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National Night Out



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NEWS NOTES

Hispanic Heritage month at Lone Star College

HOUSTON – The Lone Star College-North Harris Latin American Student Organization (LASO), Center for Civic Engagement, Student Life and others are showcasing Latino literature and culture during Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15.

According to 2019 fall enrollment numbers, more than 53 percent of Lone Star College-North Harris students are Hispanic. Celebrating these students' heritage and culture provides opportunities for connection with other students and vice-versa.

Hispanic Heritage Month activities include a variety of options at both the Lone Star College-North Harris main campus at 2700 W. W. Thorne Dr., and the new Lone Star College-East Aldine Center at 2430 Aldine Mail Route Rd.

The calendar of events for Hispanic Heritage Month follows.

Wednesday, Sept. 25
• Mi Familia Vota (voter registration) – LSC-North Harris, Courtyard, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 26
• Mi Familia Vota (voter registration) – LSC-North Harris, Courtyard, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

• Movies with LASO: "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History" – LSC-North Harris, Academic Building, Room 126, 2 – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 3
• Loteria with LASO – LSC-North Harris, Academic Building, Room 224, 2 – 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8
• Salsa Dance Workshop – LSC-East Aldine Center, Main Lobby, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10
• Immigration Forum hosted by LASO – LSC-North Harris, Academic Building, Room 126, 2 p.m.

For more information, visit www.LoneStar.edu/HispanicHeritage.

T.S. IMELDA FLOODING PARALYZES HOUSTON

20" of Rain in 24 hours; 1500 High Water Rescues

By Gilbert Hoffman

HARRIS COUNTY – Tropical Storm IMELDA never reached hurricane status, but it ended up doing more flooding than Hurricane Harvey two years ago, according to authorities.

The storm came ashore near Freeport on Tuesday evening, and by Thursday had dropped massive amounts of water on Harris County and counties to the north and east of Houston.

See Imelda, Page 8



Homes and autos all over the county were inundated with high water in a short time. These motorists at Aldine Mail Route/Eastex frontage road were stopped by the high water. Authorities had to tow over 1600 autos to clear major highways.



Motorists sought high ground, such as this gas station at W. Mt. Houston, as the water rose quickly and caught many drivers by surprise. At left, a high water rescue vehicle from the sheriff's office takes some to safety.

Lone Star College-East Aldine Center celebrates dedication of new building

HOUSTON – On Friday, Sept. 13, Lone Star College-North Harris representatives joined with community leaders and elected officials to celebrate the opening of Lone Star College-East Aldine Center in the East Aldine Town Center.

The event included a ribbon cutting ceremony and pronouncements from dignitaries to an audience of approximately 250 attendees.

Lone Star College-North Harris President Dr. Gerald Napoles opened the event with welcoming com-



Lone Star College Officials and community leaders at the ribbon cutting of the new LONE STAR COLLEGE - EAST ALDINE CENTER.

See LSC-EAST ALDINE, page 8

Rebuilding Kowis Street initiates planning and design of the first Texas Roadway Project to seek Envision Verification

The Office of Commissioner Garcia and Harris County Engineering Department affirms their commitment to deliver sustainable infrastructure that enhances the economic, social, and environmental conditions in Precinct 2

HARRIS COUNTY, TX— Commissioner Adrian Garcia will kick off the design of the first roadway

project in Harris County and the State of Texas that will seek Envision® Verification. The reconstruction of Kowis Street in East Aldine is intended to enhance the economic, social, and environmental conditions along the corridor between Halls Bayou and Precinct 2's James Driver Park.

The proposed project includes reconstructing Kowis Street from the

Halls Bayou Hike and Bike Trail to James Driver Park so that pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers using the corridor and the adjacent property owners and tenants will realize improved social, environmental, and economic benefits.

"I have directed my staff to work with Harris County Engineering Department to develop a sustainability management policy that includes com-

mitments to achieving improvements in sustainable performance with clear objectives and targets," said Commissioner Garcia.

Published by the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, Envision® is an objective framework that advances sustainable approaches for planning, designing, constructing, and operating public infrastructure projects. The framework helps guide

project decision-making to foster an enhanced quality of life for project stakeholders, effective leadership, better resource allocation, conservation and restoration of natural resources, reduced air emissions, and improved resilience.

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The Angry Birds Movie 2 (PG) - 12:30pm, 2:45pm, 5:00pm, 7:15pm, 9:30pm
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Dora and the Lost City of Gold (PG) - 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm
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Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark (PG-13) - 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:15pm
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Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw (PG-13) - 12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Citizenship Workshops

Bonding Against Adversity will host a citizenship workshop, Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 16526 Ella Blvd, Houston, TX 77090, 8:00 a.m. Questions? Please call 281-799-9076 or Text 832-906-4214.

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.

Events at Buckner (formerly Aldine Youth)

- ZUMBA - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 8a-9a - \$1 for members; \$2 for non-members
- AEROBICS w/toning and stretching - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 9a-10a - \$1 for members; \$2 for non-members
- Seniors Social Club and Bingo. It meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 10:30 a.m. until about 12:30 p.m. This event is FREE for Seniors 65 and over.

For more information, please 281-449-4828.

Aldine ISD Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Leticia Fehling

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates a diverse group of people. They trace their roots to Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries in North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Of the district's nearly 70,000 students, more than 73 percent are Hispanic. They represent many Spanish-speaking countries.

By the Numbers

- Depending on how you count, there are 22 Spanish speaking countries in the world.

- Spanish is the second most widely spoken language on the planet. The number of Spanish speakers worldwide has soared to 572 million, which includes native and non-native speakers.

- Around 754 million people are expected to speak the Spanish language globally by 2050, report shows.

- According to the official US census, the United States will have the biggest population of Spanish speakers in the world after Mexico by 2060, and around 28.6% of the population will be Hispanic.

