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## NEWS NOTES

### Veteran's Benefits Seminar

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019. Check-in/Light refreshments: 9:30 a.m. Program 10 am - 12 pm at St. Leo the Great Parish Hall, 2131 Lauder Rd., Houston, TX 77039. For Veterans (spouses) 50+ yrs. old. Free event. Limited seating. For questions, please call 713-741-8712. Topics include: caregiving financial support, cemetery/pre-need, how to select a caregiving agency.

### Citizenship Workshop

Saturday, November 9, 2019 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church (501 Tidwell Rd. Houston, TX 77022) at 8:00 AM.

### East Aldine New Office Groundbreaking

District Office & Safety Center Groundbreaking. Tuesday, November 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., 2800 Aldine Mail Route

### Kujawa Seniors Gala

Nadine Kujawa Senior Citizen Gala. Live entertainment, lunch will be provided. December 9, 2019 at M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd, Houston, TX 77032. All seniors ages 65 and over welcome, 10 am - 1 pm.

## Crowds enjoy East Aldine Fall Festival

EAST ALDINE – The Annual Fall Festival, hosted by the East Aldine District, attracted a large crowd of adults and children, enjoying music and dancing, contests and raffles, and lots of exhibits and information booths from local agencies and organizations.

The Festival took place at Town Center this year, next to BakerRipley campus. The theme for the event was observance of "Dia De Los Muertos" and there were lots of costumes



Crowds lined the pavement to watch the colorful Flamenco Dancers from Aldine ISD. Music and Dance, food and fun were spread through the day.



Costumes and make-up highlighted the theme of Dia de los Muertos. Contests included the Sugar Skull Face competition, above, and a Kids' Dance Contest.

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## Dia de los Muertos observed at Brookside

Hundreds celebrated Dia de los Muertos at Brookside Funeral Home and Memorial Park last Saturday.

Festivities included a Celebration of Life, Costume contest, Games, Raffles, Face Painting, Ballet Folklorica, Mariachis, and crafts and vendors. Prizes were awarded in a raffle, including bicycles for kids and a television for adults.

Father Villareal gave a message on the meaning of the day, and blessed the altar with family remembrances.



See more photos of Day of the Dead, page 8

## Voters head to polls on Nov. 5

HARRIS COUNTY – For those voters that have not cast an Early Ballot, the polls will be open Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 7am to 7pm. Major issues on the ballot are 10 Texas Constitutional Amendments, a city of Houston election of Mayor, Comptroller, and Councilpersons, a \$3.5 Billion bond referendum for METRO, and in Aldine the election of new school Trustees in four positions. For the first time, votes may be cast in any loca-

tion, not just your neighborhood.

### ALDINE SCHOOL BOARD

There are four open positions on the Aldine School Board this year.

For Trustee Position 1, Steven Moore, Jimmy Edward Morales, Jamail Johnson, and William "Randy" Bates are running.

For Trustee Position 2, incumbent Paul Shanklin is running unopposed.

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## Judge Hidalgo, Sheriff Gonzalez announce measures to reduce Gun-Related Violence

Commissioners Court Considers Expansion of "Safe Surrender" Program to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence

Harris County, Texas - October 29, 2019, The expansion of a weapon-surrender program designed to protect victims of domestic violence was among several gun-safety initiatives announced by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Sheriff Ed Gonzalez Tuesday at Commissioners

Court. The proposal would extend the "Safe Surrender" program to all 22 felony district courts.

The program, which was piloted in the 280th family court, requires those charged with domestic violence to surrender their weapons to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, which will test and safely store the weapons until the case is resolved. With 45 percent of domestic violence homicides occurring within 90 days of separation, the

program seeks a measure of protection for victims and their families during a vulnerable time period.

"Elected officials at the state and federal level have failed to meet their basic obligation to take meaningful action to protect us from gun violence," Judge Hidalgo said. "Here in Harris County, we won't sit idly by and do nothing as this epi-

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## Community Engagement Meeting for Halls Bayou Tributaries

The Harris County Flood Control District will hold a Community Engagement Meeting for Tributaries P118-23-00 and P118-23-02, located west of Hardy Toll Road and south of Halls Bayou, and Tributaries P118-25-00 and P118-25-01, located west of Hardy Toll Road and north of Halls Bayou, as pictured.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform residents about the status of the feasibility level alternatives analyses

completed for these tributaries and to gather public input on the recommended project alternatives that will progress into the next stage of the project life-cycle.

The tributary projects mentioned here focus on reducing flooding risk by identifying options to improve the channel conveyance capacity and provide addi-

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\* LAST CHRISTMAS (PG-13) 7:00p 9:30p  
\* MIDWAY (PG-13) 7:00p  
Spanish Sub 7:00p  
\* PLAYING WITH FIRE (PG) 4:00p 6:20p 8:40p

\* Maleficent: Mistress of Evil 3D (PG) 3:10pm, 8:45pm  
Zombieland: Double Tap (R) 12:00pm, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:35pm  
\* The Addams Family in RealD 3D (PG) 2:40pm, 7:00pm  
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# SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

## Dedication ceremony held in honor of Rose Avalos

Rose Avalos has dedicated close to 50 years to the Aldine community, 33 as an educator and 13 as a school board trustee.

On Sunday, Oct. 27, the Aldine community thanked her for her many years of service and dedication to its students and staff by holding a dedication ceremony in her honor at the district's newest high school that bears her name, the Rose M. Avalos Pathways In Technology Early College High School.

A standing room only crowd of colleagues, family members, friends and former co-workers attended the event and heard from a number of speakers who praised Ms. Avalos for her dedicated service to Aldine's students and staff over the last 46 years.

Ms. Avalos moved to Aldine when she was two months old and attended Aldine schools. She was a member of the second graduating class of MacArthur High School (1968), and then earned a bachelor of arts degree and a master's degree from Sam Houston State University.

Ms. Avalos began her career in Aldine in 1972 as a teacher at Stovall Middle School. She also taught at MacArthur High School and served as a counselor at Hambrick and Grantham middle schools. Additionally, she was a program director overseeing bilingual, ESL and foreign language, an assistant principal at MacArthur High School and the first principal of Escamilla Intermediate School. She returned to her alma mater, MacArthur High School, and served as the principal for 11 years before retiring in 2005.

