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## **NEWS** NOTES

## North Houston American LL

Sign-Up for Baseball/ Softball. Fall Registration going-on, please contact Elizabeth Dollar at 832-731-4518 or for Spanish Alex Aguilar at 832-716-1882 or Vilma Pruneda at 281-536 4062 to register.

## **Storm Water** meeting Little York & Hopper

Community engage-ment 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.

This stormwater detention basin improve ment project will be approved by Harris County voters on August 25,

#### **East Aldine** Flooding **Futures**

Community Event, October 5, 2019. Panel event featuring East Aldine community members, leaders and organizers, Rice University researchers and public officials in a conversation. Environmental Justice and Social Equity in the face of increased flooding. At MacArthur High School, 10 am - 2 pm, lunch is provided. Questions? Please call Jolen Martinez at 241-794-8230.

## October Art Fest

Art Exhibit, October 10, 2019 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at North East Community Center. 10918 Bentley St. Houston, Texas 77093.

# Community voices concern about Concrete Plant at TCEQ Hearing

turned out in large numbers last Monday night, to voice their concerns over a concrete batch plant that is proposed for a site at 914 Pinafore Lane, near East  $Hardy\ frontage\ road.$ 

The meeting was an official hearing by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and run by their facilitator, Diana Avalos. The meeting was held at BakerRipley, and lasted over an hour.

Opening comments were made by the facilitator, and State Representative Armando Walle, Walle said that although he



State Representative Armando Walle gave welcoming remarks, and set the tone for a constructive, informative meeting. At left are two representatives of the Rocket Materials LLC company wanting to build the concrete batch plant at right are two reviewers from the TCEQ, and the TCEQ facilitator Diana Avalos stands

nesses, that a concrete plant emits particulate materials into the air, and has heavy truck traffic on the surrounding roads.

The comments started out with questions and answers, but as the meeting continued the residents became more expressive of their concerns and displeasure that the company wanted to locate in Aldine.

Steve Adame spoke about the dangers of heavy, slow moving trucks

> See Concrete Plant, Page 8

#### \$3.5 Billion Bond on November Ballot **METRO**

the Future, a political action committee formed to pass the METRO Proposition on the November 2019 ballot, launched its campaign today. Carrin Patman, chair of

the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), said:
"The METRO Proposi-

tion is a bold new plan for sustainable transit solutions that will provide more transportation choices for more people, coneducation and healthcare -



METROnext includes a new type of vehicle, a BRT (Bus such as this artist's view of a development on Post

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The METRO Proposition provides funding to implement the  $\boldsymbol{METRON}\text{-}$ ext Moving Forward Plan, which increases high-ca-pacity rapid transit servic-

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-Improving service on 260 miles of bus routes

-Creating new Metro Rapid high-speed bus lines which have many of the same advantages as rail The funds would be pro-

vided by the sale of up to \$3.5 billion in bonds over 20 years with no new tax-

See Metro Bond, Page 8

## Walle appointed to state School safety committee

Speaker Bonnen Appoints 13 Members to House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and **Community Safety** 

AUSTIN, Texas - Speaker Dennis Bonnen today appointed 13 members of the Texas House of Representatives to serve on the newly-formed Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety. The House Select Committee was formed in response to the recent



ragedies in El Paso. Midland, and Odessa, and will be tasked with studying and recommending effective legislative solutions and other measures to help prevent mass violence and improve com-

munity safety in Texas. "Words alone will not deliver the bold solutions Texas needs in order to defeat the violence that has become far too commonplace in our state," said Speaker Bonnen. "The Texas House is putting words into action by forming this committee, and

See WALLE on page 8

## Castlewood hears plans for flood mitigation

Harris County Flood Control District and the Harris County Engineering Department have partnered to implement some of the flood control projects included in last year's \$2.5 Billion bond program.

As part of the process they held an informational meeting with the Castlewood Civic Club last Tuesday, September 10th. The meeting at the offices of the East Aldine District were at full capacity, as resi-



A FULL HOUSE of Castlewood Residents attended the Flood District's meeting last Tuesday, held at the offices of the East Aldine District

See Castlewood Flood Plan, Page 8

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#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY & NEWS

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

# Grandparents Day

## 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-

## **Explorer Post** at HCEC

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

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

#### **Events at Buckner** (formerly Aldine Youth)

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By Valonia Walker

Several Aldine ISD schools celebrated Grandparents Day on Friday, Sept. 6. Grandparents were invited to campuses across the district to spend time with their grandchildren, during their special day of recognition. Grandparents Day was originally recognized by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Grandparents Day is celebrated each year on the Sunday after Labor Day. Aldine ISD would like to recognize grandparents for the strength, love and guidance they provide to our students. National Grandparents Day will be celebrated around the world on Sunday, Sept. 8. Check out some of our campus celebrations in the photo gallery below.





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## AISD Schools Celebrate District Receives \$1.35 Million for School Improvement Initiatives

Funding will increase options for families and students who attend great schools

By Leticia Fehling

Aldine ISD recently received \$1.35 million for school improvement initiatives that will dramatically improve schools. create more options for families, and ensure that more students attend great schools.

School Action Fund (SAF) grants, funded by TEA provide districts, including Aldine ISD, with funds to develop transformative programs that will improve the quality of education for students who attend schools that have historically struggled. TEA and Aldine ISD are committed to relentlessly focusing on improving low-performing schools through the implementation of transformative actions that create more choices and opportunities for students.
"This opportunity from

the state means Aldine ISD will have fewer C, D, and F schools and more A and B schools," said Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. "We want every child in Aldine to be in a great school, and these funds are part of our vision for A New Way Forward at Aldine ISD."

Aldine ISD has already seen significant improvements. Last year, the district had one campus that would have been rated an "A." This year, AISD has



Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney (second from right, standing) visits with students at Goodman Elementary School. Under her leadership, the district moved from a "C" rating to a "B." Goffney's new fiveyear strategic plan lays the foundation to ensure students have access to high-quality schools.

four "A" schools that received those high marks. Additionally, Aldine ISD now has 4,435 fewer students learning in D and F schools. And that is not all. With the district's 2018-2019 scores, the Aldine ISD moved from a "C" to a "B." These funds are additional supports to help meet Aldine's goals in A New Way Forward.

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney; and the Office of Transformation, is taking bold action to create opportunities to ensure all students have access to high-quality

The System of Great Schools framework, in the district's new five-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward, is the unifying

theory of action that knits together our priorities with these bold actions. This framework will serve as the district's foundation to increase the number of top-rated schools. SAF Funds Will Help

AISD:

• Dramatically improve student achievement

 Implement social and emotional learning to maximize student engagement;

 Develop strong leaders throughout Aldine ISD; Strategically organize resources to accelerate stu-

dent outcomes; and •Build stronger commu-nications and outreach ef-

To learn more about school actions, please visit the Center for School Ac-

## District Sets Dates for Fall 2019 Open House Nights grade level. This practice

By Leticia Fehling

School Open House Night helps parents to stay informed about their children's progress. The event also allows parents and teachers to continue to strengthen communication to ensure students have positive school experiences.

