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NEWS NOTES

TO OUR READERS:
The current Covid-19 Pandemic and other economic conditions have caused us to combine some issues every two weeks, and to change distribution to Pick-up locations. See page 3 for 50 locations where you can get a copy of the Northeast News, and page 6 for email subscriptions. We thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19 Cases as of September 22, 2020

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19 COUNTIES

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2,655 DEATHS
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2,615,974 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

31,424,898 POSITIVE
966,776 DEATHS
21,546,587 RECOVERED

Aldine ISD Virtual College Fair Oct. 5

Aldine ISD middle and high school students are invited to attend a FREE virtual college fair, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 5. Students will have an opportunity to speak with representatives and learn about college, trade school, and military options!

- More than 100 colleges and universities from across the country will be in attendance
- Military branches
- Trade Schools

Registration is now underway. For more information please call 281.985.6408.

Two HCPH Locations Offering Free COVID-19 Testing

There are two stationary sites. At the M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine, children can also be tested. Hours are 6am-1pm. Register at www.hcphtx.org or call **832-927-7575**.

For the Pasadena stationary site at San Jacinto Central Campus, people must be 13 or older to be tested and people can register at www.doineeda.com or call **832-927-7575**.

Some Aldine students return for In-person classes

ALDINE – Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney toured five campuses as a group of students returned to in-person instruction on Monday, Sept. 21.

Dr. Goffney made her first stop at Davis High School where she was greeted by the school's drum corps, which performed for her and other onlookers.

"Thank you for waking us up," Dr. Goffney said to the percussionists. "How are you all feeling? I hope you are all cautiously optimistic. I can't wait to see you all perform during the year."

She then toured a number of classrooms along with Davis High Principal Anthony Watkins.

Dr. Goffney's next stop



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney visits with a pre-kindergarten student at Magrill Primary School during the first day on in-person learning in AISD on Monday, Sept. 21.

was to Hambrick Middle School where she was greeted by the school's new Principal Jose Almdarez. She also stopped by

the cafeteria to visit with members of the school's Child Nutrition and thanked them for their dedicated service to Ham-

brick's students.

"Thank you all so much," she said. "You have been working so hard."

Again, she visited a number of classrooms with Mr. Almdarez. "I'm so excited about your new principal," she said to the students she visited. "We want to transition back but we want to do it safely and slowly. I'm excited to welcome you back."

The next stop was to Magrill Primary School where Dr. Goffney again toured a number of classrooms and spent time looking over some of Aldine ISD's youngest learners work.

Then it was off to Teague Middle School for more classroom visits before the final stop of her first-day tour was complet-

ed at Ogden Elementary School, where she sat for an interview with KHOU Channel 11 before visiting classrooms.

Joining Dr. Goffney on her visits were Chief Business and Operations Officer Dr. Tamika Alford-Stephens, Chief of Schools Katy Roede, Chief Communications Officer Sheleah Reed, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Derrick Sanders, School Assistant Superintendent of High Schools Todd Lindeman, School Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools LaTonia Amerson and School Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools LaToya Wynne.

See **IN-PERSON CLASSES**, page 3

\$10M Remains in Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Eligible Renters should apply immediately

The Harris County Emergency Rental Assistance Program, established by Commissioners Court earlier this summer to provide relief to those struggling from the economic impact of the pandemic, has \$10M remaining in the fund.

"I implore all eligible residents to participate in this valuable program," Commissioner Rodney Ellis said. "Taking advantage

of these funds can mean the difference between having a place to stay and being homeless."

Of the \$40M approved by Commissioners Court earlier this summer, \$10M remains in the Rental Assistance Program. There are 6,000 landlords with 13,000 different properties registered in the program that's administered by BakerRipley. The application process will remain open until funds are expended.

The program allows recipients to receive \$1,200. To be eligible, recipients must be 50% or lower of low- to moderate-income (LMI). Recipients are selected through a randomization process. Landlords must be registered in the program for a tenant to apply. Tenants can see which rental properties participate in

See **RENTAL ASSISTANCE**, page 3

HC Judge Hidalgo urges voters to register

Deadline is October 5

HOUSTON – Harris County Judge Hidalgo, along with Houston Rockets manager Doug Hall, and Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins, held a news conference last Friday to encourage residents to register to vote.

The deadline to register to vote is October 5 and early voting begins on October 13.

For the first time, Toyota Center will be an early voting site open to any registered voter in Harris County from October 13 to October 30. It will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and Noon to 7 p.m. on Sundays. From October 27 to October 30, it will be open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The home of the Rockets will also be

an Election Day vote center. You can vote in person or drive-thru.

Hidalgo said Harris County has tripled the number of early voting sites to make it more convenient and safer.

Toyota Center will follow all CDC and Public Health guidelines regarding social distancing.

"Our elections this November will be historic — not only because we are

See **VOTER REGISTRATION**, page 3

Lone Star's bachelor's program off to a strong start

HOUSTON (Aug. 28) – Hurricane Laura could not dampen the spirits of students enrolled in the Lone Star College inaugural bachelor's degrees programs. The first classes began as the storm was approaching the Texas Gulf Coast Tuesday, Aug. 26.

"These baccalaureate degrees will change not only our students' lives, but also the lives of their families and the entire community," said Dalia Sherif, Ph.D., LSC executive dean, Baccalaureate Programs & Partnerships. "We are proud to celebrate that our inaugural program cohorts are at full capacity and come to us with average GPAs of 3.0 and higher."

In all, 100% of the Registered Nursing students attended their first online, live class. In addition, 96%



Bachelor's degree students participate in an on-line ZOOM session.

and 94% students attended their first Cybersecurity, and Energy, Manufacturing and Trades Management classes respectively.

"I am very proud of the efforts put forth by these students and their instructors," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "They continue to persevere under extraordinary circumstances."

LSC was approved by the state of Texas and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to offer Bachelor of Science in

See **BACHELOR'S PROGRAM**, page 3

Sheriff launches program to help with Autism cases

HOUSTON – (September 8, 2020) – The Harris County Sheriff's Office launched Project Guardian to improve the agency's interactions with children and adults in Harris County on the autism spectrum. The innovative program engages families with loved ones with autism and provides deputies with critical information about the person with autism, including any special needs should they encounter them when responding to a call for service.