AISD recognizes the diversity in our schools. Contact your child's school for information about planned events.

National Hispanic Heritage Month falls during the anniversaries of independence for several Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico's Independence is September 16.

We Are More Alike Than Different

Hispanic and Latino-Americans can have European, African, Asian, and indigenous ancestry. The district encourages everyone to learn about the various cultures, customs, traditions, and history of Hispanics.



GO TEXAN Parade

Students and Staff had a awesome parade on Friday to kick off the Houston Texan NFL Football Season! The Vardeman Parade is our second annual Go Texan Day Celebration!!!

Aldine ISD Teacher returns to her first childhood school to teach

By Valonia Walker

Jenny Benavides, a Keeble Primary Montessori School kindergarten teacher, has come home to teach at her childhood primary school.

Benavides began her schooling in Aldine ISD at Keeble. She graduated from Victory Early College High School, where she received her high school diploma and an associate degree from Lone Star College. After graduation, she received a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and served as a paraprofessional at Keeble.

"Being back here makes me feel at home," Benavides said. "I have so many fond memories from my time at Keeble and knew from a young age that I wanted to be a teacher."

The first-year teacher is excited about returning to her childhood campus and making a positive impact in the lives of students the way teachers did for her.



Jenny Benavides Keeble Primary Montessori 1999-2001



Jenny Benavides in her kindergarten classroom.

"The opportunity to create a positive learning experience for children at this stage of life is important," Benavides said. "My goal is to create a comfortable education setting for students during their primary years, so that it will continue throughout their educational experience."

Although the campus looks a little different from when she attended, Benavides says the Montessori way was what she appreciated most about the school. The Montessori method allows students the opportunity to use play, creative visuals, and hands-on learning to understand new concepts.

Benavides explained, returning to her childhood school allows her to reminisce on memories but also create new ones. She is most excited to continue learning from her peers and most importantly watch her students learn and grow.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SEQUOIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on October 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm at 14435 Sequoia Bend Blvd., Houston, Texas 77032. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: MELVA D. STRAHAN, KAREN J. BAKER, JAMES EASTHAM, SR. AND RICHARD SLATER

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: WILLIAM P. KING

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.45/\$100	\$0.44/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.01/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-2.2222%
Average appraised value	\$108,744	\$120,035
General Exemptions Available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	-\$21,749	-\$24,007
Average taxable value	\$86,995	\$96,028
Tax on average residence homestead	\$391.48	\$422.52
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$31.04
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+7.9288%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The PINE VILLAGE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on October 9, 2019 at 4:30 pm at 5333 Aldine Mail Route, Houston, TX 77039. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: JACQUELINE JOSEPH-HOWARD, VIOLET ALLEN AND JUDY M. SHILLING

AGAINST the proposal: W. CLYDE LEMON

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: DARIUS SMITH

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.40/\$100	\$1.37/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.03/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-2.1428%
Average appraised value	\$29,310	\$33,456
General Exemptions Available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	-\$5,000	-\$6,691
Average taxable value	\$24,310	\$26,765
Tax on average residence homestead	\$340.34	\$366.68
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ +26.34
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+7.7393%

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COMMUNITY NEWS

September is attendance awareness month

Attendance is critical to increasing student achievement and graduation goals

By Leticia Fehling
Research shows that daily school attendance positively impacts students' social, emotional, and cognitive development. Consistent high attendance increases students' school participation maximizing life opportunities for all students.

The Consequences of Missing School
When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve — even among those students who are struggling in school. Additionally, students who attend school regularly are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a promising future.

Physically being present in school is one of the most basic conditions for a student's success — if a student is not in school, he or she is not learning could be falling behind in earning the course credits needed to graduate.

Being chronically absent is associated with a lot of poor outcomes.

- Lower student achievement
- Lower course performance
- Lower test scores
- Retention in later years

Absences Impact the Entire Classroom

Chronic absences by students also affect their peers with good attendance. If a teacher waits to teach new material until more students are present, all students fall behind. When absent students are in school, a teacher may use class time to bring them up to speed. Evidence suggests that this reduces math achievement among students with better attendance.

School Attendance Is Important at All Grade Levels Including the Early Years

Parents might think that high school students are the ones that miss the most days of school. Research shows that among elementary school children, particularly kindergartners, have the highest rates of absenteeism.

When kids are absent for an average of just two days of



Aim for 100% attendance for a better future for your child.

school per month — even excused absences — it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as kindergarten. Students who are chronically absent in kindergarten can have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. This is critical because research shows that when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade — the transition period where students go from learning to read to reading to learn — they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

The research also shows that when chronic absenteeism worsens every year from sixth to 12th grade, students are more likely to drop out of school. Dropouts face extremely bleak economic and social prospects.

How Can Schools and Parents Work Together to Improve School Attendance?

Here are some evidence-based strategies that work:

Schools

Campuses can use school-based mentors who track chronic absenteeism and work with parents on improving attendance. Classroom teachers can visit students' homes and text parents about attendance. Additionally, sending mailings home with useful information about how attendance reduces

chronic absenteeism and how to get students back on track.

Parents

By making school attendance a priority, families help their children get better grades, develop healthy life habits, and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

While some absences may be unavoidable, limiting your child's absences puts him or her on a path to future success. If your child is missing school, figure out the reasons for the absences. Communicate with the teacher or school to take advantage of support services.

Paying Attention to Absences Early in the School Year

September is a particularly good time to focus on attendance. Research shows that students who miss two to four days in the first month of school are more likely to become chronically absent during the school year. By paying attention to absences early in the school year and early in a child's academic career, we can turn around attendance and achievement.

District leaders hope community members, staff members, families, and students will recognize Attendance Awareness Month and pledge to reduce chronic absenteeism.

By taking simple measures early on, everyone can help set every child on the path to success.