Open House Night is also an excellent opportunity to see everything in action. Parents will get an overview of school culture, teachers, curriculum, and unique programs.

Fall Open House Nights by Date

Please call your child's school for specific times or visit the campus website for information aldineisd.org

- September 24: Early Childhood/Prekindergarten/Kindergarten Schools - September 30: Ninth Grade Schools

October 1: Elementa-

ry Schools - October 2: High

Schools October 9: Middle

Schools What Parents Can Do

to Prepare for Your Child's School Open

House To make the most of open house night, talk to your children before the event and do a little research. Read any information sent home before the event.

At Open House Night, there is little time for a lengthy conversation. Read school policies and procedures beforehand if you have questions about these. Parents can find them posted online.

Review the state standards for your child's

will give you an idea of what academics your child's grade level is studying. If you have difficulty finding the standards, call the school or schedule a parent-teacher conference.

View curricula before the event. These are the adopted reading materials, activities, and items used to teach students. Some may be available online to view. If not, contact the campus or your child's teacher to schedule a time to go over the curricula.

Due to limited time at Open House Night, focus on big-picture questions or general issues. Save individual student needs (i.e., academics, behavior) for a parent-teacher conference.

Topics to Discuss at School Open House

- Find out your child's schedule (i.e., lunch, re-

- Learn how to best contact the teacher.

- Update your contact

- Ask about volunteer opportunities at the

- Learn about classroom expectations. - Learn how to support

your child's learning at home. - Find out about home-

work expectations.

- Ask about special upcoming events.

Questions Not to Ask at Open House It's important to re-

member that your child's teacher wants to cover a lot of information with all the parents. The teacher will have a short amount. of time while still having a few moments to answer questions. This event is

not a time to discuss your child's individual needs. If you have concerns over your child's academic progress or classroom behavior, write an email to the teacher or send a letter in your child's folder. You can also call to schedule a parent-teacher con-

To ensure you have a productive parent-teacher conference, prepare questions beforehand. Collect samples of your child's work. Parentteacher conferences should center on three major topics: the child, the classroom, and the future. Remember to take notes. And do schedule an immediate follow-up meeting if something is unclear.

Parent-teacher conferences should occur as soon as parents notice a student struggling. Parent-teacher conferences can provide useful insight for immediate and clear next steps. Time is crucial for students' learning and progress. Parents should come out of discus sions with actions they can do to help their children.

Parents can also try to connect with the school guidance counselor. He or she can provide information about the resources the school offers. Possibilities could include gifted testing as well as resources outside of school Call the campus to find the correct personnel.

By working together, every child can have a positive educational experience and make more significant learning

We can't wait to see you at School Open House Nights!

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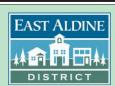
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#### NEWS COMMUNITY

## Houston Symphony opens the 2019-2020 Classical Season

2019) - Houston Sympho ny Music Director Andrés Orozco-Estrada launches the 2019–20 Classical Sea son with an all-Stravinsky program, Stravinsky's Firebird at 8 p.m., Sept. 19 and 21, and 2:30 p.m., Sept. 22 in Jones Hall. The Houston Symphony is livestreaming the Sunday matinee performance of the classical subscription concert—marking its firstever online video broadcast of a concert.

Celebrating his sixth season as Music Director, Orozco-Estrada opens the program with Stravinsky's Scherzo fantastique, an inventive work inspired by the buzzing lifecycle of bees. Renowned for his superb musicianship and the integrity of his playing, violin virtuoso Leonidas Kavakos then takes center stage in Stravinsky's playful and invigorating Violin Concerto.

The concert's zenith comes as Orozco-Estrada leads the orchestra in Stravinsky's full ballet score of the vibrant and fiery orchestral masterpiece, The Firebird. "I wanted to perform the whole thing so that we can enjoy the whole story, even without a ballet, through the colors," Orozco-Estrada told the Houston Chronicle. "It's like painting with music."

Stravinsky's Firebird, part of the Frost Bank Gold Classics series with additional support from the General and Mrs. Maurice Hirsh Memorial Concert Fund, takes place at Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, 615 Louisiana Street, in Houston's The-



Houston Symphony Music Director Andrés Orozco-

ater District. For tickets and information, please call 713.224.7575 or visit houstonsymphony.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Houston Symphony Patron Servic es Center in Jones Hall (Monday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m.). All programs and artists are subject to change.

#### About the Houston Symphony

During the 2019–20 season, the Houston Symphonv celebrates its sixth season with Music Direc-tor Andrés Orozco-Estrada and continues its second century as one of America's leading orchestras with a full complement of concert, community, education, touring, and recording activities. The Houston Symphony, one of the oldest performing arts organizations in Texas, held its in-augural performance at The Majestic Theater in downtown Houston June 21, 1913. Today, with an annual operating budget of \$35.2 million, the full-time ensemble of 88 professional musicians presents nearly 170 concerts annually, making it the largest performing arts organiza-tion in Houston. Additionally, musicians of the orchestra and the Symphony's four Community-Embedded Musicians offer over 1,000 communitybased performances each year at various schools, community centers, hospitals, and churches reaching nearly 200,000 people in Greater Houston annu-

ally.
The Grammy Awardwinning Houston Symphony has recorded under various prestigious labels, including Naxos, Koch In-ternational Classics, Telarc, RCA Red Seal, Virgin Classics and, most recently. Dutch recording label Pentatone. In 2017, the Houston Symphony was awarded an ECHO Klassik award for the live recording of Alban Berg's Wozzeck under the direction of former Music Direc-tor Hans Graf. The orchestra earned its first Grammy nomination and Grammy Award at the 60th annual ceremony for the same recording in the Best Opera Recording cat-

## FBI and law enforcement partner to host #ThinkBefore YouPost PSA contest

By Leticia Fehling

FBI Houston, Crime Stoppers of Houston, and the FBI Houston Citizens Academy Alumni Association have partnered to host a video Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest for Houston-area high school students. The campaign aims at educating the public about the seri-ousness of issuing hoax school threats against a school, or another public place is a serious federal crime. A thoughtless remark on social media can lead to prison. It's not a

Important Dates & Registration Information

A teacher must sponsor high school students who wish to take part. Teams of one to four students must register online by October 2. They must submit a 45-60 second original video by November 15. To register, submit the video, and for more information, visit www.schoolpsa.com.

