado, oí de muchos de nuestros estudiantes y de sus familias. Y estoy de acuerdo con lo que dijeron sobre lo que debe ser nuestra prioridad: Aldine ISD tiene que hacer más para garantizar que los estudiantes reciban una educación dinámica e incomparable que garan-

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Aldine ISD to offer free flu vaccine to students in Fall 2019

Flu season peaks typically between December and February and can last through May, so fall clinics are the perfect time for your child to receive the flu vaccine.

The Aldine Independent School District is partnering with Healthy Schools to offer free flu vaccines to students during the 2019 fall semester.

School nurses will offer the clinics during the school day beginning November 4; the last clinic will take place on November 15. Register online at least two weeks before the

first and last clinic dates to ensure your child's spot.

Parents will be able to register their child online at fight-flu.com beginning August 20, the first day of school.

Register your child starting August 20: fight-flu.com

The flu vaccine is a primary way to protect yourself against the flu and a critical measure in supporting school attendance during flu season.

The CDC recommends a flu vaccine as your child's #1 defense against the flu. Flu season peaks typically

between December and February and can last through May, so fall clinics are the perfect time for your child to receive the flu vaccine.

Healthy Schools is an in-school health service provider that focuses on increasing access to quality, no-cost preventative healthcare for children. For more information about FluMist, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/nasalspray.htm>

Register Your Child and Help Aldine ISD Fight the Flu!

Prairie View A&M Selects Worsham Elementary Teacher for Educator Leadership Fellow Program

Simone Jarmon, language arts instructional coach at Worsham Elementary, was recently named the first-ever Prairie View A&M University We Teach Texas Leadership Fellow Scholarship.

The We Teach Texas Leadership program selects talented teachers who are invested in their schools and communities. The program then prepares them to be academic and administrative leaders. Jarmon is one of 11 We Teach Texas Leadership Fellows from the Texas A&M University System campuses across the state. Through We Teach Texas, she will have an opportunity to pursue a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from Prairie View A&M University, attend a special chancellor's conference and participate in an advisory committee.

This program will also cover all of her tuition and fees. At the end of the program, she will be a certified administrator in Texas.

"Ms. Jarmon blew us all away during her interview," Dr. Michael McFrazier, Prairie View A&M Vice President of Administration and Interim Dean of Whitlow R. Green College of Education said. "Her passion for students, innovative ideas, and the success she's had with her students made her an ideal candidate for the program. We look forward to supporting her along the way."



Simone Jarmon, standing, in class.

The We Teach Texas program at Prairie View emphasizes the need for teachers to provide the best educational experience to students in underserved communities. Jarmon hopes to be a role model for students and show them what is possible through education.

"I believe that teaching is a service," Jarmon said. "Educators are servants and we are here to serve our students, parents, and communities. Strong, competent leaders in education are needed now more than ever."

Jarmon explains her job is to build meaningful relationships and to provide a quality education that positively impacts all students and the community. She is looking forward to developing her learning network and applauds Aldine for cultivating the spirit of community and collaboration beyond the

walls of a classroom setting. In the spring, Jarmon was selected to teach at Worsham Elementary, an ACE Demonstration School. ACE Demonstration Schools bring the most accomplished educators to the most struggling schools. The program's model is based on five pillars that, when implemented with fidelity, dramatically improve student outcomes.

"I'm truly honored to represent Aldine ISD as an emerging leader, a member of the Worsham ACE family and I'm happy to join the Prairie View family."

Over the years, Prairie View and Aldine ISD have developed a strong partnership to provide additional resources to both teachers and students. The partnership ensures that students are successful as they matriculate through the K-12 system.

Mendel Elementary brick giveaway scheduled Aug. 29-30

Individuals who attended Mendel Elementary School will have the chance to keep a piece of their old school as 300 bricks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Aug. 29-30. The bricks will be distributed

from 3:30-5 p.m. on both days.

The brick giveaway will be held at Aldine ISD's Central Receiving Warehouse, located at 2300 Aldine Meadows Rd. The warehouse is located be-

hind Aldine Middle School.

Individuals may take one brick per person. For more information, call Aldine's Community and Governmental Relations Department at (281) 985-3783.

Keep an eye out for children and school buses

Now that school is back in session, this is a great time to remind drivers that they will be sharing the road with students and school buses.

School bus drivers do everything they can to keep children safe, but everyone must make an effort to drive safely around school buses. Parents and children walking to school should be alert at all times, and only cross the street at intersections and designated crosswalks.

BUS SAFETY TIPS

•Yellow flashing lights mean drivers should slow down because the bus is about to make a stop.

•Red flashing lights mean the bus has stopped. All drivers must stop for buses while the red lights are flashing and the Stop sign is out. It is against the state law to pass a school bus with the red flashing lights on, loading, or unloading children. If a roadway is divided, the opposite direction roadway may proceed with caution. Traffic behind the school bus traveling in the same direction MUST stop.

•The area 15 feet around a school bus is where children are in danger of being hit. Drivers should stop far enough back to allow children the necessary space to safely enter or exit a bus. Never pass a stopped bus on the right that is loading or unloading. It is illegal and

could have tragic consequences.

•Drivers should be patient. Buses travel at a slower rate, and they make frequent stops.

•Drivers should stay alert. Be aware that children will be loading and unloading at bus stops. Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are very comfortable with their surroundings, which makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards, or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.

•Students should stay at a safe distance away from the roadway while waiting for the bus and no horseplay. Students should stay alert while waiting for the bus.

•Students should wait until the bus stops, and the driver signals that it is safe to load the bus or cross the street.

•Students should respect the rights of others while riding the bus. They should cooperate with the driver and remain in their seats.

TIPS FOR DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES

•Remain alert at all times.

•Put away your cellphone. Cellphone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines of up to \$200 in school zones where signs are posted.

•Always obey school

zone speed limits. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones.

•Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.

•Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.

•Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

•Obey all traffic rules, signs, and signals.

TIPS FOR CHILDREN WALKING OR BIKING TO SCHOOL

•Always cross at intersections and designated crosswalks. Look left, right, and left again before proceeding. Never attempt to cross a multi-lane highway.

•Always walk on sidewalks, whenever they're available.

•Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.

•Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.

•Always obey crossing guards.

