

ALDINE ISD MASK POLICY:
As of Monday, Aug. 16 all students, staff, and visitors must wear a mask on all Aldine ISD buses and when visiting campuses and administration buildings.

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Aldine ISD First Day of School August 16



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Saving The Best for Last: SUMMER GRADUATION IN ALDINE ISD



Nearly every color of the rainbow ripples on the M.O. Campbell Arena floor. Representatives from the class of 2021 from each of the ten graduating high schools in Aldine ISD showcase the diversity of the Aldine ISD family. On August 19, 2021, Aldine ISD commemorated the summer graduates of the class of 2021. "We are all so very proud of them for pushing through. It's been a tough year but that didn't keep them from making it to the finish line together. We're just so proud." Dr. Charlotte Davis, Assist. Superintendent for Student Support Services, Aldine ISD

Walle's return from DC allows Quorum in Legislature

ALDINE – State Representative Armando Walle and two other Democratic legislators, Ana Hernandez and Garnet Coleman, returned from their hiatus in Washington to the state Capitol in Austin last week. Their absence, along with about 50 others, had kept the Texas House from having a quorum and unable to pass controversial Voter Restriction legislation that the Democrats said would disenfranchise many minority voters.

However, with all Republicans plus these three Democrats and a few others who never left, the Speaker of the House Dade Phelan declared they had a Quorum, and would proceed to act on legislation.

The three returning Democrats received a great deal of criticism for allowing this to happen, from labor unions, minority voter groups, and their colleagues that were still in Washington.

Walle's office issued the



Texas Democratic Representatives Armando Walle, and Ana Hernandez, seen above, and Garnet Coleman broke ranks with the group of missing Legislators, and returned to Austin from DC. This allowed the Republican controlled House to declare a Quorum for the first time in over a month.

following statement in defense of the return:

"We are proud of the heroic work and commitment we and our fellow Democratic caucus members have shown in breaking

quorum in May and again over this summer. We took the fight for voting rights to Washington, D.C. and

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FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW, PART 1

New era begins for Texans: UT, OU bolt for SEC, leaving rest of Big 12 wondering what's next for them!

It was a busy offseason for Houston's pro football team. After firing embattled head coach Bill O'Brien four games into what would turn out to be a 4-12 season, the Texans made a Texans-like move and hired 65-year-old David Culley, a man with 27 years of experience as a collegiate and pro coach, but one who has

never been a head coach or a coordinator at either level.

The Texans also hired Nick Caserio, the New England Patriots' wonderkid as general manager. Caserio has been busy from Day 1 remaking the Texans roster. He signed 46 veteran free agents and along with draft

picks, welcomed 53 new faces to Kirby Drive when the Texans opened training camp in late July.

And then there's the Deshaun Watson story and what a story it is! After completing his most successful season as a pro (4,823 passing yards, best

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School is Back in Session; and Back to In-person Learning

ALDINE – Sixty-seven thousand students returned to campuses on August 16. Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney will be visiting schools throughout the first week.

"It is a joy to see all of our prekindergarten and high school students," Goffney said. "They are our why. Our students are the reason we continue our mission of providing rigorous, enriching educational experiences that prepare every student for success in college, career, and life."

As much as their teachers, it was apparent that students are happy to be back learning in classrooms and seeing their friends.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney visited several schools, including Davis High School, Stehlik Elementary, and Stovall Primary School. Carmichael Elementary was another stop. The school has one of the district's largest Vietnamese student populations, with a Vietnamese program growing year after year. The campus also has a champion-winning chess team. Last year, the team won first place in the Houston-wide chess tournament and consistently placed in the top three every year.

Superintendent Dr.



Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney welcomes back students at Carmichael Elementary School.

LaTonya Goffney and Principal Jericah Jackson welcome students at the Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy.

The school superintendent also visited the district's two new schools — the Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) offers a college-preparatory education, giving young women academic success and leadership skills. The Academy will encourage young women to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology engineering, and mathematics). The Academy opens this year with sixth and seventh grade and will add a grade level each year to serve girls in grades 6-12.