Houston ISD adopts a decrease in property tax rate

Sept. 16, 2019 – The Houston Independent School District Board of Education unanimously adopted a seven-cent decrease to the 2019-2020 property tax rate at its regular monthly September meeting.

Homeowners residing within the district's boundaries will see the tax rate reduced from \$1.2067 to \$1.1367 per \$100 of taxable property value. Individuals' taxes may still rise if the value of their property increases.

Trustees and Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan also proclaimed Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, 2019 as Hispanic Heritage Month in HISD. September also was recognized as Literacy Awareness Month and Attendance Awareness Month. Additionally, Sept. 8-14, 2019 was proclaimed as National Suicide Prevention Week in HISD with the goal of raising suicide awareness to help save children's lives.

At a special meeting on Monday, September 16, the

board approved the following:

-A proposal granting employee groups the right to elect representatives to be their voice at consultation meetings with administration on issues such as wages, employment hours, and work conditions

-Two in-kind grants of musical instruments worth nearly \$111,500 for Attucks and Lawson middle schools from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

Investigation into fatal shooting on Greens Parkway

Houston police are investigating an apparent murder-suicide of a man and woman found deceased at 1325 Greens Parkway and 11100 Katy Freeway (West Interstate Highway 10) service road on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The female victim, Antoinett Sloan, 28, suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The male suspect, Johnny Green, 40, sustained an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeants M. Brady and M. Casso reported:

About 11:30 a.m., Green fatally shot Ms. Sloan, his

ex-girlfriend, in the parking lot of her apartment complex at 1325 Greens Parkway. Green was driving a rental vehicle that Sloan may not have been familiar with, waited for her and then shot her as she walked to her car.

Green left the location and called family members, telling them he had killed Sloan and was going to kill himself. Green told his relatives where they could find his body. HPD patrol officers found Green deceased inside the rental vehicle in a parking lot in the 11100 block of the Katy Freeway service road.

Investigation into fatal crash on Jensen Drive

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 7000 Jensen Drive about 1:40 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14.

According to HPD Officers, the victim was operating a black Honda motorcycle and traveling northbound on Jensen Drive when he struck a parked yellow flatbed tow truck attempting to get a vehicle out of a ditch.

Paramedics pronounced the motorcyclist deceased at the scene.

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

Take Pride in our Community Keep it Clean

Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on October 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at 16505 Air Center Boulevard, Houston, TX 77032. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Stephanie Rush, Mark Ivy, Thomas Brummett, William Swan & Robert Shawn Emerick

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2018 Last Year	2019 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.32/\$100	\$0.31/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	-\$0.01/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	-3.13%	
Average appraised value	\$ -	
General exemptions available		
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -	\$ -
Average taxable value	\$ -	\$ -
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ -	\$ -
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	0.00%	

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**Mike Arterburn, Tax Assessor-Collector
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Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2019 on October 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, Texas 77039. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Homero Campos, Juan Jacquez, Ray Griggs, Beatrice Munguia & Ramiro Vasquez

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2018 Last Year	2019 This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.95/100	\$0.95/100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$0.00/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised value	\$93,668	\$103,132
General exemptions available		
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	20%	20%
Average taxable value	\$74,934	\$82,505
Tax on average residence homestead	\$711.88	\$783.81
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$71.93	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	10.10%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code. The Harris County Water Control Improvement District proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of essential water, sewer, drainage services and related operational, maintenance and administrative services.

**Mike Arterburn, Tax Assessor-Collector
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★ OPINION PAGE ★



Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Will My Husband’s Income Affect My Benefits?

Dear Rusty: Since it looks like a good option for me to retire at 62 and my husband (who is younger than me) to retire at 67, will the income he makes after I retire affect my benefit amount by way of income taxes if we continue to file jointly? Also, how would receiving an inheritance affect my benefit amount if I file at 62? Signed: Worried Spouse

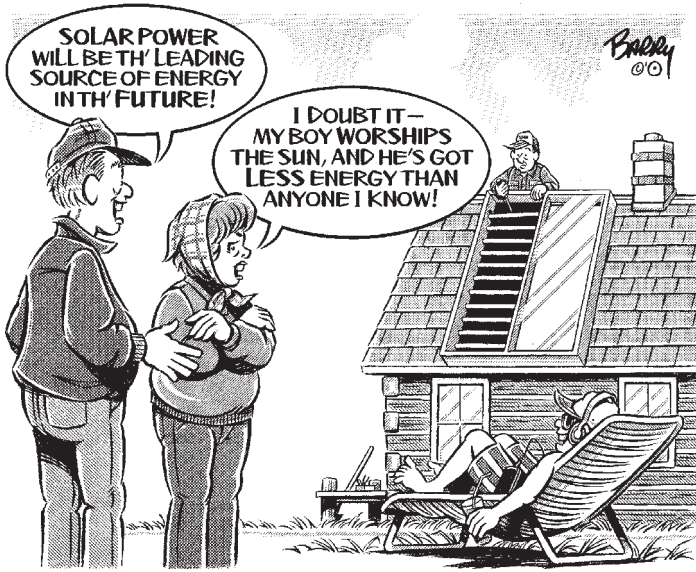
Dear Worried: Your husband’s income won’t directly affect your monthly Social Security benefit payments at all, but it may affect the tax liability on your Social Security benefits. Only earnings from you working will affect your monthly Social Security benefits, but whether the benefits you receive become taxable income to the IRS depends upon the level of your “combined income” for your IRS filing status. “Combined income” is your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) as reported to the IRS, plus any non-taxable interest you may have, plus 50% of your yearly Social Security benefits. This is also known as your “modified adjusted gross income” or “MAGI.”