"We continuously work with the community to ensure we are doing all we can to best serve our residents with compassion and understanding," said Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. "Project Guardian engages the community, builds positive relationships, and embraces public safety as a shared responsibility. It's an example of what we can accomplish together."

A simple interaction with law enforcement could be a very stressful or traumatic situation for a person with autism. Flashing lights on an emergency vehicle may cause a person with autism to become frightened and act out.

Families are encouraged to participate in the program by submitting basic infor-



SHERIFF GONZALEZ

mation about their loved one with autism, including a recent photo and any individual characteristics attributed to autism that deputies should take into consideration during their interaction with them.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office is committed to diverting individuals experiencing a behavioral

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SCHOOL NEWS

Backpacks, school supplies donated



The Greenspoint YMCA, along with Halliburton and Texas Children's Hospital donated approximately 1,000 backpacks and school supply packets for Aldine ISD primary and middle school students. Each school received 40 backpacks and school supply packets. Posing with the goodies are members of the Family and Community Engagement Department (FACE). Pictured are, (l-r): FACE Executive Director Dr. Martha Escalante, Director of Family and Community Engagement Director, and Nancy Gauthier, Family and Community Engagement Specialist. The backpacks and school supplies were picked up by the schools on Friday, Sept. 18 at the Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center.

Aldine Hard Hats for Little Heads



The Memorial Hermann Nimitz Clinic, located behind Dunn Elementary School, recently hosted a "Hard Hats for Little Heads" program for Aldine ISD families. Twenty families from Dunn Elementary, Parker Elementary, Ogden Elementary, Jones Elementary, Magrill and Jones primary schools received free biking helmets as a part of a grant, sponsored by the Texas Medical Association. The program promotes overall physical activity and helmet use for children when biking, skating, and skateboarding. Parents and children were taught how to properly fit helmets and practiced bike safety.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Belt Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. at 1-866-773-8424 Access Code 703358#. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Anthony Davis, James Upton, Yvonne Boudreaux, Barry Ross and Paul H. Young
AGAINST the proposal: n/a
PRESENT and not voting: n/a
ABSENT: n/a

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|--|------------|-----------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.450000 | \$0.4300 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$0.020 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) | | -4.44% |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$130,241 | \$137,830 |
| General homestead exemptions available | \$31,128 | \$33,152 |
| (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | | |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$99,113 | \$104,678 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$446.01 | \$450.12 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if | | |
| proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | | \$4.11 |
| and percentage of increase (+/-) | | 0.92% |

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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

The Sheldon Road Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Audio/Video teleconference the dial-in information is listed below. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Audio/Video Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84513126542?pwd=TXRrNGFvckMrVVZpN045M3ZFY1R3dz09>
 To participate by phone, call: 1-346-248-7799
 Meeting ID: 845 1312 6542 Access Code: 018283

FOR the proposal: Wade Landry, Charlotte Pierce, Cecilia Casas, Larry Allen & Leslie Brown
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

| | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | Last Year | This Year |
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$1.34/\$100 | \$1.34/\$100 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$0.00/\$100 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-) | | 0.00% |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 74,977 | \$ 80,208 |
| General homestead exemptions available | | |
| (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | 20% | 20% |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 59,982 | \$ 64,166 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 803.75 | \$ 859.82 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if | | |
| proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | | \$56.07 |
| and percentage of increase (+/-) | | 6.98% |

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23601, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The SEQUOIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 12, 2020 @ 6:30 PM at 14435 Sequoia Bend, Houston, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: JAMES EASTHAM, SR., RICHARD SLATER, MELVA D. STRAHAN AND KAREN J. BAKER

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.44/\$100 | \$0.44/\$100 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$-0-\$100 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-) | | -0% |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 120,035 | \$ 126,995 |
| General Homestead exemptions available | | |
| (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$- 24,007 | \$ -25,399 |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 96,028 | \$ 101,596 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 422.52 | \$ 447.02 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if | | |
| proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | | \$ +24.50 |
| and percentage of increase (+/-) | | + 5.7985% |

If the district is a district described in by Section 49.23603

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If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Voter Registration,

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electing the President of the United States — but also because we must meet the challenge as a community to ensure that every Harris County voter can cast their vote safely,” Harris County Clerk Chris Hollins said last month. “Harris County needs more voting centers than ever before in order to accommodate record voter turnout while following strict safety protocols to keep voters and election workers safe at the polls.”

With a larger venue for voting, Hollins said “no voters will have to choose between protecting their health and exercising their Constitutional right to vote this November.”

Toyota Center General Manager Doug Hall said they’re honored to help serve the community. “Voting is an extremely important right which many have fought hard for throughout the years and we want to thank the Harris County Clerk office for allowing the Rockets and Toyota Center to offer support,” Hall said.

The Rockets have partnered with Houston First to provide free parking at the Toyota Tundra Garage throughout the voting process.

Aldine ISD Employees Return to Buildings and Facilities

After six long months, Aldine ISD central-support and campus-based personnel returned to their normal worksites, on Monday, September 14. Strategically identified students will return for on-campus learning beginning Monday, Sept. 21.

In order to prepare for students’ staggered return, district employees quickly adapted to their new normal. Although some staff have been working in district buildings since school started, on August 17, the majority of district employees have been working and teaching virtually.

Campus leaders rolled out the red carpet to welcome staff back to campuses. Campus personnel were welcomed back with cheers, applause, swag bags and baskets to kick off the first day with a full staff. Schools are ready to welcome back on campus learners. Floors and campus walls are lined with reminders about social distancing, hand washing etiquette and plenty of hand sanitizer throughout the building.

To ensure the health and safety of all staff, all employees are required to wear face coverings and complete a daily health screening questionnaire. This is just one of the new



Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney talks to Stovall Middle School students on the classroom promethean board.

procedures for district staff. Students returning to campus will also be required to do a daily self-screening and follow all district health and safety protocols, including wearing face coverings.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and district leaders visited several campuses to welcome staff.