La Promesa is a high school for students who have lived in the U.S. for three or fewer years and are from non-English speaking countries or with limited English proficiency. The newcomers will receive intensive English language learning instruction, core academics, and support services. In its second year (2022-2023), La Promesa will add two CTE pathways — making the school another Choice School option for students.

"This will be another year that we anticipate will be full of exciting new opportunities, choices, and life-changing experiences for our students," Goffney said.

Carver HS for Engineer-

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County offers \$100 for new vaccine shots

HARRIS COUNTY – Harris County Public Health Announced New Vaccine Incentive Initiative for All First Dose Recipients on Tuesday of this week.

Residents who receive their First dose of the COVID-19 vaccine through HCPH will receive a \$100 cash card.

In an effort to improve vaccination rates and better protect the residents of Harris County from COVID-19, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will provide \$100 cash cards to residents receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at an HCPH vaccination site.

In order to receive the \$100 cash card, residents will have to sign a waiver prior to the vaccination and remain in the post-vaccination waiting area at an HCPH vaccination site for the 15-to-30 minutes recommended.

Vaccinations at HCPH sites are free and no appointment is required. To find one near you go to vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787. Face coverings will be required for individuals seeking a vaccination and we urge residents to take additional COVID-19 prevention measures such as maintain social distancing, staying at home as much as possible and continue regularly washing their hands.

Parents must accompany their children, ages 12-17, to be vaccinated or children must bring a consent form signed by their parent or guardian. Consent forms can be found via vacstrac.hctx.net and 12 to 17-year-olds are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Adults over the age of 17 can choose from 3 vaccines: the one-dose Johnson & Johnson and the multi-dose Pfizer or Moderna

vaccines.

Fully vaccinated people have the greatest protection against the Delta Variant. So far, 63% percent of Harris County residents have had one vaccine dose, however the current positivity rate for HCPH is more than 20% and hospitals across Harris County are overwhelmed with COVID-19 cases. The vaccine is the best tool we have in mitigating both the spread and impact of COVID-19 and we urge residents to do their part by getting vaccinated and encouraging others to do the same.

Residents in need of their second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine can also receive one at an HCPH vaccination site. Proof of their 1st dose to verify the type of vaccine will be required. For resi

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KELSEY-SEYBOLD ANNOUNCES 27th CLINIC LOCATION

The new North Channel Area Clinic will expand access to coordinated, evidence-based care

HOUSTON (March 9, 2021) – Kelsey-Seybold Clinic announced plans today to build a 7,500-square-foot clinic in The Shops at Stone Park in the North Channel area. The new North Channel Clinic represents another significant investment in Kelsey-Seybold’s plan to bring comprehensive care closer to area residents and their families.

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel will be located at the northeast corner of Beltway 8 and Wallisville Road, at 5820 E. Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston TX 77049. This new location is expected to open for patient care in the summer 2021.

“We have many patients who live in and around the North Channel area who have

to drive to our clinics in Baytown, Humble, and Pasadena. We believe our patients, and other residents in the area, would benefit from having a convenient Kelsey-Seybold Clinic near their home, school, and place of employment,” said Victor Simms, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., Chair, Clinic Planning Committee, and Chief of Internal Medicine,

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic. “We are all looking forward to greeting new and current patients at our new location in North Channel a few months from now.”

The new North Channel clinic will continue Kelsey-Seybold’s expansion of coordinated, evidence-based care in the ship channel area, in an area that is currently

underserved with limited options for primary care. Patients will have access to an on-site laboratory, X-ray, and up to four primary care providers, with an extensive referral network for Kelsey-Seybold specialists in Summer Creek and Pasadena.

“Kelsey-Seybold’s growth into the North Channel area demonstrates our commit-

ment to patients living in and around the area,” said John Lyle, Vice President, Operations, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic.

The new Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – North Channel location was designed by architects at Powers Brown Architecture. United Constructors has been named the general contractor.