When named principal of MacArthur, Ms. Avalos became the first woman to serve as a comprehensive high school principal in Aldine ISD, opening doors for those who came after her.

In 2002 and 2003, she was named AISD Principal of the Year by her peers.

After retiring, she was elected to the Position 3 seat on the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees, where she has held all four board offices and chaired numerous committees.

In addition to her service on the Board, Ms. Avalos volunteers in the community and is a friend to many. Ms. Avalos was chosen as a member of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Leadership Class of 2014. She also



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and members of her Executive Leadership Team pose with Aldine ISD Trustee Rose Avalos around the portrait of her that will hang in the Rose M. Avalos Pathway In Technology Early College High School following the dedication ceremony held in Ms. Avalos' honor.

serves as a State Director for the Texas Association of School Boards and is a member of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials and the North Harris County Association of Retired Teachers and School Professionals.

Ms. Avalos credited her parents, Jenaro and Martha Avalos, with providing her the drive to succeed in life from her humble beginnings.

"Standing with me would be my parents, Jenaro and Martha Avalos whose unconditional love and support have inspired me all of my life," she said. "They are no longer with us but are her in spirit and I carry them in my heart."

Ms. Avalos shared with the audience how she grew up in a small four-room house, sharing a bedroom with two brothers and a sister. She knew at an early age that she wanted to be a teacher and played school during the summer, luring her siblings and friends to serve as her students.

She thanked Aldine for providing her the many opportunities she has been afforded in her life.

"I am a reflection of God's blessings, my family, my friends, relationships and my mentors," Ms. Avalos said. "This afternoon you heard about some things that I have accomplished in Aldine, but I have a very different perspective. What I see is what Aldine has done for me. It gave this shy, quiet little girl with big eyes and pigtails hope and value. It gave me a solid education that helped me be successful in college. It gave me my first real job as a teacher and over a span of 33 years it gave me so many opportunities to work and grow professionally. But, best of all it has given me such wonderful lifelong friends. It has cemented in me the hope and value of the power of education and what it can do for an individual."

She challenged Avalos P-TECH Principal Diana Del Pilar and her students to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that are ahead of them.

"To Diana Del Pilar, I have full confidence in your leadership and ability to build an instructional program that will carry the students to their full potential; to the staff I

have the fullest respect and gratitude for you having chosen to teach here and for accepting the challenge of initiating such a new program.

"To the students of the first class, I want to say this to you. This school may have my name on it, but it doesn't belong to me. It belongs to you, your teachers, administrators and support staff, your parents, your community and to every future student that walks through its doors. This first class is going to set the standards for all future classes to come. Students take care of your school, respect and honor it and if you take the positive things that it is going to offer you, you will succeed and prosper."

She closed her remarks by thanking her fellow Board members and the Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

"I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the sitting board for this honor. Thank you Dr. Goffney, Dr. (Selina) Chapa and the executive leadership team and area superintendents for your continued work for the

children of Aldine. Thanks to everyone here for you have all had an impact on my life. I have been blessed in so many ways and I am so grateful, grateful for being able to work at what I was meant to do."

Sheleah Reed, Aldine ISD Chief Communications Officer, delivered the welcome. The MacArthur High School JROTC presented the colors and Avalos student Jesus Puentes lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas flag.

Father Charles Samperi, pastor of St. James The Apostle Catholic Church, delivered the invocation.

Avalos Principal Diana Del Pilar spoke on behalf of the Avalos staff.

"It is with great pride that I welcome each of you to this distinguished occasion in which we have come together to dedicate Aldine's newest high school to Ms. Rose Avalos, in honor of the many years of planting, sowing and reaping she has done into the lives of Aldine's youth," she said. "Ms. Avalos, thank you for your many years of continued service to the Aldine community as one of our school board members. You truly are a strong role model."

Following Pilar's remarks, Aldine's Mariachi Acero de Aldine performed two songs, which was followed by special presentations from State Rep. Armando Walle and Dr. Gerland Fernandez Napoles, president of Lone Star College-North Harris.

Walle presented Ms. Avalos with a proclamation from the Texas House of Representatives. She also received proclamations from U.S. Congresswomen Sheila Jackson Lee and Sylvia Garcia, a proclamation from State Senator Carol Alvarado, and a proclamation from Harris County Precinct 1 County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.

"We are here to honor the life and dedication to

one special person, Rose Avalos," Walle said. "I want to honor her legacy and her work in our community."

Following those presentations, a video was shown to the audience where a number of former colleagues shared their sentiments about Ms. Avalos.

Board President Steve Mead then accepted the school on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

"Rose has been a valued member of our team for the past 13 years," he said. "All of the current and past Board members who have benefited from her wisdom as a longtime educator, her compassion for our students and staff and for her caring and nurturing style. We are better people for knowing Rose Avalos and naming a school after this wonderful lady is a fitting tribute to a person who has given so much to our school district and our community."

Following Mr. Mead's remarks, Avalos student Karissa Diaz and Avalos teacher Michelle Palmer accepted on behalf of the student body and staff. Richard Cantu, deputy executive director of the East Aldine District, accepted the school on behalf of the community.

Dr. Goffney delivered closing remarks.

"Ms. Rose is a leader and she's always prepared. She asks the tough questions and always takes care of business," Dr. Goffney said. "Rose, you are smart, funny, caring and a true advocate for all children. You are a person who has won our admiration and respect. We all know Rose doesn't just look around and see things that need attention, she takes action."

"Rose, I'd like to say thanks for being a woman of action and not just words. You rally many people to work together to complete projects, including this state-of-the-art campus. It is a fitting tribute that this school should bear your name."

## Sixth annual Sonny Donaldson Golf Tournament held to benefit Aldine Education Foundation

The Aldine Education Foundation hosted the Sonny Donaldson Golf Tournament as a fundraiser for Aldine ISD student scholarships and educator grants. While the day began with cold, windy rain, the event closed out with the warmth of understanding how critical private support of public education can be.

Former Aldine ISD Superintendent (and the event's namesake) Sonny Donaldson helped to welcome Title Sponsor WCA as well as many returning supporters and new sponsors. Including this year, AEF's golf tournament donors have raised more than \$425,000 for programs improving educational opportunities for Aldine ISD students.

