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NEWS NOTES

Trunk or Treat Oct. 30 at HCSO substation

HCSO District 2 Substation, 7900 Will Clayton Pkwy., Humble, TX 77338. Games, costumes, candy. Wednesday, October 30, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bring your kids for some spooky safe fun!

FBC North Houston Fall Fest Oct. 31

First Baptist Church North Houston invites the community to its Fall Festival, October 31, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Games - Food - Candy - Door Prizes. 4422 Lauder Road, Houston, TX. 77039.

Brookside Dia de Muertos - Day of the Dead November 2nd

Please join Brookside Funeral Home for the Day of the Dead Celebration, November 2, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Ceremony, Costume Contest, games, raffles, face painting, kids craft station, vendors, ballet folklorico, mariachi and much more. Festivities 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Celebration Ceremony 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. 13747 Eastex Freeway, Houston, TX 77039.

PHOTOS FROM LAST YEAR'S EVENT:



Disaster Recovery centers open in Harris County to help Imelda Survivors

What is the danger?

Two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) are open in Harris County to help residents affected by Tropical Storm Imelda.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), local and state agencies will be at the centers to answer questions about disaster assistance and low-interest disaster loans. They can also help survivors apply for federal disaster assistance.

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 Low-interest disaster loans from SBA are also available to businesses, private nonprofit organiza-

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East Aldine to host Fall Festival & Dia de Muertos



ABOVE: Castlewood Booth from 2018. Dia de los Muertos, November 2, 2019, 10 am - 2 pm at East Aldine Town Center, 2800 Aldine Mail Rt. Live entertainment, food trucks, games, raffles, face painting, kids dance & sugar skull face painting.

County Attorney Vince Ryan hosts symposium to address environmental disasters



County Attorney Vince Ryan welcomes the participants at the "Environmental Disasters in Harris County" symposium on Oct. 10.

At a conference hosted by County Attorney Vince Ryan last week, experts described the environmental challenges facing Harris County when storms like Hurricane Harvey strike the Texas coast, the home of hundreds of chemical companies and oil refineries.

The symposium titled "Environmental Disasters in Harris County," held on Oct. 10 featured scientists, lawyers, and other experts who discussed what government and industry were doing and could do to prevent the loss of life and property from flooding and severe weather events.

"Our office is willing to take the lead in protecting our community with respect to the environment," said County Attorney Ryan. "This symposium was a great effort to keep all parties focused, engaged, and up-to-date with the latest information and efforts by our office and other agencies."

Attorney Charles Irvine, lead counsel in a lawsuit against the Army Corps of Engineers, for flood damage to hundreds of homes located upstream of the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs in west Harris County, said the Corps knew that torrential rain storms

regularly occurred in Harris County and that the areas upstream from the dams would flood. He described the devastating impact of flooding to homeowners.

Jim Blackburn, Co-Director of the SSPEED Center, Rice University, showed the catastrophic impact of a Hurricane Ike-type storm moving up the Ship Channel. He said it would be one of the worst environmental disasters ever to occur in the United States, jeopardizing over 200 chemical plants, shut

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East Aldine Native dedicates career to serving community



Deputy Jesse Leal, left.

By Christina Autry

As a native of East Aldine with 29 years of experience in the police force, Deputy Jesse Leal now serves the community at the Harris County Sheriff's Office storefront in the East Aldine District. This storefront is an easy contact point for people to quickly seek assistance, or ask questions, as an alternative to contacting a police station. With his deep understanding of the area and a passion for helping the community, Jesse Leal

is a great resource for both adults and youth in East Aldine.

Leal's enthusiasm about connecting with the community allows him to support individuals in more ways than with just criminal matters. "I answer all kinds of calls in the district," says Leal. "Some people ask how to register their kids for school, or how to get a Gold Card for health-

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* BLACK AND BLUE (R) - 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm
 * COUNTDOWN (PG-13) - 12:15pm, 2:30pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:10pm
 * THE GALLOWES ACT II (R) - 12:00pm, 2:25pm, 4:50pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm
 * THE GREAT ALASKAN RACE (PG) - 12:20pm, 2:30pm, 4:40pm, 6:45pm, 8:50pm
 * Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) - 12:30pm, 5:50pm
 * Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG) - 12:00pm, 5:20pm Spanish Dubbed
 * Maleficent: Mistress of Evil 3D (PG) - 2:40pm, 8:00pm Spanish Dubbed
 * Maleficent: Mistress of Evil 3D (PG) - 3:10pm, 8:45pm
 * ZOMBIELAND: DOUBLE TAP (R) - 12:00pm, 2:20pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm Spanish Subtitled

* ZOMBIELAND: DOUBLE TAP (R) - 12:30pm, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm
 * THE ADDAMS FAMILY in RealD 3D (PG) - 2:40pm, 7:30pm
 * THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) - 12:00pm, 2:10pm, 4:20pm, 6:30pm, 8:40pm Spanish Dubbed
 * THE ADDAMS FAMILY (PG) - 12:30pm, 4:50pm, 9:10pm
 * GEMINI MAN (PG-13) - 12:30pm, 3:10pm, 5:50pm, 9:00pm
 * GEMINI MAN (PG-13) - 12:00pm, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm Spanish Dubbed
 * JOKER (R) - 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm
 * JOKER (R) - 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm Spanish Dubbed
 * ABOMINABLE (PG) - 12:15pm Spanish Dubbed
 * ABOMINABLE (PG) - 12:30pm, 5:10pm
 * ABOMINABLE in RealD 3D (PG) - 2:50pm, 7:30pm
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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

AISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney honored by Sam Houston State University

Aldine Independent School District Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney has been named one of Sam Houston State University's 2019 Distinguished Alumni.

The distinction is the highest honor that Sam Houston State presents to graduates. The award, presented annually, recognizes professionals who have distinguished themselves through exemplary and professional achievements. Honorees are also acknowledged due to their contributions to society — something that ultimately reflects honor and distinction to their alma mater.