- Team Registration Opens: September 2, 2019 - Team Registration Deadline: October 2, 2019

- Video Entry and Forms Submission Deadline: November 15, 2019

- Social Media (Likes & Shares) Period: January 6, 2020 – January 31, 2020

Winners Announced: February 28, 2020

Educating the Public The FBI's #ThinkBeforeYouPost campaign aims at ending hoax threats by educating students and parents about the conse-quences of making such threats. Issuing a threat of targeted violence against schools and other public places — through social media, via text message or email — is a crime. The PSA's message should address what students should do if they see or hear about a threat of vio-lence and the consequences, for the public and the perpetrator, of making

such threats.

Prizes
The FBI Houston Citizens Academy Alumni Association (CAAA), and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are sponsoring the prizes. Three winning teams will receive:

- A monetary award for their school

- o 1st Place \$5.000
- o 2nd Place \$2,500 o 3rd Place \$1,500 Astros baseball cap for
- each team member - Four tickets to attend an Astros 2020 game for

each team member (date TBD) - Ride in a 2020 Hous-ton Livestock Show and

Rodeo Silver Guest Grand

Entry (date TBD)

2020 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Silver Guest Badge for each team member

The first-place team will also receive:

- Recognition in a pregame ceremony at an Astros 2020 game (date TBD)
- Television or radio ap-

pearance on a local station

In 2018, there were over 160 hoax threats in Houston that the FBI and law enforcement partners responded to and investigat-ed to determine if there was a threat to public safe-ty. Each one of those is a massive drain on law enforcement resources. To respond to these hoax threats, agencies have to divert critical resources from important criminal investigations to make sure there is no threat to the public. The FBI hopes that the videos created during this PSA contest will educate students that posting a threat is not a

The FBI reminds the public never to post or send any hoax threats online period. If you are a target of an online threat, alert your local law enforcement immediately. If you see a threat of violence posted on social media, immediately contact local law enforcement or your local FBI of-

## Lone Star College recognized as top school for Hispanics

HOUSTON (Sept.10, 2019) – Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine has named Lone Star College as the #1 two-year college in the nation for the number of undergraduate Hispanic students enrolled in 2017.

The monthly publica-tion, which provides education news while maintaining a unique Hispanic perspective, publishes this ranking list each

year.
"Lone Star College is proud of the educational opportunities we provide to all students," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "We appreciate this recognition and remain committed to student success.

Hispanic Outlook on Education noted LSC welcomed more than 27,000 Hispanic students in 2017, representing 37 percent of the total LSC student population. The rankings were determined by the national Integrated Postsecondary Education Data
System, a method of surveys conducted by the National Center for ployees play in helping our Education Statistics. Data for 2017 were the latest Head. available.

In addition to being recognized as a leader in His-



Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine ranked LSC #1 in the nation for the number of Hispanic students enrolled in two-year colleges in 2017.

panic education by Hispanic Outlook, LSC is designated as an Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Educa-tion, a recognition that is given to nonprofit institutes with a full-time undergraduate student

diverse community," said

LSC awarded 8,255 associate degrees and certificates to eligible students

who took part in commencement ceremonies in spring 2019 including 3,262 to Hispanic students. They represented the largest ethnic group of students to earn their degrees and certifications this year.

It's not too late to register for fall classes. In addition to the regular 16-week semester courses, there are 4- to 15-week Late Start class options available. subjects courses and start LoneStar.edu/LateStart.

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## **Investigation into Fatal** Crash at 8800 Mesa Drive

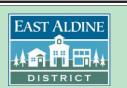
Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred at 8800 Mesa Drive about 6:30 a.m. on

Sept. 9. According to HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant K. Harris and Se-Saenz, the driver of a white Ford Ranger pickup truck was headed north on Mesa when the victim stepped out into the roadway, not in a crosswalk and was struck by the Ford. The victim was transported to Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the Ford, who remained

at the scene and did not show signs of intoxication, was questioned and re-

The identity of the male victim, 61, is pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

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## OPINION PAGE



## Social Security Matters

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

## Ask Rusty – When Will My Earnings Not Hurt My Social Security Benefits?

**Dear Rusty:** I will turn 66 in June of next year. I do not plan to stop working but I do plan on starting to collect my Social Security. How soon can I start to collect without having to give it back because my income is too high? And after I start collecting will I still have to pay into the program with deductions from my current salary, and if I do, will those payments from me help to increase what I will be able to collect from SSA? Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning Ahead: Social Security's earnings limit goes away when you reach your full retirement age (FRA), which for you is 66. So, if you claim Social Security benefits to start in June of next year you do not need to worry about your earnings causing Social Security to take back benefits you'll have reached your full retirement age (FRA) and the earnings limit disappears at your FRA. But, whether you can claim any earlier in the year without it affecting your benefits depends on your earnings level.

Starting next year, because that will be the year you reach your FRA, the usual earnings limit (\$17,640 for 2019) will be about 2.5 times greater, or a little more than this year's limit of \$46,920 for those in their FRA year. So, if you claim benefits to start before June when you reach your FRA, you'll be subject to that higher 2020 annual limit and depending on the month you claim perhaps a monthly limit (the annual limit divided by 12). Exceeding the annual limit will cause Social Security to take back some of your benefits, and If you exceed the monthly limit you won't be entitled to benefits for that month. However, if your income starting next year won't exceed

claim earlier in the year without having benefits withheld. And if you don't start your benefits before June of next year you won't be subject to an earnings limit at all next year, nor for any year thereafter. And just to be sure you're aware, you can apply for Social Security about 3 months before you want your benefits to start - but if you want to start benefits at your FRA just be sure to specify June 2020 as your benefit start month. For clarity, you can get benefits for the full month of June, the month you reach your FRA, regardless of the day of the month you were born.

As to your question

about continuing to pay

those limits you can

into the program, yes, for as long as you continue to work you will need to pay Social Security FICA payroll taxes - everyone who works and earns must pay that tax. But paying Social Security FICA, by itself, doesn't increase your benefit. What may affect your benefit is if your current earnings are more than the inflation-adjusted earnings in any of the 35 years used to compute your benefit when you start Social Security. Each year, Social Security will look at your annual earnings and, if an increase is appropriate because you have more recent higher earnings, they will automatically make that adjustment for

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## Executive orders address deadly mass shootings

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 5 issued eight executive orders in hopes of preventing further mass shootings.

Abbott's orders came days after seven people were killed and 25 injured in multiple shootings by a lone gunman along thoroughfares connecting the cities of Odessa and Midland on Aug. 31. The suspect fired at law enforcement officers and civilians, including while driving a hijacked postal van between the two cities. Law enforcement officers brought the rampage to a halt in an exchange of gunfire resulting in the death of the suspect when the van he was driving had come to a stop after ramming a police vehicle. The suspect, a 36-year-old white male armed with an assault rifle, was identified as Seth Aaron Ator of

Posted online at gov.texas.gov, Abbott's orders enhance reporting requirements and ensure law enforcement and the public have the training, tools and resources to provide and respond to suspicious activity reports, Abbott said. Ordinary citizens' reports of suspicious activities are accepted via phone call to (512) 424-7981 or (866) 786-5972; by fax to (512) 424-7418; or by email to TXFusionCenter@dps.texas.gov.

