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NEWS NOTES

Community Events fill week's Agenda

Grandparents, Mammograms, Health Fair, Environmental Hearings

Castlewood Drainage Meeting

Meeting about drainage improvements for Castlewood Subdivision residents. Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at East Aldine Management District, 5333 Aldine Mail Rt., 77039.

Halls Bayou **Tributary and** Stormwater **Detention** Meeting

Community Engage ment Meeting for the Halls Bayou Tributary and Related Stormwater Detention Project.

The Halls Bayou Tributary 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.

The Community Engagement Meeting will be held Wed., Sep. 11, 2019 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at BakerRipley East Aldine Campus , 3000 Aldine Mail Route Road, Suite A,77039

Storm Water meeting Little York & Hopper

Community engagement meeting for the Little York and Hopper Stormwater Detention Basins improvements project. Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at North East Community Center, 10918 Bentley St., 77093.

NOTE: All these 3 stormwater detention basins improvement projects will be funded with bonds voters on August 25,

Residents of the Aldine area and the North Houston neighborhoods were kept busy last weekend, and on into this week with a number of events that mark the end of summer and the beginning of school and family activities. GRANDPARENTS DAY At Campbell Center, the

16th Annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren event, also known as the Family Strengthening Conference, was held on Saturday, Sept. 7 with several hundred families at-

tending.
The event started at 10 a.m. with opening remarks by Aldine ISD Assistant Superintendent Abel Garza, Scout Troop 141 presenting colors, and an invocation by Pastor Jamail Johnson.

The family counseling roundtable sessions began after that, with topics for raising Children, Teens and Adults. Each session had a discussion leader, Aldine counselors and so See GRANDPARENTS,



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT CAMPBELL CENTER: Lone Star College North Harris president Gerald Napoles welcomes families with a "Lone Star Fan."



CAMPBELL CENTER hosted several hundred families information booths, and had a hearty lunch.



PILGRIM PLACE Grandparents enjoyed a day with families, and games with their friends. At left, Connie **Esparza visits with Coco Martinez**



Greater Pure Light Church hosted a mammogram bus

Lone Star College to dedicate new Campus



View of the new Lone Star College campus in East Aldine.

\$29 million facility brings new educational opportunities to East Aldine community.

HOUSTON, TX - Lone $Star\ College\text{-}East\ Aldine$ Center, the newest addition to Lone Star College-North Harris, will be formally dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony

on Friday, Sept. 13 at 2:00 p.m. Public officials will join Lone Star College representatives to recognize the occasion. After the ribbon cutting, attendees will be invited inside for an open house and tour.

The center is the first of its kind in the East Aldine community. Lone Star College-East Aldine Center, located in the East Aldine Town Center, is the fourth leg of a partnership with Aldine Independent

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CONFESSIONS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

AND THURSDAY FROM 6 TO 6:50 PM,

SATURDAYS

ROM 6:30 PM TO 6:50 PM

FROM 4 TO 4:50 PM

Aldine residents oppose concrete batch plant

East Aldine - State Representative Armando Walle hosted a public meeting Monday night at BakerRipley Center, for the public to discuss their opposition to the proposed Rocket Materials concrete batch plant to be built on a site at 914 Pinafore Lane, near Aldine-Bender Road.

The opposition is being organized by community leader Marina Sugg, representing a number of civic clubs and individuals.

As part of the permitting process by the state, a public hearing is allowed, with TCEQ officials attending to hear comments. These comments are then taken into consideration for the final okay on the permit, or modification of denial oc-

Marina Sugg, in an email to the community, said "We already have at



View of a typical Concrete Batch Plant

least 3 other cement plants in East Aldine, and I have reliable information that an application for yet another cement plant may soon be submitted. Construction companies put these cement plants here because few residents speak up against them. These companies do not care that the dust, powder and mess produced by these plants affect the lives and health of the resident in our area."

In their application, Rocket Materials states that "the proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to)

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Dora and the Lost City of Gold (PG) -12:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm Closed Caption; Spanish Dubbed

Dora and the Lost City of Gold (PG)

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THE LION KING (PG) - 3:30pm,

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Lone Star College -**East Aldine** Center **Dedication**

Building dedication Friday, September 13, 2019, 2:00 p.m., 2430 Aldine Mail Route Road, Houston, TX 77039. Dominique.R.Sampson@LoneStaredu.

Citizenship Workshops

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

Explorer Post at HCEC

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

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

CARLOS SILVA

Taking Care of Business and Community in East Aldine

By Christina Autry

Born and raised in East Aldine, district board member Carlos Silva still commutes every day to the same business that his father established in 1997. His father, Domitilo "Tilo" Silva left his machinist job and took the risk of starting his own manufacturing business, called Tilco Machine Works. Alongside his parents and three siblings, Silva has expanded the company from a small "mom and pop" shop to a 3-facility company that takes pride in being able to give back and hire from the East Aldine community.

"My family has always been a close-knit group. We used to take trips to Monterrey to visit family, and trips to AstroWorld," says Silva. "This has allowed us to have good communication while working together, and most importantly, respect for each oth-

Growing up in East Aldine schools and graduating from Texas colleges, Silva and his siblings all found their way back to the family business. "Our parents always encouraged us to chase our dreams and go to college to study whatever we were interested in," says Silva. "It was because our parents never demanded that we return to work for Tilco that we all eventually came back."