The event was held Friday, Oct. 25 at Oakhurst Golf Club and began with breakfast and ended with an awards lunch. Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney gave gratitude to tournament guests for braving the weather and for their continuing support of Aldine Education Foundation. AEF Board President Pastor David Smith thanked all sponsors and reiterated the importance of the community's involvement in improving education for our students.

Guests were surprised with a visit by Academy Award winning actor and philanthropist Matthew McConaughey, whose Just Keep Livin' Foundation is supporting an afterschool program at Carver High School. The star shined as



Academy Award winning actor and philanthropist Matthew McConaughey made a surprise visit to the Aldine Education Foundation's Sonny Donaldson Golf Tournament at Oakhurst Golf Club on Friday, Oct. 25. McConaughey discussed his Just Keep Livin' Foundation with those who attended the tournament.

he spoke of the work JKL Foundation is able to do across the US at inner city high schools, supporting underserved students by providing a safe place to learn the benefits of social, emotional, physical, and nutritional wellbeing as well as a sense of gratitude and community. Mr. McConaughey welcomed Carver HS teachers Monica Caldwell and Cynthia Davis Cook and thanked them for their leadership of the program under the direction of Principal Patricia Ross. He encouraged those present to seek ways to

support students like those in Aldine ISD.

Aldine Education Director Michele McGovern was thrilled with the day, stating, "The rain can't dampen the impact the golf tournament funds will make across Aldine ISD. Our grants fund robotics and arts programs as well as literacy and math projects. And the tournament's sponsors typically fund scholarships for at least 30 Aldine ISD graduates each year. These donors definitely make a difference in our District."

## Sam Houston MSTC celebrates new school with grand opening ceremony

HOUSTON, TX – Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center (Houston ISD) hosted a grand opening ceremony to celebrate its new school, which officially opened to students in January.

Built as part of the 2012 Bond Program, the \$101.4 million project was designed to have a collegiate feel with plenty of classroom space, informal meeting areas to facilitate project-based learning, a large outdoor courtyard, and a fine arts wing with an 800-seat auditorium and black box theater. The 360,000-square-foot facility also features an updated JROTC area, as well as a grand learning stairway,

which will function as both a gathering spot for students, as well as a flexible space for class lectures and presentations.

HISD Board of Education Trustees, HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan, Sam Houston MSTC Principal Alan Summers, and the Sam Houston MSTC JROTC, band, cheerleaders, and dance team, as well as various dignitaries, school stakeholders, community members, students, parents, and staff were present last Friday, November 1, 2019 for the grand opening at Sam Houston MSTC, 9400 Irvington Blvd., 77022.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

## COMMUNITY WATCH

## ATM robbery results in Police chase from Huffman to Northeast Houston



Three robbers first stole this semi truck from a lot on Oates Road, and then used it to smash an ATM machine at the Huffman ISD Credit Union building. An alarm alerted police before the robbers could gain any money, and the results was an hour-long chase by police, from Huffman to Humble, then Montgomery County, then south on US59, and ending up on Lockwood at Mulvey Street.

HARRIS COUNTY – Sheriff's deputies were involved in a high speed chase last Friday morning, after three would-be thieves attempted to steal an ATM machine at the Resource Credit Union site at the Huffman ISD Credit Union.

Authorities reported that the thieves first stole a semi truck from a sales lot on Oates Road, and then used it to smash into the ATM on FM2100 in

Huffman.

All of this took place early on Friday morning, around 6:00 am. After dislodging the ATM, an alarm was set off and police were called to a burglary in progress.

When the Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene, the three young men fled in a white pick-up truck. Driving at speeds up to 90 miles per hour, they drove west on FM1960 through Atascocita and Humble,

then Montgomery County, and then made a U-turn and headed south on the Eastex Freeway, then east on I-10 to Lockwood.

The chase was broadcast live on local television stations, with the truck cutting through traffic in the darkness. The chase stopped when the pick-up crashed into a field.

Deputies apprehended the driver, but the other two got away and are being sought.

## Suspect wanted in fatal shooting of a tow truck driver on W. Little York Rd.

Charges have been filed against a suspect wanted in the fatal shooting of one man and wounding of another at 215 West Little York Road about 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The suspect, Idelfonso Gamez Torres, 42, has been charged with murder. He was last seen driving a 2004 red Ford Explorer with Texas license plates BH05601. He is wanted in the fatal shooting of Augustin Martinez, 48, and the wounding of another man, 45.

According to Houston Police investigators, Mr. Martinez, a tow truck driver, was giving a ride to a customer when he got into a verbal altercation with two males in a red Ford Explorer at an apartment complex parking lot at the above address. The suspects became hostile and one of them pulled a pistol and fired multiple shots from inside the vehicle at the wrecker, striking Martinez and his customer. Martinez attempted to flee, but crashed his vehicle and died at the scene. Paramedics transported the customer to the hospital.



Idelfonso Gamez Torres inside the red Ford Explorer.

Martinez managed to take the printed photo of both suspects prior to the shooting.

After the photos were publicized, individuals identified Torres as the driver of the suspects' vehicle. It is believed he might flee or has fled to

Mexico.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Idelfonso Gamez Torres or in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

## Investigation into fatal crash at 7600 North Freeway

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 7600 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) about 4:10 a.m. on Sunday, October 27.

According to Houston Police, the female driver of a white Toyota Corolla was traveling northbound on freeway when she stopped her vehicle. The victim, 20, driving a red Chrysler 200, stopped to avoid striking the Toyota. Both drivers then exited their vehicles

and stood between them.

The male driver of a maroon Ford Fusion, also traveling northbound, failed to control his speed and struck the victim, causing her to be pinned between the vehicles. The other female managed to get out of the way prior to the crash. Paramedics transported the victim to HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest where she was pronounced deceased. The second female was not in-

jured. The identity of the female victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

The male driver of the Ford remained at the scene. He was questioned and released, pending results of a mandatory blood draw.

No charges have been filed at this time, as the investigation is continuing.

## Aldine ISD schools take part in Make a Difference Day



Students at Vardeman EC/PK/K School collected items to donate for their group project.

One of the most important lessons children learn is that they can make a difference in the lives of others. Aldine students and staff are among the millions taking part in Make a Difference Day 2019.

Since 1992, Make a Difference Day has inspired hundreds of thousands of volunteers to give back to their local communities. National Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 26. The event falls on the fourth Saturday in October each year.