Although teachers are back teaching on campus, the school hallways remain quiet. Teachers are in their individual classrooms continuing to teach online, preparing for classrooms for students, and even taking their students on a virtual tour of the campus.

Victory Early College

High School English I teachers, Marisa Firestine, was leading her students in an open discussion on Zoom, during the Superintendent’s visit. Firestine paused her virtual class to introduce Goffney. Goffney thanked the students for participating virtually and expressed her excitement for their return.

During the Victory Early College visit, Thomasina Gatson, Health and Physical Education teacher, explained how much she has missed her students. “I am ready to see my students in person. It has been interesting teaching P.E. virtually, but we make it work.” Gatson is also working on social and emotion-

al learning with her students.

Dr. Goffney welcomed new principal Sheka Mott-Dow to Keeble EC/PK/K. Dow gave Goffney and district leaders a tour of their campus. Keeble students who chose on-campus learning will return to school on September 21. During the visit, Linda Flores Olson, Aldine Education Foundation Director presented Ms. Dow with a nice welcome basket.

While visiting Stovall Middle School, English Language Arts teacher Juana Galvan Nunez led her virtual class in a lesson about mindfulness. Students practiced deep breathing and mindfulness meditation via

Zoom.

“I’m so happy to be back on campus today,” Stovall Middle School teacher Elizabeth Schiche said. After having some connectivity issues at home Schiche was glad to meet with her students online. Schiche’s students were learning about assets when Superintendent Dr. Goffney and Chief Business and Operations Manager dropped by.

It has been an interesting school year for first-year teacher Rebecca Soto. Soto is a new third grade teacher at Marcella Elementary School. Although, she has not been able to meet her students face-to-face yet she is enthusiastic about their first day on campus. Dr. Goffney expressed her excitement for Soto’s first year with Aldine and informed her that she has joined a great campus.

Each of the campuses will continue to use this week to prepare for students. During the visits, Dr. Goffney expressed her appreciation for each staff member.

“I am so proud of each of our leaders and educators who continue to rise to the challenge. You all have quickly adapted to online teaching and continue to ensure that learning continues in Aldine ISD.”

In-Person Classes,

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Aldine ISD’s COVID Task Force has worked to identify the groups of students who would benefit most from in-person instruction. Those groups are listed below:

Transition Group 1

This group includes Aldine’s youngest learners, those who are in Special Education, and secondary recent immigrants who are identified as part of our AEA program. Students who have been assigned to our alternative education program housed at the Knippel Alternative Education Center and students who attend Hall Success Academy will also return. First-graders and sixth-graders will also return. At the high school level, we will welcome back ninth-graders and 10th-graders on a hybrid model:

- Students whose last name begins with A-L will

attend class on campus Mondays and Tuesdays.

- Students whose last name begins with M-Z will attend class on campus Wednesdays and Thursdays.

- Fridays are reserved for online learning.

Transition Group 2

In addition to the group above the district will welcome back kindergarten students, second, third and seventh-graders. At the high school level, we will welcome back 11th-graders on a hybrid model:

- Students whose last name begins with A-L will attend class on campus Mondays and Tuesdays.

- Students whose last name begins with M-Z will attend class on campus Wednesdays and Thursdays.

- Fridays are reserved for online learning.

Transition Group 3

The final group of students will return the week of October 5: fourth-graders, fifth-graders, and eighth-graders. The Class of 2021 will return following the high school hybrid schedule:

- Students whose last name begins with A-L will attend class on campus Mondays and Tuesdays.

- Students whose last name begins with M-Z will attend class on campus Wednesdays and Thursdays.

- Fridays are reserved for online learning.

The Next Nine Weeks

For students not in these transition groups, or those who opted to learn at home for the first nine weeks, learning will continue to take place virtually. The district has received positive feedback from families so far about the great interactions that have been possible virtually.

LSC Bachelor’s Program,

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Nursing (BSN); Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity (BAT-Cybersecurity); and Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy, Manufacturing and Trades Management (BAS-EMTM).

“I felt that this was amazing because both chapters were explained in detail and with clarity,” said Jennie Pena, LSC BAS-EMTM student. “My main excitement is because we will be the first class to graduate with a bachelor’s degree. We are making history at Lone Star College.”

The RN-BSN program was created to prepare Registered Nurses to care for patients in a variety of settings and advance their professional qualifications. The BAT-Cybersecurity program will train students for successful careers in the field of Information Technology and the BAS-EMTM program is designed for practitioners in the fields of energy, manufacturing,

and various industries seeking to advance into management.

LSC students interested in a bachelor’s degree study close to home and take advantage of paying the same tuition rates as they would an associate degree, saving them thousands of dollars. Programs are built with eight-week classes in the hybrid (part online, part in-person) model to support working students.

“The students in these applied bachelor’s degree programs maximize the credits they’ve already earned in their associate degree to be on track to finish their bachelor’s in just two years,” said Valerie Jones, LSC associate vice chancellor, Academic Affairs. “Their faculty celebrate the years of professional experience these students bring into the class.”

“I found the online session quite enjoyable,” said Jonathan Zielske, LSC

BAT-Cybersecurity student. “In my opinion it was just as productive as a session had we been in person on campus.”

Visit LoneStar.edu/Bachelors to learn more about the LSC bachelor’s degree programs.

Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 93,000+ 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, 10 centers, two university centers, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

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“Having a place to shelter is always important. But during a global pandemic, it can be the difference between life and

death,” Commissioner Ellis said. “The pandemic has left many families struggling to pay rent, and the expiration of federal protections for tenants has put our community in a looming eviction crisis. Now is the time for eligible tenants to take advantage of the remaining funds.”

Autism Program,

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health crisis away from the criminal justice system and toward more appropriate care, resources, and services. Every deputy is required to complete a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training course to ensure they respond as professionally, humanely, and safely as possible to the scene of a mental health crisis. Deputies learn the wide variation in the type and severity of symptoms persons with autism experience, as well as ways to

comfort them and de-escalate situations that may arise.

Project Guardian database information will be kept confidential and only provided to deputies if they are responding to a call for service at a residence with a registered program participant. For more information or to register a loved one with autism, visit <http://www.harriscountycit.org/project-guardian/>.