With degrees in business, CNC programming, accounting, and engineering, translating into positions at Tilco, the Silva siblings have been able to combine their education



Carlos Silva

with their parents' years of experience in the machining industry. His father $Tilo\ remains\ the\ President$ of the company, and his mother Clara is the Treasurer and Secretary. "Tilco has given us everything we have. My parents have sacrificed and put forth a lot of effort into maintaining the business," says Silva. Tilco earned their quality management certification from SAI Global, which further encourages companies needing machined parts to place their trust in

Tilco. Tilco manufactures parts primarily for the oil and gas industry, but they have also made it a point to diversify among various other industries. The company uses CNC machines to turn raw steel into finished products such as down-hole components, drilling jars, motor tools, or valve components. CNC machines are invaluable tools that use computer programming to create parts specifically requested by customers.

"In the future, we would like to get involved with aerospace, medical, or even

renewable energy," he explains. "As general manager. I look at where our opportunities lie. Our business has been around for over 20 years, and we have to know where we'll be in the next 20." Having been a resident

and business owner in East Aldine area naturally brought Silva into contact with the East Aldine District board two years ago. After attending board meetings, and helping to develop ideas for the improvement of the district, he applied for a board position and was accepted. Silva describes his experience as board Treasurer as a "tremendous opportunity to serve in a community that is experiencing a lot of growth and change. This area has a great deal of potential," he says enthusiastically.

The continued development of the exciting new Town Center is at the forefront of what Silva is currently working on with the district board. "The Town Center is a revolutionary project for this communi-Silva says. This $300,\!000$ square foot plot of land will include a Lone Star College campus, the largest Baker Ripley Community Center in Houston. an amphitheater, a park, hiking and biking trails, a Joe V's grocery store, retail. the East Aldine District office, and the Harris County 9-1-1 call center, designed to withstand Category 4 hurricane condi-

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C3, NAWIC, and Aldine ISD partner to offer girls construction camp

HOUSTON-Construction Career Collaborative (C3), is excited to announce WECan, a construction camp for girls, offered in conjunction with National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), Houston Chapter, and Aldine ISD.

The event will host more than 1,000 girls in grades 6-12 on Oct. 17, 2019 at the M.O Campbell Event Center (1865 Aldine Bender Rd, Houston, TX 77032). Students will have an opportunity to use construction tools, learn safety techniques, participate in construction activities as well as hear from local women in the industry at all levels. Former Aldine ISD alumna and City of Houston councilwoman Amanda Edwards will also ioin the students for a day of exciting learning experiences at the one-of-akind event.

WeCanDate: Thursday, Oct.

Time: 8:30-11:30 a.m. (grades 9-12); 11:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (middle school) Location: M.O. Campbell Event Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Road.

Houston, TX, 77032 "Our company competes against all industries to attract the best and brightest to our field," Angela Robbins, Associate Director of C3 said. "We want young women to know that construction is a viable option with career paths that begin right out of high school, trade school, junior

colleges and universities. TDIndustries and Hoan Construction are underwriting the event. Both companies have a long history of encouraging diversity in the field

About C3

C3 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit collaboration of owners, contractors, specialty contractors, industry asso ciations and the design professions with the mis sion of developing a safe, skilled and sustainable craft workforce in commercial construction for the Houston region

About NAWIC

NAWIC provides its members with opportunities for professional development, education, networking, leadership training, public service and more

About Aldine ISD

Aldine Independent School District is among the top 10 largest school districts in Texas, with more than 66,000 students. The district is home to 82 schools and covers 115 square miles in North Houston, Aldine ISD believes that every Aldine student deserves a highquality education. These goals will ensure we provide a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares every student for success in college, career, and life. For more information about Aldine ISD, please visit our website at aldineisd.org.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Spotlight: Coco Martinez of Pilgrim Place

By JD Herman

Communities thrive when people have access to quality, affordable homes and are engaged. While staying involved in the community is beneficial to everyone, it is especially critical for our seniors to have an active role in the

community.
Pilgrim Place (I & II) in the East Aldine Management District is ensuring our seniors remain vibrant and engaged by offering innovative perspectives on independent living. A robust slate of activities and facilitated interaction with volunteers helps area se niors find purpose and meaning while building new and lasting friendships. These inclusive activities provide a sense of independence and are good for both the bodies and souls of our seniors.

Pilgrim Place is comprised of 2 units. The original unit, Pilgrim Palace I was founded in 1982 and has 120 units, managed by has 120 units, managed by Debra Morris. In 2010, Pil-grim Palace II was opened. This 60 unit facility is managed by Jalisha Abraham and guided day to day by Coco Martinez, who has been resident service coor-dinator at the complex for over 5 years. What separates these facilities from other senior apartment communities is the commitment of managers and staff who strive to create a sense of place for everyone.