Taking part in the national holiday of community services is an excellent opportunity to teach students to feel and show empathy toward others and increase school culture.

Aldine ISD schools are sharing their projects on social media this week using the hashtags #MakeADifferenceDay and #WeAreAldine. Due to schedules, some AISD campuses have been working on projects since September, while other schools will take place in November.

School projects include collecting and donating non-perishable goods, toiletries, and raising funds for a favorite cause.

Nice Guys & Gals Finish First

Studies show tweens increase their happiness through acts of kindness. For children, these acts nurture their well-being or sense of satisfaction and strengthen their positive

connections with peers, thus gaining friends.

Learning to Be Kind

Other similar studies also support that acts of kindness toward others benefits the giver. Children benefit developmentally by learning to be caring and kind. They display more positive, less bullying behaviors.

Compassionate individuals feel good about themselves and tend to have a positive outlook on life, which creates a ripple effect in other areas. For instance, happier kids are also more likely to show higher academic achievement.

Kudos to everyone making a difference in others' lives!

## Lone Star College-North Harris to host regional speech and debate tournament

HOUSTON (October 29, 2019) – The Lone Star Swing Speech and Debate Tournament will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, through Sunday, Nov. 10, at Lone Star College-North Harris, located at 2700 W. W. Thorne Blvd. in Houston.

Colleges and universities from Texas and beyond will compete in speech and debate at this regional tournament to qualify for the American Forensic Association's national speech and debate tournaments. The American Forensic Association is a professional organization for the men and women who train American students in the skills of public speaking and study the use of reasoned discourse in public life.

Lone Star College-North Harris will co-host the regional tournament

with Lone Star College-University Park. The two colleges will begin the three-day event with check-in and scheduling of competitors on Friday, Nov. 8, in the Academic Building, Room 140.

The competition includes 11 categories of speech and three categories of debate. All parts of the tournament are open to the public and free to attend.

"One of the cool fringe benefits that I love about a college-level tournament like this, is the opportunity it provides to high school students who attend," said event organizer Wade Hesch, LSC-North Harris Speech Department Chair. "The attendees will see excellent oratorical competition, and it can be very inspiring."

To learn more about the

Lone Star Swing Speech and Debate Tournament, or for information regarding participation, email Wade.Hesch@lonestar.edu.

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., 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 seven colleges, eight centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

## Voting on Election Day,

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For Trustee Position 6, Kimberly Booker, Danny Spears, and Rickey Tezino are running. Booker is the incumbent.

For Trustee Position 7, Viola Garcia, Terkara Cormier, and Nico Mathews are running. Garcia is the incumbent.

### METRO BOND ISSUE

Proposition A on the ballot would authorize a \$3.5 billion bond issue, to be used for METRO street improvements, mobility projects, and other facilities. Funds for this work would come from the existing Sales Tax, and there would not be any additional taxes required. Projects included in this proposal are a new MetroRapid Bus System, more HOV lanes, and extension of the MetroRail system.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Texans will vote on 10 new Constitutional Amendments on November 5th. The issues addressed include a state income tax, creating a flood infrastructure fund, and funding for the Cancer Re-

search and Prevention Institute of Texas. The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) conducts research on each amendment to provide fair and unbiased information to Texas voters.

### VOTING LOCATIONS

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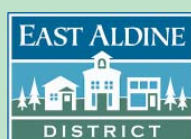
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## Social Security Matters

by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor  
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### Ask Rusty – How Does My Husband’s Federal Pension Affect Benefits?

**Dear Rusty:** My husband retired at his full retirement age of 66. He qualified for Social Security but also qualified for Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Being so, he falls under the Windfall Offset Provision, and subsequently had his Social Security benefit reduced from around \$900 to \$450. His full CSRS benefit is \$3,400. I have not claimed my Social Security benefit, but I expect it to be around \$2000 at my full retirement age of 66 in November. At my full retirement age could I collect half of his benefit and let mine grow until age 70? Or upon filing, am I forced to take my full benefit instead? If I can take half of his benefit, would it be half of his full benefit or half of the reduced benefit? Also, upon claiming my benefit, would my husband be entitled to claim half, and thus increase what he is currently receiving on his own benefit? In addition, upon my death, would my husband qualify for my full Social Security benefit or is he subject to offset by the Windfall Offset or Government Pension Offset? Signed: Confused About SS

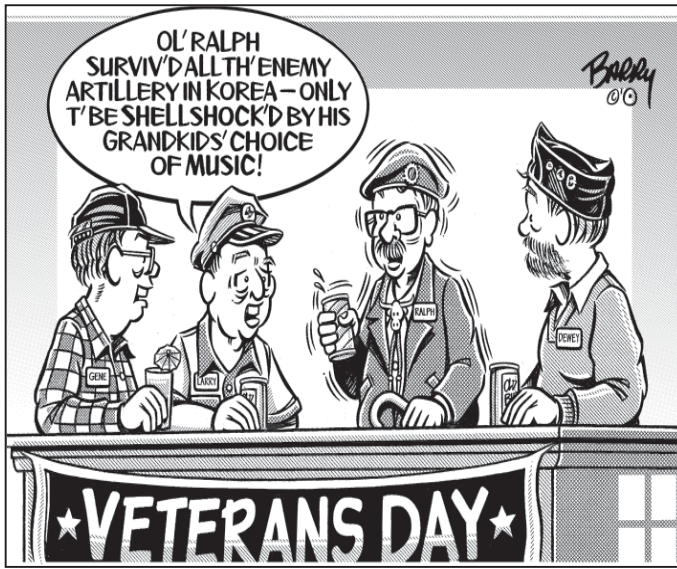
**Dear Confused:** Because of your husband’s CSRS pension, his own Social Security benefit is reduced by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), and any spousal benefit he may be entitled to will be affected by the Government Pension Offset (GPO). Both WEP and GPO are provisions which affect anyone with a pension from employment which did not participate in the Social Security program.