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OPINION PAGE

CHARLOTTE'S WEB



Why the Passion

Recently a middle school student asked why I am so involved in the community. I had to remind her that if we do not speak up for others, who will. She has lived her entire life in the North Channel Community, so she knows diversity and empathy. I had to explain to her that not every community is as special as ours.

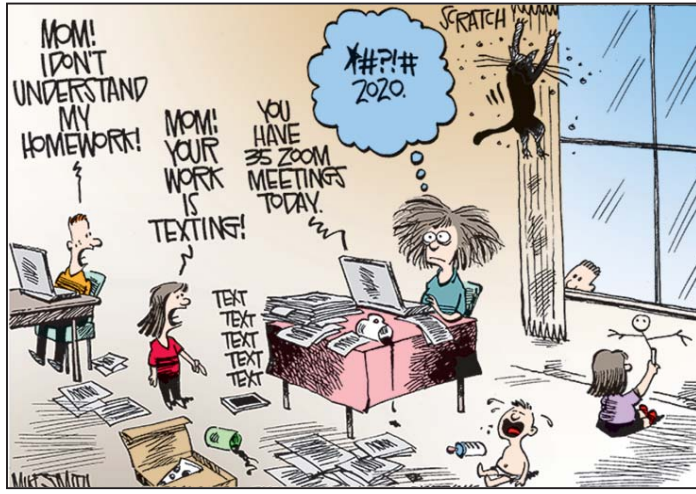
She was watching national news and was extremely distraught over the protests and marches she has seen this summer. She asked if I had ever been involved in one and I reflected on my life and while I may not have been out marching in the streets, I learned how to use my voice to get my message across. She could not understand that at first, so I explained.

When I attended high school, the government teacher, Ms. Mary Lou Dillard, would pass out a Voter Registration card the first day of class. She asked us to fill them out and not sign them or date them. She then took the time to add each of our birthdays to a calendar. She did not list our name on our 18th birthday, but instead one month in advance. As our date on her special calendar rolled around, she had us to sign them and date the card. Then she mailed them. We were told that once we received the actual card in the mail stating we were registered, to bring it to her. We were then given extra credit for her class. If we were fortunate enough to have an election after our 18th birthday and during our Senior year, we were given opportunities for addition credit

If we researched a

candidate that we believed in, we would volunteer with their campaign. And we received extra credit. If we voted in an election and brought her proof, we earned more extra credit. And if we were really adventurous and invited a candidate to speak to the class, she would give even more credit. We were an interesting group. Of the 365 graduates, many are still active in elections today. Some have ran for office, some have worked for elected officials and some have been advocates for the causes that matter most to us. After each election, I take the time to write a letter to the official. Not typed on the computer, not an email, but a handwritten note. (When you open the mailbox and find a handwritten envelope, I bet it is the first one you open.)

I tell them congratulations. I tell them my story and which issues are important to me. I let them know why domestic violence, mental illness, prison reform and homelessness matter to me. I remind them that I am blessed to have both parents still alive and work with 500+ Seniors on a weekly basis. I let them know they can call on me if they think there is something I can help with. I also remind them that I will pray for them daily. I realize that they are taking a job which many will not want, spending money of their own savings and not spending enough time with their loved ones. It matters to me who is elected. Their actions while in office affect me. I cannot help but be passionate. I invite you to join me as well.



THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Mouse Wars

My husband Peter is now at war with the mice. The mice (possibly with the assistance of a rat or two) have eaten the electrical wiring in our car causing extensive damage. The coating on the wires is apparently tasty. I don't know any automobile engineers personally but, if I did, I would suggest that constructing a car out of tasty materials is probably not a great idea because now we have a lot of small creatures trying to eat our car, one piece at a time.

We are not alone. We've heard the neighbors complaining about the same problem and when we brought the car into the mechanic—every dashboard light flashing and any number of peculiar electrical malfunctions happening at once—the mechanic was not surprised. They had just towed in a city vehicle that was in worse shape yet. When they lifted the hood, half a dozen rodents jumped out and ran around the shop.

"Those rats are making me rich!" the mechanic said, with a little more pleasure than seemed appropriate.

Peter is determined not to singlehandedly keep the mechanic in business and so he has been trying—with limited success—to keep the mice out of our car.

The good news is, Peter is very resourceful. The bad news is that Peter has a soft heart and a weak stomach. He does not want to use mousetraps. He says they are gruesome and that there are too many mice nibbling on the wires to make a difference. He wants to discourage the mice with a little less blood and gore.

That's why he went with electrocution.

The "Rat Zapper" lures a mouse in with a tasty treat and then a battery zaps it to death. It seems to work pretty well. Peter has been hauling out a lot of victims. But Peter is not crazy about execution in any form, so he's been studying up on the alternatives. Just yesterday, he invested in the "Under Hood Animal Repeller."

According to the literature, the "Under Hood Animal Repeller" emits very loud noises that mice supposedly do not like and people cannot hear. I used to have something like this in my attic years ago, but they have obviously improved. This one hooks up to the car battery and automatically turns off if the battery gets low or the car is started. In addition to the loud "variable ultrasonic pulses" this device emits, it also has flashing LED strobe lights, "to create a hostile environment for rodents to live and nest, forcing them to flee from the protected area," according to the pamphlet.

I'm going to tell you honestly, I have my doubts.

To me, it sounds as if this device is going to just frighten off all the middle-aged mice, looking for a quiet retirement community. "Too loud! Too bright! Let's get out of here, Mother!"

But it sounds like it is designed to appeal to young, hungry mice, looking for a fun night out. "Loud music! Flashing lights! Party!" Peter says he's going to install at least two and I can easily imagine the mice club-hopping from one device to the other under the hood of our car.

We shall see. Peter and I do our best to peacefully co-exist, but these rodents are posing a challenge. Meanwhile, Peter keeps a watchful eye and the electrocution device keeps zapping away.

"I got another customer!" Peter announces cheerfully, at least once a day. I want to be supportive, but I'm not quite sure how to respond.