It's obvious they are do-ing things right as both facilities run at capacity with waiting lists of up to

a year.
"Pilgrim Place is sometimes mistaken as a nursing home, but it is really just a great place to live for our more senior neighbors" says, manager Coco Martinez who, aside from quality housing, is also responsible for making sure there are activities on site for the residents. Coco and her team were also able to provide a Summer Camp this year, thanks to the enthusiasm of Sory Mingo, a highly energetic volunteer, and a \$2500.00 grant from the East Aldine Management District. The camp included safari and beach-themed days where residents were en-



L to R: Debra Morris, Katrina Jackson, and Lori Smith at Pilgrim Place 1 $\,$



L to R: Jalisha Abraham and Coco Martinez at Pilgrim

couraged to dress up and participate in fun games and activities. "These events were such a success that some of the seniors cried when they were over," notes Mrs. Martinez. They plan to follow up with exercise classes, led by Ms. Mingo, and are actively looking for computer lab volunteers to help seniors become savvy with surfing the internet. Volunteers can also sign up to help celebrate holiday events year round. The next onportunity is a party in honor of Grandparents Day on September 7th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. You can also check out Bingo Nights, which are sponsored once a month (but "pick up" games – orga-nized by residents – are

always afoot!) Friday's are designated Movie Nights, so bring popcorn!

Coco's team also listens to resident input and suggestions with a keen ear. "Many folks were voicing a need for transportation to and from grocery stores, pharmacies and other events that are essential in maintaining independence," she says. This feedback led Pilgrim Place to purchase a 18-passenger shuttle bus (via HUD funding) and create a weekly

bus schedule."
Big thanks to Coco, the team at Pilgrim Place and the many volunteers, like Sory Mingo, as their community involvement builds stronger and healthier communities in which we

Houston Symphony Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with Free Concert

HOUSTON (Sept. 4, 2019) – The Houston Symphony honors Hispanic Heritage Month with its annual free Fiesta Sinfónica concert, which this year features Mexican soprano Yunuet Laguna and Portuguese-American conductor Jacomo Bairos in a program that highlights the vibrant music of Cuba, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Current music director

of the Amarillo Symphony and artistic director of Miami's forward-thinking Nu Deco Ensemble, the charismatic Bairos returns to the Houston Symphony to lead the orchestra through a colorful, multicultural program with a special emphasis on the music of Cuba. In addition to Gershwin's popular Cuban Overture, the concert also features several delightful, dance-inspired works by Ernesto Lecuona, one of Cuba's most important composers in the first half

of the 20th century.
The concert also marks Laguna's Houston Symphony debut. One of Mexico's most promising young sopranos, Laguna recently wowed a Houston audience with her performance at Houston Grand Opera's Concert of Arias in Februarv, winning the Ana María Martinez Encouragement Award. She is now a new member of the Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist De-velopment Program, one of the world's most presti-gious training grounds for young singers. With the Houston Symphony, she performs works that show-case her gorgeous voice, including "¿Que te importa que no venga?" from the Spanish Zarzuela Los Claveles and "Despuis le jour" from Charpentier's Louise, a classic soprano showpiece.

Fiesta Sinfónica takes place at the Houston Symphony Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana Street, in Houston's The-ater District. For tickets and information, please call 713.224.7575 or visit houstonsymphony.org. Tickets are available at the Houston Symphony Patron Services Center in Jones Hall (Monday–Saturday, 12–6 p.m.). All programs and artists are subject to

change. Fiesta Sinfonica is made possible through the support of Chevron and United Airlines, the Hous-ton Symphony's official airline. Additional support provided by Univision 45 and Amor 106.5FM, our Hispanic media partner.









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Social Security Matters

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

Ask Rusty – Confused About Survivor Benefits

Dear Rusty: My husband passed away in 2013 just a few days short of his 63rd birthday. I was 56 at the time and when I went into the Social Security office to notify them of his death I was told I would be able to get a partial draw when I turned 60. Two years after that I was told that I would never draw anything from his account as the rules had been changed, and since he had never drawn Social Security that his benefits were eliminated. I am 62 and intend to keep working but any information you have might be helpful. Signed: Confused

Dear Confused Survivor: You've certain-

ly been given some conflicting information, so I'll try to clarify. If your husband had accumulated enough quarter credits to be eligible for Social Security, you are eligible for a survivor benefit even if your husband was not yet collecting Social Security (SS) benefits when he passed. To be eligible for SS, your husband would have needed to work for about 10 years for an employer which participated in Social Security program (meaning, both your husband and his employ er paid SS FICA payroll Most U.S. employers participate in the Social Security program. However, if your husband worked his entire career as an employee of a state or local government which does not participate in SS, or if he government under their "CSRS" program, or if he worked for any other entity which didn't participate in Social Security, he may not have had enough SS credits to be eligible. But if he contributed to Social Security for at least 10 years and had at least 40 credits (can earn 4 per year) then he would have been eligible for SS, and you would be eligible for a survivor benefit from his

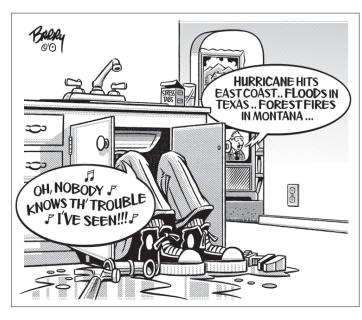
The rules haven't changed for any of this. If your husband was at least eligible for SS (not necessarily collecting), you became eligible for a survivor benefit at age 60 although it would have been reduced by about 28.5% from what you would get at your full

retirement age (FRA). You are still eligible for the survivor benefit but, if you take it now at age 62, it will still be reduced for claiming before your FRA, and since you are still working you'll also be subject to Social Security's earnings limit (\$17,640 for 2019). If you exceed the earnings limit, SS will withhold from future benefits \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, which would mean you wouldn't get benefits for some months until they recover what is due. If your current earnings are high, it may not be prudent to claim early SS benefits even if you're entitled to them. The earnings limit changes annually, is considerably $higher \, (by \, 2.5 \ times) \ in$ the year you reach your FRA and goes away once your reach your full retirement age.

