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FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW, PART 2

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

Mike Tomlin's Steelers won their first 11 games of the season, but lost four of their last five, including an embarrassing 48-37 home playoff loss to the Brown. Ben Rothlisberger (3,803 yards, 33 TDs) should have another big year, but if the Steelers are to be a serious threat in the AFC, their running game must improve. That's why they drafted Alabama's Najee Harris (1,466 rushing yards, 26 TDs/43 receptions, 423 yards, 4 TDs) to get things done on the

Baltimore will once again by led by dual threat QB Lamar Jackson (2,757 passing yards, 26 TDs/1,005 rushing yards, 7 TDs). If Jackson improves as a passer, the Ravens could make a lot of noise in 2021.

Tennessee should battle Indianapolis for the AFC South title. The Titans are led by quarterback Ryan Tannehill (3,817 yards, 33 TDs) and running back Derrick Henry (2,127 yards, 17 TDs). The Titans added former Atlanta All-Pro wide receiver Julio Jones (51 receptions, 771 yards, 3 TDs in 9 games) to pair with speed wideout A.J. Brown (70 receptions, 1,075 yards, 11 TDs). The Titans could be scary good on offense, and if they shore up the defense, they could contend for the AFC title.

Buffalo should be the team to beat in the AFC East. The Bills finished 13-3 a year ago and have Allen (4,544 yards, 37 TDs) and a big-play WR

in Stefon Diggs (127 receptions, 1,535 yards, 8 TDs). Buffalo needs to $improve\ its\ running$ game, but it has a solid defense and should hold off Miami and New England to win the AFC

Now we turn our attention to the 2021 college football season, where before a game has even been played Texas and OU made huge news with their announcement to leave the Big 12 for the SEC. The plan is for the league's two major programs to join the SEC in July of 2025, but many believe both schools will depart well before that date and each pay the \$80 million fee to depart ear-

UT and OU's move will make the SEC the first super conference with 16 teams. The SEC has not announced how it will restructure the league (four 4-pod teams or 2 divisions with 8 teams each). Texas' joining the SEC will rekindle the UT-Texas A&M rivalry and could move Alabama out of the Western Division to the Eastern Division (I'm sure the rest of the SEC $\,$ East is excited about that prospect!).

So where does that leave the remaining Big 12 schools? I guess the Big 12 could extend invitations to the University of Houston, Central Florida, Cincinnati and perhaps Brigham Young to keep the conference alive, but losing its two biggest programs and moneymak ers might make it difficult

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Lone Star College offers student debt forgiveness

forgiven student debt and unpaid balances for students who owed money in fall 2020, summer 2020 and spring 2021, allowing them to register for fall classes. LSC used federal stimulus funds to pay the outstanding balance of \$2.5 million for 4,028 LSC students.

"Lone Star College remains determined to remove obstacles students face so that they can finish their education," said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC chancellor. "Making these funds available will allow students the opportunity to return to the classroom this fall."

LSC was approved for supplementary CARES Act funding having been recognized as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI). MSI institutions must have an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 25% Hispanic



Lone Star College students who owed money in fall debt forgiven, allowing them to register for fall classes.

with 50% of degree-seeking students receiving need-based assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act or have a substantial number of enrolled students receiving Pell Grants.

LSC students should contact the LSC Business Office located at their home campus for additional information on the unpaid balance forgiveness program. To learn more about the MSI program

students can also contact the Financial Aid office located on their home cam-

LSC offers financial aid advisors to assist students with completing the financial aid process virtually by visiting LoneStar.edu/ Financial-Aid

"We know that we still face challenges and are committed to working with students to ensure we are doing everything we can to support them," said Head.

There is still time to register for fall classes. Whether in person, online or combination of both, LSC has a program that can help you start close and go far. Visit LoneStar.edu to learn

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. Lone Star College consists of seven colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence, Lone Star Corporate College and LSC-Online. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

Aldine officer praised for Heroic effort to save two in fiery crash

Aldine ISD Police Chief Paul Córdova recognized Captain Marc Harris for commendable actions at the Board of Trustees meeting on August 17.

Chief Córdova shared how on July 23, around noon, Harris was offduty and in plain clothes, driving north on I-45, when he noticed a severe traffic accident that had just occurred at the I-10 interchange.