"Every single day I get to wake up and live the dream because of the education I received at Sam Houston State University," Goffney said. "Education has opened doors and given me the opportunity to do things that I would have never imagined. That alone is a gift, but to be honored and recognized is truly a blessing."

Goffney, a three-time graduate of Sam Houston, entered the field of education as a language arts teacher in her hometown of Coldspring. She was promoted to assistant principal, principal and served as the district's superintendent. In Lufkin ISD, she served for nearly six years as superintendent before being named to the helm of Aldine ISD in June 2018.

Throughout her career, she has focused on increas-



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, left, was named one of Sam Houston State University's 2019 Distinguished Alumni. She is shown here making remarks during the event.

ing student achievement. Her time at Aldine ISD has followed the theme. Under her leadership, Aldine ISD has developed new initiatives to increase student outcomes while also offering families more opportunities and choices. This fall, the district launched the Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) model at two elementary campuses and opened The Rose M. Avalos P-TECH school.

Her commitment to equity and increasing student access to high-quality schools resulted in immediate results. Aldine moved from a 'C' to a 'B' rated district based on Texas' academic accountability ratings. The district also launched a five-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward.

In addition to her work, she is an active member of her community. Goffney is involved in a number of

organizations including the Texas School Alliance, the Texas Association of Black School Educators and Texas Council of Women School Executives. She is a mentor to countless educators, is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Mayor's Advisory Council, and the Aldine Education Foundation. She is also a life member of the SHSU Alumni Association.

The Sam Houston State University College of Education recognized her in 2013 as a Distinguished Administrator of the Year.

Goffney was presented the honor during the 47th Annual Distinguished Alumni Gala held during Sam Houston's 2019 homecoming activities. She along with five others spent the day speaking with students and meeting with administrators before attending the gala.

Texans Toro urges Odom Elementary students to take the 'Bully' Out of Bullying



An Odom Elementary School student dances with Texans Toro during a recent anti-bullying rally. Aldine ISD schools hosted various anti-bullying activities this month, including observing Unity Day on Oct. 23.

Toro, the Texans mascot, visited students at Odom Elementary School on October 3. His message was simple — be kind to each other.

Odom Elementary and the Texans joined forces to help raise awareness of what bullying and cyber-bullying entail and encouraged students to take a stand against it.

The Texans' interactive education and outreach program teaches children how to prevent and stop bullying behavior.

The air in the room was electric with excitement and interest as Toro and

his counterpart, Ryan, led students in proactive ways to recognize different types of bullying — name-calling, hands-on bullying (physically hurting someone), non-inclusion, and hurting someone online.

Students learned about the different roles that people play with bullies and bully behaviors. Later, students practiced taking the "BULLY" out of bullying through personal action.

The five letters in "Bully" had five companion calls to action:

- B = Be Confident
- U = Use Your Voice

- L = Leave
- L = Look Out For Others
- Y = "Y" Would You Bully?

"We want our students to learn to respect and accept each other," St. Julian said. "We want all our students to feel safe. That means ensuring they are aware of what bullying is and how to take a stand against it. This program is just one of the ways we work to develop strong, confident students."

In appreciation for taking part and listening to his message, Toro gave every student present an autograph.

Blanson CTE HS celebrates earning 6 TEA STAAR Distinctions

In their first year, Blanson CTE High School earned six distinctions including academic achievement in science, math, english and post-secondary readiness. During the celebration, members of the district leadership team served scoops of ice cream, sprinkles, chocolate toppings and more. Dr. Goffney also applauded the staff for their accomplishments and left them with a special cheer.

Blanson CTE High School gives Aldine ISD students an opportunity to gain valuable workforce skills, access to real-world experiences and career training in 17 programs of study. At the same time, students are earning in-



Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and district leaders treated Blanson CTE High School students and staff to an ice cream celebration to recognize the campus for receiving six TEA STAAR distinctions.

dusty-based certifications in several areas. The campus will graduate their first seniors in Spring of

2020. To learn more about Blanson CTE High School, please visit blansonhs.aldineisd.org.

Drew Academy's Nicholas Thomas to be honored by MLB at Game 4 of World Series

Thanks to being a good student and an involved young man, Nicholas Thomas is earning a very big honor!

Nicholas, an eighth-grader at Drew Academy, was named the Houston Astros' Major League Baseball Youth Academy's "Youth of the Year" and will be honored prior to Game 4 of the World Series between the Astros and Washington Nationals on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.

Drew Academy Principal Earnest Washington, Jr., said Nicholas is most deserving of this special recognition. Nicholas is one of 10 national winners from across the country who will be honored on the field before Game 4.

"We are extremely proud of Nicholas," Washington said. "Nicholas is an engaged student who is strong academically and is involved in his community in a number of endeavors. He's a well-rounded individual."

When Nicholas isn't playing baseball or attending to his studies, he is involved in the school's string program where he plays the viola, is a member of Drew Academy's GENTS program and a member of the school's Business Professional of America program. He also plays football for Garcia Middle School.

"Nicholas' work in the community is genuine," Washington said. "He's a



Drew Academy eighth-grader Nicholas Thomas, center, poses with Drew Principal Earnest Washington, Jr. and Magnet Coordinator Kyandra Hildreth beneath a sign congratulating Nicholas for being named one of 10 national winners of Major League Baseball's Youth Academy "Youth of the Year" Award. Nicholas and his parents will attend Game 4 of the World Series between the Astros and National in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Nationals Park.

very humble young man who handles his business. Our campus benefits because we are proud to have him as a student."

Nicholas, whose favorite Astro is third baseman Alex Bregman, said he is excited about his upcoming trip and added he will be rooting for his hometown team on Saturday night and throughout the rest of the Series.

"I'm really excited," he said. "I am looking forward to the experience and I hope I get to meet and learn from some major league players."

Nicholas, who is 13, has played in the Astro's Youth Academy for seven years. He plays first base, third base and pitches.

"I like playing in the Academy because I get to play different positions," he said. "I love the game of baseball."

Nicholas will attend Carver High School next year and hopes to play baseball for Eisenhower High School (Carver does not have extra curricular activities and students can participate in them at their home schools).