•When walking, don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.

•Look for cars turning in all directions, including those turning left or right. Be visible at all times to drivers.

•Follow all traffic rules, signs, and signals.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Aldine ISD launches new 5-year Strategic Plan

Aldine Independent School District officially kicked off the new school year with a Welcome Back Convocation held on August 8. The celebration gave Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney a chance to celebrate district achievements and points of pride with every single district employee. It also served as her first opportunity to share with all stakeholders the district's new strategic plan, A New Way Forward. The plan states the district's vision and outlines the mission of providing a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares every student for success in college, career, and life.



Superintendent LaTonya Goffney

"A strategic plan has been in the works for the last few years. The strategic design committee was meeting before I arrived. Rather than start over, we capitalized on their momentum. We finalized a plan that outlines where we are going as a district," said Goffney.

Goffney, who is beginning her second year, also used feedback from her looking, listening, and learning tour to shape this comprehensive five-year plan.

The district's plan includes five strategic priorities that are designed to ensure students have increased access to choices

and opportunities. They include:

- Student Achievement
- School Culture
- Mission-Driven Leadership
- Organizational Efficiency
- Community Engagement and Outreach

The specific tasks for each priority are aligned to address the plan's overall anchor goals. They include:

- All students will learn in highly rated schools.
- All rising first-graders will enter school-ready.
- All third-graders will read on or above grade level.
- All eighth-graders will perform math on or above grade level.
- All students will graduate college and career ready.

"One of our top priorities is providing students access to highly-rated schools where they will have countless opportunities to thrive," said Goffney. "In addition to aligning our work, we are focused on continuous improvement, which includes monitoring implementation and reviewing programs along the way."

She also added that the plan is not designed to sit on a shelf. Instead, the plan is designed to be a dynamic document.

"The goals, measurements, and specific tasks to implement the priorities will come to fruition over the next five years and will be introduced and communicated broadly," Goffney said. "Our strategic plan will change and evolve as we define strategies and actions that support our commitment to ensuring all students graduate from Aldine ISD with more than a high school diploma."

The first year of the plan will focus on building the tools, processes, and systems required to ensure the strategic plan becomes a reality. Specific focus will be placed on strengthening teaching and learning. Additionally, emphasis will be placed on professional development offerings that provide better systems of support for teachers and staff.

Commissioner Rodney Ellis launches Public Service Campaign to Promote Farmers Markets

Initiative Includes Double Up Houston Program that Allows SNAP Recipients to Purchase \$40 of Produce for \$20

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Clear Channel Outdoor and Urban Harvest on Saturday, Aug. 17 launched a public service campaign, including 13 donated billboards, to promote the Double Up Houston program that allows families to use their SNAP benefits to bring home double the amount of fresh locally grown food from participating farmers markets.

"Urban Harvest, Rebuild Texas and partners have created an innovative solution to one of Precinct One's biggest public health issues by opening farmers markets in areas designated as food deserts and doubling the impact of SNAP benefits," Commissioner Ellis said. "At Precinct One, we're committed to ensuring that every family has access to healthy, affordable food. This will make healthy, fresh foods even more affordable for the families who need it most."

The public service campaign was announced at the grand opening of the Northeast Community Farmers Market. The market will operate twice a month at Kashmere Gardens Elementary, 4901 Lockwood. It's the latest of 12 farmers markets and farm stands that participate in the Double Up Houston program, which is funded by Rebuild Texas Fund.

"This is the first time Double Up Houston has occurred," said Janna Roberson, Urban Harvest's executive director. "We launched in April. So we are very excited and it has taken a mountain of people to get this moving in our community."

Keith Downey, president of the Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood Council No. 52, stressed that the market is "sustainable in our community" because it will be open twice a month.

"Why is it at a school?" he asked. "You can feed the mind and the body. You don't want to send a child to school without the proper nutrition." In Harris County, 16.6



Kevin Alvarado with Urban Harvest assists customers with purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables at the Northeast Community Farmers Market, which held its grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 17 at Kashmere Gardens Elementary, 4901 Lockwood.

percent of residents are food insecure, with over 637,000 low-income individuals receiving nutrition assistance. In Precinct One, 18 percent of households receive these benefits compared to 11 percent of households in the other three commissioners' precincts.

In addition to billboards Clear Channel Outdoor donated to Urban Harvest, the public service campaign includes targeted outreach in areas with high SNAP enrollment to let families know about the program and where to find a participating farmers market.

"Clear Channel Outdoor is proud to support the effort of Urban Harvest to provide healthy alternatives to the community," said Lee Vela, vice president of public affairs for Clear Channel Outdoor-Houston. "These billboards will generate more than 8 million market impressions over the next month to make sure everyone knows about this program."

Precinct One also provided residents free bus transportation to the farmers market on Saturday. Commissioner Ellis said Precinct One hopes to pilot a program to provide transportation to farmers markets from its community centers.

"I'm incredibly grateful for Clear Channel Outdoor for donating billboard space to promote this program, to HISD for hosting this garden and to Urban Harvest, Rebuild Texas and all the partners who

are helping families access and afford the nutritious food they need to stay healthy and thrive," Commissioner Ellis said.

About a dozen partners, including Urban Harvest and Kashmere Gardens Elementary, have come together on the project, including Houston Food Bank, Houston Health Department, Texas Hunger Initiative, Memorial Hermann Hospital and Fair Food Network.

Here are other Farmers Market locations:

- Urban Harvest Saturday Farmers Market, 2752 Buffalo Speedway
- East End Farmers Market, 2800 Navigation Blvd.
- Get Moving Houston Farmers Market, Acres Homes Multi-Service Center, 6719 West Montgomery Road
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- Palm Center Farmers Market, 5400 Griggs Road
- Plant it Forward Farms, Farm Stand, 4030 Willowbend Blvd.

CRIME WATCH

Police looking for masked men who shot and killed a convenience store employee

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspects responsible for a Capital Murder.

On Sunday, August 4, 2019, at approximately 5:28 p.m., a victim was shot to death in the 14900 block of Old Humble Road in Houston, Texas. During the incident, two unknown suspects entered the convenience store and ap-

proached the victim (who was behind the counter at the register). The first suspect pointed a pistol at the victim and fired, fatally wounding the victim. The second suspect jumped over the counter and took items from the victim's pockets. The suspect also took an undisclosed amount of money from the register. Both suspects fled the location (westbound) on foot.