GPO is the more severe of these two provisions, because it reduces any spousal (or survivor) benefit your husband might be entitled to by 2/3rds of his CSRS pension, which means that he will not be able to get a spousal benefit from you when you apply (2/3rds of his CSRS pension is more than he would get as a spousal benefit). You, on the other hand, will be eligible (at your full retirement age, or “FRA,” of 66) to file a “Restricted Application for Spousal Benefits Only,” which will give you half of his WEP-reduced Social Security

benefit (about \$225/month). You are eligible to use the restricted application because you were born before January 2, 1954 (those born after January 1, 1954 cannot use this option). By doing so, you can collect a spousal benefit from your husband while allowing your own SS retirement benefit to grow by 8% per year of delay (2/3rds of 1% per month of delay) up until you are 70 years of age, when your benefit amount will be 32% more than it would be at age 66. But when you claim your benefit at age 70 your husband’s spousal benefit won’t be based on your increased amount, but rather upon your FRA benefit amount of \$2000, which means he still won’t get a spousal benefit due to the Government Pension Offset.

Finally, if you should predecease your husband, the GPO will also affect his survivor’s benefit, which is based upon 100% of what you were receiving at your death (not on your FRA benefit). So, using the numbers you provided, if your FRA benefit would be about \$2000 your age 70 benefit will be about \$2640 (not including COLA increases). Since 2/3rds of your husband’s CSRS pension is \$2268, he’d normally be entitled to the difference (\$372) as his survivor’s benefit. But since that amount is less than his own WEP-reduced SS benefit, he won’t get a survivor’s benefit. As you may be aware, the Federal CSRS plan has been replaced by the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) which participates in Social Security, so WEP and GPO do not apply to those who retire under FERS.

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### Governor issues disaster declaration for storm-stricken counties

**AUSTIN** — After severe weather struck north and east Texas on Oct. 20, Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration naming a list of counties in that region.

Among the counties named are: Cass, Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Erath, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Panola, Rains, Rockwall, Rusk, Tarrant, Van Zandt and Wood.

“By issuing this declaration, Texas is providing local officials with the resources they need to quickly respond and recover from this storm,” Abbott said. In addition to providing access to state resources, the declaration waived certain regulations to make it easier for utility companies to bring in out-of-state resources to assist in restoring power.

The storm brought high winds, heavy rains and at least four tornadoes. Tornado action ravaged a swath 40 miles long through the Dallas area, causing widespread destruction in residential areas and businesses, forcing many closures and resulting in the loss of electrical power to tens of thousands of customers.

Damages attributed to the storm, currently estimated at more than \$2 billion, continue to be updated.

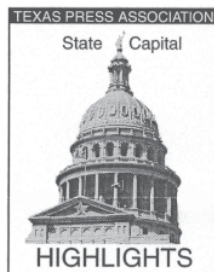
#### Report: The digital divide

More than two million Texas households still do not have access to high-speed internet service.

Those findings are included in the top story of the October edition of “Fiscal Notes,” a monthly publication produced by the comptroller’s office.

The story says the digital divide between urban and rural Texans “has serious im-

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applications for education, telemedicine, agriculture and small business.”

Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar commented about the story in an Oct. 23 news release, saying, “It’s a wired world today and we can’t expect our state to flourish unless we make sure as many Texans as possible have access to dependable high-speed internet for everything from educational and medical services to agricultural technology and online sales.”

#### Air monitoring increases

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is enhancing its air-monitoring capabilities thanks to new equipment funded by the Texas Legislature and savings from the agency’s 2019 budget.

The Legislature granted TCEQ’s request to equip up to three new vehicles with

real-time, mobile air-monitoring technology. Meanwhile, budget savings are being used to fund the installation of three new automated gas chromatograph air monitoring stations in the Houston area and the purchase of new handheld air monitors.

Previously TCEQ’s vans were equipped with instruments only capable of collecting data while stationary and required a time-consuming process to deploy and calibrate. The newly equipped vans will provide the ability for rapid survey assessments, allowing the agency to quickly sample pollutant hot spots, map air concentrations, and identify locations for sampling over longer durations.

#### Update: Vaping, lung issues

The Texas Department of State Health Services has identified 147 Texas cases of severe lung disease in people who reported they had “vaped” before developing symptoms. One of the patients has died.

In its Oct. 22 weekly update on the use of e-cigarettes (“vaping”) and lung disease, the agency reported that state health officials are gathering more information about 17 other possible cases to determine whether they are consistent with the symptoms and substance use seen in cases in Texas and 48 other states.

Respiratory symptoms include difficulty breathing, shortness of breath and coughing. Some people have also experienced nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Clinicians are urged to ask patients with these symptoms about a history of vaping, gather as much information as possible about suspected cases, and report them to DSHS.

Nationally, 1,479 cases have been reported. The DSHS and agencies in other states are working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration to gather evidence about what the cases have in common and to determine a cause.

#### AGs target online sales

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Oct. 22 announced he has joined a bipartisan coalition of 47 state and territorial attorneys general in calling on Facebook, Craigslist and eBay to take action against alcohol sales on their platforms.

A letter from the coalition asks the companies to:

- Review the current content posted to their websites and to remove illegal postings for the sales and/or transfer of alcohol products; and
- Develop and deploy programming to block and prevent platform users from violating state laws.

Coalition members also invited the companies to join them in forming a work group with stakeholders from government and industry to explore how to establish protocols for preventing illegal alcohol sales.

### 5 Important Medicare Changes Coming For 2020

(NAPSI)—If you’re enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, or are considering one, you will have more plan choices with a wider range of benefits to help you better manage your day-to-day health needs during this year’s open enrollment period.

Medicare’s Annual Enrollment Period, which runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, gives Medicare enrollees a chance to revisit their Medicare insurance coverage, make sure it still fits their needs and make changes for the coming year.

Online health insurance broker eHealth outlines five of the most important Medicare changes to be aware of this year:

1. New benefits to help those with chronic illness. Starting in January, 2020, some Medicare Advantage Plans will include benefits for people with chronic illness that will help to support their care. A few examples include nutrition services, transportation to doctor’s appointments and home improvements like shower grips and wheelchair access. More traditional services like dental care, vision care and hearing aids also have been expanded.

2. Medicare Advantage premiums will be lower next year. The average monthly premium for Medicare Advantage plans is expected to be \$23 in 2020, a decrease of 14% from an average of \$26.87 in 2019, and down 28 percent since 2017. The average Medicare Advantage premium this year is the lowest it’s been since 2007.