Before being recognized before Game 4, Nicholas and the other honorees will participate in a Play Ball Event sponsored by MLB at Fort Belvoir Primary School in the D.C. area. A luncheon will be held in their honor at the Cambria Hotel before heading out for Nationals Park for pre-game ceremonies.

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Aldine ISD names new Chief Transformation Officer

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney officially announced Adrian Bustillos as Chief Transformation Officer during the Board of Trustees' regular meeting on October 22.

Bustillos, who joined Aldine ISD earlier this month, is responsible for setting the vision and direction for innovative school models. He will also serve as the point-person for transformation initiatives that ensure students in the district have access to high-quality schools.

"I look forward to seeing Adrian's leadership and direction as he works to develop new programs and initiatives that will benefit all students," Dr. Goffney said. "His work is directly aligned with our goals of increasing student achievement, and ensuring additional students have access to more options and choices throughout Aldine ISD."

Adrian began his career in 2006 as a science teacher in El Paso ISD (EPISD) before quickly moving into campus and administrative leadership roles, including science facilitator, assistant principal, and high school facilitator.

Immediately before joining Aldine, Bustillos was the executive director for the Office of Transformation for EPISD.



Bustillos

He helped launch the office and served as the Systems of Great Schools Liaison between El Paso ISD and the Texas Education Agency. He also oversaw the hiring of leadership and curriculum development at some of the district's most struggling campuses.

Bustillos holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas-El Paso in biological science and a master's in educational leadership. He has completed all coursework required for his doctorate in curriculum and instruction at New Mexico State University.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Lone Star College-North Harris Up Close: Ovi Galvan

First in a series featuring the faculty and staff that make the college a standout in higher education.

HOUSTON (Oct. 14, 2019) – Looking at Lone Star College-North Harris up close reveals more than 1,100 employees fulfilling the college's mission at LSC-North Harris and LSC-East Aldine Center. Their collective experience and dedication make the college a standout in higher education. One of those employees is Ovi Galvan.

As Dean of Student Services at Lone Star College-North Harris, Galvan is responsible for a variety of departments and teams. Galvan's purview includes: advising, career planning and academic transfer, counseling services, diversity initiatives, financial aid, Student Life, Student Success Institute, TRIO and veteran's services.

Why Galvan is successful as Dean of Student Services and how he came to the role, is based in part on his background and personal experience.

Galvan was born in Harlingen, Texas. He has no siblings. Their small family moved to New Orleans a month after his birth and returned to Texas five years later for his father's job. They settled in the Heights area, and he has lived in the community ever since.

Galvan has a large extended family and is very close to them. He lives just 10 minutes away from his parents' home. However, growing up as an only child, he was eager to meet people and make friends at school. Galvan quickly got involved in many groups and activities.

"I loved being involved in Student Council and Student Government, and I was also a member of the French Club, Chess Club, Civics Club, Marksmanship Team, Honor Society, Yearbook and JROTC," said Galvan. "I really enjoyed JROTC and spent several summers during my high school years training at various military sta-

tions throughout Texas."

His involvement in JROTC proved fortuitous. His JROTC instructor recognized his interest and encouraged Galvan to get involved in the Mayor's Youth Council, the Chief of Police's Advisory Council, and other community organizations.

"Retired U.S. Major Army Ranger Robert Savage was very influential in my early high school years," said Galvan. "He was the one that suggested I attend Texas A&M. I liked the idea and wound up joining the Corps of Cadets there."

After Texas A&M, Galvan pursued a master's in political science at the University of Saint Thomas. Nearing completion of his studies, he heard Lone Star College-CyFair needed a Political Science instructor.

The start of the term was just a week away, so he needed to move fast. He applied for the position, was interviewed, won the job, and became Lone Star College-CyFair's newest "Poli Sci" instructor, all in less than 10 days. "My entry into higher ed started off fast, but I found I love the field, and I've never left," said Galvan.

That first role, as adjunct government faculty member, was in 2009. From there, Galvan moved up to full-time faculty member and on to Student Activities Program Administrator, Academic Advisor, Workforce Advisor and TRIO SSS Program Manager before assuming his current position as Dean of Student Services.

In addition to working full-time, Galvan is steadily working on his doctorate. In the next two years he expects to complete the process and earn his doctorate in Educational Administration and Human Resource Development with an emphasis in Adult Education. In the meantime, his job gives him great satisfaction.

"I love the size of Lone Star College-North Harris and the variety that comes with that," said Galvan.



Galvan

"The number of resources available to our students, variety of training and professional development available, and overall variety of day-to-day functions is amazing. I can spend my day working with students for leadership development, or meet with community members, or present at various conferences, or many other things. Lone Star College-North Harris' size means great variety and options."

The variety of opportunities at Lone Star College-North Harris is a key to success Galvan likes to share with students. "Get involved in things. As many as you can, and as often as you can," Galvan said. "I understand that grades come first and that academic success is very important, but likewise, I have found that my involvement in Student Government, Study Abroad, Student Life and other extracurricular activities have not only opened doors for me, they have expanded my worldview and knowledge in a way that a textbook and classroom alone cannot do."

Galvan said, "Make friends, make connections, challenge yourself socially, engage and grow as a student and as an individual."

His own history of involvement and building connections ultimately led Galvan to his current role, and this is the experience he brings every day to the students of Lone Star College-North Harris.

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care. I determine whether their need is a criminal or civil issue, and I connect them with the appropriate services," he explains.

From day to day, Leal does everything from helping victims of domestic violence, to helping a new mother install a car seat. "In domestic situations, I take everything into consideration. I determine if they need a shelter, or other resources around the city," he explains. Leal works with the non-profit Safe Kids to provide parents with free car seats and installation. Individuals can simply stop by the storefront if they are in need of help regarding car seats.

Free movie nights, laser tag, or school presentations organized through the Community Relations Department of the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) are just some of the relationship-building activities that Leal, an Aldine ISD graduate, participates in with the youth of East Aldine. "The kids realize that we're not robots," he laughs. "We're human; we laugh, cry, and get scared just like they do."

