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# NORTHEAST NEWS



Deputy Eric Stormer, a member of the East Aldine's ProActive unit, explains the public safety activities under his command at the Civic Club meeting.

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**NEWS NOTES**

## Walle presents Legislative update to Green Forest Civic Club

By Gilbert Hoffman

### 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.

The Green Forest Civic Club hosted a Town Hall meeting last Tuesday night, at which State Representative Armando Walle updated the audience on the accomplishments of the 86th Legislative session that just ended in June. The meeting held at the offices of the East Aldine District was attended by Civic Club members and a large group of the public and interested citizens, including the Melrose, Castlewood and Colonial Hills Civic Clubs. Walle recounted how he first served in the Legislature in 2009, and that this was his 6th term. That se-



State Representative Armando Walle talked to the Green Forest Civic Club and other interested members of the public, about the accomplishments of the 86th Legislative session, that ended in June.

niority has allowed him to be appointed to some important committee assignments, including Higher Education, Appropriations, and Redistricting. He also was on the conference committee that determined final edits to the state's two-year budget, which this session amounted to \$250 Billion dollars. He noted that this is the 10th largest budget in the world, ahead of most countries and states. Highlights of the session and the budget include passing of HB3, a School Finance Bill that included \$12 Billion for

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### 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.

## Haverstock Hills fire ruled arson; suspect wanted

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office and Crime Stoppers need the public's assistance in providing any information regarding the location of James London, 23. London has been charged with arson for his involvement in the fire at the Haverstock Hills Apartments that occurred on Aug. 23. After talking to witnesses and conducting a scene examination, investigators

determined London started a fire after a domestic dispute with his girlfriend. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to felony charges or an arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling (713) 222-TIPS (8477) or submitting tips online at www.crimestoppers.org. All tipsters remain anonymous.



London

## Community Engagement Meeting for the Halls Bayou Tributary and Stormwater Detention

The Harris County Flood Control District will hold a Community Engagement Meeting for the Halls Bayou Tributary P118-21-00 and Related Stormwater Detention Project. The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents about the status of the project and share project information. The Halls Bayou Tributary P118-21-00 and Related Stormwater Detention Project focuses on several components to improve the conveyance of stormwater and to reduce flooding risks in this area including: -- Excavation of unnamed Stormwater Detention Basins, HCFCD Units P518-11-00 and P518-21-

00; and -- Related channel conveyance improvements to Tributary P118-21-00. This project will be funded with bonds approved by Harris County voters on August 25, 2018. Community engagement is an important component of the Bond Program, and we invite your participation as the program is implemented. The Community Engagement Meeting will be held on: Wed., Sep. 11, 2019 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. BakerRipley East Aldine Campus 3000 Aldine Mail Route Road, Suite A Houston, Texas 77039

## September is National Preparedness Month; Be Prepared, Not Scared

HOUSTON - Every September, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and City of Houston's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) observe National Preparedness Month, to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. The 2019 theme is "Prepared, Not Scared," and throughout the month, Houston OEM will be sharing preparedness tips via our websites and social media channels:

**Week 1: Save Early for Disaster Costs**  
Did you know: most homeowners' and renters' insurance do not cover flood damage. Learn more about flood insurance at www.FloodSmart.gov and review which important

documents you should have for an emergency and how to be financially prepared for a disaster at https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness.

**Week 2: Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters**  
We are entering the peak of the 2019 Atlantic Hurricane Season! Be Prepared: make an emergency plan today and practice it. The City of Houston Disaster Preparedness Guide (DPG) is updated annually and provides information about emergency planning to Houston residents.

**Week 3: Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters**  
Teach children what to do in an emergency if they are at or away from home. Help your kids know how to communicate during an

emergency, build their own preparedness kit, and become Disaster Masters with tips from www.ready.gov/kids.

**Week 4: Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness**  
Your neighbors can be a great source of help immediately after a disaster. Get to know your neighbors, particularly those too elderly or too ill to independently plan or prepare themselves for a disaster. By knowing your neighbors ahead of time, your community will work better as a team when disasters strike. For more information about helping your neighborhood get ready for hurricane season, visit www.houstonoem.org/preparedness-are-you-ready.

## ALDINE Public Meeting on Concrete Materials plant

Aldine residents are invited to a public meeting to learn about an application request from Rocket Materials, LLC to construct a concrete batch plant at Pinafore Lane near Aldine Bender and Hardy Toll Road in Aldine. This will be a good opportunity to voice your comment in a public forum and obtain information from appropriate state

agency. **Monday, Sep. 9, 2019 6:30 p.m.** BakerRipley East Aldine Campus 3000 Aldine Mail Rt. This public meeting is in conjunction with State Representative Armando Walle, East Aldine District, BakerRipley and Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

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# SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

## 5 Ways Families Can Reduce Summer Learning Loss for Back to School

Aug. 20, 2019 – Post-summer “brain drain” or summer learning loss for students is real, according to Harris County Department of Education Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids (CASE for Kids) Director Lisa Thompson-Caruthers. Most teachers spend at least three weeks re-teaching the last year’s lessons at the beginning of each school year, she said.

Research outlined by the National Summer Learning Association reveals that most students lose two months of math skills every summer, and low-income students lose another two-to-three months in reading.

“Summer camps and activities for children are important for a number of reasons,” said Caruthers. “During the summer it’s important to keep kids engaged, maintain regular sleep routines, provide social interaction with other kids and practice following rules.”

Regardless, gaining a healthy transition back to school can be achieved, Caruthers said.

**Here are some tips for getting kids back into their academic routines:**

1. Jumpstart a healthy family routine. Get back to normal sleeping schedules.



Students may face “brain drain” during summer vacations.

2. Identify a child’s interests in books. While school ramps up the academics, it’s important for kids to access books based on their interest areas. Visit the library to check out books that compliment school-day learning.