For your awareness,

the survivor benefit reaches the maximum amount when you reach your full retirement age (but is reduced if you claim it earlier). You have the option to restrict your claim to survivor benefits only, and you may want to do this if your own SS benefit from your lifetime earnings record will be more at age 70 than your survivor benefit will be at your FRA. Your goal should be to collect the highest benefit possible for the rest of your life. If you so choose, you can collect your survivor benefit first and delay your own SS benefit past your full retirement age, which would allow you to earn delayed retirement credits on your own benefit. That will increase it by 8% per year of delay, up to age 70 when your maximum Social Security retirement benefit will be reached, and at that time you would switch to the higher benefit.

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Report details progress in school safety

AUSTIN - The Texas School Safety Update, a report highlighting progress made to keep stu-dents and teachers safe at school, was released by Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 27. The report gives Texans an update on efforts by the governor's office, the Legislature and state agencies toward implementing recommenda-tions made in the School Safety Action Plan re leased on May 30, 2018 and the subsequent update in August 2018.

The first indication of progress listed in the report is that the state's "Mental Health First Aid" program saw a 37-percent increase in the number of public school district employees and school resource officers trained in fiscal year 2018 compared to fiscal year 2017, and more than 10,000 school personnel were trained in fiscal year 2019, which ended Aug. 31.

"Because the safety of our students in Texas classrooms today is a top priority, I made school safety an emergency item in the 86th Legislative Session - and state leaders took substantial steps to deliver on this priority, Abbott said. "I am grateful for the bi-partisan efforts of legislators that led to significant improvements in enhancing the safety of Texas schools, expanding students' access to mental health resources, and increasing support for teachers facing classroom challenges. As we look to the possibilities that a new school year may bring, school administrators, parents, teachers and lawmakers must continue the conversation on school safety and continue to make the effort to keep our students safe in an affirming environment that strives for excellence and growth," the governor

Among other areas of progress listed in the re-

1. Since August 2018, the Texas State School Safety Center (TxSSC)

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



has held seven threat assessment workshops with 425 participants, and will

host seven more work-

shops this August; 2. The 2020-21 state budget provides \$5 million to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center for the Telemedicine Intervention Triage and Referral Project, a model for identifying students at risk for committing school violence and intervening with those students before

acts of violence occur; and 3. Senate Bill 11, which took effect June 6, provides districts with \$100 million in funding for school-based mental health centers, the hiring of counselors and other mental health needs, and provides \$99 million in funding for the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Furthermore, the passage of SB 11, along with HB 1 and SB 500, makes available some \$339 million in school safety funding for various agencies and entities, including the Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Education Agency, Texas State University and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

AG JOINS IN COURT BRIEF

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Aug. 23 co-signed a friend-of-thecourt civil rights-related brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court. Paxton and the attorneys general of 13 other states, and one governor, urge the high court to overturn lower court cases that the coalition says would expand provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that prohibit discrimination based on a person's sex to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

DPS CALLS FOR EX-

TRA CAUTION

As schools reopened across Texas and classrooms filled, the Texas Department of Public Safety put out a reminder that drivers need to slow down in school zones

DPS urged drivers to be extra careful around school buses, to follow all traffic laws, and to stay alert around schools and the surrounding areas where children may be

walking and playing.
DPS troopers "won't tolerate reckless driving that puts children in harm's way," said the agency's director Steve McCraw If a school bus has alternating flashing red signals visible from the front or rear, drivers must stop before reaching the bus. Drivers can only proceed if the flashing lights are no long-er activated; the driver signals you to proceed; or the bus has resumed driv-

Approaching drivers do school bus that is operating a visual signal if the roadway is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space.

Many new laws take effect Some 820 bills that passed during the regular session of 86th Texas Legislature that ended May 27 took effect Sept. 1. A complete listing of those bills, including links to their text, analyses, fiscal notes and witness lists can be found under the "Reports" ta capitol.texas.gov. tab at