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Aldine ISD Police Department Expands; *Looks to Build Bridges in the Community*



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Since taking the helm in April 2020, Police Chief Paul Córdova has been reshaping the Aldine ISD Police Department and creating initiatives to better serve the schools and communities in the school district.

The team has a new Emergency Manager, Mr. Michael Williams. He is transferring from

the Safe and Secure Schools Office. Williams is bringing the camera technicians and the crossing guards with him.

Soon, the team will add the following new positions:
Police Captain to oversee the Support Services branch of the department.
Dispatch Supervisor

to oversee the 24/7 Dispatch Center.

Community Outreach Officer to lead in building bridges between the police department and the community it serves.

Departmental Training Officer to oversee continuing education for the officers, including such critical training classes

as de-escalation, implicit bias, active shooter, and defensive tactics.

Additional K9 Officer with an additional K9 Partner.

The AISDPD had long positioned school-based officers in the high schools. It’s a role that’s more about mentoring students, Córdova said.

“It’s about getting to know the students. More times than not, they are carrying over things that go on at their homes. As students build relationships with the officers, the students will open up about what’s impacting them,” he said. “It’s more of a parental role or mentor role if you will, and it’s very rewarding to all of us.”



AT LEFT, Aldine ISD Police Chief Paul Cordova, Canine unit, and AISD Superintendent LaTonya Goffney. Chief Cordova is planning on adding a second K9 unit to the AISD force.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



Super Saturdays make registering easy at Lone Star College-North Harris

HOUSTON (August 17, 2021) – New and returning students will find everything they need to register for fall classes at Lone Star College-North Harris' Super Saturday events on Aug. 21 and 28 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

With fall classes beginning Monday, Aug. 30, LSC-North Harris' Super Saturday events are the perfect way to ensure students are ready to go for the first day of classes. The one-stop-shop for registration guides students through the process including, admissions, placement testing, advising, and financial aid.

During the Aug. 21 event, staff will host presentations on the Texas

Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) at the top of every hour. Afterward, students will receive one-on-one assistance in the Lone Star College Mobile Go Unit as they complete the application process.

This Saturday's event will also feature live music from 93.7 The Beat and the Nimitz High School drumline. Attendees can also enjoy food and prizes while making their way around our resource fair to learn about the services provided to students.

To learn more about our programs offered, watch our Virtual Open House, and for a list of student resource contacts, please visit LoneStar.edu/

LearnMore.

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/

Aldine ISD Students Receive Special Awards, Honors at National History Day

The Aldine Independent School District proudly announces that two district students received special awards at the National Contest for the National History Day (NHD) and the Texas State History Day contests.

Ka'sean Francis from Stovall Middle School placed seventh at National History Day in the Jr. Individual Performance Category. He also won the Affiliate Award for outstanding Jr. Division presentation from Texas. His project was titled "Transformation of Songs of Hymns to Freedom."

Emma Montiel from Carver High School for Engineering, Applied Tech-

nology and The Arts also placed second at Texas History Day and advanced to the national contest in the Individual Performance category. Her project was titled "The Unpublished Issue Of The New-York Weekly Journal."

NHD program was held virtually from June 13-19 at the University of Maryland, College Park. The 2021 National Contest virtually hosted almost 3,000 students across the United States and territories. The students completed projects in one of five categories — documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website — and then competed in a series of con-

tests beginning at the local level—less than one percent of projects advance to the National Contest. The NHD 2021 theme was Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.

Texas History Day, an affiliate of NHD and is a highly regarded academic program for 6th through 12th-grade students. Each year thousands of students, encouraged by teachers and parents statewide, participate in the NHD program in Texas. Each year more than 65,000 Texas students join more than 500,000 students across the country for National History Day competitions.

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ing, Applied Technology and The Arts received a visit from Dr. Goffney too. The school is currently pursuing Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) status.