So, I just say, "Congratulations, Honey!"

Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Chris Cobler



Get your flu shot, Governor says

While scientists race to develop a COVID-19 vaccine, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is urging everyone to get a flu shot. Texans need to do their part to keep moving forward the state's recovery from the pandemic, the governor said. Last week, he also eased restrictions placed on businesses in most of Texas. In a new public service announcement, Abbott reminded Texans that flu season already has arrived. Getting a flu shot is especially important this season to help keep hospitalizations down during the state's ongoing response to COVID-19, he said. "I got mine today," Abbot said. "I can tell you it is the best way to reduce your chances of contracting and spreading the flu. So protect yourself and loved ones this flu season and get a flu shot today."

California firm finds friendlier skies in Texas
Incora, formerly known as Wesco Aircraft, is moving its headquarters from Valencia, California, to Fort Worth. Incora, an aerospace and defense services provider, will relocate to the former Federal Aviation Administration building on Meacham Boulevard near Interstate 35W and Loop 820. The company received a \$1 million package of incentives from Fort Worth's economic development department. It also received a Texas Enterprise Fund grant of \$1.8 million. "Our new, larger office space in Fort Worth will allow us to bring our teams together to increase efficiency, encourage collaboration and support the future growth of our business," Incora Chief Executive Officer Todd Renehan said in announcing the move. "This centrally located site also will offer more accessibility and availability to our customers and colleagues across the U.S. and in Europe."



About two months ago, Moody's Investor Services downgraded Wesco's ratings to negative, based on the disruptions created by COVID-19. Moody's said the company could improve its rating by increasing the amount of cash it had on hand and strongly executing on its recent merger with Pattonair. After the merger in January, Wesco and Pattonair formed Incora.

Open your heart to music

As Hispanic Heritage Month events happen across Texas, a new book encourages people to celebrate in song. "Corazón Abierto: Mexican American Voices in Texas Music," is set to be published Nov. 15 by Texas A&M University Press. The author is Kathleen Hudson, founding director of the Texas Music Heritage Foundation in Kerrville. "By sharing the artists' accounts of their influences, their experiences, their family stories, and their musical and cultural journeys, 'Corazón Abierto' reminds us that borders can be gateways, that differences enrich, rather than isolate," Texas A&M notes in promotional material for "Corazón Abierto," which translates in English as "open heart." Another Texas A&M book might be of interest to those who correctly guessed last week's question about which celebrity appeared in the first "Don't mess with Texas" commercial in 1986. Legendary Texas blues

guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan played "The Eyes of Texas" in a memorable start to the campaign. Vaughan, who died in a helicopter crash four years later, is remembered in a Texas A&M book released earlier this year, "Seeing Stevie Ray," by photographer Tracy Ann Hart. The "Pride and Joy" of Dallas, Austin and blues music lovers everywhere, Riebeling, a real estate agent, added she had the good fortune of seeing Stevie Ray when she was about 20 years old. "I was just standing an arm's length away from him at the concert hall in Austin, so he really touches my heart!"

Ike Dike moves forward

As Hurricane Sally hammered nearby states, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn touted in a news release the progress of a massive flood mitigation project along Texas' Gulf Coast. The Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay project, sometimes referred to as the Ike Dike, is intended to protect nearly 4,000 square miles from Brazoria County to Orange County. Last month, Orange County voted to move into the design phase with the Army Corps of Engineers. After a design study is completed in April, the project will be submitted to Congress for authorization and funding. The Corps also is conducting a Coastal Texas Study with the Texas General Land Office to provide a comprehensive strategy for flood mitigation and coastal protection beyond Houston. "The question isn't if that next bullet will come, but when, and how ready we will be," Cornyn said. "With these projects, Texas will be stronger, safer and better prepared for whatever Mother Nature sends our way." Cornyn's Democratic challenger in the Nov. 3 election, MJ Hegar, responded to the statement, saying Texas is being pummeled by the effects of climate change. "We've had over a decade to act on the Ike Dike, but under Sen. Cornyn's watch it still hasn't materialized — perhaps because just six years ago he didn't even know what the Ike Dike was," Hegar said. "We need bold investments in both energy and infrastructure, including but not limited to the Ike Dike, to help Texans on the frontlines of worsening natural disasters and holistically address the climate crisis — something Sen. Cornyn has repeatedly failed Texans on."

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SPORTS PAGE

Aggies visit Alabama in early-season SEC showdown: Texans look to right ship against struggling Vikings

Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher will get a pretty good idea if his team is a contender or a pretender in the SEC West race when the Aggies travel to Tuscaloosa on Saturday to face off against Nick Saban's No. 2-ranked Crimson Tide. The game will be nationally broadcast on CBS.

Aggie fans entered the 2020 season with a lot of optimism anticipating this being Fisher's best squad in his first three years in College Station. A&M returns 16 starters and one of those returning starters plays the most important position in the game, quarterback Kellen Mond (2,897 passing yards in 2019, 20 TDs). Mond is back for his senior season hoping to lead the Aggies to the SEC West title. That might be a tall order considering 'Bama and LSU also reside in the West, but this should be the best team Fisher has assembled in his first three years in College Station.

Saban lost a ton of talent to the NFL draft and did not reach the SEC title game, but they don't rebuild in Tuscaloosa, they just reload and Tide fans are confident their team is primed for a bounce back season.

Another big one on Saturday in the SEC has Auburn, another West contender, visiting SEC East favorite Georgia, while in the Big 12, Oklahoma will hit the road to take on an Iowa State team that was upset at home in their season opener dropping a 31-14 decision to Louisiana.

While the Big 12, SEC and ACC will continue their seasons, college football fans received some more good news a couple of weeks ago when the presidents of the Big 10 member institutions voted to play a conference-only season beginning Oct. 23. About time.

In the NFL, the Texans might finally get a break when they host the woeful Minnesota Vikings on Sunday at NRG Stadium. There should be about 15,000 fans allowed in and let's hope Bill O'Brien's team gives them something worth watching because in their first two games the Texans have looked pretty bad in losses to Kansas City and Baltimore. Granted, they did lose to the defending Super Bowl champions and a team that won 14 games a year ago, but the Texans weren't competitive in either game and could very well be looking be 0-3 (they played at Pittsburgh last week) when the Vikings



arrive on Sunday.