- * It was infamous French statesman and military leader Napoleon Bonaparte who made the following sage observation: "In politics, absurdity is not a handicap.'
- * It may be hard to believe, but there is an official competition to see who can sit in a sauna for the longest period of time. The World Sauna Championships have taken place in Heinola, Finland, annually since 1999. The starting temperature is 110 F, and a liter of water is poured on the stove every 30 seconds. The winner is the last person who is able to leave the sauna without assistance. Competitors participate at their own risk, and they are required to sign a waiver agreeing not to take legal action against the event
- * The ubiquitous summertime flip-flop sandals are known in Australia as pluggers. are called slops in South Africa and slippers in Hawaii, and New Zealanders call them jandals.
- * Evidently, it's not just humans who associate a deeper voice with maturity (and desirability) in males It seems that male owls try to appear more macho and attract females by lowering the tone of their hoots.
- * Those who keep track of such things say that about 15 percent of all Google searches are new -- that is, they have never been searched before on Google.
- \ast You might be surprised to learn that Jane Austen's novel "Pride and Prejudice" was originally titled 'First Impressions
- * In 2006, an Illinois police officer was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. This probably would not be noteworthy, except that it was the same police officer who received an award for making the most DUI arrests in his county.
- ***Thought for theDay: "Be not too hasty to trust or admire the teachers of morality; they discourse like angels but they live like men

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ENTERTAINMENT SPORTS

Texans believe they have Watson's blind side covered: Cougars look for improvement from defense when they take on WSU

So the Texans finally have Deshaun Watson's blind side covered and it didn't come

Pseudo GM and full-time head coach Bill O'Brien traded two first round picks to Miami to acquire left tackle Laremy Tunsil, considered one of the best young left tackles in the NFL, and upgraded the wide receiver position by also landing speedy WR Kenny Stills, but that wasn't the only move O'Brien made the Saturday before Labor Day.

The Texans traded defensive end Jadeveon Clowney to Seattle for two reserve linebackers and a third-round pick in the 2020 draft. Talk about a fleece job! You trade your second-best defensive player for two reserves and a third-round pick? Seattle's front office probably had to keep from laughing when O'Brien offered Clowney and received little in return.

Acquiring Tunsil was a coup for the Texans and their head coach. They have him for two years and surely will try to sign him to a long-term deal with hopes the big tackle from Mississippi is around for many years to come to protect the , Texan's most important plaver in Watson.

Tunsil makes his home debut on Sunday, Sept. 15 when the Jacksonville Jaguars and the sack-happy defense come calling at NRG Stadium on Sunday. The Jags are coming off a disappointing season, but still have one of the best defenses in the NFL. I'm sure Watson is happy with the addition and perhaps won't suffer 62 sacks as he did a year ago.

In other key NFL games this weekend, the Packers host Minnesota, which will be Green Bay's second straight NFC North division game (Green Bay opened the season at Chicago last Thursday night), while Clowney and his new teammates travel to Pittsburgh to take on the Steelers and their revamped offense. The Cowboys play their first road game when they travel to Washington to take on the Redskins and will have the services of running back Ezekiel Elliott, who missed all of training camp and preseason games seeking a new contract that made him the highest paid running back in the league.

It looks like we have another good one on Sunday Night Football as the Eagles will visit the Falcons in what could be a high-scoring affair.

It's another so-so week on the college schedule, but the national spotlight will be on the Bayou City on Friday night when Dana Holgorson's University of Houston's Cougars host Mike Leach's Washington State Cougars at NRG Stadium. UH fans had better hope the defense plays better than it did against Oklahoma two weeks ago in the season opener. The Sooners ran over and passed over (OU accounted for more than 700 yards of total offense) UH nroute to a 49-31 pasting of Holgorson's team.

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review Week 1's season with a 9-3 posting (75%) Now, onto this week's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower vs. Strake Jesuit - Eric Jackson's Eagles host Strake Jesuit on Thursday night at Thorne Stadium. The Eagles opened the season two weeks ago and suffered a 32-9 loss to Fort Bend Marshall, a ago and played in the Class 5A state title game. Jesuit won its opener over St. Thomas, 28-17 In the loss to Marshall. Eisenhower quarterback Christian Sims connected on a 19-yard touchdown. My pick,

Aldine at Sam Houston Hank Semler's Mustangs had a rough start to the season dropping a 55-6 decision to Cv-Falls. Aldine visits Sam Houston on Friday night at Cowart Stadium. In the loss to Cy-Falls quarterback Johnny Toups threw for 120 yards and one touchdown, while Draylon Haynes caught three passes for 58 yards and one touchdown. Running

back Elijah Teamer accounted for 73 rushing yards. My pick, Aldine 23, Sam Houston 17

Nimitz vs. Mayde Creek -Richard Slater's Cougars opened the season with a 21-17 win over Channelview two weeks ago and will host Mayde Creek on Friday night at Thorne Stadium. In the win over Channelview, running back Jayvon Davis rushed for 115 yards and scored all three of Nimitz's touchdowns. Slater will be looking for another big night on the ground from Davis as the Cougars look to go into their bye week with a bit of momentum. My pick, Nimitz 30, Mayde Creed

MacArthur vs. Bellaire -Wayne Crawford's Generals opened the season on a high note two weeks ago with a 20-7 victory over Klein Forest. They host a Bellaire team on Saturday night at Thorne Stadium that dropped a 56-35 decision to Beaumont Westbrook in their season opener. In the victory over Klein Forest, quarterback Julian Alvarez threw for 166 yards and two scores, while wide receiver Armando Ordenana caught five passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Fellow wide out Taylor Eaton also caught a touchdown pass. My pick, MacArthur 26, Bellaire 23