3. Prime the mental pump. Museums are abundant in the greater Houston area, and many have free or discounted hours or days. Mix in educational apps to the games your kids play, along with their favorites. Have them watch educational YouTube videos and report back what they learn.

4. Get homework help and enroll in afterschool. When homework is completed inside an afterschool program, family stress is reduced, leaving more quality time at home for family time. Afterschool provides a variety of activi-

ties that reinforce school-day learning, encourage social interaction and help youth develop skills.

5. Add incentives to your child’s learning with quality family time. After homework is over, play a family game. After six weeks of school, let your child plan a weekend excursion. Make a wish list of places your child wanted to visit this summer, but time ran out.

CASE for Kids provides resources, trainings and funding for afterschool programs, serving students in grades pre-k through 12 in afterschool programs in schools, childcare facilities and community centers throughout Harris County. For more information go to [www.hcde-texas.org/afterschool](http://www.hcde-texas.org/afterschool). For research about summer learning loss, go to [www.summerlearning.org/at-a-glance](http://www.summerlearning.org/at-a-glance).

## HCC’s Black Girls learn Code which Offers Pathway to Technology

HOUSTON (August 1, 2019) – The Houston Community College (HCC) Northeast Campus hosted girls, ages 13 to 17, from across Houston for its first-ever Black Girls Code (BGC) two-week camp. The group of 25 learned to code in HCC’s state-of-the-art computer labs, participating in a variety of activities designed to expose and encourage them to pursue careers in technology. They even created their own mobile app to identify and solve problems within their communities.

The teens worked collaboratively on projects designed to increase their understanding of software applications and programming. For most of the students, it was their first experience working with coding technology and on a project that could be applicable to their daily lives. The college environment further exposed the students to opportunities and pathways to multiple careers.

“We are so proud of the girls and their parents for participating in the first summer camp and excited to see the impact of Black Girls Code in Houston,” said Ravi Brahmabhatt, director of HCC’s Student Innova-

tion and Entrepreneurship. “This camp reached the mark of over 475 girls who have taken part in BGC’s Houston programming since the first workshop in February 2018.”

Explaining that HCC has played an integral role in BGC establishing a Houston chapter, Brahmabhatt said the partnership is to increase the pipeline of girls of color pursuing careers in technology. For more than a year, HCC provided eight one-day workshops across the college service area, but this is its first extended two-week summer camp.

HCC Northeast President, Dr. Monique Umphrey, has a specific interest in the partnership because of her experience working in the information technology career field.

“We are proud to host the Black Girls Code summer camp at HCC Northeast because it is always exciting to see young people enjoying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics fun,” said Umphrey. STEM studies are offered throughout HCC.

In addition to coding, the camp offered mentorship, interactive exercises, and field trips. The camp culminated with a presentation of

apps developed by the participants and recognition for their projects and accomplishments. Umphrey congratulated and encouraged the students as they considered future career paths.

“Having that foundational skill in software development changed my life; it opened up new pathways and allowed me to travel globally, leading software development teams,” Umphrey shared. “It empowered me, not just as a woman, but also as a black woman.”

She added that, as the world has changed, technology has changed the way we live, work and play.

“Even if you don’t decide to be a technologist, the skills that you have incorporated over this camp are invaluable,” Umphrey said.

Many of the participants were able to attend the summer camp with scholarships provided by AT&T. HCC plans to continue the partnership with BGC and support more workshops and camps in the future. HCC Northeast offers a variety of programs including STEM to meet the workforce demands of the future. For more information, visit [hccs.edu/northeastcollege](http://hccs.edu/northeastcollege) or call 713.718.8300.

## HCC Announces Board Vacancy

HOUSTON (August 27, 2019) - On August 19, 2019, Trustee Wilson filed a sworn application to run as a candidate in the November 5, 2019 General Election for a different trustee position, District No. 1. The application reveals that Mr. Wilson no longer resides in District No. 2 and now resides in District No. 1.

Section 130.088(h) of the Texas Education Code states that when “a trustee changes residence to a location outside the district from which the trustee is elected, the trustee vacates the office.” Texas law additionally requires

the Board to fill a board vacancy by appointment within 30 days of the date of vacancy.

After considering Mr. Wilson’s public filings, the Board was prepared to take action to announce a vacancy for District No. 2 at a special meeting held earlier today. Immediately prior to the anticipated announcement, Trustee Wilson submitted a notice of resignation, resigning from his trustee position effective immediately.

The Board approved a process to fill the vacant position at today’s meeting. Qualified persons interested in applying for the va-

cant position will be able to apply by submitting a cover letter and resume by Friday, August 30, 2019. Details regarding necessary qualifications and the process for application will be posted on the College’s website. The Board is expected to fill the vacancy at its regular meeting on September 4, 2019.

“We thank Trustee Wilson for his service to the College,” said board Chair Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz. “As explained to the Board by legal counsel, the law provides that the Board is required to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Wilson’s change of residence.”

## Aldine ISD Trustee election field set

Aldine ISD will hold a school board election for Positions 1, 2, 6 and 7. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on election day.

In the Position 1 race, Randy Bates, Jamail Johnson, Steve Moore and Jimmy Edward Morales will contend for the seat. Patricia Ann Bourgeois currently holds the Position 1 seat, but will not seek re-election. Paul Shanklin holds the

Position 2 seat. He is running unopposed for the Position 2 seat.

Dr. Kimberley N. Booker holds the Position 6 seat. Danny J. Spears and Rickey Tezino will join Dr. Booker in the Position 6 race. Dr. Viola M. Garcia holds the Position 7 seat. Terkara Cormier and Nico S. Matthews will join Dr. Garcia in the Position 7 race.