The family of the victim

is requesting the community's help with identifying the suspects responsible for his murder.

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

Woman arrested, charged in shooting of friend

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the shooting of a man at 6115 Will Clayton Parkway about 6:25 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

The suspect, Alexis Trenay Eubanks, 26, is charged with aggravated assault of a family member.

According to Houston Police, the victim, Latouris Gilbert, 21, and his girlfriend (Eubanks) were



Eubanks

staying at a hotel and got into an argument that escalated when each began pushing and punching one another. After the fight ended and as Gilbert was walking away, Eubanks pulled a pistol out of her clothes bag and shot Gilbert one time in the back. Eubanks drove Gilbert to an urgent care facility and then returned to the scene, where she was taken into custody and subsequently charged.

Police investigate fatal crash on West Little York Road

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 6100 West Little York Road about 4:35 a.m. on August 19.

According to HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant K. Harris and Officer E. Rubio, the victim was driving a silver Nissan

Versa westbound when he failed to drive in a single lane and left the roadway. The Nissan struck a tree in the center esplanade and then spun back onto the street. The driver, who was not wearing a seat belt, was pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger in the vehicle, who was not

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The identity of the male victim, 39, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

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Ask Rusty – How is my benefit Amount Determined?

Dear Rusty: I am 60 years old. I have worked full time since age 22. I am thinking about working part-time ages 62-65. When I start collecting my social security benefit sometime after age 65, will my monthly amount be based on only the last few years of my working? Can you please explain how my monthly amount will be determined? Signed: Planning My Future

Dear Planning: I admire that you're thinking ahead to your retirement years and I'm happy to clarify this for you. Your Social Security benefit, when you claim it, will be based upon the highest earning 35 years of your lifetime working career (not only the last few years). To determine your benefit, Social Security will take your entire record of lifetime earnings, adjust each year for inflation, and select the 35 years in which you had the highest earnings. After totaling those years they'll divide by 420 (the number of months in 35 years) to determine your "average indexed monthly earnings" (AIME). They then break your AIME into several parts (using what's known as "bend points") and then take a percentage of each part and add it up to arrive at what's called your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA." The "bend point" values change each year, but for 2019 they are \$926 and \$5583. To compute your benefit, the formula will take 90% of the first \$926 of your AIME; 32% of your AIME between \$926 and \$5583; and 15% of any amount of your AIME over \$5583. The product of those three computations are added together to arrive at your PIA.

Your PIA is the amount you will get at your full re-

tirement age, or your "FRA," which for you (born in 1959) is 66 years and 10 months. If you claim any earlier than your FRA, your benefit will be reduced - about 29% less if claimed at 62. If you wait beyond your FRA the benefit will be more - 8% more for each year you delay, up to age 70 when maximum is reached. At age 70 your benefit will be about 25% more than it would be at your FRA. But a note of caution: any benefit estimates you have now from Social Security assume you'll keep earning at your current level until you reach your FRA, so if you work part-time starting at age 62 your benefit amounts will be less than those shown in the current estimates.

Finally, the above applies to your own individual SS retirement benefit from your own lifetime work record. If you are married, and your PIA is less than 50% of your husband's PIA, then you might also be eligible for a spousal boost from your husband. Or if you are the higher earner, your husband might be eligible for a spousal boost from you when you claim your Social Security benefit.

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THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Second Sunset

I spent the last couple weeks visiting my parents. I've been lucky in the parent department. It's fashionable to recall some pivotal incident that occurred when we were eight and extrapolate how every difficulty experienced in our life since is a result. But I've never seen any truth to this in my own life. I was really happy when I was eight—and I give my parents full credit.

My life is very different from my parents' life. Still, they have always been supportive and have always at least pretended to be interested in whatever I was doing as I careened from one career to the next. When, in my fifties, I started to write, my parents were characteristically enthusiastic, with only the occasional exception (perhaps when I wrote in a column how my mother used to garden in her red bikini).

They have always lived a life they enjoy and are proud of, and have encouraged me to do the same. Now in their eighties, my parents still inspire me. Most recently, it was at sunset.

My parents live in a cabin high on a hill overlooking the lake, so you have to climb a lot of steps to get from the cabin down to the shore. My father built the steps down to the lake. In the middle of the climb, there is a bench where (my dad insists) there is a good place to admire the view. (It happens to also be a good place to rest on the way up—but I'll let him stick to his story.)

Almost every evening, my parents find their way down to the water's edge. They take a seat on the dock and watch the sun set across the lake. They listen to the loons call to one another across the water and watch the clouds turn pink as the sun disappears in the evening sky.

Then they do it all over again.

Because the cabin sits so far above the shore, when they climb back up the hill, the sun is no longer below the horizon but just beginning to set again—a second sunset.

So, my parents take a seat outside their cabin and watch the whole thing all over again—from a different perspective. I tell my parents I admire the life they have created for themselves. They have this great cabin, fun friends and neighbors, they bike all summer, ski all winter and, at the end of every day, they get an extra sunset.

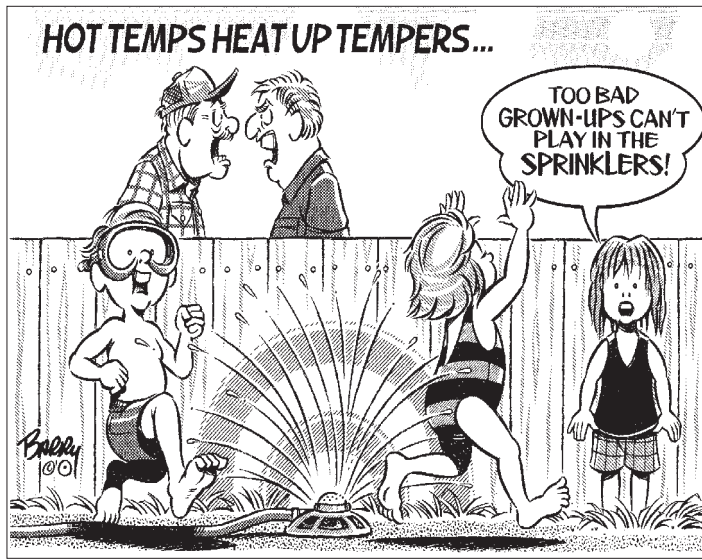
I'd like an extra sunset. By middle age, I thought I could already see the sun going down. I figured I knew, more or less, how the story ended. It turns out I was wrong.