Leal also helped seniors at Pilgrim's Place celebrate Grandparents' Day with dinner, ice cream, games and prizes for the residents. He visits annually on Mother's Day as well, as the HCSO honors mothers there who may not otherwise be given a special Mother's Day.

Born in East Aldine, Leal is the youngest of six siblings. Leal attributes his personal values to his father, who made a lasting impact on his life. His father was only able to complete school through third grade, before becoming a migrant farm worker alongside his family at the age of ten. "That's how it was back then: you didn't finish school, you worked," says Leal.

After moving all around the United States, his father eventually moved to Houston

and started a family. But when gang activity became too much of a threat, he made the move to East Aldine for a better life and a safer environment for his children. It was then that he started work as a janitor in Aldine ISD.

"He always impressed upon us the importance of education, to do our very best, and to work for our community," remembers Leal. "He made sure that we spoke English; sometimes he didn't allow us to speak Spanish," he says. "My father was a die-hard patriot." This strong influence led to Leal's siblings graduating from universities such as Baylor, UT, and Rice, and to both Leal and his brother becoming police officers in Houston.

As a child, Leal always wanted to become a police officer. He attended Worsham Elementary, Aldine Junior High, and graduated from MacArthur High School. From there, he enlisted in the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, while attending the Houston Police Academy. After returning from the 11-month liberation of Kuwait in Operation Desert Storm, Leal became a police officer alongside his brother, who also works in the Aldine area.

Patrolling in Houston over the past 29 years has led Leal to intervene in numerous life-threatening situations, one of which earned him a 100 Club award last year. The 100 Club is a non-profit which honors outstanding law enforcement officers among 18 counties surrounding Houston, in addition to providing financial support for families of officers and firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty or have been severely injured.

The act of heroism that led to Leal receiving this award occurred in May of 2018. "I was on patrol, and got a call about a man trying to jump off the freeway," Leal re-

counts. "My partner and I pulled up, and the man was on the guard rail about 25 feet up in the air. As soon as he sees us he jumps off the guard rail, but we caught him mid-air, and we all almost fell over."

Meanwhile, onlookers gathered on the road underneath the man, waiting to catch him if he fell. "He was fighting; he was determined to jump," Leal continues. "We pulled him back over the rail, and he went for my gun. At that point my knee was already messed up. We finally got him handcuffed, but he broke free and tried to jump over again. I really messed up my knee that time while stopping him."

Leal was also nominated in a separate occasion for the 100 Club award after running into a burning home, helping the family escape, and carrying out their college-aged son who had passed out from the toxic fumes. Officers chosen out of the many nominations were honored at this year's 65th Annual Heroes Award Program and Banquet.

"When you're in these situations, you have to keep your emotions in control, rely on your training, and by the grace of God you come home at night," remarks Leal. "But after my knee injury, I realized it was time for me to transition into another role," he says. And of course, East Aldine was the perfect fit.

"All policemen are social service providers," Leal says. "When I used to be on patrol, I was like a fireman putting out fires around the city. I saw people in crisis every day. But being in the storefront means I get to make a different kind of impact on people's lives." For Leal, that's the best part of the job.

If you are interested in getting involved with HCSO events, volunteer opportunities, or need assistance, please visit the storefront at 5333 Aldine Mail Rd., Monday through Friday from 9AM-5PM. You can also see upcoming events on the district calendar, at aldinedistrict.org/public-safety, or give them a call at 713.595.1220.

Aldine ISD Students attend 'Girls in Construction Conference'

By Valonia Walker

Hundreds of hardhats and lime green safety vests filled the floor of M.O. Campbell Educational Center, as middle and high school girls dispersed from the stands to explore hands-on construction activities around the room.

Aldine ISD in partnership with C3 - Construction Career Collaborative and Houston National Association of Women in Construction, hosted over 1,100 middle and high school students for the She Builds Houston Construction Conference. The unique all girls construction conference is a first for the Houston area. The conference allowed Aldine ISD students to explore the various career opportunities in the construction industry.

The event began with a



A high school girl explores hands-on construction activities.

dynamic panel of women speaking about their different career paths in the construction industry and the variety of opportunities available for young women to start a career in the field. Throughout the event, students spoke with representatives from different construction companies and participated in

learning activities. Activities included nail driving, architect design competitions and interior finish races. College representatives from University of Houston School College of Technology and Texas State Technical College were available to discuss undergraduate degree options and programs.

Lone Star College urges you to be prepared this flu season

HOUSTON (Oct. 21, 2019) – The 2019 flu season is officially underway and officials recommend vaccination as the best way to help prevent contracting seasonal flu.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), the official flu reporting season begins in October and continues through May. In Texas, influenza activity usually peaks in January or February.

Since it takes about two weeks for immunity to develop after receiving the

flu vaccine, TDSHS recommends getting flu vaccines before the end of October.

"The flu can sometimes be mistaken for the common cold," said Christina Hagerty, Ed.D., LSC-CyFair dean, Public Service, Health & Behavioral Sciences. "Those who are considered high risk of flu complications, include individuals who are 65 years and older, young children and those with existing health conditions."

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that in-

fect the nose, throat and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. Flu symptoms can occur suddenly and include fever, coughing, sore throat, headaches and fatigue.

"Another important step people can take to minimize the risk of getting the flu is frequent handwashing," said Hagerty. "This is the number one prevention strategy for the flu and other illnesses that are prevalent during flu season."

Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the year 2019 on November 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District's Business Office at 9419 Lamkin Road, Houston, TX 77044. 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: Wade Landry, Charlotte Pierce, Cecilia Casas, Larry Allen & Leslie Brown
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	2019
	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.27/\$100	\$1.34248/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.07248/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		5.70708%
Average appraised value	\$ 66,742	\$ 74,977
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	5%	20%
Average taxable value	\$ 63,405	\$ 59,982
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 805.25	\$ 805.25
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.00%

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.