Davis at Westbury - Scott Joseph's Falcons suffered a hard-fought 31-24 loss to College Park in their season opener and as Joseph's first game as Davis' head coach. They face a Westbury team that was dismantled by Baytown Lee, 52-0. In the loss to College Park, quarterback Jah'Rell Stevens scored a touchdown and running back Damarcus Barlow threw an 82-yard touchdown pass to Isiah Harrell. Look for the Falcons to get it going on offense on Saturday night in Thorne Stadium against Westbury. My pick, Davis 36, Westbury 10



NCAA

Washington State at Houston – Leach brings his high-scoring Washington State Cougars to NRG Stadium to face Holgorson's Houston Cougars in what could turn into an offensive shootout. Washington State blasted New Mexico State 58-7 in their season opener two weeks ago, as Leach appears to have another talented signal caller to run his wide-open offensive attack. Anthony Gordon had an impressive debut throwing for 420 yards and five opening route. UH guarterback D'Eriq King had a rough go of it against Oklahoma as he rushed for 103 yards and passed for 167 yards and two touchdowns. Houston must get better on defense or it could be another long night for Holgorson's crew Something tells me the UH coaching staff makes the proper adjustments on defense to turn things around and help the Coogs earn a nice early-season victory. My pick, Houston 36,

Washington State 33 Alabama at South Carolina - Nick Saban's Crimson Tide open SEC play with a road game at South Carolina. Two weeks ago, Alabama struggled early against Duke in Atlanta, but quarterback Tua Tagavolia (336 passing yards, 4 TDs) got the Tide rolling in the second half en route to a 42-3 pasting of the Blue Devils. The defense played solid and that could be bad news for the Gamecocks, who lost their starting quarterback Jake Bentley in their season-opening

loss to Mack Brown and North Carolina. SC will start a true freshman in Ryan Hilinski against the 'Bama defense and you know that unit can't wait to introduce him to SEC play. This one could get ugly early. My pick, Alabama 41, South Carolina 13

Jacksonville at Houston -The Texans host Jacksonville in their home opener after taking on the Saints in New Orleans on Monday Night Football to start off their season. I'm sure Watson (4,165 passing yards, 26 TDs in 2018) is happy to have Tunsil protecting his blind side, especially having to contend with the likes of defensive end Calais Campbell and rookie Josh Allen rushing off the edge. Watson and wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (115 receptions, 1,572 yards, 11 TDs in 2018) will also face one of

the better corners in the game in the Jags' Jalen Ramsey. Hopkins gets doubled, look for Stills to have a big day as well as running back Duke Johnson getting looks in the passing game out of the backfield. Jacksonville has a new quarterback in Nick Foles (1,413 yards passing, 7 TDs as a reserve in Philadelphia last year) torched the Houston secondary for 471 yards and four touchdowns in the Eagles 32-30 win last year. Look for J.J. Watt and Co. to get after Foles early with hopes of forcing a turnover or two out the former Super Bowl

MVP, My pick, Houston 26

key NFC North divisional game for both teams as the Packers and their new head coach Matt LeFleur made their home debut against the Vikings. Assuming Green Bay lost its opener at Chicago in Week 1, the last thing Aaron Rodgers (4,442 yards passing, 25 TDs in 2018) and the Packers want it to pick up a second straight division loss to start out the season. Rodgers and wide receiver Davante Adams (111 receptions, 1,386 yards, 13 TDs) and the rest of the GB offense will face a tough Minnesota defense, while the offense will be led by quarterback Kirk Cousins (4,298 passing yards, 30 TDs in 2018) and two solid wide receivers in Adam Thielen (113 receptions, 1,373 yards, 9 TDs) and Stefon Diggs (102 receptions, 1,021 yards, 9 TDs) and a healthy running back in Dalvin Cooks (615 rushing yards, 2 TDs in 2018). I think the Packers' revamped defense steps up to the task and makes a key play or two late to allow Rodgers and the Packers to eek out an important early-season win. My pick, Green Bay 26, Minnesota

Minnesota at Green Bay - A

Seattle at Pittsburgh - The Seahawks and Clowney hit the road for the first time this season to face Ben Rothlisberger (5,192 passing yards, 34 TDs in 2018) and the Steelers in Pittsburgh's home opener. Clowney will definitely be a huge addition to a Seattle defense that played much better than people thought it would in 2018. Now they have a serious force rushing off the edge, which means Big Ben had better have his head on a swivel on Sunday afternoon. The Steelers' QB has a host of weapons to turn too to slow down the Seattle pass rush. namely running back James Conner (973 rushing yards, 13 total TDs in 2018) and big-play

Schuster (111 receptions, 1,426 receiving yards, 7 TDs). Look for second-year wide out James Washington and his blazing speed to be a difference maker in this one as the Steelers send their fans home happy with a victory. My pick, Pittsburgh 30,