"Texas must achieve several objectives to better protect our communities and our residents from mass shootings," Abbott said in a news release containing the executive or-"One of those objectives is to marshal law enforcement resources to stop violent criminals before they commit mass murders. But more must be done. I will continue to work expeditiously with the legislature on laws to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals, while safeguarding the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Texans."

The governor's office referred to the executive orders as "a starting point in the process to keep Texas communities safe...to further advance solutions and jumpstart legislative action." In related news, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen last week named select committees to study issues relating to the recent mass shootings and earlier mass shootings in Santa Fe, Sutherland Springs and Dallas.

#### Safety meetings are held

The Lone Star State's first meeting of the newly formed Domestic Terrorism Task Force was held at

the Capitol on Aug. 30. On Aug. 29, the secondever meeting of the Texas

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



Safety Commission was held in El Paso, the city where a suspect wielding an assault-style rifle was arrested on Aug. 3 in a shooting that took the lives of 22 people and injured

In El Paso, Abbott said the purpose of the meeting was "to help the community heal, combat the rise of extremist groups and hateful ideologies, keep guns out of the hands of deranged individuals, and combat domestic terrorism

Following the six-hour meeting in El Paso, Lt. Gov. Patrick told victims in attendance: "When one Texan is attacked all Texans are attacked, no matter your political party, no matter if you are black. brown or white, liberal or conservative. Every one of the 28 million Texans matters, and we stand together against hate, racism, white supremacy and evil as one Texas.'

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## Transportation

plan OK'd The Texas Transportation Commission on Aug. 29 approved a 10-year plan produced by the Texas Department of Transportation that includes more than \$77 billion dedicated to improving safety, addressing congestion and connectivity and preserving roadways for Texas drivers.

Funds are earmarked for the widening of roads and the improvement of median barriers, bridges, guardrails and intersections - including upgraded traffic signals and signage — plus safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

According to the commission, many of the projects in the plan are roadway segments identified on Texas' list of its 100most congested roadways. The projects will be financed through legislative and voter-approved initiatives that allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes and other money to the state highway fund.

## Revenue report is

**posted**The state's fiscal year 2019 ended on Aug. 31 and Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Sept. 4 released totals for fiscal 2019 state revenues, saying "all funds" revenue was \$127.94 billion, up 6.5 percent over fiscal 2018.

Hegar broke down the nearly \$128 billion as fol-

 General revenue-related revenue was \$57.87 billion, up 1.2 percent over fiscal 2018

 Sales tax revenue for fiscal 2019 was \$34.02 billion, up 6.5 percent from fiscal 2018;

 Oil production tax revenue was \$3.89 billion, up 14.6 percent over fiscal 2018;

- Natural gas production tax revenue was \$1.69 billion, up 17.8 percent over fiscal 2018; and

 All funds tax collections were \$59.38 billion, up 6.8 percent over fiscal 2018



#### **COMMISSIONER ELLIS ON:**

Proposal for modest property tax increase for Harris County

(Houston, TX) Facing a revenue cap passed by the State Legislature that goes into effect next year and significantly undermines Harris County's ability to fund essential services and ongoing operations for years to come, Commis-sioners Court, in a 3-2 vote, approved a proposal for a modest property tax rate increase for Harris County. Following two public hearings, the Court will hold a third and final public hearing and officially vote on whether to adopt the proposed rates during its regular meeting on October 8.

The proposed combined rates are for the overall property tax rate for Harris County residents, which has been 62.998 cents per \$100 taxable valuation since 2007. The vote today approved a proposal that could take the overall county rate to 65.260 cents, with the average homeowner seeing a \$37.65 increase on their property tax bill. This increase will help fund health care flood control public safety, infrastructure, libraries, and other vital services essential to the operation of Harris County and help ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all residents.

Regarding the vote, er Ellis released the

following statement: "Sometimes the best policy the hardest

to make. For years now the State Legislature has steadily chipped away at local control and the revenue cap is just another example of the state undermining our ability to govern and fund county operations. Given our growing population and the major challenges we face, Harris County must be able to fund its operations. This proposal is a protective measure against the revenue cap that will impact our ability to vern for years to come

We face many challenges in Harris County. We have the highest rate of uninsured people in the state with over 1 million people without health insurance, making the Harris County Hospital District one of the largest health care providers in the county. For years, the Hospital District has been underfunded and overburdened, and we all pay the price for that. Since 2011, the Hospital District has suffered two separate cuts to its tax rate. The decision today works to restore that rate to fund our health provide the quality of care our growing county deserves.

It's been two weeks since the two-year anniversary of Harvey, and while we are taking on the challenge of flood control with our flood bond program, adequately and equitably protecting every community from flooding remains a major priority for Harris County. The revenue cap will further limit our ability to bring in revenue to support ongoing operations for the Flood Control District that are urgently needed across the county.

Finally, we have to make sure that the county is able to fund the essential services that our residents rely on even in times of disaster or other challenges. Public safety, libraries, and infrastructure are some of our primary responsibilities and we need an economic stability fund to aid the county in meeting those obligations no matter what type of storm we must weather."

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#### ENTERTAINMENT SPORTS

## Texans face another tough road test against Chargers: Notre Dame travels to Georgia to face No. 3 Bulldogs

The Texans put up a valiant fight in their season opener at New Orleans, but suffered a heartbreaking 30-28 loss to the Saints on a last-second 56-yard field goal by Will Lutz. Houston quarterback DeAndre Hopkins looked in midseason form as Watson passed for 268 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another score, while Hopkins hauled in 8 catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns. The (Houston built a 14-3 halftime lead but NO QB Drew Brees, wide receiver Michael Thomas and running back Alvin Kamara heated up in the second half to pull out the

victory.

This Sunday, the Texans travel to Los Angeles to face a Chargers team that defeated Indianapolis 30-24 in overtime. The Chargers are loaded on offense led by quarter-back Phillip Rivers, but their defense appears to be suspect. It could be another big day for Watson, Hopkins and Co., but Houston must improve on defense if they hope to pull off the upset.

Other key games this weekend has the Baltimore Ravens traveling to Kansas City to battle the Chiefs in a matchup of two of the games top young OBs in Baltimore's Lamar Jackson and KC's Patrick Mahomes Jackson had a stellar debut two weeks ago throwing for 324 yards and five touchdowns (two to rookie wide receiver Marquise Brown), in the Ravens 59-10 route of the hapless Dolphins, Mahomes led his team to a 40-26 win at Jacksonville as he threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns. Mahomes might be without one of his biggest weapons as wide receiver Tyreek Hill left the game with a shoulder injury and could miss a number of games.