Harris saw that both vehicles were on fire, and both drivers were still in their vehicles. He exited his vehicle and found that a female



CAPTAIN MARC HARRIS ALDINE ISD POLICE DEPT.

driver was conscious but removed the driver from

cause the driver's door had become inoperable due to the crash. Harris quickly broke out the passenger window and extricated the woman from the passenger side with the assistance of an unknown citizen.

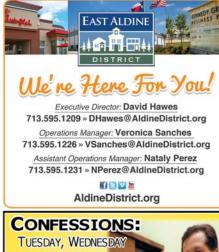
He also noticed that the male driver remained in the other vehicle. He was unaware of the danger he was in as his vehicle was on fire. Harris

unable to get out be- his vehicle to safety be-

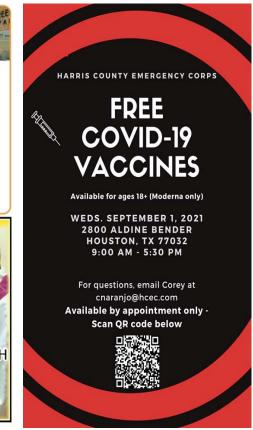
fore both vehicles became fully engulfed with a raging fire.

"Because of his impactful leadership and selfless empathy for others, Captain Harris saved the lives of two members of our community. He is recognized before the Aldine ISD Board of Education and awarded the Aldine ISD Police Department Lifesaving pin, which he may now proudly display on his uniform. Thank you, Captain Harris," said Chief Cór-

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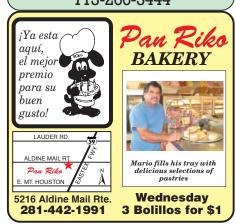


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KELSEY-SEYBOLD ANNOUNCES 27th CLINIC LOCATION

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

HOUSTON (March 9. 2021) - Kelsev-Sevbold Clinic announced plans today to build a 7,500-squarefoot 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 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,

to drive to our clinics in

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, evidencebased 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 commitment 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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Huge matchups abound across the landscape For Labor Day Weekend college football feast

The official start of the college football season begins this Labor Day Weekend, and what a slate of games fans will have to choose from

Technically, the official start of the 2021 college season began last weekend, but this weekend's slate of big-time games is considered by most as the official start of the 2021 season and the race for the four College Football Playoff (CFP) berths.

University of Texas fans hope new head coach Steve Sarkisian is the man to turn the Longhorns into annual contenders for the Big 12 title (until they depart for the SEC) and get back in the national title hunt. That's a big hill to climb, especially with a loaded Oklahoma team that appears poised to not only win its seventh Big 12 crown, but is also a legitimate national title contender.

Texas has a tough opener at home on Saturday against a Louisiana squad that finished 10-1 a year ago. UT fans are well aware of their team's struggle in season openers the last few years, as Texas dropped back-toback openers to Maryland under former head coach Tom Harman

While the 'Horns have a tough opener, Jimbo Fisher's Texas A&M Aggies should have little trouble against a Kent State team that finished 3-1 a State in College Station in the heat which should play a big factor in the game. Aggie fans are excited for the prospects for a CFP run this year after finishing 9-1 a year ago and ranked No. 4 in the nation at the end of the season after their Orange Bowl victory over North Caroli na. The Aggies are loaded on defense, but the offense will break in four new offensive linemen and a new quarterback. They improved LSU team, a dangerous Mississippi squad and some team from Tuscaloosa that is coming off a sixth national title and 13-0 season under head coach Nick Saban's leadership. And that's just in the SEC West The Aggies also have to play at Colorado against a dangerous Buffalo team, but they avoid having to play Florida or Geor-

gia from the SEC East.
Closer to home, University of
Houston head coach Dana
Holgorsen enters his third year
at the Cougars' head man and
fans are hoping this is the breakthrough year they've been wait-



ing for from the former West Virginia head coach who was paid a handsome salary to turn the UH football program around. In his first two years on the job, UH has finished 4-8 and 3-5, and granted, last year's season was chaotic due to the pandemic. Heck, the Coogs didn't play their first game until Oct. 9 of last year UH faces Texas Tech in a game both teams want to win to start their respective seasons off on a positive note. The two teams will meet at NRG Stadium at 6 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Nationally, all eyes will once again be on the SEC as No. 1 ranked Alabama faces a solid Miami team Saturday afternoon at Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta and that evening No. 5-ranked Georgia faces off against No. 3-ranked Clemson, which will begin life after Trevor Lawrence (34-2 in three years as the Tigers starter and the No. 1 draft pick by Jacksonville in last spring's NFL draft) at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte at 6:30 p.m. Both games will be nationally televised.