Three local stations — KHOU, KPRC, and Telemundo — filmed Aldine's first day of school. KHOU visited Carver HS, KPRC was at the Young Women's Leadership Academy, and Telemundo featured La Promesa in its 11 p.m., 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. live broadcasts. So be on the lookout for Aldine in the news.

By Leticia Fehling

Walle returns from DC,

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brought national attention to the partisan push in our state to weaken ballot access. Our efforts were successful and served as the primary catalyst to push Congress to take action on federal voter protection legislation. Now, we continue the fight on the House Floor.

COVID-19 is ravaging our state and overwhelming our health care system worse than at any other point during this pandemic. State and local officials are sprinting to protect the health and well-being of students, staff, and families returning to school, while also contending with mixed and contradictory

messages from state leadership. As students are returning to school, parents are fearful for the safety of their children.

It is time to move past these partisan legislative calls, and to come together to help our state mitigate the effects of the current COVID-19 surge by allowing public health officials to do their jobs, provide critical resources for school districts to conduct virtual learning when necessary, while also ensuring schools are a safe place for in-person instruction, and will not become a series of daily super-spreader events."

"Welcome Back!" Message from the Superintendent, Aug. 17, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

It is my great honor to officially welcome all of you back to school! Every year, I get excited as we look ahead to the new opportunities that lay before us. This year, I am especially excited to have our students back on campus and learning in our buildings. Even in these still uncertain times, we know that students learn best when they are with their teachers, classmates, and school staff — and we finally have the opportunity to be together again. Let's use the lessons we have learned in the past year and a half to Start Strong. In case you missed it, you can view the Back to School video by clicking here. Don't forget to share your back-to-school photos on social media using the hashtag #AldineForward and let us know what you are looking forward to this school year!



ensure each level has the same amount of hours. Please find all schedule updates at this link.

Students to Benefit From Free Breakfast and Lunch During the 2021-2022 School Year

All students are eligible for free school breakfast and lunch meals next school year through a USDA program. Families are not required to submit a free/reduced meal application. However, they are encouraged to apply for meal benefits 1) to ensure that their household qualifies for P-EBT funds if they become available again, 2) to allow for meal status eligibility carryover the following school year, and 3) so that the district receives funding to support all students the following year. Families can apply for free and reduced-price meals on www.SchoolCafe.com. To learn more, click here.

Opportunities for Family and Community Engagement

As we all settle into the rhythm of being back to school, I'd like to remind all of our Aldine families about the district's Family and Community Engagement Department, which is also referred to as FACE.

FACE is committed to elevating district pride by strengthening partnerships with families, communities, and business communities by:

Empowering families to become strong advocates for their children;

Increasing school staff capacity to connect, engage, and partner with families effectively;

Creating opportunities for parent leaders to engage directly with the Superintendent to inform and validate district strategies;

Providing additional resources and support to each campus; and

Developing more systems and opportunities for parents to be active partners at the campus level, including strong PTO/PTAs, Parent Ambassador Programs, and volunteer opportunities.

To learn more about FACE, visit their webpage here and sign up for the monthly newsletter.

District Updates

We have so many wonderful things happening in our district! Please make sure to check out the District News page to stay up to date on everything happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

I wish you a great first week of school ahead!

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent



HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal
Sr Adult Program
Specialist

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY:

We need YOU to become a friend of the library. We are currently looking for individuals who would like to help us form a group to be the voice of the community! If you have what it takes, please contact Jennifer at jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

WINTER GIVING CHALLENGE:

Join the HCPL Winter Giving Challenge and give back to the community! Pick up a crochet

kit from the library with material to make a scarf. The kit includes yarn, instructions for the pattern, links to YouTube video tutorial for the pattern. Return the scarf back to the library by October 15th and we will donate them to a local non-profit organization.

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Thank you!