The Cowboys host the Dolphins in what should be an easy win, while the Browns host the Rams on Sunday Night Football with hopes of a better outcome than they had in the season opener. The Browns, who entered the 2019 season as this year's "IT" team, promptly laid a huge egg at home falling to the Tennessee Titans 43-13 as smack talking quarterback Baker Mayfield was picked off three times, with one returned for a pick six. Maybe it's time for less talk and more action in Cleveland! Just one man's opinion.

The Saints hit the road for the second straight week when they face Seattle after playing at Los Angeles in Week 2. Brees and his ammates are already racking up the frequent flyer miles this season

The college schedule has some interesting matchups as Texas begins Big 12 play hosting high-scoring Oklahoma State. Two weeks ago, the UT defense was burned by LSU quarterback Joe Burrow who passed for 471 yards and five victory in Austin. UT head coach Tom Herman knows his team must get better on defense if they hope to run the table and earn a spot in the College Football Playoffs (CFP). The loss to LSU burt, but if Texas, can win out, which probably means beating Oklahoma twice (once in the regular season and again in the Big 12 title game) that should be enough to land one of the four CFP berths

Michigan visits Wisconsin in a big one for both teams in the Big 10. while Texas A&M hosts Auburn in the SEC opener for both teams. Two weeks ago, Jimbo Fisher's team lost at No. 1-ranked Clemson 24-10. Quarterback Kellen Mond struggled in the Clemson game, but so do a lot of other OBs who take on the Tigers

The big game of the weekend will be played in Athens, GA where Notre Dame will take on No. 3ranked Georgia. A win by the Fighting Irish would be a huge boost Brian Kellev's team's CFP hopes. but it's a tall order against a very talented Georgia team

Aldine ISD's five varsity programs all have their bye weeks this weekend as they prepare for their District 16-6A openers Sept.

Before we take a look at this week's games, let's review last week's record. After a stellar 9-3 start to the season, I came back to earth with a 5-7 week to bring the season record to 14-10 (58%)

### NCAA

Oklahoma State at Texas -Texas hosts Mike Gundy's OSU Cowboys in their Big 12 opener and Herman hopes his defense plays better than it did against LSU because UT will face a pretty fair Cowboys offense on Saturday Gundy's team scored 108 points in its first two games and probably lit up the scoreboard last Saturday against Tulsa. OSU is led by running back Chuba Hubbard (265 yards rushing 4 TDs) quarterback Spencer Sanders (453 passing vards/6 TDs) and wide receiver Tylan Wallace (10 receptions, 272 yards, 5 TDs). After what Burrow did to the UT secondary, Sanders is

probably licking his chops at the prospects of facing the Texas defense. But then again, they won't be playing Oregon State or McNeese State (OSU's first two opponents) when they step on the Royal-Memorial Stadium. They will face a Texas team that will be in a foul mood. In the loss to LSU, Texas had first and goal twice inside the Tigers five-yard line and did not produce a point on either occasion UT quarterback Sam Ehlinger (677 passing yards, 8 TDs) will look to make plays to wide receivers Devin Dunervay (21 receptions, 209 yards, 3 TDs), Brennan Eagles (8 receptions, 175 yards, 3 TDs) and Collin Johnson (7 receptions, 108 yards, 1 TD) to open up the yet-to-excel Texas running game. Look for a better effort from Todd Orlando's defense as Texas begins its quest for a Big 12 title. My pick, Texas 34, Oklahoma State 27

Michigan at Wisconsin - The Wolverines visit the Badgers in the Big 10 opener for both schools in a kev early-season game as well. Two weeks ago, Michigan survived a huge upset at home by defeating a tough Army team 24-21 in double overtime, while Wisconsin ran away from another overmatched opponent en route to a 61-0 pasting of Central Michigan (the Badgers opened the season with a 49-0 route of South Florida). The Badgers are definitely stepping up in class, but so are Jim Harbaugh's Wolverines. Both teams had an extra week to prepare for this game, so both should be healthy heading into this key contest Michigan is led by quarterback Shea Patterson (410 passing yards, 3) TDs), while Wisconsin is led by running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Jonathan Taylor (277 rushing yards, 5 TDs). The Badgers aren't just a running team as firstyear starter Jack Coan (564 passing vards, 5 TDs) has played well under center. Look for him and wide receiver Quientez Cephus (9 receptions, 119 yards, 2 TDs) to hit some big plays down field to shock Michigan come Saturday. My pick, Wisconsin 26, Michigan 23

Auburn at Texas A&M - The Aggies, especially its defense, made a respectable showing two weeks ago in their loss at Clemson, but Fisher has to hope it was just a bad day for Mond (430 passing yards, 4 TDs) and not a harbinger of things to come. The A&M defense will look to rattle true freshman QB Bo Nix (384 passing yards, TDs) and shut down running back JaTarvious Whitlow (206 rushing yards, 1 TD). Look for Mond to make some big plays downfield to wide receivers Jhamor Aubson (13 receptions, 144 yards, 1 TD) and Quartney Davis (11 receptions, 144 yards, 1 TD) and don't be surprised if Mond uses his legs to make plays as well. Auburn also has a solid defense, but I think



A&M's speed at the wide receiver position will be the difference maker as Fisher's team opens SEC play in style. My pick, Texas A&M 24, Auburn 16
Notre Dame at Georgia - Notre

Dame faces a huge task when it takes on No. 3 Georgia in Athens on Saturday, in what will probably be ABC's Saturday Night Game of the Week. ND opened the season on Labor Day with an efficient 35-17 victory at Louisville, and last week had a glorified scrimmage against New Mexico. In the season opener, quarterback Ian Book passed for 193 yards; one touchdown pass and he ran for another. Running back Tony Jones Jr., had a nice start to the season with 110 yards on the ground and a score. The ND defense will face a big test against a fast and quick Georgia defense, as will the ND defense that has to face a Bulldog offense that can get it done in the air with QB Jake Fromm (322 passing yards, 2 TDs) and on the ground with running back De'Andre Swift (216 rushing yards, 2 TDs). Notre Dame has not fared well against teams from the South (getting blown out by Alabama in the BCS title game and by Clemson last year in the CFP semifinals) and that trend should continue on Saturday night in Athens. My pick, Georgia 31. Notre Dame 20

Week 3 of the NFL season begins on Thursday night when the Titans visit the Jaguars on Thursday Night Football. Tennessee opened the season with an impressive 43-13 route of the Brown in Cleveland, while the Jags suffered a 40-26 loss at home to the Chiefs and lost their