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

Income Tax on Social Security vs. the Earnings Test

Dear Rusty: I retired from work this year (age 62) and I will receive my first social security benefits in September. Is there a special rule for the first year you retire that allows you to not pay taxes on your social security since you have earned no other income since you retired? Before I retired, I earned about \$50,000, which I know is more than the usual allowed income. Signed: Retired Senior

Dear Retired Senior: I'm afraid there is no such "first year" rule which exempts you from paying income tax on your Social Security benefits. When you file your Federal income taxes with the IRS you will need to claim your Social Security (SS) benefits as part of your income, and whether it is taxable will depend upon whether your "modified adjusted gross income" (MAGI) for the year exceeds \$25,000 (if you file single) or \$32,000 (if you file married-jointly). "MAGI" includes your taxable income from all sources (your "adjusted gross income" from your Federal income tax return), plus any tax-exempt interest you may have received, plus half of your annual Social Security benefits. If your MAGI exceeds the above levels, then up to 50% of your Social Security benefits will become a part of your taxable income; or if you exceed \$34,000 (filing single) or \$44,000 (filing married-jointly) then up to 85% of your annual SS benefits will become taxable. If you don't exceed those levels your SS benefits aren't taxable as income.

However, I suspect you may be confusing income tax on your Social Security benefits with another rule - Social Security's "earnings test" which, if you have not yet reached your full retirement age, sets a limit on what you can earn without your benefit payments being affected. If you are collecting benefits before you have reached your full retire-

ment age and you exceed the annual earnings limit (\$17,640 for 2019) Social Security will withhold some of your benefits - \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If that is what you're referring to then, yes, there is a special rule for the first year you are collecting Social Security. That special first year rule says that if you claim benefits mid-year and you have not yet reached your full retirement age, you'll be subject to a monthly earnings test for the remainder of that year, rather than the annual test. So, if your benefits start in September, provided you don't earn more than \$1470 in September or any month thereafter in 2019 you won't lose any benefits. But if you do exceed that monthly limit, even by \$1, you won't be entitled to any SS benefits for that month. The monthly test is only in the calendar year you claim benefits - it goes away for you in 2020 and you'll be subject to the annual earnings test only for next year.

Please note that the earnings limits are considerably more if you are claiming in the year you will reach your full retirement age. If this were the year you will reach your full retirement age, the annual limit would be \$46,920 and the monthly limit would be \$3910 (these limits change annually). However, if you stay fully retired and don't return to work you will not need to worry about the Social Security earnings test but, depending on your "MAGI," you may need to pay income taxes on your Social Security benefits.

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Terrorism prevention programs across Texas to receive funding

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Oct. 15 announced \$61.2 million in Homeland Security Grant Program funding to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and prepare for threats that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texans.

The awards, released primarily to cities and counties across Texas, include 264 projects under the State Homeland Security Program and 136 projects through the Urban Area Security Initiative.

"As governor, my top priority is keeping our communities safe," Abbott said in a news release. "These grants will ensure our communities have the resources they need to counter terrorism statewide and enhance security for all Texans. Our ongoing efforts to keep Texas safe would not be possible without our partnership with the federal government, and I thank them for their continued assistance."

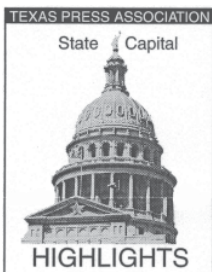
Larger expenditures of grant monies would be applied as follows: —\$24.3 million to provide equipment, training and exercise support for local, regional and state-level response teams such as SWAT, bomb, HAZMAT and search and rescue, and for other law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services personnel that serve communities across the state;

—\$13.4 million to support statewide planning and preparedness efforts that provide the foundation for effective homeland security capability development and implementation;

—\$8.3 million to sustain and enhance operational communications capabilities facilitating information sharing and coordination essential for the successful response to all types of threats and hazards; and

—\$3.2 million to support state and regional fusion centers promoting ongoing intelligence and information sharing capabilities and analysis, production and exchange of critical threat data between federal, state and local partners.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Research first, then vote

Ballots in the Nov. 5 election will include proposed constitutional amendments, special elections and local political subdivision elections, including those for mayor, city council, school board, municipal utility districts and other local entities.

Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs on Oct. 16 encouraged eligible voters to take advantage of the early voting period ahead of the election, which began on Oct. 21 and will end on Nov. 1.

Hughs, the state's chief election officer, also urged voters to research the candidates, amendments and measures that will appear on their ballots as they prepare to make their voices heard.

Voters with questions about how to cast a ballot in upcoming elections may call 1-800-252-VOTE.

AG announces settlement

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Oct. 18 announced a \$117 million multistate settlement with Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Ethicon Inc. for deceptively marketing transvaginal surgical mesh devices.

Texas was joined in the lawsuit by 40 other states and the District of Columbia. The Lone Star State's share of the settlement is nearly \$9 million.

Transvaginal surgical mesh is a synthetic material that is surgically im-

planted through the vagina to support the pelvic organs of women who suffer from stress urinary incontinence or pelvic organ prolapse.

The settlement was reached after a multistate investigation, launched in 2012, found that the companies failed to adequately disclose the products' possible side effects.

Jobless rate stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on Oct. 18 announced that the Texas economy added 7,600 seasonally adjusted total non-farm positions in September and the unemployment rate held steady at 3.4 percent for the fourth month in a row.

The September unemployment rate matches the all-time record low first set in June, the lowest recorded unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976.

Leading job growth in September was the professional and business services sector, which added 9,600 jobs. The construction sector followed, adding 7,200 jobs. Education and health services added another 1,800 jobs.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded August's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.0 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 2.5. The Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Odessa MSAs each recorded the third-lowest rate at 2.6 percent.

Effort promotes safety

Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways, and since that day, fatalities resulting from vehicle crashes on Texas roadways have numbered more than 65,000, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

In its "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign, TxDOT is taking safety messages to community events in the oil-and-gas producing Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale regions, where driving-related fatalities are high. The campaign is part of #EndTheStreakTX, a social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while on the road.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

"An Autumn Tale"

My parents live in a cabin deep in the north woods. I know this sounds like the start of a fairytale. Sometimes it seems a bit like one.