Today, I am doing things I never dreamt of doing fifteen years ago, things I never imagined I could do. But now, as I scramble up the hill in the end-of-the-day light, I realize how much there is to do in the late afternoon, how much is left to see. I'd feel a lot sillier if I were the only one panting up the hill, but I have a lot of company. All around me I see folks looking for that second sunset: picking up paintbrushes and pens and college degrees, trying on new haircuts and new beliefs. Sometimes it's a little embarrassing—but we don't really care.

Like my parents, we're just grateful to get this extra sunset. We're so glad the sun hasn't gone down after all. We just needed a different perspective. We just needed to get to higher ground.

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn," was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com or www.Facebook.com/CarrieClassonauthor



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Governor takes action to prevent acts of terrorism

AUSTIN — Texas now boasts its own Domestic Terrorism Task Force, established by order of the governor in the wake of the deadly Aug. 3 shooting in El Paso.

Twenty-two people were killed and 24 injured by a suspect firing a military-style assault rifle in a popular shopping venue.

Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 14 said the task force's job will be to analyze and provide advice on strategies to maximize law enforcement's ability to protect against acts of domestic terrorism. The first meeting is set for Aug. 30.

"Our top priority is to keep Texans safe in their communities, he said, adding that "Texas is stronger when we come together in pursuit of a shared goal, and today's actions are vital steps in our ongoing fight against extremism and violence. We stand united against those who wish to bring harm to our state, and together we will build a safer future for every Texan."

Meanwhile, Abbott directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to:

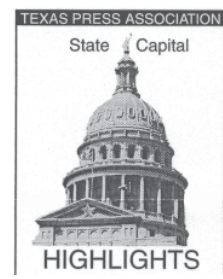
- Conduct a state intelligence assessment on the domestic terrorism threat;

- Establish a Domestic Terrorism Section within the Texas Fusion Center to proactively seek, assess and monitor domestic terrorism and other mass casualty threats;

- Coordinate with the designated regional fusion centers in Texas to increase the detection and monitoring of domestic terrorism and other mass casualty threats;

- Establish Domestic Terrorism Teams comprised of DPS Special Agents to provide immediate direct support to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces and increase the number of special agents to conduct domestic counterterrorism investigations;

- Increasing the number of DPS special agents and analysts in the Texas Anti-Gang Centers conducting investigations of criminal gangs affiliat-



TASK FORCE MEMBERS NAMED

The Governor's office posted the following list of those who will serve on the new Domestic Terrorism Task Force:

Governor Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen and Attorney General Ken Paxton. Also, DPS Chief Steve McCraw, Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd; Major General Tracy Norris, Texas Military Department; Executive Director Amanda Crawford, Texas Department of Information Resources; and Executive Director Carter Smith, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Also included are members of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, members of the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Attorney John Bash, Western District of Texas; Jeff Murray, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Lubbock County District Attorney K. Sunshine Stanek; El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen, Hidalgo County Sheriff Eddie Guerra, Hidalgo; and Capt. Anthony Carter, Collin County Sheriff's Office, North Texas Fusion Center.

Fusion centers combine the capabilities of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in combating criminal activity.

TEA RELEASES RATINGS

The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 9 released preliminary financial accountability ratings for more than 1,100 school districts and charters across the state.

According to the agency, 87 percent

earned the highest preliminary rating possible for 2018-2019. A school district or open-enrollment charter is assigned one of four possible letter grades — A, B, C or F — and a financial management rating of Superior, Above Standard Achievement, Meets Standard or Substandard Achievement.

Ratings for 2018-2019 are based on annual financial reports provided to TEA by districts and charters for the 2018 fiscal year.

TEXAS' FISCAL RATED HIGH

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 15 announced Texas repeated its high credit ratings for this year's Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, short-term debt obligations to help the state manage its cash-flow needs for fiscal 2020.

"Texas has once again received the highest short-term credit ratings on these one-year notes," Hegar said. "These high ratings, coupled with the maintenance of our AAA long-term ratings, help keep Texas' borrowing costs low and save taxpayer dollars as we manage our cash flow. Our creditworthiness reflects our conservative approach to financial management, an increasingly diverse economy and our broad and rising employment base."

Hegar added, however, that issues such as emerging trade tensions, the need to continue to address long-term obligations on the state's balance sheet and increased spending pressures continue to pose potential risks to the Lone Star State's future credit.

ECONOMY ADDS JOBS IN JULY

The Texas Workforce Commission on Aug. 16 announced that in the month of July the state's economy added 35,200 seasonally adjusted total non-farm positions.

Also, the unemployment rate held steady in July at 3.4 percent, matching the all-time record low set in June. The rate of 3.4 percent is the lowest recorded unemployment rate since tracking began in 1976.

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SPORTS

Aldine ISD 2019 6A Football Schedule

Aldine High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 31	Cypress Falls	Cy-Fair	A	6:00 PM
Sept. 7	Humble	Turner	A	6:00 PM
Sept. 13	Sam Houston	Cowart	A	7:00 PM
	BYE			
Sept. 26	Eisenhower	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 5	Davis	Thorne	H	6:00 PM
Oct. 11	MacArthur (HC)	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 17	Spring	George	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 26	Westfield	Thorne	H	2:00 PM
Nov. 1	Dekaney	George	A	7:00 PM
Nov. 8	Nimitz (SN)	Thorne	H	7:00 PM

Davis High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 30	College Park	Woodforest	A	7:00 PM
Sept. 5	Conroe (SN)	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Sept. 14	Westbury	Butler	A	6:00 PM
	BYE			
Sept. 27	Nimitz	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 5	Aldine	Thorne	A	6:00 PM
Oct. 11	Spring	George	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 17	Dekaney	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 25	Eisenhower	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Nov. 1	MacArthur (HC)	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Nov. 8	Westfield	George	A	7:00 PM