Updates 2021-2022 Bell Schedule

The district has made revisions to standardized start and dismissal times for the 2021-2022 school year. Aldine ISD updated the times to

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Mensaje de la Superintendente, 17 de agosto de 2021

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:



¡Es para mí un honor darles la bienvenida oficialmente a la escuela! Cada año, me emociona mirar hacia las nuevas oportunidades que se nos presentan con un nuevo ciclo escolar. Este año, estoy especialmente entusiasmada de que nuestros alumnos regresen a las escuelas y aprendan en nuestros planteles. Incluso en estos tiempos aún inciertos, sabemos que los alumnos aprenden mejor cuando están con sus maestros, compañeros de clase y personal de la escuela, y finalmente tenemos la oportunidad de estar juntos nuevamente. Usemos las lecciones que hemos aprendido en el último año y medio y la adversidad que hemos superado para empezar con fuerza. En caso de que se lo hayan perdido, pueden ver el video de regreso a clases haciendo clic aquí. ¡No olviden compartir sus fotos de regreso a clases en las redes sociales usando el hashtag #AldineForward y díganos qué espera este año escolar!

mientras se enorgullecen de su idioma nativo y encuentran puntos en común en su nueva cultura e idioma. Además, este año, Carver High School for Engineering, Applied Technology and The Arts ofrece dos nuevos programas CTE — mecatrónica y diseño de interiores — y actualmente está solicitando Nivel de P-TECH. Este año, nuestro hashtag es #AldineForward porque abarca lo que somos en Aldine: avanzar cumpliendo los objetivos y metas de nuestro plan estratégico y demostrar lo que es posible para los alumnos cuando se cuenta con las personas adecuadas haciendo el trabajo correcto.

Ayer, visité varias escuelas y conocí a alumnos, familias y maestros. Fue un placer ver a todos. Este año, continuamos nuestra misión de dar experiencias rigurosas que cambien la vida de nuestros alumnos. Seguimos ofreciendo a los alumnos más opciones y oportunidades, como abrir dos nuevas escuelas este año escolar, La Academia de Liderazgo para Mujeres Jóvenes, que anima a las niñas a emprender carreras de ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas o CTIM (conocido en inglés por la sigla STEM), y La Promesa está dando a los recién llegados al país una base

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ComunicaciónLa comunicación es importante para que las escuelas y el distrito se comuniquen con las familias sobre nuevos programas, actualizaciones o información sobre su hijo. Las familias de los alumnos deben completar la actualización anual requerida. Anteriormente, el Aldine ISD dependía de los padres / tutores legales para actualizar la información de sus alumnos. En el futuro, Aldine ISD hará que las familias completen la Actualización anual requerida. ¿Por qué? Esta medida ayudará a aumentar el servicio al cliente y garantizará que la información individual de los alumnos se actualice anualmente. Aldine ISD pedirá a las familias que completen una actualización anual antes de comenzar cada nuevo año escolar. Las familias accederán al formulario de Actualización Anual a través del Centro de Acceso Desde el Hogar (Home Access Center o HAC). Al menos un tutor legal del alumno, necesita una cuenta HAC. Llame la solicitud de actualización anual y envíela antes del 20 de agosto.

Actualizaciones del horario escolar 2021-2022 El distrito hizo revisiones a los horarios estandarizados de inicio y salida para el año escolar 2021-2022. Aldine ISD actualizó los horarios para garantizar que cada nivel tenga la misma cantidad de horas. Encuentre todas las actualizaciones de horarios en este enlace.

Los alumnos se beneficiarán del desayuno y el almuerzo gratuitos durante el año escolar 2021-2022

Todos los alumnos son

elegibles para desayunos y almuerzos escolares gratuitos el próximo año escolar a través de un programa del USDA. No se requiere que las familias presenten una solicitud de comida gratis / reducida. Sin embargo, se les anima a solicitar los beneficios de comidas 1) para asegurarse de que su hogar califique para los fondos P-EBT si vuelven a estar disponibles, 2) para permitir el traspaso de elegibilidad del estado de las comidas al siguiente año escolar, y 3) para que el distrito reciba fondos para apoyar a todos los alumnos el próximo año. Las familias pueden solicitar comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido en www.SchoolCafe.com. Para saber más dé clic aquí.

das nuestras familias de Aldine sobre el Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad del distrito, también conocido como FACE.