The fun concludes on Labor Day evening when Louisville and Mississippi face off in prime time in what could be an offensive shootout. That game is also scheduled for Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

So, without further ado, let's take a look at this week's high school and college games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine at Waller: Hank Semler's Mustangs visit Waller on Friday night hoping a young nucleus is ready to grow up and turn things around for a program that's had a rough go of it the last few years. The Mustangs return 15 lettermen, but just one offensive and one defensive starter. Semler is hoping a solid sophonore class is ready to grow up and get the winning ways back at Aldine High. The Mustangs will be led by linebacker Kaleb Jiminez and offensive lineman Xavier Gordillo (6-0, 250 pounds.). Waller finished 3-7 a year ago and returns 1 offensive and four

defensive starters. My pick, Waller 23, Aldine 21 MacArthur at A&M Consoli-

dated: Wayne Crawford's Generals face a tough task when they travel to College Station on Fri-day evening to take on one of the top Class 5A programs in the state. The Generals return four offensive and nine defensive starters from last year's 2-4 team. Key players for MacArthur are offensive lineman/defensive line man Xavion Starks (6-4, 260 pounds, 52 tackles, 8 for loss and 4 sacks), wide receiver/defensive back Justin Williams (25 tackles). and wide receiver/defensive back Keenan Jackson (15 receptions, 140 yards, 1 TD/42 tackles, 1 interception. A&M Consolidated returns six offensive and five defensive starters from last year's 8-3 team. My pick, A&M Consolidated 26, MacArthur 18

Nimitz at Tomball: Richard Slater's Cougars also hit the road on Friday night to take on Tomball. The Cougars returns five offensive and eight defensive starters from last year's 3-4 team. Leading the way for Nimitz is defensive back Arman Green. Tomball returns six offensive and five defensive starters from last year's 7-3 team. Their top performer is quarterback Cale Hellums (1,447 rushing yards, 11 TDs/1,798 passing yards, 19 TDs). My pick, Nimitz 23, Tomball 21

Davis at Cinco Ranch: Scott Joseph's Falcons visit Cinco Ranch on Friday night hoping to improve on last year's 2-5 season. The Falcons return eight offensive and nine defensive starters. Leading the way are defensive back Nycolis Prudhomme, running back Azavion Kegler and quarterback Josh Garuba. Cinco Ranch finished 1-7 a year ago and returns six offensive and eight defensive starters. My pick, Nimitz 26, Cinco Ranch 21 (2000).

Eisenhower vs. Channelview: Eric Jackson's Eagles host Channelview on Saturday evening at Thorne Stadium. Eisenhower finished 3-4 a year ago and earned a playoff berth. Ike returns five offensive and four defensive starters and will be led by quarterback Ryan Niblett (1,137 rushing yards, 10 TDs/367 passing yards, 3 TDs. The junior was named the Northeast News' Offensive Player of the Year as a sophomore. Another key contributor should be defensive lineman Omar Solis (70 tackles, 6 sacks). Channelview will be led by quarters of the page of

terback Demetrius Charles (1,948 passing yards, 20 TDs/394 rushing yards, 9 TDs). My pick, Eisenhower 30, Channelview 27

NCAA

Louisiana at Texas: Sarkisian makes his debut as UT's head coach on Saturday afternoon at Royal-Memorial Stadium before what should be packed house and a national TV audience on FOX. This will be a tough opener for UT. Louisiana is a solid mid-tier program and won 10 games a vear ago. Look for Texas to rely on sophomore running back Bi jan Robinson (703 yards, 4 TDs) as Texas eases either Casey Thompson (8-10 for 170 yards, 4 TDs) off the bench in place of injured starting QB Sam Ehlinger in UT's 55-24 Alamo Bowl win last December) or Hudson Card into the starting quarterback job. Card, a redshirt freshman, has all the tools to be a long-time starter for Sarkisian's team. Expect both QBs to see action on Saturday. The Texas defense should be solid this year and will need to slow down Ragin' Cajuns potent close, but UT pull it out late. My

pick Texas 27, Louisiana 24 Kent State at Toyas A&M. As stated earlier, Aggie fans are optimistic about what could be a big year in Fisher's fourth year o the job in College Station. This should be a relatively easy opener for the Aggies and could give the young offensive line some much-needed experience, along with new QBs King Haynes and Zach Calzada. Expect both of them to get plenty of playing time either QB gets their feet wet, look for Fisher to feature running ick Isiah Spiller (1,036 yards, 9 TDs) and Devon Achane (43 receptions, 364 yards, 4 TDs). This could be a breakout season for the speedy Achane, along with fellow speedster Ainis Smith (43 recep the Aggie defense, which returns nine starters, to make it a long day for the Kent State offense. My pick, Texas A&M 36, Kent