Dallas at Washington - With Elliott back in the fold, look for the Cowboys to cruise in this one. Quarterback Dak Prescott (3,885 passing yards, 22 TDs in 2018) will benefit from Elliott's return, as will the passing game and deep threat Amari Cooper. Center Travis Frederick is back after missing all of 2018 with a serious illness and with him anchoring the line, the Cowboys should have little trouble running the football in this game. Dallas has struggled in the past playing at Washington, but the Redskins appear to be a team that could struggle this year. Dallas needs to jump on Washington early and take the fight out of them. Look for the Dallas defense to harass Case Keenum early and try to force a turnover or two to flip the field in Dallas' favor. My pick, Dallas 27, Washington 15

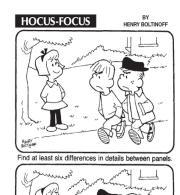
Philadelphia at Atlanta -This should be an entertaining game for the Sunday Night crew and viewers. Carson Wentz (3,074 passing yards, 21 TDs in 2018) brings a loaded offense into Atlanta to face an equally loaded Falcons offense led by quarterback Matt Ryan (4,924 passing yards, 35 TDs), wide receiver Julio Jones (113 receptions, 8 TDs) and the return of running back DeVonta Freeman. Freeman missed a majority of last season with a leg injury and his return should be a big boost to Ryan and the offense. This could turn into a high-scoring game, but look for Ryan to be the difference maker down the stretch as the Falcons pick up an important earlyseason victory. My pick, Atlanta 31, Philadelphia 30

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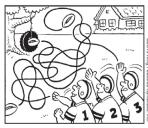


Even Exchange by Donna Pettman Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters 1. He loves me flower Every 24 hours 2. "Beat it!" Fragment of paper Ginger or pepper 5. Herd of sheep 6. Texas capital __ _ _ I __ Novelist Jane Lawn cutter Might __ _ _ A Tiber and Danube 9. Splotch Cuss

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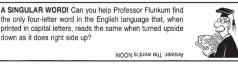


3. Different boy is wearing cap. 4. Bushes have bee added. 5. Girl's bow is gone. 5. Side window is gone



10. Cigar shaped

THE STARTING QUARTERBACK was through the practice tire. Who was it?



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Answers: (Across): Ban, one, ate, red. (Down): Boar, ante, need.



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In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into anothe series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our exam-ple, we changed CAPE to HERO in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

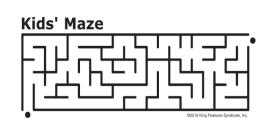
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- 4. NOSH to DINE 5. FADE to OUTS
- S. FADE, FATE, FATS, OATS, OUTS. TI BIRD, BARD, HARD, HARK, HAWK, T. BIRD, BARD, HARD, HELL.
 3. PONT, BOAT, BEAT, BELT, WELL.
 4. NOSE, NONE, DONE, DINE.
 5. EARE, EARE, ACTE ONLE, DINE.



It needed to recharge its batteries Why did the robot go on a summer vacation?

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LIFESTYLE

by Matilda Charles

Online Lotharios' Only Love Is Money

Think you're immune from getting scammed in an online romance? Think

Authorities recently charged 80 people with running scams around the world designed to defraud women of money. Only 17 of those crooks have actually been arrested as authorities try to hunt down the rest -- no easy feat when it comes to dealing with other countries.

In one scam, a Japanese woman fell for a man she believed was a U.S. soldier

in Syria. She hooked up with him through an online pen pal site. In reality, he was in Los Angeles and was part of a whole crew of thieves. In less than a year she sent him \$200,000 -- money she had to borrow.

There were quite a few warning signs she didn't acknowledge. She and her new love never talked on the phone, and he wanted her to do some business for him. In this case, it was to manage a shipment of diamonds he claimed to have found. Meanwhile, as the scam progressed, he kept asking her for more and more money.

One problem is that these investigations take so long. The one above started in 2016. You can't start an online relation-ship and two weeks later decide to check the news to see if there is a current investigation or string of arrests. It might take years, and meanwhile you're in danger of losing your mon-

Some things to think about: These online scammers are experts at what they do. They follow cleverly written scripts when they woo women. They look for your weak points. If you send someone money, understand that you'll never see it again.
If anyone asks you to

send money, make a report to the authorities. Yours might be the clues the police need.

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by Freddy Groves

Veterans Legacy Memorial

The National Cemetery Administration is launching an online memorial site to honor the 3.7 million veterans who are interred in Department of Veterans Affairs national cemeteries. Each veteran will have his or her own page on The Veterans Legacy Memorial site.

For now, each veteran's information will have certain basic details, such as where they are buried and in which branch they served. As time goes on, we (family and fellow veterans) will be able to add photos and text to our vet-

eran's memorial page. Not all locations of veteran burials will be included, however. Arlington National Cemetery, for example, has its own website www.arlingtoncemetery.mil). It suggests you download the new app, ANC Explor-er, and do your search on your phone. If you're at your computer, put "find a grave" in the search box. You'll end up at a Find a Gravesite page for Arlington. Put in the veteran's name and other information; you don't need to fill in all the blanks. You'll be

shown a Google map with the grave's location. Click

on the star to see a photo of the headstone.

The ANC Explorer app on your phone would come in handy addition if you're visiting Arlington. It will highlight points of interest, send you on self-guid-ed tours and show front and back photos of headstones. Find it on the App Store or Google Play.