FACE se compromete a promover el orgullo del distrito fortaleciendo las alianzas con familias, comunidades y sectores comerciales al:

- Empoderar a las familias para que se conviertan en firmes defensoras de sus hijos;
- Aumentar la capacidad del personal escolar para enlazarse, participar y asociarse de manera efectiva con las familias;
- Crear oportunidades para que los padres líderes se relacionen directamente con el Superintendente para informar y validar las estrategias del distrito;
- Proporcionar recursos y apoyo adicionales a cada escuela; y
- Desarrollar más sistemas y oportunidades

para que los padres sean socios activos a nivel de escuelas, incluidos PTO / PTA sólidos, programas de padres embajadores y oportunidades de voluntariado.

Para obtener más información sobre FACE, visite su página web aquí e inscribanse para recibir el boletín mensual.

Últimas noticias sobre el distrito
¡Tenemos tantas cosas maravillosas sucediendo en nuestro distrito! Por favor asegúrese de revisar la página de Noticias del distrito para mantenerse al día sobre todo lo que sucede en Aldine. También se puede conectar con nosotros en Facebook, Twitter e Instagram.

Les deseo una excelente semana.
Con orgullo Aldine,
Dra. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendente

Como recordatorio, ahora se requieren mascarillas para cualquier persona de dos años o más en todas las escuelas del Distrito Escolar de Aldine (Aldine ISD), planteles del distrito y en los autobuses. Las prioridades de Aldine ISD son la seguridad y el éxito académico de todos los alumnos. A medida que Aldine ISD continúa ofreciendo aprendizaje en persona, los protocolos e información para las familias se ha actualizado para el año escolar 2021-2022. Los protocolos se revisarán para abordar cualquier cambio de la Agencia de Educación de Texas, los CDC, las pautas de salud estatales y locales.

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FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW, PART 1

New era begins for Texans: UT, OU bolt for SEC, leaving rest of Big 12 wondering what's next for them!

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among NFL QBs, 33 passing TDs/3 rushing TDs), Watson demanded a trade after he was told by owner Cal McNair he would have a say in who the team hired as its next head coach.

Watson wanted Kansas City offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy. The team conducted a video interview with one of the up-and-coming coaches and offensive minds in the league (he has had the good fortune to work with a quarterback named Pat Mahomes, who will make any coach look good). The Texans did not consider Bieniemy as their next head coach and Watson demanded a trade.

We all know what happened next. Watson has been accused by 22 women of sexual harassment and a Harris County Grand Jury is investigating one claim as a criminal matter. Watson did show up for training camp but is listed as fourth on the QB depth chart. It's pretty safe to say he has taken his last snap as the Texans starting QB.

So what do the Texans do now? Well, they signed 10-year veteran quarterback Tyrod Taylor (9,770 career passing yards, 54 TDs) and drafted Davis Mills of Stanford in the third round. Caserio and Culley hope Mills is the team's QB of the future. He only started 11 games at Stanford and played in 15, but he is 6-foot-5 and is an intelligent youngster.

For the moment, Taylor will be the starting QB and he will have speedy Brandin Cooks (81 receptions, 1,150 yards, 6 TDs) as his top receiver. The Texans lost the services of speedy Will Fuller when he signed with Miami as a free agent. Caserio hopefully upgraded the running game by signing veteran runners Mark Ingram (formerly of Baltimore) and Phillip Lindsey (formerly of Denver). Look for the Texans to feature the run this year to take pressure off of Taylor.

Also gone is perhaps the great Texan of all time, defensive end J.J. Watt. Watt asked for and was granted his release in January and signed with the Arizona Cardinals, where he is reunited with former Houston teammate DeAndre Hopkins.