3. Part D drug plan premiums will be lower, too. The average Medicare prescription drug plan premium for 2020 is \$30, a decline of 13.5% as compared with 2019 costs. Savings on out-of-pocket costs may be available as well. A recent eHealth analysis of people using eHealthMedicare.com to compare Medicare plans found that fewer than one in ten were enrolled in the lowest cost plan for their personal prescription drug regimen. Those who switched to their optimal drug plan stood to save an average of \$900 per year.

4. Seeing a doctor without leaving home will get easier. Many seniors will have access to Medicare Advantage telehealth benefits to connect with health care providers online or by phone. For 2020, more than half of all Medicare Advantage plans will offer added telehealth benefits, reaching up to about 1.7 million enrollees.

5. Medigap plan options are changing. Two of the most popular supplemental plans (so-called Medigap plans) used by those enrolled in original Medicare—Plan F and Plan C—will no longer be available to new Medicare members or those born after January 1, 1955. Fortunately, Plan G, another Medigap policy, offers the same level of coverage provided by Plan F—minus the Part B deductible—and will continue to be available after January 2020. The Part B deductible was \$185 in 2019.

Even if you’re happy your Medicare coverage, eHealth recommends that you review your current coverage during open enrollment because each year plans can and do make changes in costs, physician networks or drug benefits.

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LSU, Alabama meet in Game of Season: Seattle tries to take down hot 49ers

The game we've all been waiting for has finally arrived! No. 1-ranked LSU travels to Tuscaloosa on Saturday night to face No. 2-ranked Alabama in what could be the first of two meetings between the two best teams in college football in 2019.

LSU is ranked No. 1 in the AP Poll and Alabama is ranked No. 1 in the coaches' poll so the winner of this one not only takes over No. 1 in both polls, but also takes a one-game lead in the SEC West race and is probably the odds on favorite to play in the SEC title game on Dec. 7 in Atlanta.

LSU already has wins over these ranked opponents, Texas, Florida and Auburn, while 'Bama has a win over a then-ranked Texas A&M squad.

The Crimson Tide get the edge in the head coach matchup considering Nick Saban has played in big game after big game for the last decade, while Tiger head man Ed Orgeron.

Both teams have had issues on defense this year and that could be a factor as both teams have star quarterbacks as LSU is led by Joe Burrow, while Alabama is led by Tua Tagovailoa, who should return for this game after missing three weeks with a high ankle sprain. In Tua's absence, 'Bama cruised to wins over Tennessee (35-13) and Arkansas (48-7), but they don't want to have their best player miss the most important game of the season. Expect Tua to be under center come Saturday afternoon (and don't be surprised if CBS moves this game to prime time).

Burrow has been outstanding all season long and at the moment is the Heisman Trophy leader. If he leads the Tigers to a win on the road, the trophy will probably be his.

As stated earlier, this could be the first of two meetings between these two rivals. Should the loser win out (and that's a real possibility), they should have enough of a resume to land one of the four College Playoff Berths (CFP) thanks to Oklahoma's upset loss at Kansas State last week.

While the LSU-Alabama is THE featured game this weekend, there are a handful of others in the NCAA and NFL worth taking a look at as well.

Struggling Texas hosts a Kansas State team that upset No. 4-ranked Oklahoma two weeks ago, 48-41. The Wildcats exposed OU's run defense and could do the same to a UT team that lost two weeks ago at TCU and continued to struggle on the defensive side of the ball.

The Sooners hope to bounce back at home against a good Iowa State team. Lincoln Riley's team knows it cannot afford another loss in the Big 12 if it hopes to land a spot in the conference title game on Dec. 7.

In the NFL, the Texans have the week off after playing Jacksonville in London last Sunday. Houston will play the rest of the season without All-Pro defensive end J.J. Watt, who tore a pectoral muscle in the team's 27-24 win over Oakland two weeks ago.

The Sunday Night Football Game is a good one with Minnesota visiting Dallas and on Monday Night Football Seattle visits the undefeated 49ers in a key NFC West contest.

This weekend also marks the end of the District 16-6A season. MacArthur, Davis and Eisenhower enter the final weekend of the season battling for the fourth and final playoff spot. MacArthur entered last weekend's game against Davis with a 3-3 league mark, while Davis and Eisenhower both were 3-2. It appears the fourth and final spot will be decided on the final weekend of the league season.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week upped the season record to 62-44 (58%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower vs. Dekaney - Eric Jackson's Eagles face Dekaney on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Eagles outscored Davis 42-35 as Anthony Isom rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns. They will need another big outing from Isom if they hope to stop a Dekaney team that is led by quarterback Daelyn Williams (1,417 passing yards, 18 TDs/418 rushing yard, 6 TDs). My pick, Eisenhower 26, Dekaney 24

Aldine vs. Nimitz - Hank Semler's Mustangs take on Richard Slater's Cougars on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. It's been a tough season for both squads. Aldine is led by running back Elijah Teamer, while Nimitz is led by running back Jayvon Davis (655 rushing yards, 6 TDs). My pick, Nimitz 24, Aldine 18

Davis at Westfield - Scott Joseph's Falcons face 16-6A top dog, the Westfield Mustangs on Friday night in Spring. Two weeks ago, the Falcons dropped a tough 42-35 decision to Eisenhower. DeMarcus Barlow turned in another strong performance as he rushed for 151 yards and scored three touchdowns and also threw two touchdown passes. Westfield has one of the best defenses in the Houston area and a talented quarterback in Cardell Williams (1,122 passing yards, 15 TDs). My pick, Westfield 30, Davis 24

MacArthur at Spring - Wayne Crawford's Generals host the Spring Lions on Saturday at Thorne Stadium looking to wrap up a playoff spot. Two weeks ago, the Generals earned a hard-fought 14-7 win over Nimitz. Defensive back Joedrick Lewis returned an interception 89 yards for one score and Mike Salas won the game with a 102-yard kickoff return to secure the victory and keep the Generals in the playoff hunt. Spring is led by dual-threat QB Aldyn Bradley (791 passing yards, 9 TDs/751 rushing yards, 21 TDs). My pick, MacArthur 23, Spring 21