In other NFL news, Week 2 was brutal from an injury standpoint. The Giants lost starting running back Saquon Barkley for the season with an ACL injury, while another top running back Christian McCaffery, is out four to six weeks with a high ankle sprain. The 49ers suffered a host of injuries to key personnel as quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo sustained a high ankle sprain, but should return. The news wasn't as good for stud defensive end, Nick Bosa, who was also lost for the season with a torn ACL.

There are some interesting games on the docket this weekend as Pittsburgh visits Tennessee, Buffalo visits Las Vegas and New England heads to Kansas City.

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-3 week brought the season record to 13-9 (59%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Oklahoma at Iowa State: Just like Saban, OU head coach Lincoln Riley just keeps reloading. After losing two Heisman Trophy quarterbacks in Baker Mayfield and Tyler Murray and the talented Jalen Hurts over the last three years, Riley entrusted his offense to sophomore Spencer Rattler to lead the way in 2020. All Rattler did in his OU debut on Sept. 12 against Missouri State (a 48-0 victory) was throw for 290 yards and four touchdown passes. Rattler will get a better test in Ames when he faces an Iowa State that wants to make amends for its season-opening embarrassing home loss to Louisiana. ISU QB Brock Purdy needs a bounce back game after throwing for 145 yards and one interception in the season-opening loss. I think OU will have too much firepower on offense for the Sooners get a big road win on Saturday. My pick, Oklahoma 33, Iowa State 23
Texas A&M at Ala-

bama: This is only Week 2 in the SEC schedule, but this is a big one for both teams as they vye for the Western Division title. Mond has a young receiving corps after the team's leading receiver Jhamon Ausbon (66 receptions, 872 yards, 5 TDs) opted out of the 2020 season to prepare for the NFL draft. Fisher has recruited well at that position, but they are green and playing their second collegiate game at Alabama might be a bit of a shock for them. That's why A&M will need a big day from running back Isaiah Spiller (946 rushing yards, 10 TDs). Spiller can catch out of the backfield, so expect Mond to use him liberally in the passing game. Alabama is breaking in a new starter at quarterback as Mac Jones (1,503 yards, 14 TDs in relief of Tua Tagalovia). Jones led 'Bama to a Citrus Bowl victory over Michigan and has the speedy Devonta Smith (68 receptions, 1,256 yards, 14 TDs) back at wide receiver. You know the Crimson Tide are going to be solid on defense and I expect that unit to be the difference maker on Saturday. My pick, Alabama 31, Texas A&M 18

Auburn at Georgia: Another big one in the SEC has the Tigers playing between the hedges when they visit the Bulldogs. Auburn returns sophomore Bo Nix (2,542 yards, 16 TDs/313 rushing yards, 7 TDs) at quarterback and a talented running back in Ja'Tarvious Whitlow (869 yards, 10 TDs). While Auburn is experienced at QB and RB, the same can't be said for the Bulldogs who will rely on USC transfer J.T. Daniels (2,672 yards, 14 TDs in 2018 as a freshman at USC) to be the man under center. Daniels is dealing with a knee injury, but head coach Kirby Smart is hoping he will be ready for the Auburn game. My pick, Auburn 23, Georgia 20

NFL

Minnesota at Houston: Two teams that desperately need a victory meet on Sunday in NRG Stadium. The Vikings have been

awful on defense, allowing 35.5 points per game in losses to Green Bay and Indianapolis, while the Texans have also struggled on that side of the ball allowing 34 points to KC and 33 to Baltimore. Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins (372 yards, 2 TDs, 4 interceptions) has also struggled, as has Houston QB Deshaun Watson (528 yards, 2 TDs, 2 picks). You think he might miss a certain wide receiver who now is starting in Arizona? Watson needs to come out and attack the Minnesota defense, take some deep shots and get David Johnson involved in the running and passing game. This might be the game J.J. Watt and his defensive teammates turn things around and continue the misery for Viking fans. My pick, Houston 30, Minnesota 17

Pittsburgh at Tennessee: This should be a good one as the revived Steelers visit the Titans in Nashville. Both teams won their first two games. Ben Roethlisberger (540 yards, 5 TDs) looks like his old self after missing all but two games last year after suffering an elbow injury. Big Ben has three solid weapons to throw to in Diontae Johnson (14 receptions, 149 yards, 1 TD), JuJu Smith-Schuster (13 receptions, 117 yards, 2 TDs) and rookie Chase Claypool. The Titans have been getting it done with quarterback Ryan Tannehill (487 yards, 6 TDs) and running back Derrick Henry (200 rushing yards). Both teams are solid on defense, so expect a hard-hitting, low scoring game. The team that does the best job of protecting the football wins this one and that will be Tennessee as they turn to Henry to wear down the Steeler front seven and control the clock. My pick, Tennessee 23, Pittsburgh 20

Cleveland at Dallas: This could be another wild one at AT&T Stadium when the Browns visit the Cowboys on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks ago, Dallas trailed Atlanta by 15 points, but made an amazing comeback to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat en route to a 40-39 victory. Dallas trailed 39-33 with less than two minutes to go and kicker Greg Zuerlein came through with a perfectly executed on sides kick to give the Cowboys one last shot at the victory. Quarterback Dak Prescott, who passed for 450 yards, threw one TD pass and ran for three more scores, found

rookie wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (11 receptions, 111 yards) for a big gainer to set up Zuerlein's game-winning kick. It appears Prescott (716 passing yards, 2 TDs), running back Ezekiel Elliott (185 yards, 3 total TDs), Lamb and fellow wideout Amari Cooper (16 receptions, 181 yards) to carry the load because the defense has been decimated by key injuries and has a suspect secondary. Expect plenty of points in this one as Browns QB Baker Mayfield (408 yards, 3 TDs) and running back Nick Chubb (184 yards, 2 TDs) and Kareem Hunt (158 yards, 1 TD) will look to exploit the Dallas defense. Prescott will face a decent Browns defense, but I think he has a big passing day at the Cowboys look to get on a roll. My pick, Dallas 38, Cleveland 34