Early voting will take place from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1 at any polling place in

Harris County. Voters may apply for a ballot by mail between now and Oct. 25 (applications must be received, not postmarked). To apply for a ballot by mail, visit [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) or call (713) 755-4983. Ballot by mail applications can also be picked up at any public library. Harris County will provide polling place locations prior to the election. Locations will be listed on the county’s website and in the Houston Chronicle prior to the election.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Aldine residents get help from Bonding Against Adversity**

After going through the citizenship process with Bonding Against Adversity, naturalized citizen Maria Hernandez, right, was eager to help her father, Pedro Hernandez, go through the initial step of the process at the East Aldine District Citizenship event on Saturday, October 24 2019, just as she did three years ago.

"I brought my father to this East Aldine Citizenship Workshop so he can have the same freedom that I have to vote in the United States. We live here in Aldine, and I couldn't be more thankful for this opportunity to have my citizenship process take place here."

As a participant at the workshop, Mr. Hernandez was ready to take the next step and begin to take classes to prepare for his citizenship interview.

"My dad is 86 years old and is working in construction as a roofer in the East Aldine area," Maria said.



Maria Hernandez with his father Pedro Hernandez.



Aldine residents at citizenship classes at East Aldine District office.

"He will continue working for as long as he can and is ready to start attending the citizenship classes at St. Leo this weekend."

**"Opportunity Builds Harris County", a Labor initiative to build a stronger workforce in Harris County for disaster recovery projects**



Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis on Wednesday explains the "Opportunity Builds Harris County" initiative that he pushed Commissioners Court to approve to set a prevailing wage floor of \$15 an hour for county building projects and improve worker safety.

(Houston, TX) During the second anniversary of Hurricane Harvey Commissioner Rodney Ellis and representatives from Harris County Community Services Department gathered with labor organizations and community advocates last Wednesday morning to announce Opportunity Builds Harris County, which scored its first success with the passage of a slate of transformational new rules that embed stronger worker protection and economic opportunity provisions into Harris County's construction contracting practices.

This initiative is seen as critical to aiding Harris County's Harvey recovery, which is dependent on a strong, skilled workforce, and inspired by similar initiatives developed in New York and New Orleans following Hurricanes Sandy and Katrina. By requiring county contractors to pay workers no less than \$15/hour on county building projects, prioritizing worker safety and creating job and training opportunities, this initiative will help address Greater Houston's growing labor shortage for skilled construction workers and ensure fair and safe labor practices central to our recovery.

"Creating access to good jobs with livable wages is the best path for Harris County because opportunity builds a better workforce, stronger families and a better Harris County," said Commissioner Ellis.

"With many families still struggling two years after Hurricane Harvey, these new rules will give more families an opportunity to rebuild and share in our recovery."

Recognizing that workers were the backbone of Harvey recovery, months earlier, Commissioner Ellis requested that Harris County Community Services Department and other county departments identify what actions the county could take to strengthen the local workforce. Labor leaders from the Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, Houston Gulf Coast Building and Construction Trades Council, Workers Defense Project and others provided input during the development of these provisions and now laud their passage, recognizing how impactful these rules will be to working families in Harris County.

Paul Puente, Executive Secretary of Houston Gulf Coast Building and Construction Trades Council, said, "The working people who build up our county will benefit greatly from this historic agreement on community workforce development and worker protection provisions. Thank you to the Commissioners Court for its partnership in advancing apprenticeship opportunities, workforce training and safety protections for everyone who is looking to make a career in construction in Harris County."

For over a year, the construction industry, labor organizations and local experts have warned that the Greater Houston region is facing a labor shortage for construction workers, which could impede the ability to timely complete many projects related to recovery and slow down the area's economy. Paying better wages, creating training opportunities through apprenticeship programs, and prioritizing

worker safety all can help develop a skilled construction workforce, according to proponents of Opportunity Builds Harris County.

Lacy Wolf, President of Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, said, "The policies approved by Commissioners Court go far toward ensuring every worker employed by construction contractors with the County works on jobs that are safe, receives appropriate pay, and has a path toward building a career in construction. Thanks to Commissioners Ellis, (Adrian) Garcia and Judge (Lina) Hidalgo for their support."

Worker safety should be a major priority. Texas is the most dangerous place to work in construction in the country. Last year, the Houston-Harris County area had over 100 occupational deaths, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Jose Garza, Co-Executive Director of Workers Defense, said, "This agreement is an important step in providing safe, fair jobs for those who build Harris County and our state. We thank County Commissioners for their leadership and partnership, and we look forward to continuing to work with them to ensure that these protections are fully implemented."

Good paying wages are also key to a stronger workforce. Although Houston has a reputation for being an affordable place to live, data shows that minimum wage workers earning \$7.25 an hour

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**History Matters**

A biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future

September 1 to September 15

On September 2, 1864, at the height of the Civil War, General William T. Sherman and his army of 60,000 Union soldiers captured the city of Atlanta. He then sent a telegram to President Lincoln, which said: "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won." It was a critical event -- the rail hub of the Confederacy -- which supplied weapons and food to the forces of the south. In order to completely deny the rebel armies of war-time essentials, Sherman set fire to the city--and widespread doubt--that the War could ever end in a Confederate victory.

The fall of Atlanta teaches young learners im-

portant lessons about the Civil War, and its tragedies. For a better understanding, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Nancy White-Law's Victory in Destruction: The Story of William Tecumseh Sherman.

On September 2, 1964, Governor George Wallace of Alabama, defied a court order that allowed 14 African-American teens to be admitted to the all-white, Tuskegee High School. According to the American Bar Association Journal, Wallace took office in January 1963 vowing "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, and segregation forever." In order to prevent access, Wallace ordered his state troopers to

surround the school and obstruct entry.

School desegregation was a dramatic and important chapter in the Civil Rights movement; for more information, read The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine.

America is still recovering from September 11, 2001, the day terrorists hijacked four jumbo jets while they were in flight and turned them into bombers. Two of them took down the Twin Towers at New York's World Trade Center; another was flown Kamikaze-style into the Pentagon, and a fourth -- advancing to Washington -- was commandeered by the passengers and crashed into a Pennsylvania field. In all, nearly 3,000 died.