NCAA

Kansas State at Texas - Things might be getting a little hot for Tom Herman in Austin. Many Longhorn faithful were expecting Herman's team to be a serious contender for the Big 12 title this year and perhaps even land a CFP berth, but after losses to LSU, OU and TCU, those dreams have been dashed. Texas has been plagued by poor play on defense all season long and that unit will be tested again this week when they face a KSU team that pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the year when the Wildcats took down OU two weeks ago in Manhattan. KSU quarterback



Skylar Thompson (1,207 passing yards, 7 TDs) ran all over OU and he could have another big day against a poor tackling Texas defense. UT needs to get a big day from quarterback Sam Ehlinger (2,378 passing yards, 23 TDs) and wide receiver Devin Duvernay (69 receptions, 800 yards, 7 TDs). Ehlinger threw two killer interceptions against TCU and needs a bounce back game against Kansas State. My pick, Texas 33, Kansas State 29

LSU at Alabama - This should be a great game to watch as both teams possess 5-star talent on both sides of the ball. The key to this game could come down to which team runs the ball better. Both teams are two of the best passing teams in the country, but Saban knows a strong running game will keep Burrow (2,805 passing yards, 30 TDs) and star receivers Justin Jefferson (55 receptions, 819

yards, 9 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (43 receptions, 749 yards, 9 TDs) off the field for long stretches, so don't be surprised if Saban give running back Najee Harris (642 rushing yards, 5 TDs) a lot of work early behind a veteran 'Bama offensive line. Burrow is going to get his yards and scores and should be able to make plays against a young and inexperienced Crimson Tide secondary. The Alabama defense has played better as of late holding Tennessee to 13 points and Arkansas to seven points, but neither of those two teams should be compared to this LSU offense. The LSU defense has been known to give up big chunk plays this year so look for Tagovailoa (2,166 passing yards, 27 TDs) to look for big plays from his trio of gifted receivers in DeVonta Smith (43 receptions, 721 yards, 9 TDs), Jerry Jeudy (52 receptions, 682 yards, 8 TDs) and Henry Ruggs, III (26 receptions, 513 yards, 6 TDs). With three solid weapons, LSU can't take the chance of doubling one, because the other two will burn them. I don't think LSU will be intimidated playing at Alabama, but I think the Crimson Tide's big-game experience, and Saban, will be the difference in this one. My pick, Alabama 24, LSU 21

NFL

Carolina at Green Bay - The Panthers pay a visit to Lambeau Field hoping Cam Newton is ready to return to action. Two weeks ago, Carolina was blown out at San Francisco, 51-13 and needs to start racking up wins to keep New Orleans within sight in the NFC South. While the Panthers were getting blown out, the Packers won a tough road game at Kansas City as Aaron Rodgers (2,327 passing yards,

16 TDs) threw three touchdown passes, and the game-winner to running back Aaron Jones (466 rushing yards, 11 total TDs). Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey (735 rushing yards, 8 TDs) might find it tough to run against a very solid GB front seven. My pick, Green Bay 26, Carolina 17

Buffalo at Cleveland - The Battle of the Rust Belt takes place in Cleveland on Sunday when the Bills visit the disappointing Browns. Two weeks ago, the Bills entered their game with the Eagles with a 5-1 record and one of the best defenses in the NFL, but the Eagles lit them up for 31 points en route to a 31-13 pasting at home. Quarterback Josh Allen (1,443 passing yards, 9 TDs) needs to improve his play and he will face a Cleveland defense that can rush the quarterback. The Browns have struggled on offense this year behind second-year QB Baker Mayfield (1,690 passing yards, 6 TDs, 11 interceptions), so look for running back Nick Chubb (738 rushing yards, 6 TDs) to carry the load as the Browns make their fans happy with a win over Buffalo. My pick, Cleveland 23, Buffalo 20

Los Angeles Rams at Pittsburgh - After dropping three games in a row in October, the Rams rebounded with back-to-back wins before their bye week and return to action this week with a road game at Pittsburgh. The Rams got the passing game going in their 24-10 win over the Bengals in London as wide receiver Cooper Kupp (58 receptions, 752 yards, 6 TDs) grabbed seven passes for 220 yards and one touchdown from Jared Goff (2,367 yards, 11 TDs). Look for the Rams to give running back Todd Gurley (355 rushing yards, 6 TDs) plenty of work against the Steelers as they continue to build momentum on the back end of the season. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 30, Pittsburgh 17

Minnesota at Dallas - A good one for the Sunday Night Football crew pits the Vikings against the Cowboys in AT&T Stadium. After a rough start, quarterback Kirk Cousins (1,997 passing yards, 13 TDs) has come on as of late to bring balance to the Vikings offense.

Running back Dalvin Cook (823 rushing yards, 9 TDs) is having an All-Pro season and wide receiver Stefan Diggs (37 receptions, 706 yards, 4 TDs) is making plays down field. The Dallas defense will need to play like it did three weeks ago when it pressured Eagles QB Carson Wentz all night long and forced a couple of turnovers in their 34-10 win that just might have turned their season around. The Dallas offense will face a very good Minnesota defense, but the Cowboys have a few weapons of their own in quarterback Dak Prescott (2,123 passing yards, 12 TDs), running back Ezekiel Elliott (602 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Amari Cooper (38 receptions, 621 yards, 5 TDs). Look for the Dallas defense to get after Cousins early and force a turnover or two and have Prescott take some shots down field to Cooper to open up the running game for Elliott. Cowboys earn a tough win as they look to build momentum in the second half of the season. My pick, Dallas 23, Minnesota 20

Seattle at San Francisco - Don't look now, but the 49ers might be the best team this side of Foxborough thus far in the 2019 season. And they are getting it done with defense. Entering last Thursday night's game at Arizona, the 49ers defense had allowed just 11 points per game and looked dominant in its 51-13 throttling of Carolina two weeks ago. That defense will get a good test on Monday night when it faces Russell Wilson (2,127 passing yards, 17 TDs), Chris Carson (659 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Tyler Lockett (46 receptions, 615 yards, 4 TDs) and DK Metcalf (23 receptions, 402 yards, 4 TDs). The 49ers aren't an explosive offense, but they do run the ball well behind Tevin Coleman (446 rushing yards, 5 TDs). Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (1,489 passing yards, 9 TDs) is a good game manager and takes what defenses give him. Look for him to hook up with talented tight end George Kittle (40 receptions, 462 yards, 1 TD) for some big plays as the 49ers show a national audience that they truly are the real deal. My pick, San Francisco 30, Seattle 20