Eisenhower High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 29	Marshall	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Sept. 6	Channelview	Channelview	A	7:00 PM
Sept. 12	Strake Jesuit	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
	BYE			
Sept. 26	Aldine (HC)	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 4	MacArthur	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 10	Westfield	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 18	Nimitz	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 25	Davis	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 31	Spring	George	A	7:00 PM
Nov. 7	Dekaney (SN)	Thorne	A	7:00 PM

MacArthur High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 30	Klein Forest	Klein	A	7:00 PM
Sept. 7	College Park	Thorne	H	6:00 PM
Sept. 14	Bellaire	Thorne	H	6:00 PM
	BYE			
Sept. 26	Dekaney	George	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 4	Eisenhower	Thorne (HC)	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 11	Aldine	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 18	Westfield	George	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 24	Nimitz	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 1	Davis	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 9	Spring (SN)	George	H	6:00 PM

Nimitz High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 30	Channelview	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Sept. 6	B. Sterling	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Sept. 13	Mayde Creek	Thorne (SN)	H	7:00 PM
	BYE			
Sept. 27	Davis	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 3	Spring	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 10	Dekaney	George	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 18	Eisenhower	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Oct. 24	MacArthur	Thorne	A	7:00 PM
Oct. 31	Westfield (HC)	Thorne	H	7:00 PM
Nov. 8	Aldine	Thorne	A	7:00 PM

ALDINE ISD

(HC) Homecoming
(SN) Senior Night

Holgorson era begins at UH with tough test against OU: Davis High welcomes new head coach in Scott Joseph

Labor Day weekend brings with it the beginning of the college and high school football seasons and the debuts of two new head coaches locally.

Scott Joseph will make his debut as Davis High School's new head coach when his Falcons take on College Park on Friday night in The Woodlands.

Joseph, the brother of Katy High head football coach Gary Joseph, has served as a head coach in Katy ISD at Seven Lakes and Morton Ranch high schools. He's also served as the defensive coordinator at Navarro College in Corsicana, Terry High School, Hightower High School, Westbury High School, Cy Ranch High School and Baytown Lee. He's also served as an assistant coach at Anderson High School and John Tyler High School.

Joseph said he's excited about his new duties and is ready for a long tenure at Davis and in Aldine ISD.

"We want to establish a base for our program to take us into the next 10 years," he said. "We are not just building for this year, but we want to establish a program at Davis on all levels. We want to develop players, physical, mentally and socially. We want to make them better everyday and will always want more from them and the team."

Joseph inherits a team that finished 6-5 a year ago and returns four offensive and one defensive starter. They open against a College Park team that finished 6-4 a year ago.

At the University of Houston, Holgorson was lured away from the Big 12 and West Virginia by Rockets owner Tillman Fertitta and his deep pockets. The fiery Holgorson and his Cougars will face a tough debut when they travel to Norman, OK to face No. 4-ranked Oklahoma on Sunday in a nationally televised game on Labor Day Weekend.

Holgorson has a huge weapon returning in quarterback D'Erig King. King accounted for an astounding 50 touchdowns (36 passing, 14 rushing) last year before missing the final two games with a knee injury. King (2,982 passing yards, 674 rushing yards) is healthy and ready to go, which has to make the offensive-minded Holgorson happy.

The opening weekend of the 150th anniversary of the

college season has a smattering of decent games. No. 1-ranked Clemson, the defending national champs, open with an ACC game at home against Georgia Tech, while No. 2-ranked Alabama faces Duke in Atlanta at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

The best couple of matchups might be Wisconsin visiting South Florida, UH visiting OU, Oregon facing Auburn at AT&T Stadium on Saturday and Notre Dame visiting Louisville on Monday night.

No. 10-ranked Texas and head coach Tom Herman face Louisiana Tech in Austin hoping to end its two-year losing streak in season openers (UT lost to Maryland in Herman's debut in 2017 and at Maryland last year).

So, without further ado, let's take a look at this weekend's high school and college season debuts.

HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower vs. Fort Bend Marshall - Eric Jackson's Eagles face a tough test in their season opener on Thursday night at Thorne Stadium when they take on a Marshall team that finished 15-1 a year ago and reached the Class 5A state finals. Eisenhower returns eight offensive and four defensive starters from a team that finished 5-6 a year ago and reached the playoffs. The offense should be potent behind running back Seavan Guidry (1,038 yards rushing, 9 TDs), quarterback Christian Sims (1,120 yards passing, 13 TDs) and wide receiver Anthony Isom (500 receiving yards, 2 TDs). The defense will be led by linebacker Damon Boswell, who accounted for 70 tackles and 10 sacks in 2018. My pick, Eisenhower 32, Marshall 31.

Davis at College Park - Scott Joseph makes his debut as the Falcons' head coach and takes on a College Park team that finished 6-4 a year ago. The Falcons return four offensive and four defensive starters. Davis will be led by running back DeMarcus Barlow (998 rushing yards, 14 TDs). Tyler Charles and Jah'Roll Stevens will battle for the quarterback job. College Park returns five offensive and eight defensive starters. My pick, Davis 23, College Park 20.

MacArthur at Klein Forest - Wayne Crawford's Gen-



KEENEY'S KORNER
By
MIKE KEENEY

erals open the season on Friday night at Klein Forest. The Generals finished 2-8 a year ago and will face a Klein Forest team that finished 1-9 in 2018. The Generals will be led on offense by quarterback Eric Delgado (586 passing yards, 5 TDs), and wide receiver Taylor Eaton (348 receiving yards, 4 TDs). On defense, the Generals have one of the top defensive backs in the Houston area in Joshua Eaton (4 interceptions in 2018). Eaton will be heavily recruited and will be called on to lead early and often. He'll get help on defense from linebacker Bryan Razzo, who recorded 101 tackles last season. Klein Forest returns seven offensive and five defensive starters. My pick, MacArthur 20, Klein Forest 18.

Aldine at Cy-Falls - Hank Semlers Mustangs take on Cy-Fall on Saturday night in Cypress. Aldine finished 1-9 in 2018 and will be without the services of running back Jacorey Howard who graduated and is now playing at Texas Southern University. Howard rushed for more than 1,300 yards in 2018 and his production will be greatly missed. Aldine returns two offensive and one defensive starter and takes on a Cy-Falls team that finished 9-3 a year ago and returns four offensive and five defensive starters. The Mustangs will be led on offense by wide receiver Ja'Kobi Terry (277 receiving yards, 1 TD) and running back Jordy Benavidez (161 rushing yards, 1 TD). This will be a tough test for the Mustangs. My pick, Cy-Falls 23, Aldine 21.