If you file your income taxes as “married – filing jointly,” and your combined income for both you and your husband is more than \$32,000, then up to 50% of your Social Security benefits will become taxable income. If your MAGI is over \$44,000 then up to 85% of your Social Security benefits will

become taxable. What that means in tax dollars depends upon your normal income tax rate as defined by the IRS. For information, the MAGI clip levels are lower when filing as an individual – if filing “single” MAGI over \$25,000 means that up to 50% of Social Security benefits are taxable and MAGI over \$34,000 means that up to 85% of Social Security benefits are taxable. But the advantages of filing jointly versus filing single usually more than offset the difference (though you may want to consult a tax advisor to confirm that).

As to your last question, an inheritance won’t affect your monthly Social Security benefit (only your earnings from working will affect your Social Security benefit), but if that inheritance is taxable by the IRS, then the portion of your Social Security benefits which are taxable could be affected, as described above.

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Report provides details on what can be done to prevent shootings

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 12 released the Texas Safety Action Report, a document that details what Texas and Texans are doing to prevent mass shootings.

The report elaborates on executive orders Abbott issued a week earlier to coordinate state and local expertise and resources and “identify any shortcomings in our current systems and explore ways to prevent these horrific tragedies from taking place.”

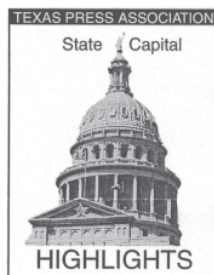
Abbott said strategies laid out in the report result from meetings with law enforcement officials; community, business and faith leaders; technology experts; counselors; advocates; lawmakers and survivors of mass shootings.

“We must act with resolve in response to the despicable acts of violence we have witnessed in Texas,” said Abbott. “Solving the problems that have led to these horrific events will take more than governmental action. The complete solution will require more than what is outlined in this paper. It will require parents, families, churches, law enforcement, community groups, schools and others working together to fortify the social fabric of our society. Texans are at our best when we are tested. Together, we will transcend this test and forge an even better future for our state.”

Here are some of the actions recommended in the report:

- Refresh training for all licensed peace officers on the procedures and criteria for “emergency detention” of individuals who pose a danger to others or themselves;
- Educate physicians and behavioral health professionals about the law concerning disclosure of confidential information to law enforcement;
- Accelerate the development and implementation of the Texas Department of Public Safety safe firearm storage campaign, supported by a recent \$1 million appropriation;
- Expedite the reporting of criminal convictions to the Texas Department of Public Safety;
- Prohibit straw purchases of firearms under state law;

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



- Enact laws that crack down on criminals who try to illegally buy or possess guns;
- Require courts to inform convicted criminals, both orally and in writing, that they may no longer possess firearms; and
- Encourage social media companies to report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

Select panels appointed

House Speaker Dennis Bonnen on Sept. 4 appointed 13 members of the Texas House of Representatives to serve on the newly formed House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety. The committee was formed in response to the mass shootings that occurred in El Paso on Aug. 3 and in Midland and Odessa on Aug. 29.

Bonnen said the panel will study and recommend legislative solutions and other measures to help prevent mass violence and improve community safety. The panel is to deliver a report to the speaker in early December.

Appointees include: Chair Drew Darby, R-San Angelo; Vice Chair Poncho Nevárez, D-Eagle Pass; César Blanco, D-El Paso; Giovanni Caprigione, R-Southlake; Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth; Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, D-San Antonio; Julie Johnson, D-Carrollton; Brooks Landgraf, R-Odessa; Mike Lang, R-Granbury; Joe Moody, D-El Paso; Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria; Four

Price, R-Amarillo; and Armando Walle, D-Houston.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, on Sept. 4 named the Senate Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety.

Patrick tasked the senate panel with studying issues in response to the recent mass shootings and previous mass shootings in Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs and Dallas.

Leading the senate panel will be Chair Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and Vice Chair Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo. Other members include Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels; Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills; Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound; Charles Perry, R-Lubbock; Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso; Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood; and John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 11 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$801.5 million in local sales tax allocations for September.

The amount is 8.5 percent more than reported for the month of September 2018.

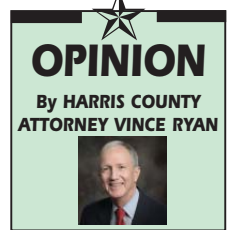
Allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

AGs target tech giant

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Sept. 9 announced he is leading a coalition of 50 attorneys general in a multistate, bipartisan investigation of California-based technology company Google LLC’s business practices in accordance with state and federal antitrust laws.

According to a news release posted by Paxton’s office, the coalition plans to investigate Google’s “overarching control of online advertising markets and search traffic that may have led to anticompetitive behavior that harms consumers.”

Paxton said legal experts from each state would work in cooperation with federal authorities to assess competitive conditions for online services and ensure that Americans have access to free digital markets.



Lawsuits seeking to stop new Public Charge Rule

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan filed a friend of the court brief last week in lawsuits seeking to stop the Trump Administration’s new public charge rule.

“This proposed rule from the federal government will penalize non-citizen families who seek assistance for food, healthcare and housing,” said County Attorney Ryan. “The current anti-immigrant attacks in this country and issues like putting a citizenship question on the 2020 U.S. Census have already had a chilling effect on our immigrant community.”

Since the 1900s public charge has been defined as a non-citizen who primarily depends on the government for subsistence. The new rule proposed by the federal government would expand the list of government programs that could be used to penalize any non-citizen who seeks to change his or her immigration status. The change covers people who may have used a wide range of benefits in the past such as food stamps, Medicaid and housing assistance, even if they were eligible for them.

The new rule, set to take effect October 15, would significantly expand the types of benefits that could potentially disqualify an applicant to include prior use of Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or food stamps, and housing assistance like Section 8 housing vouchers, for example.

A number of states and advocacy groups are suing the federal government to stop the new rule. Attorney Ryan filed a friend of court brief opposing the new rule on behalf of Harris County and the Harris County Hospital District.