Tennessee at Jacksonville

starting quarterback Nick Foles to a broken collarbone. Foles was placed on IR and can't return until Week 11, which may be too late for the Jags' playoff hopes. Rookie Garner Minshew filled in admirably for Foles, passing for 275 yards and two scores, most coming well after the game had been decided. In the Fitan's win over Cleveland, quarterback Marcus Mariota passed for 248 yards and three touchdowns, while running back Derrick Henry rushed for 84 yards and a score and caught a 75-yard touchdown pass. The defense forced three turnovers and picked up a safety. Look for the

Titans to get another road win in what should be a tough, defensive battle. My pick, Tennessee 23,

Denver at Green Bay - The Packers picked up a huge road win in their opener when they won at Chicago 10-3. It wasn't pretty, but the rebuilt GB defense looked solid and quarterback Aaron Rodgers (203 passing yards, 1 TD) did just enough to secure the win. Denver on the other hand, lost its opener at Oakland (24-16) two weeks ago as quarterback Joe Flacco, who was acquired in the offseason to shore up the QB position, had a so-so night passing for 268 yards and a touchdown. Look for the Packer defense to shut down Flacco as Rodgers and the offense pick up the pace as GB gets off to a solid start in 2019. My pick, Green Bay 27, Denver 17

Baltimore at Kansas City - A good early-season matchup that will feature two of the top young QBs in the game when Jackson and Mahomes go at it in Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday. As stated earlier. Jackson had an outstanding start to the season with five touchdown passes and Brown (5 receptions, 147 yards, 2 TDs) appears to be the deep threat the Ravens have been looking for for years. Mahomes wasn't too shabby either throwing for 373 yards and three TDs. He also found a new weapon in wide receiver Sammy Watkins, who grabbed nine passes for 198 yards and two scores. Watkins has been a disappointment the last couple of years in KC, but it appears something has clicked between him and Mahomes and that's bad news for the rest of the AFC (that is for everybody else but New England). Look for Mahomes to spread the ball around to Watkins. tight end Travis Kelce and running backs Damien Williams and newly acquired LeSean McCoy. Jackson should have success against a suspect KC defense, so expect a highly entertaining game on Sunday with a lot of points. Baltimore has the better defense, but Mahomes has more weapons on offense and he will be the difference maker on Sunday. My pick, Kansas City 38,

Houston at Los Angeles Chargers - The Texans suffered a tough season-opening loss at New Orleans, but a national TV audience

special of a quarterback Deshaun Watson is. The third-year starter made plays all over the field and should enjoy more success on Sunday when takes on a suspect Chargers defense. Look for Watson to get more help out of the running game from new back Carlos Hyde and Duke Johnson. Newly acquired wide receiver Kenny Stills should also be counted on to make plays (he had a 37-yard TD catch in the Saints game) and will only make Hopkins more dangerous. While the Texans appear to have a top-flight offense, the defense needs to step up its game. Houston did not have a sack against the Saints and they face another top QB in Rivers on Sunday. Rivers threw for 333 yards and three TDs in his team's overtime win over Indy. Wide receiver Keenar Allen (8 receptions, 123 yards, 1 TD) could do serious damage to a porous Houston secondary, which means the offense will have to go toe-to-toe with the LA offense if the Texans hope to return home with a road victory. I think that's asking for too much this week. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 34, Houston 30

got the chance to see just how

New Orleans at Seattle - The Saints visit Seattle on Sunday after playing the Rams the week before That's two rough road games, but head coach Sean Payton has a reliant team that proved its mettle with its come-from-behind win over the Texans two weeks ago. After a slow start, quarterback Drew Brees (370 passing yards, 2 TDs) got things going in the second half with the help of running back Alvin Kamara (97 vards rushing, 7 receptions, 72 yards) and wide receiver Michael Thomas (13 receptions, 123 yards). They will face a much better defense this week than they did in the opener and a defense that now has the services of former Texans defensive end Jadevon Clowney. Clowney had a sack and a forced fumble two weeks ago in his Seahawks debut, which was a 21-20 win over Cincinnati. Quarterback Russell Wilson threw for 196 yards and two scores, while running back Cris Carson contributed a rushing and receiving touchdown. I think Seattle will play better on offense than it did in its season opener as Wilson out duels Brees come Sunday. My pick

Seattle 27, New Orleans 26

Miami at Dallas - If the season opener is any indication, it's going to be a long year to be a Dolphins fans. Baltimore embarrassed the Fish 59-10 (it was 42-0 at halftime) on their home field and things won't get any easier this week when they face a Dallas team that looked very good on offense in its 35-17 win at home over the Giants. Quarterback Dak Prescott had perhaps his best game as a pro throwing for 405 yards and

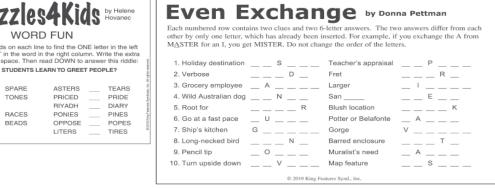
receptions for 158 yards and a touchdown, while Amari Cooper (6 receptions, 106 yards, 1 TD) and ewly acquired slot receiver Randall Cobb (4 receptions, 66 vards, 1 TD) also had solid days. Tight end Jason Witten had a successful return to the team after serving as the Monday Night Football analyst scoring the Cowboys' first TD of the season. job of getting pressure on the QB and this might be the perfect week for a breakout game for that unit. My pick, Dallas 34. Miami 10 Los Angeles Rams at

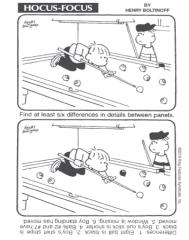
Cleveland - Cleveland gets its second straight prime time game (they played the Jets on Monday Night Football last week) in two weeks and their fans are hoping fo better results than what the team turned in during its 43-13 seasonopening loss at home to Tennessee Perhaps that embarrassment will serve as a wake up call for Mayfield and the rest of his teammates because if they don't come prepared for this one, the Rams will hand Sunday night. LA opened the season with a 30-27 road win at Carolina as quarterback Jared Goff (186 yards, 1 TD) had a quiet day as did running back Todd Gurley (97 rushing yards). The Rams did get two touchdowns from backup running back Malcolm Brown. Expect head coach Sean McVay to not over use Gurley early in the season so he's fresh come playoff time. I think the Browns play better this week, but the Rams will have too much firepower on offense f them to handle on Sunday night. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 30, Cleveland 26