Texas Tech at Houston: Two teams that need to get off to good starts meet at NRG Stadium on Saturday evening. The Cougars are hoping this is the year they break through with a big season and a lot of that will depend on how well veteran quarterback Nathan Tune (2,048 yards, 15

coach Matt Wells is entering his third season on the High Plains and this could be a make or break season for him. He finished 4-8 his first year and 4-6 a year ago. While Tech has become a basketball school, Red Raider fans still have a passion for football and want to see a winner. Tech will have a new quarterback in Oregon transfer Tyler Shough (1,559 yards, 13 TDs) and he could be the best Tech has had at the position in some time. This should be a fun, high scoring game, but look for Shough to be the difference maker at year 3 gets off to a good start for Wells and the Red Raiders. My pick, Texas Tech 33,

Alabama vs. Miami: Nick Sa-

ban brings a young, but once again talented, Crimson Tide

team into a tough season opener

when they face the Miami Hurri-cane in Atlanta on Saturday. Saban had to rebuild the offense in the offseason and spring as quar-terback Matt Jones, running back Najee Harris and big-play wide receivers DeVonta Smith and Jalen Waddle departed for the er Tide players from both sides of the ball. But remember, 'Bama doesn't rebuild it reloads Sahan sophomore Bryce Young, who has yet to throw a pass in a college game. Look for Saban to feature the running game early as Young settles into the job. He has two good ones in Brian Robinson (483 vards 6 TDs as a reserve last ear) and Trey Sanders. John Metchie III (55 receptions, 916 vards, 6 TDs) is the most experienced wide receiver returning, but Saban has a slew of young stude he will unleash this year at Tide returns a solid defense and that until will get tested by Hur ricane QB D'Eriq King (2,686 passing yards, 23 TDs/538 rushng yards, 4 TDs). The former UH starting QB could be a Heisman Trophy candidate this year and what a better stage to make his case than against the defending national champion on national TV. This should be a competitive game, but look for the Alabama defense to be the difference make abama 26, Miami 18

Clemson vs. Georgia: This is the marquee matchup of the weekend Dabo Swiney's No. 3ranked Tigers face off against Kirby Smart's No. 5-ranked Bulldogs on a neutral field in Charlotte, N.C. Like Alabama, Clemson reloads and should once again contend for the national title. With Lawrence off to the NFL, D.J. Uiagalelei (904 yards, 3 TDs) is the new man under center and he filled in well when wrence missed time with COV ID 19 a year ago. Swiney has to break in a new running game, but the receiving corps should be solid, along with the defense. The Bulldogs are always good on de-fense (Smart was Saban's defensive coordinator for a number of years) and this year the offense could be very potent led by quar-terback JT Daniels (1,231 yards, 10 TDs). Georgia also has a strong one-two punch at running back with Zamir White (779 yards, 11 TDs) and James Cook. the younger brother of Minneso ta Vikings star running back Dalvin Cook (303 yards, 3 TDs) sharing totes. This might be a bigger game for Georgia than it will be for Clemson. If Georgia can pull out the win, they should run the table to their Oct. 30 SEC East showdown against Florida And even better news for Bulldog could very well meet in the SEC title game in December in Atlanta. Something tells me Georgia's running game will be the difference maker in this one as Smart's team starts the season with a huge victory. My pick, Georgia 27, Clemson 24 LSU at UCLA: The Tigers

make the long trip to Los Angeles to take on Chip Kelly's Bruins with hopes of making amends for last year's 5-5 finish. Tiger fans were disappointed in last year's record after winning it all in 2019 and dominating all of its opponents, even Alabama. Many consider that 2019 LSU team to be one of the best, if not the best, all-time college football teams and head coach Ed Ogeron knows he needs a big turnaround sea son to keep the wolves away from his door. LSU returns 19 starters this year, but the key will be how much quarterback Max Johnson (1.069 vards, 8 TDs) has prodefense should return to being one of the top units in the SEC, and the country. Look for a solid start to the season as the Tigers use their speed to blaze by Bruins. My pick, LSU 31, UCLA

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PAGE SCHOOL NEWS



ALDINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION PROGRAM

High School Students can earn up to \$3000 in scholarships for high academic achievement

The Aldine Education Foundation Scholarship program rewards Aldine ISD high school students who achieve academic excellence. In all high school classes, students who maintain a 95 or greater in traditional courses or 85+ in Advanced Academic, PreAP, AP, IB, or Dual Credit on their final grade are recognized annually as Foundation Scholars.