The brief points out that studies show that families and children otherwise entitled to access Medicaid and other federal programs will forgo preventive care, causing emergency medical and public health services such as the Harris County Hospital District to shoulder the increased burden.

“This is a public health issue and an unfunded mandate,” County Attorney Ryan said. “If families and especially children do not have access to food and healthcare, we will see people coming into our public hospitals for emergency care in worse condition. Persons with communicable diseases may delay seeking medical treatment exposing others to these illnesses. Local taxpayers will now be required to pay for services previously paid by the federal government.”

“Harris County provides public health services, such as vaccinations, pre-natal care and nutrition for women and children,” Ryan pointed out. “Unfortunately, we are already seeing a decrease in the number of people using these services. We want Harris County residents to take advantage of these programs and keep our community healthy and secure.”

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

AISD teams begin District 16-6A play: Texans look to defend home turf against Panthers

The dress rehearsals are over and now it's time to play for keeps for Aldine ISD's five varsity football teams.

District 16-6A play begins this weekend with Eisenhower taking on Aldine on Thursday night at Thorne Stadium, while MacArthur will face DeKaney in Spring on Thursday, and Davis will take on Nimitz on Friday night in Thorne Stadium.

There are four playoff spots up for grabs between the five AISD schools and three Spring ISD schools.

In non-district games, Nimitz finished 2-1, while Aldine, Davis and MacArthur finished 1-2 and Eisenhower finished 0-3. All three Spring schools (DeKaney, Spring and Westfield) all had identical 2-1 records in non-district play.

Westfield appears to be the class of the district as evidenced by their 24-21 loss to powerhouse North Shore two weeks ago. Spring averaged an impressive 46 points in their three non-district contests.

The five AISD schools had bye weeks last week, which gave them all an extra week to prepare for the league schedule. Davis High first-year head coach Scott Joseph picked up his first win as the Falcons' head coach as his team routed Westbury 44-0.

While the locals begin their league seasons, the college schedule is very bland this weekend. The biggest game in the Big 12 has Iowa State visiting Baylor, while nationally No. 21-ranked Virginia visits South Bend to take on No. 7-ranked Notre Dame.

In the NFL, the Texans host the Carolina Panthers with hopes of defending their home field turf at NRG Stadium. The Dallas Cowboys visit New Orleans to take on a Saints team that will be without the services of quarterback Drew Brees, who sustained an injury to his thumb on his throwing hand two weeks ago in NO's 27-9 loss to the Rams. Brees' absence just made this game a lot more winnable for a Dallas team that has looked sharp on offense behind quarterback Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott.

Week 4 kicks off with a good one as the Eagles visit the Packers, who won their first two games of the season with wins at Chicago and at home against the Vikings.

Speaking of the Vikings, they travel to Chicago to take on the Bears in a key NFC North game for both teams. Cleveland and Baltimore, two bitter rivals, get after it on Sunday in Baltimore in an early-season showdown in the AFC North. Now that the Steelers have lost quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for the season with an elbow injury, it appears the Browns and Ravens are the two teams that will contend for the division title.

Before we take a look at those games and a few others, let's review last week's record. A 6-6 week brought the season record to 20-16 (56%).

Now, onto this week's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower vs. Aldine - Eric Jackson's Eagles lost their final non-district game to Strake Jesuit, one of the top teams in the Houston area, 37-31 and will face off against Hank Semler's Mustangs, who routed Sam Houston 42-21 three weeks ago. In the loss to Jesuit, Eagles' QB Christian Sims (389 passing yards for the season) rushed for two touchdowns. The Eagles will be looking for more offensive production from their signal caller against Aldine on Thursday night. In Aldine's big win over Sam Houston, sophomore running back Elijah Teamer rushed for 231 yards and three touchdowns. My pick, Eisenhower 30, Aldine 27.

MacArthur at DeKaney - Wayne Crawford's Generals dropped a 28-13 decision to Bellaire three weeks ago, but got a big night from wide receiver Joedrick Lewis, who caught 12 passes for 166 yards and a touchdown. The Generals are hoping Lewis has another big night against a DeKaney team that is led

by dual threat quarterback Daelyn Williams (544 passing yards, 8 TDs/214 rushing yards, 3 TDs). My pick, MacArthur 23, DeKaney 22.

Davis vs. Nimitz - As stated earlier, Joseph's Falcons picked up their first win of the season three weeks ago with a 44-0 pasting of Westbury. Running back DeMarcus Barlow rushed for 105 yards and three touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving) in the win and Joseph will be looking for more big plays from his running back against Nimitz. The Falcons also got touchdowns from Azavion Kegler and Kenneth Walker. Three weeks ago, Richard Slater's Cougars suffered their first loss of the season, falling to Mayde Creek 45-21. Jayvon Davis led Nimitz with 48 yards rushing and a touchdown, while teammates Kevin Harrison and Jeremiah Richardson each caught a touchdown pass. This could turn into a shootout. My pick, Nimitz 34, Davis 31.

NCAA

Iowa State at Baylor - Don't look now, but it appears Baylor is back. In their first two games of the season, the Bears averaged 59.5 points per game and probably added to that against Rice two weeks ago. Baylor is led by quarterback Charlie Brewer (312 yards passing, 6 TDs) and wide receivers Gerry Bohanon (177 receiving yards, 1 TD) and Denzil Mims (12 receptions, 147 yards, 3 TDs). Iowa State is a tough defensive team, so this will be Matt Rhule's teams first real test. Baylor will be tested on defense by ISU quarterback Brock Purdy (554 passing yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Milton Tarique (16 receptions, 162 yards, 1 TD) and DeShante Jones (18 receptions, 157 yards). Look for Baylor's decided speed advantage on offense to be too much for the Cyclones as the Bears send a message to the rest of the Big 12 that they plan on being factors in the conference race this year. My pick, Baylor 33, Iowa State 23.