There are bear in the woods. Deer run in herds. The seasons are far more pronounced and extreme than those I am used to. After a day of glorious autumn sunshine on my bare arms, I woke in the middle of the night and saw, in the moonlight, that snow had covered the ground, turning the green grass white.

"It won't last," my mother assured everyone within earshot. "There's still a lot of nice fall days to come."

I knew she was right, but those snowflakes were a not-so-subtle reminder that summer was officially over and a very different season on its way. Autumn brings a sense of anticipation and a tiny dose of dread.

The weather turned dark and rainy. I went for a walk in a rain poncho I'd hauled around in a pouch for two years and never worn. The poncho was bright red. I discovered. I pulled the hood up over a broad brimmed hat and headed out.

I was walking down a narrow road in a light rain when I heard the pickup stop behind me. I turned around and saw a woman and a young girl in the truck.

"Maybe they're lost," I thought. I wouldn't be of much help if they were, a virtual stranger there myself. But I stopped as the woman rolled down her window. She looked at me for a moment.

"I thought you were someone I knew," she announced.

"Oh," I replied, temporarily at a loss for words.

"Would you like some apples?" she asked.

"Um... you have apples?" I thought perhaps she had picked the last of the season's fruit. I looked in the back of her truck. There was nothing there.

"Yes," she said. "I just bought some."

"What kind are they?" I was expecting she'd tell me they were McIntosh or Winesaps. It was apple season, after all.

"Walmart," she replied.

"Oh."

"Do you want some?" she asked again. "You can have the whole bag if you want!" I had no idea what the correct response was, but this seemed like it was pretty important to her.

"Um... sure, I'll take one," I decided. The truck was a double cab. She jumped out of the front and opened the backseat door.

"My daughter says you look like Little Red Riding Hood," she told me.

"I guess I do!" I agreed.

She reached into a bag and pulled out an apple. It was tiny and bright red. She handed it to me. Her nails were long and white and pointed. I looked at the bright yellow leaves on the wet pavement and her long white nails holding a shiny red apple. I suddenly felt a little nervous.

I took the unnaturally red apple.

"Thanks!"

"I used to walk here all the time," she told me. "I used to walk here every day!"

"Ah!" I responded, feeling seriously awkward.

The little girl was staring at me. I wondered if I was expected to eat the apple on the spot.

"Well, I better get on home!" I announced, tucking the apple in my pack.

"Bye-bye!" she said. The truck started up and they drove off.

When I got back to my parents' cabin, I told my mother what had happened. My mother looked at the bright red apple for a long moment.

"Maybe we should just keep that apple for decoration," my mother said.

Maybe we should.

Till next time,
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Texans to London to take on Jags: Pats visit Ravens in interesting SNF matchup

The Texans head to Merry Old London this week where they will take on Jacksonville to face a disappointing Jaguars team.

This will mark the first time in the Texans' history that they have played in London and while they will get some sight seeing in, priority No. 1 is to take care of business against the Jags.

Two weeks ago, Bill O'Brien's team suffered a 30-23 loss at Indianapolis to fall into second place in the AFC South. The Texans know they need to get on a streak if they hope keep pace with the Colts.

The Jags could have the services of starting quarterback Nick Foles for this game after the big-money free agent has missed the majority of the season after suffering a shoulder injury in the first half of his team's first game in September. While Foles may be cleared to return, it would not be surprising if rookie quarterback Gardner Minshew (1,697 passing yards, 10 TDs) holds onto the job. Minshew has played well and is more mobile than Foles, which may benefit the Jags against J.J. Watt and Co. on Sunday.

While the Texans head across the pond, so do the New England Patriots, who have a Sunday night meeting with a dangerous Baltimore Ravens team and their electrifying quarterback Lamar Jackson. Two weeks ago, Jackson ran over and around Seattle as he picked up 116 yards on the ground and one touchdown to lead the Ravens to a 30-16 upset in Seattle.

The Dallas Cowboys, fresh off their bye week, travel to the Meadowlands for the second time this season hoping for better results than their first visit in October. Three weeks ago, Dallas was upset by the then winless Jets, but rebounded nicely the following week with a 37-10 pasting of the Eagles in Jerry World. On Monday Night Football, they take on a struggling Giants team that will have star running back Saquon Barkley back in action.

The college schedule is pretty weak this weekend with the marquee game featuring Florida against Georgia in a key SEC East contest for both teams. The game is annually played in Jacksonville and is billed as the "Largest Cocktail Party" in the country.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review last week's

record. A 6-6 week brought the season record to 54-40 (57%). Now, onto this weekend's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower at Spring – Eric Jackson's Eagles visit Spring on Thursday night to take on the Spring Lions at George Stadium.

Two weeks ago, the Eagles picked up their first district win of the year with a 27-14 victory over Nimitz. In that game, Anthony Isom led the way with 132 rushing yards and two touchdowns. The Eagles will have to contend with Spring quarterback Aldyn Bradley, who has passed for 746 yards and eight TDs and rushed for 711 yards and 19 TDs. My pick, Eisenhower 26, Spring 24

Nimitz vs. Westfield – Richard Slater's Cougars host one of the top teams in the Houston area on Thursday night when they face Westfield at Thorne Stadium. Entering their Oct. 26 game against Aldine, Westfield had allowed only 22 points in their first five District 16-6A games. My pick, Westfield 34, Nimitz 17

MacArthur vs. Davis – Wayne Crawford's Generals and Scott Joseph's Falcons meet in an elimination game on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. Entering last weekend's games, Davis held onto the fourth and final playoff spot in District 16-6A with a 3-2 record, one game ahead of MacArthur's 2-3 district mark. Two weeks ago, the Falcons fell to Dekaney, while the Generals lost to Westfield. Running back Kenneth Walker had a nice night for the Falcons rushing for 176 yards and two touchdowns. My pick, Davis 26, MacArthur 24

Aldine at Dekaney – It's been a tough year for Hank Semler's Mustangs and things won't get any easier this week when they face the high-scoring Dekaney squad on Friday night in George Stadium in Spring. Dekaney is led by dual-threat quarterback Daelyn Williams (1,367 passing yards, 17 TDs/431 rushing yards, 5 TDs). My pick, Dekaney 31, Aldine 16