If you have questions about the Veterans Legacy Memorial, go online to www.vlm.cem.va.gov/faq/ and scroll down the questions. Check for links to other databases covering veterans interred in private cemeteries and oth-

Don't worry if you can't find your veteran -- the project is just getting started. At this point I was able to find only my grand-

My opinion? They announced this project too early. A better grave loca-tor is the old one: gravelocator.cem.va.gov/ index.html

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Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$1,421,423
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This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,518,552,930
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.0314/\$100
x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.0339/\$100
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If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax ate of \$0.0314 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$39,026

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the cal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation. Type of Property Tax Fund Balance

Schedule B - 2019 Debt Services

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. lese amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable)

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes 0	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes O	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Paymen
			0	0
Total required for 2019	debt Services			\$0
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1 Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?

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3. From Numbers 12, why was Miriam shut out of camp for

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A PSALM 90:17 ■

seven days? Ungodly act,

Leprous, Fasting, Lent 4. Who took David in as his own after the slaving of Goliath? Jonathan, Solomon, Saul,

5 From Mark 10:27, Jesus said, "For with God all things are ." Righteous, Forthcoming, Pure, Possible

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Workers at Tilco Machine Works in Aldine

In an effort to help both students and entrepreneurs in the East Aldine district, Baker Ripley opened their fabrication lab in 2018, thanks to the Chevron Fab Lab grant program. With fabrication tools, prototyping machines, and services such as business plan writing

university students, and anyone in the community now has access to STEM materials and resources to help further their ideas

and small businesses.
"This is going to be the crown jewel of the district," says Silva. He notes that the opening of the Lone Star campus provides an opportunity for building partnerships with his busi

ness, and other businesses in East Aldine. "We are the community at the doorstep of Houston, just south of IAH. We can change the narrative of the area, and it's starting to happen. We no longer have to wait; things are happening now.

Tilco Machine Works is lcoated at 2402 Sandydale

LSC - East Aldine campus,

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School District, BakerRipley East Aldine Campus and East Aldine Management District.

What: Lone Star College-East Aldine Center Building Dedication and

Who: Lone Star College Representatives, Elected Officials, Community Leaders

Where: Lone Star College-East Aldine Center, 2430 Aldine Mail Route Road, Houston, TX 77039 When: 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, 2019

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 99,000 students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D.,

Article by Joe Lengfellner

serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area with an annual economic impact of nearly \$3 billion. LSC consists of six colleges, 10 centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit

this application, but Con-

gresswoman Lee wants it

held in the Acres Homes

neighborhood so residents

can voice their opinions.

Grandparents Day in Aldine,

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cial workers, and was folowed by a Q&A time.

The adult Roundtable included State Representative Senfronia Thompson, Family Court Judge Graves-Har-Angela rington, Attorney Damiane Curvey Banieh, and Baylor Teen Health Clinician Rosa Acosta. PILGRIM PLACE

Under the direction of Coco Martinez, a full day of activities for senior citizens included family visits with young and old, games and refreshments with family and friends.

Tents were set up as

protection from the heat which came with a beautiful sunny day. Most of the residents of the Senior Center were able to participate. Children had a huge inflateable water slide as part of the fun of the day.
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The church hosted a Mammogram screening on Saturday, and a Health Fair on Sunday, with many hundreds participating. Mammograms were free. and had a steady line of

woman patients. The Health Fair on Sunday include free HIV testing, a Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center blood drive, free Flu Vaccine shots. There was also a job fair b Cypress Fairbanks ISD, recruiting bus drivers or attendents.

The busy week also continued with an environmental hearing on Monday night, to discuss and oppose the proposed Con-crete Batch plant in the Aldine-Bender area. The hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the BakerRipley Center. State Representative Armando Walle

is leading the meeting.
There is also a dedication of the new Lone Star East Aldine Campus on Friday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Classes and sign-ups are now underway at the building on Aldine Mail



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT CAMPBELL CENTER: State Senator Senfronia Thompson was a featured speaker at the roundtables, Shirley Reed was the organizer of the annual event for the 16th year.



AT CAMPBELL CENTER, hundreds of families visited information booths such as this, and then participated in roundtable discussions of raising families



for the day, who visited with their families and friends in a sunny, pleasant outdoor setting under tents. Here, the Salas family gathers with their matriarch of the family for a great day together.

Concrete Plant,

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aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.'

The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit are available for view ing and copying at TCEQ offices and the Aldine Branch Library on Airline Drive.

In a related matter, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee has sent a letter to TCEQ about another proposed cement plant, to be built in the Acres Homes area, not far from Aldine. She has asked the agency for a public hearing on the plant proposed at 3411 DeSoto Street in Acres Homes.

In her letter to TCEQ, she states "I share the con cerns of Acres Homes residents about the significant adverse health effects this plant could have on neighborhood residents. Cement manufacturing plants, like the kind proposed for DeSoto Street, produce fine particulates that can be aspirated into the upper respiratory system and can invade the lower respiratory system, triggering asthma and obstructive pulmonary disease respiratory distress. Moreover, a study published in the European Respiratory Journal in 2011 identified a link between dust generated during cement manufacturing and inflammation of existing lung disorders and a contributing factor in the development of lung disor-

The TCEQ has scheduled a meeting on Oct. 9 for

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