While "change" is the word with the Texans, the NFL had an offseason of change as well as owners approved an 18-week, 17-game schedule beginning with the 2021 season. Seven new head coaches were also hired. Joining Culley as new head men are Arthur Smith in Atlanta, Urban Meyer in Jacksonville, Brandon Staley with the Los Angeles Chargers, Nick Siriani in Philadelphia, Dan Campbell in Detroit and Robert Saleh with the New York Jets.

Meyer, one of the most successful coaches in the history of college football (he won two national titles at Florida and one at

Ohio State) had the good fortune to draft Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence with the first overall pick in last springs draft. Lawrence will make his pro debut at NRG Stadium on Sept. 12 against the Texans.

Tom Brady (4,633 yards, 40 TDs) led Tampa Bay to the Super Bowl title with a convincing win over Kansas City last February. The Bucs return all 22 starters from last year's title team and are a good bet to go back-to-back, which would give Brady an eighth Lombardi Trophy.

Super Bowl 55 will be played in Los Angeles' SoFi Stadium on Feb. 13.

TB should be the team to beat in the NFC South now that Drew Brees (80,358 career passing yards, 571 career TDs) has retired and will work as an analyst for NBC on Notre Dame games this fall. New Orleans head coach Sean Payton is one of the best head coaches in the league and the Saints will be competitive, but Jameis Winston and Taysom Hill won't make Saints fans forget Brees anytime soon. The two combined for 1,003 passing yards and 4 passing TDs in 2020.

Brady has a load of talent on offense, led by WRs Mike Evans (70 receptions, 1,006 yards, 13 TDs) and Chris Godwin (65 receptions, 840 yards, 7 TDs). Don't be surprised if TB improves on its 11 wins from a year ago, although they will be play-

ing a much tougher schedule and all teams will be gunning for them.

Green Bay would like nothing more than to avenge their NFC title game loss at home to the Bucs. Packer fans were in a panic during the offseason when star QB and reigning MVP Aaron Rodgers (4,299 yards, 48 TDs) became disgruntled and wanted out of Cheeseland. Cooler heads prevailed and Rodgers reported to camp, signed a new contract and made the Packers once again Super Bowl contenders.

Rodgers has a load of talent of offense to spread the ball around, led by perhaps the game's top wideout in Davante Adams (115 receptions, 1,374 yards, 18 TDs), a solid redzone tight end in Robert Tonvan (52 receptions, 586 yards, 11 TDs) and a strong running game led by Aaron Jones (1,104 yards, 11 total TDs).

If Green Bay improves on defense, they should challenge Tampa Bay for the NFC title.

Green Bay is the class of the NFC North, and if Dak Prescott can stay healthy, the Dallas Cowboys should be the team to beat in the NFC East. Prescott (1,856 passing yards, 9 TDs in just 5 games) suffered a brutal ankle injury against the Giants in Week 5 and the Cowboys stumbled to a 6-10 finish.

Dallas has a top 5 receiving corps led by Ama-

ri Cooper (92 receptions, 1,114 yards, 5 TDs) and CeeDee Lamb (74 receptions, 935 yards, 5 TDs). Dallas needs a resurgence from running back Ezekiel Elliott (979 yards, 6 TDs). The return of offensive linemen Tyron Smith and La'el Collins should be a big boost to Prescott and Elliott.

The defense must improve and the drafting of Penn State linebacker Micah Parsons should give that unit a big lift.

The NFC West could be the best division in the NFL. All four teams have playoff potential, but I like the Rams to win the division because of the addition of former Detroit QB Matthew Stafford (4,084 yards, 26 TDs), who should flourish in Sean McVay's offense. The Rams also have a stout defense led by 2020 Defensive Player of the Year Aaron Donald.

Seattle will also be a factor due to QB Russell Wilson (4,213 yards, 40 TDs) and WRs D.K. Metcalf (83 receptions, 1,303 yards, 10 TDs) and Tyler Lockett (100 receptions, 1,054 yards, 10 TDs).

Arizona will be a fun team to watch because of quarterback Kyler Murray (3,971 passing yards, 26 TDs/819 rushing yards, 11 TDs) and Hopkins (115 receptions, 1,407 yards, 6 TDs). Maye Watt can help a decent defense move to a good defense.