**COMMUNITY WATCH**

**Suspect arrested, charged in 2017 fatal shooting of a man and woman**

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man and woman that occurred at 770 Greens Road #614 about 8:25 a.m. on June 4, 2017.

The suspect, Darius Gilmore, 28, is charged with capital murder.

The male victim, Robert Watkins, 26, and female victim, Sydnee Prymus, 24, were pronounced dead at the scene.

According to Houston Police, a relative of one of the victims came to their apartment and found them deceased inside from gunshot wounds. The relative called 9-1-1 to report the murders.

Further investigation led to Gilmore being identified and charged as a suspect in this case. Last Wednesday, August 28, he was arrested without incident.



Gilmore

**Police investigate shooting on West Hardy Road**

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man at 11111 West Hardy Road about 3:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 24.

According to Houston Police Detectives, the victim, Luis Garcia, 20, pulled up to a gas station to make a purchase when two unknown male suspects walked up to his cousin.

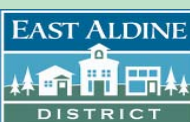
They made eye contact and exchanged words. Garcia then approached the suspects and began swinging his arms to fight. One of the suspects pulled out a gun and fired at Garcia, striking him more than once. The suspects then fled the scene. Paramedics transported Garcia to the hospital in an un-

known condition.

The suspects are described only as two Hispanic males.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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# Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
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## Ask Rusty – About Medicare and Social Security

Dear Rusty: I know that when a person turns 65 he or she must enroll in Medicare. I have been informed that the charge for this would be deducted from the Social Security benefit, if it has been claimed. Otherwise, this will be another payment for my medical care, in addition to my existing coverage. Please explain the relationship between the two programs and considerations in timing the claim for the SSA benefit. Signed: Frugal Senior

have 63 days to take a Part D plan without incurring a late enrollment penalty. FYI, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A to collect SS benefits after you are 65 years old, and since Part A is free for anyone eligible for Social Security, there is little reason to not enroll in Part A at age 65 (unless you have a Health Savings Account (HSA), in which case there are special rules to consider).

Although you enroll in Medicare via Social Security, they are two very separate and distinct programs. Normally, if you are collecting Social Security Part B premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security benefit. But if you wish to delay collecting Social Security and want to enroll in Medicare Part B, you can do so and request alternate Medicare Part B premium payment arrangements, for which there are several options.

Dear Frugal Senior: If you are already collecting Social Security benefits you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare about 3 months prior to your 65th birthday but, if not, enrollment can be done by contacting Social Security directly. You must enroll in Medicare at age 65, unless you have other "creditable" healthcare coverage (such as from an employer) or you will be subject to a late enrollment penalty for enrolling after expiration of your initial enrollment period (your "IEP"). Your "IEP" is a seven-month window which starts 3 months before the month you turn 65 and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65. You should check with your employer to make sure your existing coverage is "creditable" and, if it is, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as that other coverage ends and thus avoid a late enrollment penalty for not enrolling in Medicare Part B during your IEP. When your employer coverage ends, you'll enter a "special enrollment period" during which you can enroll in Medicare Part B (and Part D, which is prescription drug coverage) without incurring a late enrollment penalty.

Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) is free if you are also eligible for Social Security benefits (you don't have to be collecting SS, only eligible). Medicare Part B provides coverage for doctors and outpatient services and there is a premium associated with it (\$135.50 for 2019). If you have other creditable coverage you can avoid paying the Part B premium by not enrolling during your IEP. If your existing plan also provides creditable prescription drug coverage, you can also defer enrolling in a Medicare Part D plan until your employer coverage ends, at which time you will

As for the timing of your claim for Social Security benefits, you should evaluate your need for the money, your current health and your expected longevity. If you don't need the money now and expect to live to at least average life expectancy (about 87 for women and 84 for men) then delaying your claim for SS as long as possible will yield you the highest monthly benefit amount as well as the most in lifetime SS benefits. For each year you delay claiming Social Security beyond your full retirement age you'll get an additional 8% on your monthly benefit, and you could get as much as 32% more (depending on your FRA) at age 70. Age 70 is when your benefit would reach maximum so you shouldn't wait beyond age 70 to claim Social Security.

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### ★ THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

#### Not Popular

I was not popular in high school. Everyone says this. I now realize that no one—not even the most popular person in high school—self-identifies as popular.

Lately I've been getting a lot of Facebook friend requests from people I scarcely knew in high school. I have a 40th class reunion coming up next year and I've been getting friend requests from people who, I am quite sure, would not have recognized me walking down the hall in high school. In their defense, I was part of a very large class and I think the divisions and subdivisions were almost necessary to find any sense of belonging in my high school. But I still think it's odd to receive requests from folks who, I am quite sure, were convinced I was not cool forty years ago.

It's almost made me wonder if I've become popular—at long last.

I guess this is possible. I've always been kind of a late bloomer. Neither of my parents would say they were popular (I think, objectively, that was probably true) so we had no family template for it.

My younger sister was not especially popular either. When her daughter, Isabelle, started junior high and was immediately invited to parties by students her age and older, my sister called me, in alarm. "My daughter is popular!" my sister told me. "I have no idea how to deal with this!"

Unlike Isabelle, I never understood the rules in high school: how we were supposed to know intuitively what to do and what to wear and what music to listen to. My friends in high school tended to be the geeky ones. We avoided class assemblies by ducking into an unused janitor's closet. (It was a big school. It was a big closet.)

I remember I wore red unions suits with skirts and long silk scarves to class. I listened to ten-year-old music when I wasn't listening to my parents' public radio station. I wasn't invited to dances, but I don't ever recall feeling sorry for myself. It was just how things were and I knew—even then—high school would not last forever.