Nimitz at Channelview - Richard Slater's Cougars host Channelview on Saturday night at Thorne Stadium. The Cougars finished 4-6 a year ago and return four offensive and four defensive starters. The offense should be solid led by running back Jayvon Davis (1,811 rushing yards, 22 TDs) and quarterback Austin Remo (1,416 passing yards, 16 TDs). Channelview finished 4-7 in 2018

and returns six offensive and five defensive starters. Look for Nimitz to get off to a solid start in 2019 behind Davis and Remo. My pick, Nimitz 26, Channelview 18.

NCAA

Georgia Tech at Clemson - The defending national champions open the 2019 season with a conference game when they host Georgia Tech in each team ACC opener. Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney has built a powerhouse and has perhaps the country's top quarterback in true sophomore Trevor Lawrence (3,280 passing yards, 30 TDs). Lawrence started last year as a backup and is now firmly entrenched as the starter. He will battle Alabama's Tua Tagovaila for the Heisman Trophy, but he's not a one-man show in Clemson, which finished 15-0 a year ago en route to the national title. Clemson has a stud at running back in Travis Etienne (1,658 rushing yards, 24 TDs). The offense will have to carry the load while the defense matures. The Tigers lost five starters to the NFL, but there's plenty of talent left around to pick up the slack, it just might take a game or two for the young defenders to get their feet wet. Look for a big day from Lawrence and Etienne as they open the season with an easy win. My pick, Clemson 45, Georgia Tech 16.

Wisconsin at South Florida - The Badgers travel to Florida to take on Charlie Strong's Bulls in what should be a competitive game. Wisconsin has one of the best running backs in the country in Jonathan Tyler (2,194 yards rushing, 16 TDs). Tyler will also be in the mix for the Heisman this year and will want to start the season with a big performance. The Badgers struggled down the stretch last year and that should serve as a wake up call heading into 2019. The Bulls finished 7-6 a year ago and will serve as a good test for

the Badgers in the season opener. Look for the Badgers to get a hard-earned road win as Tyler leads the way to the win. My pick, Wisconsin 24, South Florida 20.

Duke vs. Alabama - I pity Davis Cutcliffe's Blue Devils, who will face an Alabama team that will enter the season in a foul mood after being routed in the national title game by Clemson 42-16. Nick Saban does not like to be embarrassed and I'm sure he reminded his charges all off-season of their poor performance in the title game. Duke lost a load of offense with the departure of quarterback Daniel Jones (2,674 yards, 22 TDs) to the NFL. Bama returns Tagovaila (3,966 passing yards, 43 TDs/5 rushing TDs) and three talented receivers in Jerry Jeudy (68 receptions, 1,315 yards, 14 TDs), Henry Ruggs, III (46 receptions, 741 yards, 11 TDs) and Jaylen Waddle (45 receptions, 848 yards, 4 TDs). The Crimson Tide will also be able to run the football and while they lost a load of talent on defense to the NFL, there is still plenty of talent on hand to carry on the tradition of outstanding play on that side of the ball. Look for Tua to come out firing against a suspect Duke defense. This one could be over by halftime. My pick, Alabama 45, Duke 14.

Oregon vs. Auburn - Perhaps the best game of opening weekend pits the high-scoring Oregon offense against a tough Auburn defense. The Ducks are led by quarterback Justin Hebert (3,151 passing yards, 27 TDs) who passed on the NFL draft to return for his senior season. Hebert will be tested right out of the box by a fast and strong Auburn defense. That unit will have to carry the load for a young and inexperienced offense. Running back Ja'Tarvious Whitlow (787 rushing yards, 6 TDs) will be called on to carry the load and run clock to keep Hebert off the field. Look for Hebert to be the difference maker in this one as the Ducks pick up a big opening-season win. My pick, Oregon 23, Auburn 20.

Louisiana Tech at Texas - Herman wants to open the season in impressive fashion, but his 'Horns had better not look past a Tech team that finished 8-5 a year ago and is usually a bowl contender. Surely, the last two opening-season losses to Maryland will serve as a wake up call for

Texas. UT enters the season knowing Sam Ehlinger (3,292 passing yards, 25 TDs/482 rushing yards, 16 TDs) is firmly entrenched as the starter at QB. He has a big-play receiver in Collin Johnson (68 receptions, 985 yards, 7 TDs), but the running game is once again a question mark. Herman is hoping sophomore Keaontay Ingram (708 yards, 3 TDs) takes control of the job, but he suffered a knee injury in camp and might not play in the opener. Look for UT to use the momentum it gained with its upset of Georgia in the Sugar Bowl and come out with a strong performance in the season opener. My pick, Texas 38, Louisiana Tech 16.

Houston at Oklahoma - Holgorson has a tough opener as UH's head coach, but he's never shied away from a challenge and he will have his Cougars ready to play Sunday night in Norman. Look for King to have a big night against an OU defense that was shredded down the stretch last year. Offensively, the Sooners will be led by former Alabama QB Jalen Hurts (765 passing yards, 8 TDs), who transferred in the spring and went through spring drills to learn Lincoln Riley's offense. The Sooners lost a ton of talent on offense, but there is plenty more waiting in the wings ready to make their marks on the program. This should be a high-scoring game, but look for Hurts to make one more play than King does to open his OU career in grand fashion. My pick, Oklahoma 38, Houston 35.

Notre Dame at Louisville - The Labor Day football fest concludes on Monday night when the Fighting Irish travel to Louisville to face the Cardinal and their new head coach Scott Satterfield, who left Appalachian State to turn around the Louisville program. Brian Kelly's Irish finished 12-1 a year ago, but were trounced by Clemson in the CFP semi-finals. ND returns Ian Book (2,628 passing yards, 19 TDs) at quarterback and will look for Tony Jones (392 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and Jafar Armstrong (383 rushing yards, 7 TDs) to lead the way on the ground. Look for the Cardinal to put forth a strong effort in Satterfield's debut, but ND should wear them down late to pull out the win. My pick, Notre Dame 26, Louisville 22.