Buffalo at Las Vegas: The Bills and Raiders both won their first two games of the season, but the Raiders might have the more impressive win by beating New Orleans last Monday night in their new multi-billion dollar stadium, 34-24. Quarterback Derrick Carr (521 yards, 4 TDs), running back Josh Jacobs (181 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Darren Waller (18 receptions, 148 yards, 1 TD) are off to solid starts, as is Buffalo QB Josh Allen (729 yards, 6 TDs) and his new toy, wide receiver Stefan Diggs (16 receptions, 239 yards, 1 TD). Vegan will face a quality defense for the second straight week (they played at New England last Sunday), but I think the win over New Orleans gave this team a huge boost of confidence that should carry them to a win over the Bills. My pick, Las Vegas 27, Buffalo 23

New England at Kansas City: Another good one in the AFC has Cam Newton (552 passing yards, 1 TD/122 rushing yards, 4 TDs) paying a visit to Patrick Mahomes (513 yards, 5 TDs, zero interceptions) on Sunday afternoon. The Chiefs should be coming off a physical game with the Ravens, while the Patriots hosted the Raiders last Sunday. The key to this game will be how well the KC defense does in containing Newton and keeping him in the pocket. Newton is a beast once he gets rolling on the ground, so the Chiefs will need to contain him and let him beat them wit his arm. Mahomes will face another top NFL defense when he faces Bill Belichick's defense on Sunday.

Mahomes will once again rely on speedy WR Tyreek Hill (15 receptions, 140 yards, 2 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (15 receptions, 140 yards, 2 TDs) and rookie running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire (176 yards, 1 TD). I think the Chiefs' firepower on offense will be too much for Belichick's defense as the Chiefs pick up a big home win. My pick, Kansas City 30, New England 24

Philadelphia at San Francisco: Something is not right with the Eagles as they lost their first two games, first blowing a 17-0 lead at Washington and giving up 27 straight points, then getting blown out by the Rams in their home opener, 37-19. Not only is the defense struggling, but so is quarterback Carson Wentz (512 yards, 2 TDs/4 interceptions). The NFL schedule maker didn't do the Eagles any favors sending them out to the West Coast to face a 49ers team that has been beset with injuries. Forty-Niner fans are hoping Garoppolo (390 yards, 4 TDs) is back after sustaining a high ankle sprain two weeks ago against the Jets. If he's unable to go, look for head coach Kyle Shanahan to give the Eagles a steady dose of the running game, led by Raheem Mostert (148 yards, 1 TD). This could turn into a long Sunday night for Philly fans. My pick, San Francisco 31, Philadelphia 20

Atlanta at Green Bay: So, who will be the first NFL head coach fired by mid-season, Atlanta's Dan Quinn or Detroit's Matt Patricia? Two weeks ago, Quinn's team blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead to the Cowboys, while the Packers overcame an early 11-point deficit to the Lions before waking up and routing Detroit 42-21. In the win, GB running back Aaron Jones (234 yards, 4 total TDs) rushed for 168 yards, including a 75-yard scoring romp, and he also caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Aaron Rodgers (604 yards, 6 TDs). The only negative from that game came when star wide receiver Davante Adams (17 receptions, 192 yards, 2 TDs) suffered a hamstring injury. Even if Adams can't go on Monday Night Football, Rodgers has enough weapons in place to take care of Matt Ryan (723 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Calvin Ridley (16 receptions, 233 yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Green Bay 36, Atlanta 20

Aldine ISD 2020 6A Football Schedule

| Aldine High School | | | | | |
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| Date | Opponent | Stadium | Home/Away | Time | |
| Oct. 8 | Eisenhower | Thome | H | 7:00 PM | |
| Oct. 15 | MacArthur | Thome | H | 7:00 PM | |
| Oct. 23 | Davis | Thome | A | 7:00 PM | |
| Oct. 31 | Dekaney | Thome | H | 1:00 PM | |
| Nov. 5 | BYE | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | Spring | Planet Ford | A | 12:00 PM | |
| Nov. 20 | Westfield | Thome | H | 7:00 PM | |
| Nov. 27 | Nimitz | Thome | A | 1:00 PM | |
| Dec. 3 | BYE | | | | |

| MacArthur High School | | | | | |
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| Oct. 23 | Aldine | Thome | H | 7:00 PM | |
| Oct. 29 | Spring | Thome | H | 7:00 PM | |
| Nov. 5 | BYE | | | | |
| Nov. 12 | Nimitz | Thome | H | 7:00 PM | |
| Nov. 21 | MacArthur | Thome | H | 1:00 PM | |
| Nov. 27 | Dekaney | Planet Ford | A | 6:00 PM | |
| Dec. 3 | BYE | | | | |

| Eisenhower High School | | | | | |
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COMMUNITY WATCH

Fatal Crash at John F. Kennedy Boulevard

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 10600 John F. Kennedy Boulevard about 12:40 a.m. today (September 10).

The identity of the male victim, 40, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Griffiths and Officer J. Best reported:

The driver of a silver Acura RDX was traveling westbound near the above address when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle left the roadway. The Acura then traveled downhill on a grassy median and flipped on its side. Paramedics transported the driver to Ben Taub General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

A preliminary investigation and medical examination determined the victim suffered a medical issue prior to the crash.

The investigation is continuing.



2 women riding in Uber killed after chase on Jensen & Parker

HOUSTON - Two women riding in the back of an Uber are dead after police said a pursuit suspect crashed into the car they were in, going over 100 mph. Police said the driver they believe is responsible is now facing felony murder charges.

Officers said the crash happened at the intersection of Jensen and Parker around 11:30 Saturday night.

According to police, they were chasing a vehicle after a driver, who has been identified as 45-year-old Brian Okeith Tatum, reportedly ran a red light.

Police said the pursuit came to an end when Tatum crashed into an Uber driver in a silver Honda and killed the two women sitting in the back seats.

The Uber driver was transported to Ben Taub Hospital in unknown condition and the suspect was transported to the hospital with minor injuries, police said.