NCAA

SMU at Memphis – The SMU Mustangs have been one of the feel good stories of the 2019 season. They entered last Saturday's game against Houston with a 7-0 record, but face perhaps their toughest test



of the season when they play at Memphis on Saturday. The Tigers are tough at home and have an explosive offense led by quarterback Brady White (1,884 passing yards, 18 TDs) and running back Kenneth Gainwell (830 rushing yards, 8 TDs). The Mustangs are potent on offense as well led by former UT quarterback Shane Buechele (2,122 passing yards, 18 TDs) and running back Xavier Jones (751 rushing yards, 12 TDs). SMU has proven it can win in a hostile environment when it won at TCU earlier this season. I think the Ponies struggle, though, on the road this weekend, but one loss will not spoil what has been an outstanding season for the Mustangs. My pick, Memphis 33, SMU 31

Florida vs. Georgia – A key game in the SEC East for both teams who both enter this one with one conference loss. The winner of this one probably wins the East and will face either Alabama or LSU in the SEC title game on Dec. 7 in Atlanta. Two weeks ago, Florida came from behind to win a tough one at South Carolina, while Georgia struggled at home against Kentucky (it was 0-0 at the half), but woke up in the second half en route to a 21-0 win. The Gators are led by quarterback Kyle Trask (1,391 passing yards, 14 TDs) and running back Lamical Perine (460 rushing yards, 4 TDs), while the Bulldogs are led by quarterback Jake Fromm (1,406 passing yards, 9 TDs) and running back D'Andre Swift (752 rushing yards, 7 TDs). Both teams have solid defenses, so look for a defensive struggle in this one. I'm going with the more veteran QB in this one, and that's Fromm. My pick, Georgia 24, Florida 20

NFL

San Francisco at Arizona –

The 49ers and Cardinals kick off Week 9 of the NFL season on Thursday night in a game that pits two of the hottest teams in the league. The 49ers entered last week's game against Carolina with a 6-0 record, while Kliff Kingsbury's Cardinals were riding a three-game winning streak when they faced New Orleans last Sunday. Arizona is led by rookie quarterback Kyle Murray (1,768 passing yards, 7 TDs). Two weeks ago in their victory over the Giants, Arizona also got a big day from running back Chase Edmonds, who picked up 126 yards on the ground and scored two touchdowns. The 49ers have been getting things done with an efficient offense led by quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (1,314 passing yards, 7 TDs) and a young and talented defense. The SF defense entered the Carolina game allowing only 10 points per game and recorded a shutout two weeks ago in the rain in Washington. The Cards will give the 49ers a game, but look for the SF defense to be the difference maker in this one. My pick, San Francisco 26, Arizona 16

Houston at Jacksonville – O'Brien's team knows there is little room for error down the stretch and it would behoove his team to take care of business against a Jaguars team that has to this point been somewhat of a disappointment this season. Two weeks ago in their loss at Indianapolis, the offense struggled, so look for quarterback Deshaun Watson (1,952 passing yards, 13 TDs) to right the ship against a good Jacksonville defense. In the Indy loss, wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins got back on track with nine receptions for 106 yards and a touchdown. Fellow wide out Will Fuller left the game with a hamstring injury and he may not be available for this game, which means Kenny Still and

Keke Coutie must step up. Look for J.J. Watt and his teammates to harass Minshew as the Texans pick up a big road victory. My pick, Houston 23, Jacksonville 17

Minnesota at Kansas City – The Chiefs suffered a huge personnel loss two weeks ago in their win at Denver when star quarterback Patrick Mahomes dislocated his knee. The injury isn't considered season ending, but he might not be available for this week's home game against Minnesota. Even if he is cleared to play, head coach Andy Reid might sit him against one of the league's top pass rushing teams. If Mahomes is injured again, that could be all she wrote for the Chiefs this season. The KC defense is going to have its hands full against the balanced Vikings attack. Quarterback Kirk Cousins (1,711 passing yards, 13 TDs) has been on a tear the last three weeks hitting big plays down field to wide receivers Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs (30 receptions, 562 yards, 4 TDs), while running back Dalvin Cook (725 rushing yards, 8 TDs) has been handling things on the ground. The Chiefs defense played better in the win over the Broncos, but then again, it was the Broncos. I think the Minnesota defense has a big day in KC with or without Mahomes. My pick, Minnesota 30, Kansas City 27

Green Bay at Los Angeles Chargers – Aaron Rodgers and the Packers head to La-La Land to take on a disappointing Chargers team that can't seem to buy a win this season. Two weeks ago, Rodgers threw five touchdown passes and rushed for another as the Packers rolled over the Raiders, 42-24 to improve to 6-1 on the season. While the Packers were rolling, the Chargers were floundering against Tennessee and lost a chance to pull out a last-second victory when running back Melvin Gordon fumbled at the goal line with seconds left in the game. Look for another big day from Rodgers (2,019 passing yards, 13 TDs) and running back Aaron Jones (399 rushing yards, 9 total TDs) as the Packers continue to roll this season. My pick, Green Bay 34, Los Angeles Chargers 24

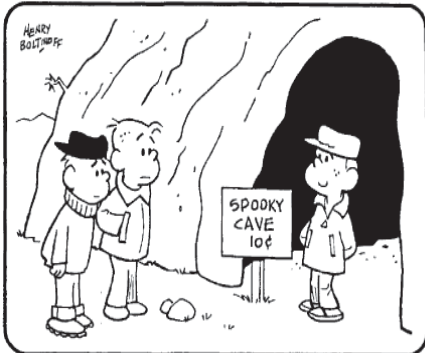
New England at Baltimore –

A good one for Sunday Night Football pits Tom Brady (1,992 passing yards 11 TDs) against second-year sensation Lamar Jackson (1,650 passing yards, 11 TDs/576 rushing yards, 3 TDs) in what could be the first of two meetings between these two teams. Two weeks ago in Seattle, Jackson was at his dual-threat best rushing for 116 yards and one touchdown and passing for 143 yards with no turnovers. The Pats also picked up an easy win with a 33-0 thumping of the Jets in New Jersey. Jackson will be facing one of the top defenses in the league and you had better believe NE head coach Bill Belichick will have something up his sleeve to deal with Jackson's running ability. If the Patriots are able to keep Jackson in the pocket, look for running back Mark Ingram to be used to hammer away at the NE front seven. Brady should find success passing against a suspect Ravens secondary and has a new weapon to throw to in wide receiver Mohamed Sanu, who was acquired from Atlanta last week. The Patriots always rise to the occasion, which means they pull out the win against a game Baltimore team on Sunday night. My pick, New England 31, Baltimore 26