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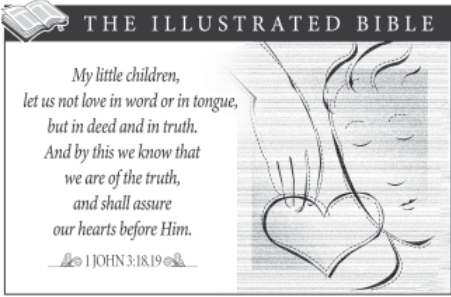
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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labor in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? Two, Three, Five, Seven
3. In 1 Kings 5, how many

thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? 1, 5, 10, 30
4. What son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David's kingdom? Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul
5. From Exodus 20, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven
6. Proverbs 14:23 states, "In all labor there is ..."? Love, Hope, Light, Profit
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Two; 3) 30; 4) Adoniram; 5) Six; 6) Profit



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- 9 Speed stat
- 12 Reedy
- 13 Smell
- 14 Exist
- 15 Kitchen shredder/slicer
- 17 Pen point
- 18 See 35-Down
- 19 Skiers' hotel
- 21 Cripples
- 24 Challenge
- 25 "Sad to say ..."
- 26 Greek biographer
- 30 Charged bit
- 31 Rid of rime
- 32 Whopper
- 33 Big star
- 35 Alpha follower
- 36 Has a bug
- 37 Vestibule
- 38 Starbucks order
- 40 Many millenia
- 42 Id counterpart
- 43 Some baboons
- 48 Distant
- 49 Behave
- 50 Tide type
- 51 Attempt
- 52 Vicinity
- 53 Slightly taint-

DOWN

- 1 PIN requester
- 2 Dance syllable?
- 3 60 sec.
- 4 Provides
- 5 Horseback game
- 6 Valhalla VIP
- 7 Calendar abbr.
- 8 Church dignitary
- 9 "Rebecca" setting
- 10 Bluenose
- 11 Cup-bearing Greek goddess
- 16 Chances, for short
- 20 Man-mouse link
- 21 Den
- 22 Lotion additive
- 23 Required
- 24 Channel
- 26 Pod group
- 27 Basketball's Jeremy
- 28 Give as an example
- 29 Listen to
- 31 Predicament
- 34 "Scram!"
- 35 With
- 18-Across, studying hard
- 37 Supporting
- 38 Departed
- 39 Culture medium
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Excitement was in the air on First Day of School Aug. 20

There was a certain buzz in the air on Tuesday, Aug. 20 as Aldine ISD students began the 2019-2020 school year.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney started her second year with an early morning visit to the district's newest high school, Rose Avalos P-TECH School and joined a communitywide celebration to welcome students.

"This was an exhilarating and exciting way to start the new school year," Dr. Goffney said about her early-morning visit to Avalos. "It was wonderful to see the community support and the excitement in the eyes of our students."

Avalos P-TECH School, named in honor of former MacArthur High School Principal and current Aldine ISD Trustee Rose Avalos, has an initial class of 124 students. The school is designed to offer smaller class sizes, a personalized learning environment and provide students with the opportunities to earn a high school diploma, an associate's degree or a two-year postsecondary industry certification through internships, and other job train-



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney greets a student as he arrives for the first day of school at Rose Avalos P-TECH High School on Tuesday, Aug. 20.



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney visits with a group of students at Goodman Elementary School, one of two ACE Demonstration Schools on the first day of school on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

ing programs. Avalos P-TECH is a partnership between Aldine ISD, BakerRipley and Lone Star College.

Goffney then paid a visit to Worsham Elementary, one of the district's two ACE (Accelerating Campus Excellence) Demonstration Schools.

In the spring of 2019, AISD adopted the ACE model, which uses strategic staffing and a "whole child" approach to bring the most accomplished educators to struggling schools. Several of the state's largest school districts have implemented the ACE model with notable success. The districts have seen dramatic academic outcomes in multiple schools with similar demographics as Aldine's.

Both Worsham and Goodman were featured on Channel 2 and Channel 11's morning newscasts.

After her visit at Worsham, Goffney and other administrators visited Garcia-Leza EC/Pre-K/K School, which is one five campuses that will be immersed in an English/

Spanish two-way dual-language program during the 2019-20 school year. The dual-language program is also offered at Vines, Hinojosa, Magrill, and deSantiago and will focus on kindergarten students.

"We are excited about providing more academic offerings and choice for Aldine ISD families," Goffney said. "As we discussed options and ways to meet this goal, it became evident that a dual-language program was the perfect answer."

Goffney spent the rest of her day visiting campuses across the district including four schools that have new principals this year, MacArthur Ninth Grade School (Yul Everline), Goodman Elementary School (LaDon Ward), Griggs EC/Pre-K/K School (Tonya Porter-Brisker) and Lewis Middle School (Tonya Clark-Antwine). She made quick stops at Gray and Eckert Elementary. Her final stop of the day was to Nimitz High School.

BMX Bike Park opens,

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Participants in the ribbon cutting arrived at the event appropriately mounted on racing bikes.

connections.

In 2020 the park will host the UCI BMX World Championships, with over 4000 athletes from around the world competing. Partner in this event is the Harris County Houston Sports Authority. The park includes seating for over 3500 spectators.

The new park is located at 12257 Kuykendahl Road near the I-45 Feeder Road.



CUTTING THE RIBBON were Jerry Davis, Paul Tarney, Rodney Ellis, Gretchen Bailly, Sally Bradford, Janis Burke, Mayor Sylvester Turner, and Elvin Franklin.

Haverstock Hills fire,

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EARLY MORNING HOURS on Friday show the extent of the damage to the building at Haverstock Hills Apartments. The top floor and roof of the building are completely destroyed, and lower floors have some smoke and water damage. The building is uninhabitable and will need to be taken down.

putting out hot spots as the morning dawned.

There were no injuries to residents or firefighters, but early reports said that one resident was missing, who was found later. Many of the residents said they lost everything in the fire. The apartment management was attempting to relocate

families in available units in the complex.

The Red Cross was called to the scene, to provide food and bedding to those who needed it.

As the fire spread in the night, residents went door to door alerting sleeping inhabitants so they could get out safely.