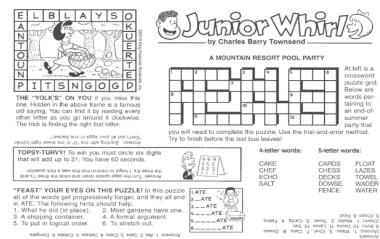
Chicago at Washington - Week 3 concludes on Monday night with the Bears visiting the Redskins with both teams looking to gather momentum. The Chicago offense looked anemic in its 10-3 season opening loss to the Packers, while the Redskins blew a 20-7 halftime lead at Philadelphia en route to a 32-27 loss. Quarterback Case Keenum had a nice opener, passing for 380 yards and three touchdowns while rookie wide receiver Terry McLaurin had a nice pro debut grabbing five passes for 125 yards and a touchdown. This week, the 'Skins will face one of the top defenses in the league, and a unit that knows it might have to carry this team until quarterback Mitch Trubisky (228 passing yards, 1 interception in the loss to GB) and the offense get rolling. Look for the Khalil Mack and his defensive makers in this game as the Bears pick up a much-needed road win. My pick, Chicago 23, Washington 20

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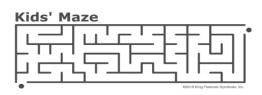












## LIFESTYLE

by Matilda Charles

#### Medicare Open Enrollment

It's that time again. Every year we have the opportunity to make changes to our Medicare plans between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7. We have the option of changing from original Medicare to an Advantage plan, or vice versa, or changing to a different Advantage plan. We also can change our Medicare Part D drug plan. The decisions aren't easy. After all, we have to live with them for the next year.

We'll soon receive a new Medicare & You book in the mail, as well as notices about any changes to our current coverage. While we can usually stay with the plan we have if we don't want to make any changes, it's important to review everything we're sent, because there might be new information buried in the language. Sometimes a plan is discontinued! The premium can change. Coverage details might be different. Read the fine print and be certain that your coverage will be what you

For Advantage plan changes, there is an additional open enrollment period: Jan. 1 to March 31. This was new for 2019 and gives three extra months

to decide on an Advantage plan. Beware: You can change your mind about Advantage plans a few times during fall enrollment, but only once during the first three months of

the year.

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\* On Oct. 3, 1863, expressing gratitude for a Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announces that the nation will celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 26, and on the fourth Thursday of every November

\* On Oct. 1, 1890, an act of Congress creates Yosemite National Park, paving the way for generations of nature lovers. Yosemite's natural beauty is immortalized in the stark black-and-white landscape photographs of Ansel Adams (1902-1984).

\* On Oct. 4, 1918. German Chancellor Max von Baden sends a telegraph message to President Woo-drow Wilson requesting an armistice between Germany and the Allied powers in World War I. After a diffi-cult month of negotiations, World War I came to an end on Nov. 11, 1918.

\* On **Sept. 30, 1954**, the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, is commissioned by the U.S. Navy. In August 1958, the Nautilus accomplished the first voyage

under the geographic North Pole.\* On Oct. 6, 1961, President John F. Kennedy advises American families to build bomb shelters to protect themselves from atomic fallout in the event of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. One year later, the world hovered on the brink of nuclear war after the USSR placed nuclear missiles in Cuba.

On Oct. 5, 1978, Isaac Bashevis Singer wins the Nobel Prize for literature. Singer wrote about Jewish life in Poland and the United States. One of his sto-ries, "Yentl," was made into a movie directed by and starring Barbra Streisand

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## Last year's operating taxes

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,417,147
Last year's tax base	\$4,834,294,000
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.0500/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,414,861
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	
(after subtracting value of new property)	\$4,698,654,901
=This year's effective tax rate	\$0.0513/\$100
Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice

mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures) \$4,698,654,901 + This year's adjusted tax base \$0.0513/\$100 =This year's effective operating rate x 1.08=this year's maximum operating rate \$0.0554/\$100 + This year's debt rate \$0/\$100 = This year's total rollback rate \$0.0554/\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.0513 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$64,390.

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

### Schedule B - 2019 Debt Service

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

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- Amount (if any) pai	\$0			
- Amount (if any) pai	\$0			
- Excess collections	last year			\$0
= Total to be paid fro	\$0			
+ Amount added in a				
collect only 100.009	% of its taxes in 2019			\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

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Name of person preparing this notice: Ann Harris Bennett Title: Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Date Prepared: 09/09/2019



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musical night. All nightly services begin at 7:15 p.m. All services are free to the public. Our banquet will be Saturday, September 28, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9318 Home stead Rd., Houston, TX 77016 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00. Please call Mary Harrison, president at 281-442-3991 or Vera Burleigh at 281-260-6773 for tickets.



1. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. The Ethiopian eunuch that Philip met in Acts 8:26-27 was under what queen? Azubah. Candace, Nehushta, Vashti

At whose well did Jesus

meet the Samaritan woman? Joshua's, Jonah's, Jacob's, Judas'

4. From Revelation 21, how many gates does the New Jerusalem have? 1, 4, 12, 16 5. Who was king during

Zechariah's time of prophecy? David, Daniel, Darius, Saul 6. How long did Aaron's followers mourn him? 3 days, 13 days, 30 days, 3 months

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Candace; 3) Jacob's; 4) 12; 5) Darius; 6) 30 days

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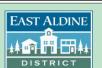
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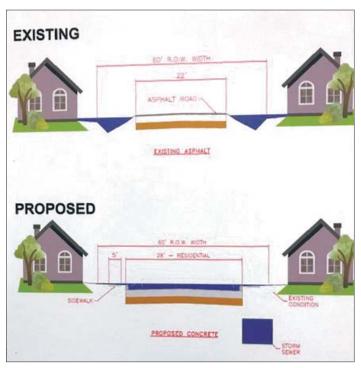


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#### NEWS COMMUNITY

## Castlewood Flood plan,

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ENGINEER'S DRAWINGS presented at the Castlewood meeting indicated the existing drainage conditions at the top, with asphalt paved roads and ditches used to remove flood water, and the new proposal at the bottom, of a wider concrete street and a deep concrete box drainage culvert below the surface.

dents are very interested in what these projects might accomplish to reduce future flooding in

The civic club president, Connie Esparza, welcomed the HCFCD and the HCED representatives, including Marcus Baskin the project manager of the HC Engineering Department, and Melvin Spinks, consultant with CivilTech Engineering, Inc.
The program consisted

of a presentation of the study, a video of the general overview of the Harris County Engineering Department, and then an Open House for comments and interaction with the project team and local res-

Attendees learned about internal drainage systems and related infrastructure that convey stormwater from neighborhoods such as Castlewood, to major drainage channels or bayous mainted by the Flood Control District, such as Halls Bayou and Greens Bayou in this area.

Internal drainage systems include underground storm sewer systems and roadside ditches, and are

mass violence, including

typically the responsibility of the underlying utility district and/or Harris County.

The presentation included a colored map, showing streets that would  $get\ underground\ storm$ sewers, varying from 24" to 48" diameter, and some streets that would be rebuilt with curbs and gutters and water inlets.

Additional information is available at the website: www.eng.hctx.net/recovery-and-resiliency, or call 713-274-3954. This is Bond Project E-09.