Virginia at Notre Dame - Notre Dame returns home after playing at Georgia two weeks ago to face a tough Virginia team that is led by quarterback Bryce Perkins (668 passing yards, 5 TDs). The Cavaliers won their first three games of the season and should enter South Bend 4-0 after hosting Old Dominion last Saturday. The Irish could be bruised and battered after their trip to Athens to take on the Bulldogs, but quarterback Ian Book (553 passing yards, 6 TDs) and running back Tony Jones, Jr. (127 rushing yards, 1 TD) and the rest of a talented ND team should have enough left in the tank to pull off the win at home. Two weeks ago, Book passed for five touchdowns and ran for another score in a 66-14 route of New Mexico. This game will be a bit more competitive, but look for the Irish to pull it out late. My pick, Notre Dame 31, Virginia 27.

NFL

Philadelphia at Green Bay - Week 4 of the NFL season starts off with a good one as the Eagles visit the Packers on Thursday Night Football. Two weeks ago, the Eagles dropped a tough one at Atlanta on a late touchdown catch and run by Falcons' wide receiver Julio Jones. Philly QB Carson Wentz (544 passing yards, 4 TDs) was roughed up in that game and appeared to injure his ribs in the first half. Things won't get any easier this week for Wentz when he faces a much-improved Green Bay defense that has had a lot to do with the Packers' winning their first two games of the season. And while the defense looks improved, GB still has Mr. Reliable under center in Aaron Rodgers (412 passing yards, 3 TDs). Rodgers still has Davante Adams (11 receptions, 142 yards) to throw to, but he's also got a running game this year thanks to the emergence of Aaron Jones (155 rushing yards, 1 TD). Two weeks ago, the Packers jumped out to a 21-0 lead at home against Minnesota and held on for a 21-16 win thanks



KEENEY'S KORNER BY MIKE KEENEY

to a late interception in the end zone. Look for more big plays from GB on both sides of the ball as they subdue the Eagles on Thursday night. My pick, Green Bay 26, Philadelphia 23.

New England at Buffalo - The Patriots get their first real test of the season when they visit the Bills in Orchard Park on Sunday. NE outscored Pittsburgh and Miami 76-3 in their first two games of the season, but will face a Buffalo team that won their first two games on the road and overcame a 16-point second-half deficit in their opener against the hapless Jets. Buffalo has a tough defense, but it will have its hands full with Tom Brady (605 passing yards, 5 TDs) and his host of offensive weapons. In NE's 43-0 pasting of Miami two weeks ago, wide receiver Antonio Brown made his Patriots debut with four receptions for 50 yards and a touchdown. NE may or may not have Brown this week depending on whether or not NFL Commissioner puts him on the league's exempt list due to a civil suit filed against him by a former female trainer. NE is still very good even without Brown. The Bills will have a huge home field advantage and if second-year quarterback Josh Allen (507 passing yards, 2 TDs) has a big day, the Bills could pull off the upset. Then again, Bill Belichick is the best at preparing a team to play in difficult surroundings,

so I'm going with the six-time Super Bowl champs in this one. My pick, New England 27, Buffalo 24.

Carolina at Houston - Cam Newton and the Panthers come to Houston to take on the Texans in NRG Stadium on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks ago in a home loss to Tampa Bay, Newton struggled throwing the ball and did not throw a touchdown pass in his team's first two games. The Panthers have relied on the legs of running back Christian McCaffrey (165 rushing yards, 2 TDs) early on this year, but don't expect Newton (572 passing yards) to stay down too long. Two weeks ago, the Texans picked up an ugly 13-12 home win against Jacksonville, which was starting a rookie quarterback. The offense struggled, but look for Deshaun Watson (427 passing yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (13 receptions, 151 receiving yards, 2 TDs) to get things going against a suspect Carolina secondary. Houston appears to have found a running game with the addition of Carlos Hyde (90 yards rushing in the Jacksonville win) and Duke Johnson. Look for them to keep the Carolina defense honest, which will open up the passing game for Watson. My pick, Houston 24, Carolina 20.

Cleveland at Baltimore - The Browns visit the Ravens in an early season showdown in the AFC North. Two weeks ago, Cleveland picked up its first win of the

season with a 23-3 win against the Jets. In that game, quarterback Baker Mayfield (602 passing yards, 2 TDs) connected with wide receiver Odell Beckham for an 89-yard scoring play and Browns fans hope that is just the beginning of big plays between those two. The Browns will face a much tougher defense this week when they face the Ravens and a much better offense led by quarterback Lamar Jackson (596 passing yards, 7 TDs), running back Mark Ingram (157 rushing yards, 2 TDs), wide receiver Marquise Brown (12 receptions, 233 yards, 2 TDs) and tight end Mark Andrews (16 receptions, 220 yards, 2 TDs). The Browns looked good on defense in the Jets win, but let's remember, they were playing the Jets who were down to their third-string quarterback after backup Trevor Simien was lost for the season with an ankle injury. Look for Baltimore to defend their home field in what should be a tight contest throughout. My pick, Baltimore 31, Cleveland 28.

Minnesota at Chicago - Although it's only Week 4, this is an important game for both teams as Green Bay's hot start has both teams looking up at them in the NFC North standings. Two weeks ago, the Vikings dropped a 21-16 decision to the Packers, while the Bears won a controversial game at Denver that was decided by a couple of questionable calls by the officials. The Bears have struggled on offense, but still have one of the league's best defenses and that unit will look to slow running back Dalvin Cook (265 yards rushing, 3 TDs), who has gotten off to a great start this season running the football. That's a good thing, because quarterback Kirk Cousins (338 passing yards, 2 TDs) has been so-so thus far

and his ill advised throw into double coverage into the GB end zone late in the game cost the Vikings a chance at a come-from-behind win. The Bears need a better performance out of quarterback Mitch Trubisky if they hope to handle one of the better defenses in the league. This should be a low-scoring game and I'm going with the home team and the Bears defense. My pick, Chicago 16, Minnesota 13.