But today, the popular folks don't seem any different from anyone else. They have jobs and families and the occasional troubles. The super-buff football player is a little less buff these days. The cheerleader with a dozen prom options now just looks like someone's mom—or grandma.

And those geeky friends of mine seem to be doing just fine. Most of them turned out to be good at computers or higher education or something that wasn't very cool in high school. It's fun to see the interesting lives they are now leading.

I'm awfully glad we are not destined to be the person we were at seventeen for the rest of our lives. I'm also glad I can still be evolving forty years later. But it is still odd to think, all these years later, of the seemingly impermeable divide that used to exist between the popular folks and the rest of us.

My husband, Peter, wasn't a popular kid either. He was skinny and didn't play sports and looked young for his age. His sisters were beautiful and athletic with a constantly revolving set of suitors. Peter was the youngest and says it didn't hurt to have popular older sisters. They kind of looked out for him and he is still grateful for that. He mentioned this one day to his sister, Lori. "Oh no!" Lori protested. "I wasn't popular!" "Uh huh," I thought. Point proven. Till next time, Carrie



### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

## New Texas Safety Commission meets for the first time

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 22 hosted the first meeting of the Texas Safety Commission, pulling together a group of lawmakers, educators, advocates, community leaders and public safety experts.

Created Aug. 19 by the governor, the commission is tasked with developing "an immediate action plan to provide community healing, combat the rise of extremist groups and hateful ideologies, keep guns out of the hands of deranged individuals, and combat domestic terrorism in Texas."

"It is imperative that Texas develop solutions that not only make our state a better place, but most importantly a safer place. Our starting point began today, with the process of exploring all avenues and reviewing all facts to determine how we can prevent another tragedy like the shooting in El Paso from occurring again," Abbott said.

"I am grateful for the insight and expertise of those who participated in the Texas Safety Commission meeting today, and I look forward to our continued work as we pursue ideas that will keep Texas safe," he added.

Present for the first meeting were: Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen; El Paso-area lawmakers Sen. Jose Rodriguez and Reps. Mary Gonzalez, Cesar Blanco, Joe Moody and Art Fierro. Also, Senate State Affairs Committee Chair and Senate President Pro Tem Joan Huffman of Houston; Rep. Phil King of Weatherford; Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw, and many other key state employees and private citizens.

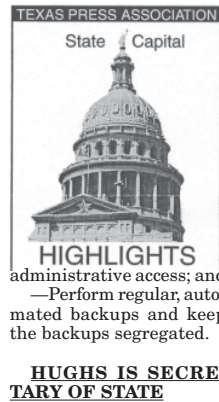
#### CYBER ATTACK HITS CITIES

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) on Aug. 20 announced that 22 local governmental entities across Texas were victims of an Aug. 16 "ransomware attack." The department said evidence points to a "single threat actor."

A host of state and federal agencies are investigating the attack. State of Texas systems and networks were not impacted, according to the DIR.

To enhance cybersecurity, the DIR is recommending that public and private organizations:

- Keep software patches and antivirus tools up to date;
- Create strong unique passwords that are changed regularly;
- Enable multi-factor authentication, especially for remote logins;
- Modernize legacy systems and ensure software is as current as possible;
- Limit the granting of



Ruth Ruggero Hughs, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission for the past year, is Texas's new secretary of state, Gov. Abbott announced Aug. 19.

The appointment took effect immediately. The office became vacant when the Texas Senate did not confirm the appointment of David Whitley, who served as secretary of state from Dec. 17, 2018, to May 27, 2019.

In her new post, Hughs serves as chief election officer for Texas, assisting county election officials and ensuring the uniform application and interpretation of election laws throughout Texas. The secretary of state's office is the repository for certain business and commercial records and publishes government rules and regulations and commissions notaries public. The secretary also serves as keeper

of the state seal and attester to the governor's signature on official documents.

In her new role, Hughs also will serve as senior advisor and liaison to the Governor for Texas Border and Mexican Affairs and as chief international protocol officer for Texas.

#### TEXAS NOTES SOLD QUICKLY

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 21 announced that the sale of \$8 billion in Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes received a net interest rate of 1.34 percent.

The Comptroller's office received 67 bids worth \$22.77 billion, 2.85 times the amount offered for sale. Notes sold on Aug. 21 will be repaid on Aug. 27, 2020, Hegar said.

Money from the sale of the notes is used to help fund expenditures such as public-school payments made early in the fiscal year, before the arrival of tax revenues later in the year.

Anti-litter effort begins  
The Texas Department of Transportation on Aug. 20 announced that its "Don't mess with Texas®" campaign and Buc-ee's, a convenience store chain, are teaming up to fight litter in the Lone Star State.

Billboards along major travel routes are already reminding drivers to keep trash inside their cars until it can be properly disposed of at Buc-ee's stores across Texas.

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SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

NFL begins 100th season: UT hosts LSU in early-season showdown

The NFL kicks off its 100th season on Thursday night with the oldest rivalry in league history when the Bears host the Packers in prime time on NBC.

This is one of the most heated rivalries in the annals of the league and is a fitting start to what should be a yearlong celebration of the most popular spectator sport in the United States.

Locally, the Texans have to wait until Monday to begin their 17th season and the extra few days of prep might benefit Bill O'Brien's team, which will travel to New Orleans to face the Saints in the first of two Monday Night Football games to conclude Week 1.

The Texans enter the season with a number of key questions, such as how improved will the offensive line be? Will defensive end Jadeveon Clowney (as of this writing he had not signed his franchise tender) be part of the team or will he be traded? How improved will the secondary be? And finally, can Duke Johnson pick up the slack at running back now that starter Lamar Miller has been lost for the season with a torn ACL.