## Metro Bond,

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es. METRO would also apply for federal matching funds – up to an additional \$3.5 billion – to increase METRO's investment to a potential \$7 billion for transit improvements.
Houston Mayor Sylvest-

Turner, a proponent of

the plan, said:
"There are so many reasons to vote FOR the METRO Proposition. It helps seniors and people with disabilities, provides sustainable transportation options and keeps Houston major American cities. And it's the best plan to manage traffic congestion as our region continues to



METRO held public meetings to explain the concepts of METROnext, and to gain public comments on needs. Here East Aldine's Veronica Sanches examines some of the display boards.

about the campaign at www.VoteForMetro.org

Voters can learn more and about the METRONext Moving Forward Plan at www.METRONext.org.



as well as Light Rail and BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) running in dedicated pathways.

## Concrete Plant,

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exiting onto East Hardy, and concrete spills on the roads and overpasses in the area, which no one seems responsible for.

In a surprising revelation that was an answer to Adame's comment, the permit reviewer for TCEQ. Don Nelon, stated that he was only allowed to review the application for air quality, and not for traffic problems or water pollu-

Kenneth Sugg asked if the reviewers took into account emissions from cement trucks and supply trucks with sand and gravel, and Nelon said "no" they were not allowed to. He also said they are not allowed to make judgement on the location and its appropriateness in the

community. Marina Sugg asked if the permit was already approved, and Nelon said no, the first review was only a preliminary approval, and said that as presented the applicant would not give off any air polution.

The representative from Rocket Materials Lee Hergenrather, said that they would only be using newer trucks that would not spill on the roads. He admitted he had no control over trucks from other companies that might be entering his plant.

He also revealed that the plant would be a 24 hour, 365 day operation. The TCEQ has no control over noise emitted from the plant, they said.

TCEQ said there was a phone hot-line for complaint about the plant or concrete spills, 1-888-777-3186.

As the meeting continued, speakers became more outspoken in their complaints about TCEQ

and the plant. Steve Adame said "TCEQ has sold out the Aldine area."

Connie Esparza asked why there are so many concrete plants in the Aldine area (5). She said "My experience with TCEQ is very poor. I'm very disappointed that you chose Al- ${\rm dine."}\,{\rm Later}\,{\rm she}\,{\rm explainted}$ that East Aldine, and Aldine ISD are trying to bring up the quality of life in the area, and these types of plants work

against that effort. Others that spoke agains the plant were David Lindene who asked how to get the rules changed on

reviews, and Dorothy Weathers who complained about the condition of roads due to heavy trucks and concrete spills.

Amando Walle spoke in the comment period too, noting that other concete batch plants in the Aldine area don't follow the rules, making environmental problems, and questioned whether this plant could perform within state rules. He pointed out that these plants are more than just a nuisance, they emit noise that is unbearable to its neighbors. He said he doesn't understand why there are so many concrete plants in the Aldine area. He said "I oppose this application. We don't need any more.

Steve Adame's remarks summarized the other comments in the meeting, "We don't hate your company. We just don't want you here.

And to TCEQ, he said You are selling us out."

Facilitator Diana Avalos said that if anyone needed more information about the application, they could call 1-800-667-4040 and refer to Proposed Registration No. 157195, Air Quality Standard Permit

## Walle appointed,

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it will be well-served by the range of backgrounds, skillsets, and expertise these particular members provide. While the charges before this committee will be no simple undertaking, their importance cannot be overstated. I am grateful for the service of each of these members and know their readiness to take on the challenging work be-fore them will translate into thoughtful, life-saving solutions for the State of

The following members have been appointed by Speaker Bonnen to the select committee:

- Drew Darby (Chair) Poncho Nevárez (Vice-Chair)
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   Giovanni Capriglione
- Charlie GerenBarbara Gervins
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The House Select Committee has jurisdiction over all matters that ensure the safety of Texas communities by reducing collaboration between state and local agencies and nongovernmental en-tities in preventing and responding to mass violence, violence prevention strategies that foster safe climates in schools and local communities, state and local funding for research and program development, access to state and local services for communities impacted by mass violence and persons at risk for harming themselves or others, and technological solutions to better detect. assess, report, and prevent

Specifically, the House Select Committee on Mass Violence Prevention and Community Safety is di-

- rected to:
   Evaluate options for strengthening enforce-ment measures for current laws that prevent the transfer of firearms to felons and other persons prohibited by current law
- Assess challenges to the timely reporting of relevant criminal history information and other threat indicators to state and fed-

ing firearms

• Examine the role of digital media and technol

ogy in threat detection, assessment, reporting, and prevention, including the collaboration between dig-ital media and law enforce-

- Consider the ongoing and long-term workforce needs of the state related to cybersecurity, mental health, law enforcement, and related professionals;
- Evaluate current protocols and extreme risk in-dicators used to identify potential threats and consider options for improving the dissemination of infor mation between federal, state, and local entities and timely and appropri ate intervention of mental health professionals.

The committee will be equired to submit a pre liminary assessment to the Speaker within 90 days of the committee's creation, produce periodic progress reports thereafter, and submit a final report. To maximize the opportunity for public input mittee is required to make every effort to coordinate hearing dates with the Senate Select Committee when scheduling hearings during which public testi mony will be heard.

## Fiscal Responsibility of HCC to Students and Taxpayers

HOUSTON (September 6, 2019) -Houston Community College's fiscal responsibility to the citizens of Houston continues.

The HCC Board of Trustees assured—by a

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unanimous vote at the September 4 board meeting-that for the fourth consecutive year HCC taxpayers will benefit from good fiscal budgetary management resulting in a

zero-tax rate increase.

The board also renewed Chancellor Cesar Maldonado's contract, and as HCC looks to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2021, the board reflected on the past five years of the Chancellor's leadership. "Chancellor Maldonado has been a visionary leader, and we look forward to working with him on many of the strategic initiatives he has put in place moving forward," HCC Board Chair Carolyn Evans-Shabazz said. "Serving on the HCC board has been an honor and a privilege and working with Dr. Maldonado has been rewarding both to the Board of Trustees and to the Col-

HCC continues to expand its campus footprint

and has contributed to the growth and stability of the local economy. "The HCC Board of Trustees are mindful of students as well as taxpayers, as HCC has controlled in-district tuition and fees so that they remain the lowest in the area," Maldonado said. "It is a privilege to serve this College and the people of Houston. I look forward to growing HCC's delivery of 21st century education and broadening services to support student success. We will dare to discover new models new methods and new relationships as we reach new heights in serving our constituents." During the board meet-

ing, newly appointed Trustee Maxine Lane-Seals was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Joe Stephens, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Place 1. Lane-Seals replaced the trustee who moved from District II. She will serve through December 31,