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King Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include 'Lehar's "Merry" one', 'Nonsense!', 'In one's dotage', 'Keyless', 'Squirm', 'Multitask, maybe', 'Before', 'Clio nominee, maybe', 'Antiquated', 'Dutch export', 'Customizable computer character', 'Diver Louganis', 'Doughnut, geometrically', 'Tell the tale', 'Scale member', 'Witness', 'Curve cutter', 'Diamond corners', 'Photog's choice', 'Fish eggs', 'Tick follower', 'Singer DiFranco', 'Ivanhoe', 'on parole francais', 'Word-finding', 'Sleepwear', 'Dazzle', 'Use unduly', 'Wool variety', 'Billfold', 'Saccharine', 'Sill', 'Hr. fraction', 'Indispensables', 'Wonderful', 'Mayday!', 'Eccentric', 'Ready to roll author', 'Understand', 'podrida', 'Dieters' targets', 'Film director', 'whose father was a painter', 'Baffler', 'Wine and dine, maybe', 'Elegantly maintained', 'Bk. after Prov.', 'Vacationer at Vail, probably', 'Group character', 'Metal refuse', 'Recording', 'Martini ingredient', 'Solidify'.

Amber Waves

Comic strip panels by Dave T. Phipps. Panel 1: 'HEY FELLAS, I SNUCK THE FARMER'S CREDIT CARD AND GOT PIZZA!'. Panel 2: 'I GOT ALL KINDS OF TOPPING'S SO COME ON, GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT!'. Panel 3: 'MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH'. Panel 4: 'OH COME ON! WHY DO I ALWAYS END UP WITH CANADIAN BACON?'.

R.E.D.

Comic strip panels by Mike Marland. Panel 1: 'WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF WE WERE LIKE TREES DAD?'. Panel 2: 'LOSE ALL OUR HAIR IN THE FALL, BE BALD ALL WINTER AND GROW IT ALL BACK COME SPRING!'. Panel 3: 'WELL, I LIKE THE SPRING PART.'.

The Spats

Comic strip panels by Jeff Pickering. Panel 1: 'HAROLD, YOU ARE LAZY!'. Panel 2: 'I KNOW I AM, BUT I CAN'T HELP IT...'. Panel 3: '...I'M A RELAXAHOLIC!'.

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. Difficulty level: Moderate. HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a boy looking at a girl. Panel 1: 'Find at least six differences in details between panels.' Panel 2: 'Differences: 1. Eyeglasses are missing. 2. Mar's collar is missing. 3. The girl's hair is missing. 4. The girl's hair is missing. 5. The girl's hair is missing. 6. The girl's hair is missing. 7. The girl's hair is missing. 8. The girl's hair is missing. 9. The girl's hair is missing.'.

Weekly SUDOKU grid with numbers filled in.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is aubergine?
2. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for a rhytidectomy?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "lex loci" mean?
4. MOVIES: Who played Yogurt in the parody comedy film "Spaceballs"?
5. HISTORY: In which war did England and France fight the Battle of Agincourt?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
7. ART: How many paintings did Vincent Van Gogh sell in his lifetime?
8. SCIENCE: How many patents did Thomas Edison accumulate for his inventions?
9. ENTERTAINERS: What was the name of singer Michael Jackson's pet chimpanzee?
10. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the chemical element of gold?

Solution time: 24 mins. King Crossword Answers.



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## 2019 Fall Festival,

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Attractions included live entertainment from Aldine ISD dance and music classes, food trucks, games, raffles, face painting, a kid's dance contest, and emphasizing the theme, a Sugar Skull Face contest. Also showing was the Disney movie COCO.

Sponsors of the event included Brookside Funeral Home and Memorial Park, Lone Star College-North Harris East Aldine campus, BakerRipley, Aldine ISD Avalos P-Tech School, Harris County Sheriff's Office, and the East Aldine District.

Unusually good weather contributed to everyone having a fun time, according to the organizers.

About two dozen organizations had information booths, and games, face painting, balloon figures, and much more. A number of Bounce Houses and castles kept the kids entertained. Exhibits also included Westfield Fire Department engine, and an ambulance from Harris County Emergency Corps.



A Robot Stiltwalker leads the child's dance contest.



Aldine Dance Troup with a Death Dance



Best Booth - Pookie's Pops



Explorers with Skeleton Lady

## Day of the Dead,

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Dia de los Muertos at Brookside featured: UPPER LEFT, Young Flamenco Dancers; BELOW LEFT, a Mariachi Band; BELOW RIGHT, a Fantasy Dance of Zombies and other Spirits.



## Gun-Related Violence,

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democratic continues to steal lives all around us. We know county government can be an agent for positive change, working around barriers and unfunded mandates to keep our communities safe. The measures we are announcing today are real, common-sense actions that will save lives and protect some of our most vulnerable residents, including victims of domestic violence and children."

"While action to address gun violence stalls at the state and federal level, I'm proud of the actions that Harris County is taking at the local level to protect vulnerable members of our community from gun-related domestic violence," said Commissioner Rodney Ellis. "We must always do what we can to prevent and reduce all forms of gun violence in our communities."

In addition to the expansion Safe Surrender program, Harris County officials are working together to address gun-related violence through the following initiatives:

- Expedited reporting of disqualifying convictions for firearms ownership: The Harris County District Clerk's Office will report convictions that disqualify people from owning firearms to the Department of Public Safety within five business days, faster than currently required by law.

- Gun lock distribution: Precinct One Constables are distributing gun locks at community service events.

- Task force: The Harris County Public Health Department has begun a task force on violence and injury prevention.

Harris County officials will return to Commissioners Court with an implementation plan and funding recommendations for the Safe Surrender program by the November 12, 2019 meeting.

## CORRECTION:

Last year's winning booth at Brookside Dia de los Muertos



THIS PHOTO RAN LAST WEEK, WITH INCORRECT IDENTIFICATION. This booth was hosted by EAST ALDINE UNITE, which included some Green Forest Civic Club and Castlewood Civic Club members. It won first place in last year's Dia de los Muertos event at Brookside. In the photo are Connie and Alex Esparza, and Marina Sugg and others.

## Community Meeting,

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tional stormwater detention basin storage within the project area communities.

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