Dallas at New Orleans - When this game was placed on the schedule, Cowboy fans probably put down a "L" next to it, but not now that Brees will miss this game and will be replaced by Teddy Bridgewater. Bridgewater threw for 165 yards in the Saints' loss to the Rams, but did not produce a touchdown. That has to change if the Saints are going to beat a Dallas team that is rolling on offense this far this season. NO head coach Sean Payton will have had a couple of weeks to work with Bridgewater prior to this game, so look for the Saints to be better on offense. They still have running back Alvin Kamara (142 rushing yards) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (20 receptions, 212 yards) on the team, so look for those two to carry the load while Brees is out. The NO defense will have its hands full with a Dallas offense that is led by quarterback Dak Prescott (674 passing yards, 7 TDs) and running back Ezekiel Elliott (164 rushing yards, 2 TDs) and a strong stable of receivers in Amari Cooper (10 receptions, 150 yards, 2 TDs) and Michael Gallup (13 receptions, 226 yards). Playing at home will be a big boost for the Saints, but look for Elliott to be the difference maker late as the Cowboys pick up a big win on Sunday night. My pick, Dallas 30, New Orleans 27.

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec. RIDDLE SEARCH - LET'S PLAY FOOTBALL. Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word in the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the banner below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Where do gardeners play football?

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman. Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF. Find at least six differences in details between panels. Includes a cartoon illustration of a boy and a girl.

MAGIC SQUARE PUZZLE. IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 2 through 17 to fill in the above Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column must total 38. Also, the two corner-to-corner diagonals. We've filled in six numbers for you. Use the trial-and-error method.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend. A VERY SHORT CROSSWORD PUZZLE. This is a tricky puzzle. Fill in the puzzle grid using the following definitions: Across: 1. Well-known insect. 2. Organs of the body. 3. To tantalize. 4. Comfort. 5. Belongs to us. Down: 1. What a lion is. 2. What a mouse is. 3. What a mosquito is. 4. What a cat is. 5. What a dog is.

Even Exchange ANSWERS. 1. Water, Winter; 2. Tense, Tantalize; 3. Former, Former; 4. Crowd, Crowd; 5. Venus, Venus; 6. Home, Home; 7. Carrot, Carrot; 8. Phony, Phony; 9. Jacket, Jacket; 10. Mince, Mince.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Reducing the Rate of Military Suicides

In a joint venture to reduce suicides, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense and the Vet Centers have hooked up to provide counseling and outreach to the National Guard on drill weekends and during training. In 2017, the National Guard had the highest rate of suicide of all the military.

Now, however, the rate of National Guard members using the Vet Centers has risen 38%, and the suicide rate has fallen to its the lowest level in five years. It's thought that the increased use of the Vet Center services could be the reason.

Meanwhile, the Defense Suicide Prevention Office's most recent report saw 2018 deaths-by-suicide numbers that were mostly higher than the year before: Air Force 60, Army 139, Marine Corps 58, Navy 68, Reserves 216 and National Guard 135.

As the VA continues to try to understand the reasons for veteran suicides, it's looking at limited access to health care and isolation. Up until 2016, Vermont had the nation's highest rate of veteran suicide. By this year, it was reported in Congress that Montana had the highest rate. First thoughts point to rural living and cold weather, yet in California, sunny and warm San Diego has the highest rate for that state.

If you think you might be in trouble, or if you know a veteran who is, call the Veterans Crisis Hotline 24/7 at 1-800-273-8255 or go online to www.veteranscrisisline.net. You also can send a text to 838255.

Besides the 24/7 hotline, National Guard and Reservists are eligible to use the services of the Vet Centers (there are 300) and Mobile Vet Centers (there are 80). To find out more about what the Vet Centers do, or to find one in your area, go online to www.vetcenter.va.gov.

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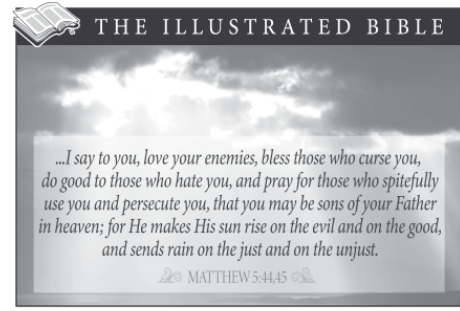
BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Levi in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Proverbs 29, what happens when the wicked have authority? People mourn, Heavens blackened, Masses kill, Taxes abound
3. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall" do what? Obtain mercy, Inherit the earth, See God, Be called children of God

4. In what book of the Bible do we find the good Samaritan parable? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
5. From Numbers 22, what animal did God allow to speak? Lamb, Donkey, Camel, Ram
6. From 2 Chronicles, what did Solomon ask for? Wealth, Long life, Wisdom, Honor

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) People mourn; 3) Inherit the earth; 4) Luke; 5) Donkey; 6) Wisdom



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- 16 Bloodhound's clue
- 17 Poker variety
- 18 Half an aphorism
- 21 Atmosphere
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- 23 Counterfeit
- 26 Festive
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- 30 " — Lang Syne"
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- 9 Grooving on Phaser setting
- 10 "The Da Vinci —"
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- 20 Put into words
- 23 "Terrif"
- 24 Wish otherwise
- 25 Hearty quaff
- 26 Joke
- 27 Wet wriggler
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- 31 Blog
- 32 Ointment
- 34 Fawn's mom
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ton, all the way to Beaumont. The storm took five lives, three in Beaumont and two in Harris County. Authorities said a man drove into high water on Will Clayton Parkway in Humble, and another body of Rene Salas, 52, was found in a ditch near W. Mt. Houston.