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office is on the scene, investigating the cause of the fire. Although this is a normal procedure, there is also some reports from residents that an altercation earlier might have resulted in arson as retaliation. This is being investigated.

Oportunidades,

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tice opciones y oportunidades hoy y en el futuro.

Debemos asegurarnos de que los estudiantes de Aldine ISD reciban educación de la más alta calidad y proveer una programación innovadora justo como lo hace Avalos P-TECH.

El año pasado, eso incluyó la creación de un programa piloto de prekindergarten para niños de tres años en varias escuelas de la primera infancia, lo que resultó en que 111 de nuestros estudiantes más jóvenes obtuvieran una ventaja en educación. También significó abrir la Escuela Preparatoria de Educación Técnica y Profesional Dr. Archie L. Blanson. El plantel ofrece un entorno de aprendizaje único que permite a los estudiantes recibir un diploma mientras trabajan en un certificado para la fuerza laboral que puede conducir a un trabajo inmediato o desarrollarse en un colegio o universidad después de la graduación de la escuela preparatoria.

Este año escolar, las familias de Aldine ISD tendrán acceso a varios programas nuevos que ofrecen oportunidades y opciones adicionales.

Goodman Elementary School y Worsham Elementary School, nuestras primeras escuelas primarias de demostración de ACE, están bajo el mando de nuevos líderes, LaDon Ward en Goodman y Sandra Doria en Worsham. Bajo su liderazgo, y con un fuerte apoyo de los líderes del distrito, los estudiantes

y las familias verán un enfoque en la excelencia educativa, un día escolar extendido, una mayor asistencia social y emocional para los estudiantes y asociaciones de padres y comunidad para garantizar una mejora académica rápida. También estamos lanzando un programa bidireccional de inmersión en dos idiomas en cinco escuelas primarias de todo el distrito. Los niños de kindergarten de de Santiago, García-Leza, Hinojosa, Magrill y Vines aprenderán tanto en inglés como en español. A lo largo del año, los estudiantes tendrán acceso a contenido rico en ambos idiomas, celebrarán y honrarán diferentes culturas y se convertirán en verdaderos ciudadanos del mundo. Estos programas crecerán cada año hasta que los estudiantes puedan continuar aprendiendo en dos idiomas hasta la escuela preparatoria.

Aldine ISD se ha asociado con EMERGE Fellowship, un programa de preparación para la universidad con sede en Houston, para capacitar a estudiantes de preparatoria para asistir y graduarse de colegios y universidades selectivas en todo el país. Los estudiantes que participen en el programa recibirán preparación para la prueba SAT, asistirán a la admisión a la universidad y a talleres de ayuda financiera, recibirán asistencia con las solicitudes para la universidad y visitarán colegios y universidades. Estos programas son el comienzo de un nuevo cam-

ino a seguir para Aldine ISD. Continuaremos manteniendo a la comunidad al tanto de los cambios, programas e iniciativas adicionales. Cada uno está diseñado para garantizar que cada estudiante tenga acceso a una experiencia educativa rigurosa y enriquecedora, como lo describimos en nuestro nuevo plan estratégico. Un nuevo camino hacia delante.

El plan enfoca nuestro trabajo en torno a cinco prioridades clave: acelerar rápidamente el aprendizaje para que más alumnos rindan a nivel de grado o superior; crear entornos de aprendizaje seguros y protegidos; desarrollar la capacidad de cada maestro, líder y miembro del personal; alinear nuestros sistemas para mejorar el rendimiento de los estudiantes; y el fortalecimiento de alianzas con familias, comunidades y el sector empresarial.

Espero que a medida que usted aprenda más sobre las cosas emocionantes que suceden en Aldine ISD, vea que estamos realmente enfocados en garantizar que los estudiantes tengan acceso a experiencias educativas enriquecedoras que los preparen para el éxito en la universidad, la carrera y la vida.

Agradecemos su apoyo mientras emprendemos este viaje.

La Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney es Superintendente de Escuelas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Aldine.

Opportunities,

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several early childhood schools, which resulted in 111 of our youngest scholars getting a head start. It also meant opening the Dr. Archie L. Blanson Career & Technical Education High School. The campus offers a unique learning setting that allows students to receive a diploma while working on a workforce certificate that can lead to an immediate job or be built upon at a college or university after high school graduation.

This school year, Aldine ISD families will have access to several new programs that offer additional opportunities and choices.

Goodman Elementary School and Worsham Elementary School, our first ACE Demonstration Schools, are under the helm of new leaders, LaDon Ward at Goodman, and Sandra Doria at Worsham. Under their leadership, and with strong support from district leaders, students and families will see a focus on instructional excellence, an extended school day, increased social and emotional assistance for students, and parent and community partnerships to ensure rapid academic improvement.

We are also launching Two-Way Dual-Language Immersion Programs at five primary schools across the district. Kindergartners at de Santiago, García-Leza, Hinojosa, Magrill, and Vines will learn in both English and Spanish. Throughout the year, students will have access to rich content in both languages, celebrate and honor different cultures, and become true global citizens. These programs will grow each year until students can continue learning in two languages through high school.

Aldine ISD has partnered with EMERGE Fellowship, a Houston-based college-readiness program, to prepare high-performing high school students to attend and graduate from selective colleges and universities across the nation. Students participating in the program will receive SAT preparation, attend college admission and financial aid workshops, receive assistance with college applications and visit colleges and universities.

These programs are the beginning of a new way forward for Aldine ISD. We will continue to keep the community abreast of ad-

ditional changes, programs, and initiatives. Each one is designed to ensure every student has access to a rigorous and enriching educational experience as we've outlined in our new strategic plan, A New Way Forward.

The plan focuses our work around five key priorities: rapidly accelerating student learning so that more students perform on or above grade level; creating safe and secure learning environments; developing the capacity of every teacher, leader, and staff member; aligning our systems to enhance student performance; and strengthening partnerships with families, communities, and the business sector.

I hope that as you learn more about the exciting things happening in Aldine ISD you will see that we are truly focused on ensuring students have access to enriching educational experiences that prepare them for success in college, career, and life.

I welcome your support as we take this journey.

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney serves as the Superintendent of Schools for Aldine Independent School District.