The offensive line is the biggest concern for the Texans. Last year, quarterback Deshaun Watson was sacked a league high 62 times and knocked down numerous other times. Watson is the franchise and the offensive line must do a better job of protecting him in 2019 if it hopes to defend its AFC South title and advance past the first round in the playoffs.

Other key matchups in Week 1 has Pat Mahomes and the high-scoring Kansas City Chiefs visiting Jacksonville and taking on one of the league's better defenses. Dallas hosts the Giants and hopes running back Ezekiel Elliott will be in uniform after sitting out all of training camp and the preseason seeking a new contract from owner Jerry Jones.

The defending Super Bowl champions, the New England Patriots, host the Steelers on Sunday Night Football and will begin life without Tom Brady's security blanket tight end Rob Gronkowski, who retired after the Patriots won their sixth Super Bowl in February.

As mentioned earlier, the Texans visit New Orleans in the first game of the Monday Night Football doubleheader, with the Broncos visiting Oakland as Antonio Brown, acquired from the Steelers in a trade, makes his debut for John Gruden's Raiders to close out Week 1.

The college schedule is sort of blah in Week 2. The two biggest games have Texas A&M visiting No. 1-ranked Clemson, and No. 6-ranked LSU visiting Austin to face No. 10-ranked Texas. The winner of that game could catapult into the College Football Playoff (CFP) conversation.

So, without further ado, let's take a look at what this weekend's schedule has to offer.

HIGH SCHOOL

Davis at Conroe - Scott Joseph's Falcons hit the road to face Conroe on Thursday night. The Falcons will look to ride running back DeMarcus Barlow (998 yards rushing, 14 TDs) in their second game of the year. Conroe finished 3-7 a year ago and returns six offensive and six defensive starters. My pick, Davis 23, Conroe 21

Eisenhower at Channelview - Eric Jackson's Eagles play their first road game of the year on Friday night when they face a Channelview team that finished 4-7 a year ago and returns six offensive and five defensive starters this year. The Eagles will once again be led by running back Seavan Guidry (1,038 yards rushing, 9 TDs) and quarterback Christian Sims (1,120 yards passing, 13 TDs). My pick, Eisenhower 26, Channelview 17

Nimitz vs. Baytown Sterling - Richard Slater's Cougars host Baytown Sterling on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. Nimitz will once again count on its one-two offensive punch of running back Jayvon Davis (1,811 yards rushing, 22 TDs) and quarterback Austin Remo (1,416 yards passing, 16 TDs). Sterling finished 2-8 in 2018 and returns six offensive and six defensive starters this season. My pick, Nimitz 24, Baytown Sterling 20

MacArthur vs. College Park - Wayne Crawford's Generals host College Park on Saturday evening in Thorne Stadium. College Park finished 6-4 a year ago and returns five offensive and eight defensive starters. This will be a good test for the Generals, who are led by defensive back Joshua Eaton. My pick, MacArthur 16, College Park 14

Aldine at Humble - Hank Semler's Mustangs travel to Humble to take on the Wildcats at Turner Stadium. Humble finished 5-5 in 2018 and returns five offensive and three defensive starters. My pick,



Aldine 17, Humble 14

NCAA

Texas A&M at Clemson - Jimbo Fisher's Aggies take a huge step up in competition this week when they take on the No. 1-ranked team in the country after opening against Texas State. A year ago, the Aggies gave the Tigers all they could handle before dropping a hard-fought 28-26 decision in College Station. The Aggie defense will have its hands full with quarterback Trevor Lawrence (3,280 yards passing, 30 TDs) and running back Travis Etienne (1,658 rushing yards, 24 TDs), but so too will a young and inexperienced Clemson defense, that lost six players to the NFL draft. A&M quarterback Kellen Mond (3,107 passing yards, 24 TDs/7 rushing TDs) is firmly in control of Fisher's offense and he has a host of talented wide receivers to throw to. The running game is unknown with the departure of Trayveon Williams, but look for the Ags experience offensive line to take it to the Tigers early. I think the Aggies hang around in this one, but look for Lawrence to be the difference maker in the fourth quarter. My pick, Clemson 31, Texas A&M 28

LSU at Texas - The Game of the Week will be played in Austin on prime time on ABC when the Tigers visit the capital city to take on Tom Herman's Longhorns. This game will be a measuring stick for Herman's program to see if it's ready to be a serious CFP contender. Herman has done a good job of recruiting top talent in his first three years and UT fans are hoping this is the year Texas makes the big move many of their fans have been waiting for since the glory days of the Mack Brown era (one national title and one national title appearance). The LSU defense will be a good test for Texas QB Sam Ehlinger (3,292 yards passing, 24 TDs/482 rushing

yards, 16 TDs). Ehlinger will be tested by one of the best secondaries in the country led by Houston native Grant Delpit, considered the top cornerback in the country. Texas will need to run the ball to soften up Delpit and Co. That might be easier said than done. The LSU offense will be led by quarterback Joe Burrow (2,894 yards, 16 TDs). The Tigers also have question marks in the running game, so look for Texas to harass Burrow early and often to force a mistake or two from him. I don't expect a high-scoring game, so when scoring opportunities arise, each team must take advantage. I think Ehlinger is the difference maker in this one as Herman gets a huge early-season victory. My pick, Texas 23, LSU 20

NFL

Green Bay at Chicago - As stated earlier, the NFL begins its 100th year with the oldest rivalry in the league as the Packers and first-year head coach Matt LeFleur visit Soldier Field to face the NFC North defending champs. The Packers finished a disappointing 6-9-1 a year ago and fired head coach Mike McCarthy, which was music to the ears of quarterback Aaron Rodgers (4,442 passing yards, 25 TDs). It will be interesting to see how much freedom LeFleur gives Rodgers. The Packers will get tested right from the start against a Bears defense that was one of the top defensive units in the league last year. That's good, because if offense is so-so led by quarterback Mitch Trubisky (3,223 yards passing, 24 TDs). Look for versatile running back Tarik Cohen (444 rushing yards, 725 receiving yards, 8 total TDs) to get more work this year now that starting back Jordan Howard is an Eagle. The Bears are high on rookie running back David Montgomery out of Iowa State and he should get some work against a

rebuild GB defense. These games are always competitive, but look for the Chicago defense to be the difference maker in the opener. My pick, Chicago 23, Green Bay 20