The 49ers, who two years ago won the NFC title, should be back in

the mix. Injuries decimated the team a year ago, but they should get their key players back.

In the AFC, look for the Chiefs to once again be the team to beat, but keep an eye on the Cleveland Browns. The Browns finished 11-5 a year ago as QB Baker Mayfield (3,563 yards, 26 TDs) came of age. Cleveland will pound teams with its running game led by Nick Chubb (1,067 yards, 12 TDs) and Kareem Hunt (841 yards, 11 total TDs) and has a solid defense led by former Texas A&M defensive end Myles Garrett (12 sacks).

The Chief will once again be tough to stop on offense led by Mahomes (4,740 yards, 38 TDs), speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill (87 receptions, 1,276 yards, 15 TDs) and dependable tight end Travis Kelce (105 receptions, 1,416 yards, 11 TDs). KC lost the Super Bowl because its offensive line lost both starting tackles, but the team brought in five new offensive linemen during the offseason, led by former Baltimore All-Pro tackle Orlando Brown.

The NFC North will once again be one of the top divisions in the league. Cleveland will be tested by a resurgent Pittsburgh team and the always dangerous Baltimore Ravens.

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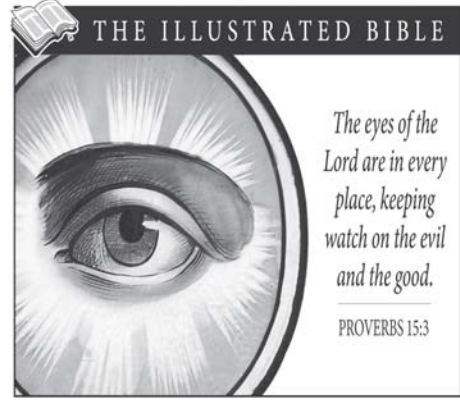
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HEERF III funding beginning Fall 2021 and extending through the Spring of 2022. More information regarding the request process and deadline will be available on the Emergency Aid webpage in August 2021.

Students will be able to use this funding to cover any costs of attendance. This can include tuition, books, tech-

nology, childcare, healthcare, housing, food, etc. Students can expect email communications from the Financial Aid Office in August, letting them know when funds are available and how to request them. Students can also keep an eye on the Financial Aid Emergency aid webpage for updates regarding the HEERF III funding.

HCC Northeast camp introduces girls to computer coding

HCC Northeast hosted a Summer Apple Swift Coding Camp for middle and high school girls from northeast Houston ISD schools at the HCC North Forest Campus located at 6010 E. Little York Road, Houston TX 77016.

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Lone Star College Leadership High School prepares tomorrow's leaders

HOUSTON (Aug. 20) – Lone Star College Leadership High School (LHS) is currently accepting applications for the 2021-22 year. LHS is a leadership development and community awareness program for sophomore and junior high school students who attend public school and live in the LSC service area.

"Participating in Leadership High School can help boost a student's college application to display work outside the conventional classroom," said Kay Fitzsimons, LSC Leadership and Economic Development executive director. "It also provides them the opportunity to meet other like-minded students interested in developing

leadership skills." LHS, offered by Lone Star College, is a program of study that allows students to identify and develop personal leadership skills and abilities and learn how to initiate positive change in the community. The program is offered at no cost and the deadline to apply is Sept. 24. Students and parents can visit LoneStar.edu/Leadership-HighSchool to learn more and apply.

"Students are taught important leadership skills which they can use for the rest of their lives," said Fitzsimons.

LHS is scheduled to begin in October with an orientation followed by a series of engaging monthly sessions concluding with

a Certificate Ceremony at the Lone Star Community Building April 23. These day-long sessions offer students the opportunity to interact with community leaders from various backgrounds and industries.

"We want them to understand the need for positive student leaders in the community," said Fitzsimons. "The goal is to have students understand the role leaders have in the community and the importance of making personal community service contributions."

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