Investigators said Tatum has an extensive criminal record.

Drive by shooting on W. Gulf Bank injures pedestrian

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Major Assaults Division need the public's assistance identifying the suspect responsible for an Aggravated Assault - Deadly Weapon.

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at approximately 6:47 p.m., the victim was shot in the 2800 block of West Gulf Bank Road in Houston, Texas. During the incident, the victim was walking along the roadway towards Garden City Drive. A newer model dark blue Ford Taurus passed by the victim and made a U-turn. Suddenly, the rear passenger of the vehicle rolled down the window and pointed a pistol at the victim. The suspect (a young black male wearing a red bandana) opened fire. The victim was struck once by the gunfire in the lower back. The suspect fled the scene (westbound) on West Gulf Bank Road in the Ford Taurus. The victim was taken to a local hospital and treated.

Suspect description: Suspect: Black male, 18-25 years old, last seen wearing a red bandana over his face and armed with a pistol.

Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, charging and/or arrest of the suspects in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. Only tips and calls DIRECTLY TO Crime Stoppers are anonymous and eligible for a cash reward.

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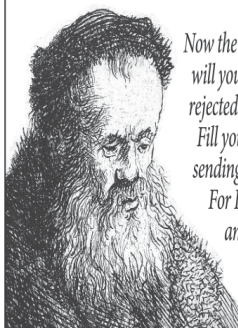
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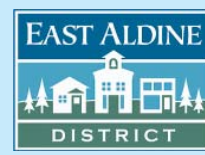
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East Aldine District NEWS REPORT

History of Aldine

Below you'll find one in a series of articles focusing on the history of Aldine and some of its earliest settlers. Our writing staff is exploring local activities, folklore, and documented history in an effort, in part, to ensure Aldine's history is properly celebrated and curated for all to enjoy.

Schlobohm Cemetery

In the first installment of our three-part history of Aldine from last year, we discussed all the name changes the community went through before settling at last on its name, our best guess as to the origins of that name, and told you about some of the area's earliest settlers — Swedish farmers and Kansans dreaming of escaping their harsh climate and seeking their fortunes with Texas fruit orchards. Most of that action took place from roughly about 1870 to 1900, coinciding with the arrival of the International & Great Northern Railroad. It was that railroad that brought about the first of two name changes — from Greens (after Green's Bayou) to Prairie Switch — and it was that railroad that delivered the Kansans to the place we believe they decided to call Aldine. A recent trip to the Houston Public Library's Metropolitan Research Center downtown uncovered a fascinating earlier chapter or two of Aldine's history, one of which hides in plain sight to this very day. That would be the Schlobohm Cemetery, final resting place of Texian hero Johann Friederich Schlobohm, the German immigrant and Battle of San Jacinto veteran who one of the very first non-Native Americans to live in what is now known as Aldine.



Designated an official historic cemetery by the State of Texas, a marker placed on the site 13 years ago tells the story of both the graveyard and its namesake: "This historic family burial ground marks the homestead of a veteran of the Texas revolution and early settler of Harris County. Johann Schlobohm (1807- 1882) was born in the Hanover region of Germany, and was in New Orleans by March 15, 1836, when he enlisted in Zavalla Guards, 2nd Regiment Volunteer Infantry. His group arrived in Galveston before the battle of San Jacinto, and after the battle they were placed as guard over Mexican General Santa Anna. Johann (John Slaburn) continued to serve in the Texian army in Company D, First Regiment, Permanent Volunteers from April 1836 to November 1837. Schlobohm married Charlotte Caroline Kleibrink (1823-1886) in 1850 at the home of his neighbor and comrade-in-arms Peter Dykeman. In 1856, the Schlobohms bought 82 acres along Greens Bayou and built their home here, expanding their farm to 246 acres in 1858. The family cemetery began with burial of their daughter Fredericka in 1873. John and Caroline had eight children; six of them are interred here with their families and descendants. A quarter-acre of land was officially dedicated for the family cemetery in 1895, and expanded eight years later to a full acre. Members of the Schlobohm and Nicol families were caretakers of the graveyard for many years. At a family reunion in 1988, descendants formed the Schlobohm Cemetery Association, which has since maintained the property. At least ten veterans are buried here, including Confederate veteran John Milton Morin and those who served in both world wars and later conflicts. Granite, marble and bronze grave markers are prominent. The 82-acre homestead was still forested and undeveloped in the early 21st century, 150 years after the Schlobohm family settled here."

So how cool is that? Aldine's likely first documentable settler was a man who fought under Sam Houston, Mirabeau Lamar, and Juan Seguin at a battle that tilted the course of North American history forever, and then, in its aftermath, went on to stand guard over Santa Anna, one of the western hemisphere's most infamous 19th Century men. Pretty cool. (Note: early Texans were incapable or unwilling to spell out Schlobohm's German name correctly, so if you are researching him, it is rendered variously as Slayton, Slaburn, Slighton, Slader and many other variations.) Schlobohm anglicized his name to John, and then named his boy after himself, and on that son's grave is carved "born on Greens Bayou near Aldine, Texas, October 19, 1853." That inscription was made on the younger John Schlobohm's death in 1935. By then, Aldine had been known by that name for several decades, but certainly not the 82 years of John Schlobohm Jr.'s life — he was born near Prairie Switch and died near Aldine even though he was in the same place all along. Schlobohm descendants still use this cemetery for burials and less solemn family gatherings. Last year a Youtuber going by "Willy Mammoth" made two cool little short films of the cemetery, complete with aerial drone footage. One is a bit melancholy and the other features a rockin' little Easter egg hunt. Though the cemetery itself is still lined by oaks and spiky palmettos and dotted with gnarled old juniper trees, the graveyard's vicinity is no longer quite as "forested and undeveloped" as it was in 2007. Even so, it's still a little tricky getting there: if you are heading north on JFK from Lauder Rd, you turn right on an unnamed road just past the under-construction fulfillment center on your right. (There's a sign for "Kennedy Greens South.") Take that road until you see a couple of chemical storage tanks and hang a left on the gravel road. That road takes you to the historic cemetery.