Kansas City at Jacksonville - This game features one of the best offenses in the league against one of the top defenses, so something has to give. Mahomes (5,097 passing yards, 50 TDs) and his band of playmakers, led by wide receiver Tyreek Hill (87 receptions, 1,479 yards, 12 TDs) and tight end Travis Kelce (103 receptions, 1,336 receiving yards, 10 TDs) will face a Jaguars defense that wants to make up for last year's subpar season. The Jaguars will also have a new look on offense, as Nick Foles will be the team's new quarterback after the Blake Bortles experiment failed. Foles was acquired from the Eagles and all he did in Philly was lead the Eagles to their first-ever Super Bowl victory two years ago. Jaguar fans are hoping Foles bring some of that magic to his new gig. If running back Leonard Fournette is on his game, the Jags could be a tough team to beat. Look for Fournette to attack the suspect KC defense as he wears down the Chiefs in the Florida heat. My pick, Jacksonville 26, Kansas City 24

New York Giants at Dallas - The Cowboys begin defense of their NFC East title when they host a Giants team that appears to be in rebuilding form. Even if Elliott (1,434 rushing yards, 9 total TDs) is still unsigned for the opener, Dallas should have enough on offense to open the season with a victory. Quarterback Dak Prescott (3,885 passing yards, 22 TDs) will have wide receiver Amari Cooper (53 receptions, 725 yards, 6 TDs) for a full season and they should have a big day against a weak NY secondary. The Dallas defense had a strong season in 2018 and will look to have another big year in 2019. Look for the Cowboys pass rush to get after Eli Manning early and often as the Cowboys let the rest of the NFC East know they aren't giving up their title without a fight. My pick, Dallas 30, New York Giants 17

Pittsburgh at New England - A good one for the AI and Cris and the Sunday Night Football crew has the Steelers opening the season against the defending Super Bowl champs. The Steelers will begin the post-Antonio Brown/LeVon Bell era and that appears to be just fine with quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (5,129 passing yards, 34 TDs) and

the rest of the Steelers. Brown quit on the team in Week 17 when they needed a win to earn a playoff spot and was shipped off to Oakland in the offseason. Bell missed the entire 2018 season in a contract dispute and signed with the Jets as a free agent in the offseason. James Conner (973 rushing yards, 13 total TDs) is firmly in control of the starting running back slot and look for speedy wide receiver Ju Ju Smith-Schuster (111 receptions, 1,426 receiving yards, 7 TDs) to be Big Ben's main target this season. The Steeler defense will get a good test in the opener against Tom Brady (4,355 passing yards, 29 TDs), who will be without his safety net with the retirement of Gronk. Brady still has plenty of folks to spread the ball around to in wide receiver Julian Edelman (Super Bowl MVP, 74 receptions, 850 yards, 6 TDs), who missed the team's first four games as he served a league-induced suspension, running back James White d (87 receptions, 751 yards, 7 TDs) and second-year running back Sony Michel (931 rushing yards, 6 TDs). This should be a fun game to watch, but as usual, Brady will make one more play than will Big Ben to lead the Pats and head coach Bill Belichick to a season-opening victory. My pick, New England 31, Pittsburgh 28

Houston at New Orleans - The Texans will face an angry New Orleans team and its raucous fans that still believe they were jobbed out of a trip to the Super Bowl by a non-interference call in the NFC Championship game last January. This is not the sort of environment a team with a suspect offensive line wants to begin its season. Expect Watson (4,165 passing yards, 26 TDs) to have his head on a swivel all night as he looks to connect with perhaps the game's best receiver in DeAndre Hopkins (115 receptions, 1,572 receiving yards, 11 TDs). Duke Johnson must give the Texans something out of the running game if the Texans hope to hang with Drew Brees (3,992 passing yards, 32 TDs), running back Alvin Kamara (883 rushing yards, 81 receptions, 709 yards, 18 total TDs) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (125 receptions, 1,405 receiving yards, 9 TDs). I expect the Texans to be in this game, but the Saints will have too much firepower on offense for them to deal with in a loud and crazy Mercedes-Benz Superdome on Monday Night. My pick, New Orleans 34, Houston 30

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec. RIDDLE SEARCH - GET YOUR EXERCISE! Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle. Where do monkeys get their exercise?

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. Differences: 1. Book title is different. 2. Woman's hand is changed. 3. Picture is added to wall. 4. Man's fork is gone. 5. Woman's apron is missing. 6. Woman's right hand is hidden.

DIAMOND RING TOSS. JIMMY JUST WON a genuine Fakeridium, almost-diamond ring. You have one guess to determine which toss was the lucky one. Answer: Toss #1. X-RAY VISION! Say to your friend, "I'll bet you that if you place a quarter in the palm of my hand, tails-side up, I can tell you what the date is just by looking at the back of the coin." After he places the coin on your hand, look at it for a moment, then tell him what today's date is. After all, you didn't say you'd tell him the coin's date!

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend. IT'S SPELUNKING TIME! Let's go caving. In the grid to the left, there is room to enter seven words pertaining to cave exploration. Don't go "batty" looking for the right ones. The following hints should be of help: 1. A large cave room. 2. A ceiling feature. 3. Their pictures are often found on cave walls. 4. All spelunkers should wear these. 5. What you do in a cave. 6. This is often the smallest part of a cave. 7. Needed most when exploring a cave.