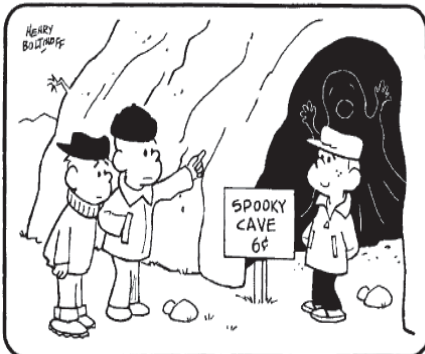
Dallas at New York Giants – Cowboy fans have to be hoping that the team that ran roughshod over the Eagles two weeks ago is the team that is ready to make a run, rather than the bunch that slept through a loss to the Jets three weeks ago. The Cowboys had their full compliment of starters on offense in the Philly win and having both starting offensive tackles back in that game made a huge difference. Quarterback Dak Prescott (2,123 passing yards, 12 TDs), running back Ezekiel Elliott (602 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Amari Cooper (35 receptions, 621 yards, 5 TDs) are an unstoppable trio when they are own and the offensive line is blowing defenders off the ball. The Dallas defense should have a big night against a suspect NY offensive line, but they must slow down Barkley (309 yards, 2 TDs) to allow them to go after rookie quarterback Daniel Jones (1,144 yards, 6 TDs). I think they do just that on Monday night. My pick, Dallas 33, New York Giants 16

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Hambrick Middle School student to compete in Regional Showcase

Congratulations to Luis Orozco! Orozco is an 8th grade student at Hambrick Middle School who plays soccer with the Houston Dynamo Academy youth program. As a part of the Houston Dynamo Academy he was recently selected to participate in the US Soccer Development Academy Regional Showcase which was held in Dallas October 18-21.



According to Academy Director Paul Holocher, "the Houston Dynamo Academy is an MLS academy program that provides training and a learning environment for top youth soccer players in the greater Houston area, designed to facilitate the development and identification of prospective Youth U.S. Soccer National Team, Olympic, and

Dynamo professional players." As a part of this program Orozco has the opportunity to travel both nationally and internationally. Orozco's classmates, along with the staff, cheered him on from afar as he played. Hambrick staff is proud of Orozco and are looking forward to where his future will lead.

Read-Aloud Day at Gray Elementary teaches students the importance of literacy

Read-Aloud Day at Gray Elementary Teaches Students the Importance of Literacy On Friday, October 4 at Gray Elementary district leaders and University of Houston representatives came to show elementary students just how critical literacy is by reading books out loud to the students.

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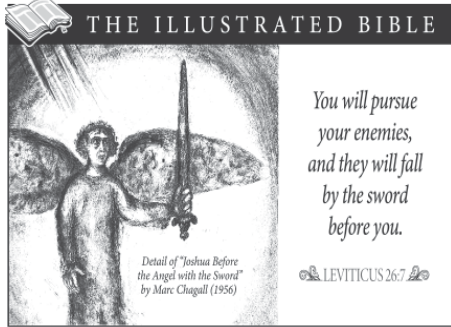
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by Wilson Casey—
 1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. At the time of Rehoboam there was a split: The Kingdom of Israel was in the north, while the southern kingdom was called ... ? Mesopotamia, Egypt, Judah, Syria
 3. From Luke 13, which king was referred to by Jesus as "that fox"? Herod, Solomon, Ahab, Caesar

4. What was a Persian gold coin also used by the Hebrews? Loon, Daric, Denarius, Falc
 5. Who said, "Be sure your sin will find you out"? Matthew, David, Noah, Moses
 6. Jebus is another name for ... ? Jericho, Jerusalem, Judah, Joshua

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Judah; 3) Herod; 4) Daric; 5) Moses; 6) Jerusalem



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Recovery Centers,

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tions, homeowners and renters to cover residential and business losses because of Imelda. Applicants can visit the DRC for one-on-one assistance, or contact SBA:
 - ONLINE: SBA.gov/disaster
 - PHONE: 800-659-2955
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- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Description of the damage
- Information about insurance coverage
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Suspect charged in fatal shooting on Tidwell Road

Charges have been filed against a suspect for his role in the fatal shooting of a man at 5724 Tidwell about 11 p.m. on Monday, October 21.

The suspect, Richard Christopher Russell, 25, is charged with murder.

According to officials, HPD patrol officers responded to a person down call on Tidwell and arrived to find Kenneth Hoskins, 58, lying on the sidewalk in front of a convenience store. Houston Fire Department paramedics arrived at the scene and pronounced him deceased.

Further investigation determined Hoskins and the suspect, Russell, got into an argument at the convenience store. Russell left the scene and walked to his next door business (5724 Tidwell Road). He then returned armed with a pistol and approached Hoskins, who was armed with a shotgun. A shoot-



Russell

ing then ensued, during which Hoskins was fatally struck. Russell, also wounded, fled and later went to a nearby hospital for treatment.

He currently remains hospitalized and in police custody.

Anyone with additional information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.



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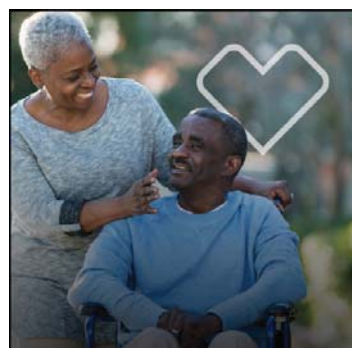
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