Houston recorded as much as 10" of rain in a 24 hour period, and a total of about 20" in three days. Northeast Harris County, including Crosby and Huffman, recorded about 30" in that period, and a record was set in Winnie, in Chambers County, of 43" total for a storm.

Many of the same houses and neighborhoods that were under water two years ago after Hurricane Harvey suffered the same damage this time. Many who were interviewed expressed despair and depression over this continued personal disaster, and asked why the government had not done more. Last year the county passed a \$2.5 billion



High water at the Eastex Freeway at the North Loop stopped traffic. This was typical all over the Houston area highways.



Nine barges broke loose from moorings due to high water, and damaged the I-10 bridge over the San Jacinto River, causing TxDot to close all traffic.



Aldine student Jayden Payne was credited with saving this mother and child after their car went into high water in a drainage ditch near the school.



Three workers were injured when part of the roof of the Post Office on Aldine Bender collapsed.

bond issue to improve the flooding situation, but County Judge Lina Hidalgo stated that flood relief projects took time to plan and build. Some detention ponds and larger drainage bays are under construction, and the county voted recently to accelerate the schedule.

The Red Cross has established shelters in 19 locations, and Gallery Furniture, North Freeway and Lakewood Church opened as shelters.

Harris County announced Local Recovery Centers at:

- Kingwood United Methodist Church
- Grayson Community Center, Channelview

Almost all school districts were closed on Friday. Authorities said that over 1500 high water rescues had been made in two days. Bush Airport was closed in incoming flights, and many others were delayed or cancelled.

Residents needing help can call 211 to be connected to resources.

LSC EAST ALDINE,

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VIEW over the detention lake at the rear of the campus, showing the Lone Star College on the right, Avalox High School on the left, and a walking trail around the lake and fountain.

ments and introduced the day's speakers. The dignitaries included the following Lone Star College representatives, elected officials and community leaders.

- Dr. Stephen C. Head, chancellor, Lone Star College
- Dr. Alton Smith, chair, Lone Star College Board of Trustees
- Art Murillo, secretary, Lone Star College Board of Trustees
- U.S. Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia
- Texas State Senator Carol Alvarado
- Texas State Representative Armando Walle
- Mayor Sylvester Turner, City of Houston
- Hector Morales, representative from Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office
- Ray Beltran, representative from Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis' office
- David Hawes, executive director, East Aldine Management District Board of Directors
- Dr. LaTonya Goffney, superintendent, Aldine ISD
- Dr. Luis Lucio, dean, Lone Star College-East Aldine Center

After the remarks inside the center, the dignitaries went outside for a ribbon cutting ceremony held in front of the main entrance. The ribbon cutting was followed by an



LSC Chancellor Stephen Head was among the speakers relating personal history of their involvement in bring this campus to reality for Aldine students.

Open House for the community, with another 200 visitors being treated to demonstrations, tours conducted by student ambassadors, information presentations on the services provided at the center and opportunities to meet members of the faculty and staff.

Among the more popular demonstrations was the welding simulator featured in the Non-destructive Testing lab. Attendees learned how computer simulators can be used to augment the physical work students do studying welding technology.

The new center, located at 2430 Aldine Mail Route Road, Houston, provides a mix of academic college

transfer courses and workforce training programs.

On-site services include registration, college placement testing, free tutoring, academic and career advising, financial aid assistance and a bookstore.

Lone Star College-East Aldine Center is in the East Aldine Town Center and was developed in a four-way partnership with Aldine Independent School District, BakerRipley East Aldine Campus and East Aldine Management District.

For more information on LSC-East Aldine Center, visit LoneStar.edu/East-Aldine-Center.htm or call 346-378-7503.

North Houston District National Night Out to host 500 area residents

When it involves public safety, the North Houston District goes all out! Join neighbors, businesses and law enforcement for Houston's largest National Night Out, Oct. 1.

Approximately 300-500 apartment and area residents, local law enforcement, businesses and community partners including Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Department, Houston Fire Department, US Army, US Airforce, AT&T, Amazon HOU2, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, Lone Star College, Home Depot, Greenhouse International Church, Texas

General Land Office, Spartan Security, Texas Litter Control, Madera Residential and Villa Serena Communities will gather at North Houston District's National Night Out 2019 on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019 from 5 - 8 p.m.

The event will take place at Tom Wussow Park, 500 Greens Rd. near I-45 North & North Sam Houston Parkway/Beltway

Public safety is a North Houston District priority, which is why National Night Out does not go unnoticed in the area of Greens Crossing, Greenspoint, Pinto Business Park and the Airline-Aldine

Corridor.

More than a dozen community organizations and businesses have joined forces to host a unique night at one of north Houston's largest parks with music, games, food and fun for apartment and area residents, many of which are at-risk youth.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Texas Roadway Project,

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neering approach to improve resilience and sustainability in infrastructure projects in the same way that LEED guides the architectural design of buildings," said Commissioner Garcia. "LEED has proven successful, and I believe that Envision will also be successful."

Illustrating his commitment to address social, environmental, and economic aspects of Precinct 2 projects, Commissioner Garcia directed the County Engineering Department to move forward with

the use of the Envision® Rating System to guide new project planning and design. On January 8, 2019, Harris County Commissioners approved the County Engineer's request to obtain credentialing training for engineering staff and managers.

"For many years, we have followed the LEED sustainability guidelines," said County Engineer John Blount. "We appreciate the Court's vision and support to expand our sustainability approach to our traditional infrastructure projects. We have moved

forward with training and credentialing our project managers to become Envision Sustainability Professionals," he continued. "I expect this will be the first Envision Verified project of many more projects to come."

For updates on this project, visit www.hep2.com or follow Harris County Precinct 2 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

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