Puzzles4Kids. Riddle Answer: At a jungle gym. Answer: A N S W E R

Kids' Maze Solution. Even Exchange answers: 1. Letter, Litter 2. Clock, Clock 3. Basket, Ball 4. Slippery, Places 5. To annoy or make fun of. 6. Herman, German 7. Flint, Flint 8. Appeal, Appeal 9. Merry, Merry 10. Guess, Guide

Kids' Maze. Answers: 1. Chamber 2. Stalactite 3. Artnails 4. Helixite 5. Explore 6. Entrance 7. Flashlight 8. Helmets 9. Hoods 10. Pictures 11. Spelunkers 12. The dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will tell you what the name of a famous cave is.

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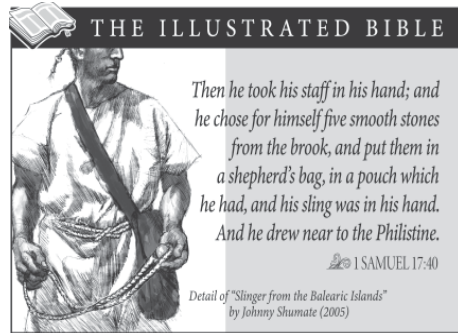
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4 Dressed  
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12 Raw rock  
13 Bigfoot's cousin  
14 Bellow  
15 Slight touch  
16 Ski resort in the Poconos  
18 Same  
20 Vast expanse  
21 Comfy footwear, for short  
24 Make into law  
28 Group of submarines  
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2 Mideastern nation  
3 Ox of India  
4 One-eyed beast  
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Opportunity,

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would need to hold down nearly three jobs just to afford a two-bedroom apartment in Harris County.

"Hurricane Harvey exposed and worsened existing economic inequality in Harris County. We have an opportunity and an obligation to build and rebuild with sustainable wages and fair, safe labor practices," said Commissioner Ellis. "I'm grateful for the work done by our county departments and labor leaders to help develop these pro-worker provisions and thank my colleagues on Commissioners Court for supporting this effort."

Earlier this year, Commissioner Ellis initiated the creation of the Harris County Department of Economic Opportunity and Equity, which once fully formed will launch and guide initiatives like Opportunity Builds Harris County to create more opportunities for Harris

County working families to thrive.

While labor leaders and Commissioner Ellis celebrate what some are calling historic worker provisions for Harris County, they also note that this is just the beginning of this effort. In addition to the provisions that were passed Tuesday, Commissioners Court also approved forming a workgroup to see how these provisions could apply to flood control projects and more.

The new worker protection provisions passed by Commissioners Court on August 27 will require that workers on all Harris County building projects, including multi-housing projects, receive a \$15/hour minimum wage. This is a historic achievement, making Harris County the first county in Texas to establish a prevailing wage floor of \$15/hour for county building projects. For con-

tracts on disaster recovery projects, Harris County will also:

- Consider contractor safety record in awarding bids.
- Consider healthcare benefits in awarding bids.
- Recommend that all contractors adopt a second chance hire policy.
- Create a new job portal developed by Harris County Community Services that also offers access to training and complies with Section 3.
- Require all workers on CDBG and CDBG-DR funded projects to receive OSHA-10 training and all site supervisors will be required to have OSHA-30 certification. (Both are occupational health and safety certifications from the U.S. Department of Labor.)
- Require all projects to be LEED Certified and meet Harris County green building standards.

Walle Town Hall,

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comprehensive school programs. These now include Full-Day Pre-K funding for eligible four-year-olds, an increase of \$6.5 Billion for public schools, including a \$2 Billion amount for educator pay increases, a 20% increase in per-student base funding.

Retired teachers also got a pay raise amounting to about \$2000. The landmark HB3 (House Bill 3) was authored by Representative Dan Huberty, and co-authored by Walle and others.

Walle said that other highlights of the session included property tax relief that will take effect in 2020, and increase the next year.

To deal with the problem of flooding and flood relief, the Legislature set \$2.1 Billion for Hurricane Harvey victim's recovery, and another \$1.8 Billion in flood mitigation to reduce future floods. He noted ongoing flood control projects for Halls Bayou and Greens Bayou.

Walle was able to get funds to improve parks in his district, including \$1 Million for rebuilding Melrose Park, and \$1 Million each for Squatty Lyons and Keith-Wiess parks.

Walle authored HB2345 which creates the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas, which creates an agency to coordinate and research disaster planning and response among educational institutions and state agencies.

For mental health and substance abuse, the Legislature set \$7.7 Billion in total funding.



Rice University students are completing a study on effects of flooding in the Aldine area, and will make a public presentation on Oct. 5.

Also passed was HB2261 which gives graduating physicians relief from student loans if they agree to practice for four years in a distressed medical area, such as rural, urban center, community health clinic, or correctional facility.

Walle authored two bills that improved food distribution before and during a natural disaster.

Other issues that Walle discussed were roads, saying he is working constantly to get Aldine-Westfield widened and improved, but that it is a city owned road subject to their funding ability.

Walle asked for voter support for Proposition 4 in the November general election, which will provide grants for water and sewer connections in areas of Aldine that now have old septic systems and well water.

In the public Q & A session that followed, one parent complained that Aldine teachers were not as good as when she attended. She

also asked why AISD was building so many new buildings when they had a budget deficit of \$60 Million last year.

AISD assistant Superintendent Selina Chapa, who was in the audience, answered that building are built with bond money, which is separate from the regular school operating budget. She also offered to meet and work with the woman on her opinions of teachers, but the parent left without engaging anymore.

Green Forest Civic Club president Marina Sugg reminded the audience of a Grandparents Family Conference at M.O. Campbell on September 7, from 10am to 3pm, and National Night Out, which will be held at BakerRipley on Tuesday night, October 1.

Sheriff's Deputy Eric Stormer presented some of the activities of the ProActive patrol unit, and announced that it would increase from 11 deputies to 14 due to a budget increase from the East Aldine District.

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