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For more information, visit the Aldine Education Foundation website. You can also see a list of more than 100 students listed as 2020-2021 Foundation

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La Fundación cree que el dinero es un incentivo para que los estudiantes se esfuercen por la excelencia a lo largo de sus carreras en la escuela secundaria. Además, con un sólido historial académico, los estudiantes son los principales candidatos para recibir fondos adicionales de becas de la AEF posiblemente.

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Message from the Superintendent, August 24, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

As we settle into a new school year. I would like to use this time to refocus everyone on Aldine ISD's Vision and Mission. While it is easy to get caught up in the noise happening across the state, we must remember to stay committed to the goals we have set for each and every student that walks through our doors.

Our Vision

All Aldine ISD students will receive a dynamic and unparalleled education that guarantees choices and opportunities today and in the future.

Our Mission

Aldine ISD will provide a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares every student for success in college, career, and life.

Additionally, we continue to move ahead with our five-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward. You will notice that my messages moving forward will be organized around this strategic plan and how everything the district is doing centers around our ultimate goal: creating choices and opportunities for our students and their families through student achievement, school culture, mission-driven leadership, organizational efficiency, and community engage ment and outreach.

Student Achievement Additional Day School Year

Our Additional Day School Year (ADSY) students got a jumpstart in the summer and the school year. They have been going strong as they enter their seventh week. The ADSY program is at Ermel Elementary School and Vines Primary School where the district added 30 days to the school calendar for all students. This program is designed to demonstrate the possibilities of reimagining every school day to include more time for teachers to collaborate and prepare, as well as more time for enrichment and acceleration for students. The program provides students and families with choices and opportunities to enhance their educational

La Promesa

The newcomer school, La Promesa received much media attention last week when it opened. The school is still enrolling students. Once completed, La Promesa will have 150 ninth graders. Each year, the school will add a new grade level to serve grades 9-12. The school focuses on students who have lived three or fewer years in the U.S. and are from non-English speaking countries or have limited English proficiency. During the 2022-2023school year, La Promesa will implement two Career and Technology Education (CTE) pathways.

Young Women's Leadership Academy

Aldine Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) opened this year and is still accepting new students. YWLA was created to encourage and empower girls to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) careers, prepare for college, and develop leaders. To learn more and apply, visit the academy's homepage.

Fall Athletics

In Aldine ISD, we firmly believe it takes collaboration, ambition, and strategy to achieve excellence — on the field and in the classroom.

The fall semester means it's volleyball, football, and cross country season! Let's remember to show our support for our hardworking student-athletes. If you can't make a game or a meet, make sure to tell them good luck! All schedules can be found here



Community Engagement and Outreach

The district's Family and Community Engagement Department (FACE) is committed to elevating district pride by strengthening partnerships with families, communities, and business communities. This week, FACE is offering a session about the district's Home Access Center (HAC). To see all upcoming FACE events and programs, visit their webpage here and make sure to sign up for the monthly new sletter. $\,$

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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.

COVID-19 Reminders

We want to remind our community to follow the three Ws - Wash your hands, Wear a mask, and Watch your distance. As a reminder, masks are required for anyone age two and older at all Aldine ISD campuses, district buildings, and buses. Aldine ISD's top priorities continue to be the safety and academic success of all students. As Aldine ISD provides in-person learning, protocols and information for families have been updated for the 2021-2022 school year The protocols will be revisited to address any changes from the Texas Education Agency, CDC, state and local health guidelines. We will post all information related to our operations along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

District Updates

Please make sure to check out the District News page to stay up to date on all the wonderful things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Insta-

I wish you a great week of school! With Aldine Pride,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney

Superintendent

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

By Jennifer Nandlal Sr Adult Program Specialist

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Thank you!

Community Recognitions, return of traditional ceremonies, mark highlights of In-person School Board Meeting



The Aldine ISD Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 17, in the Board Room of the Donaldson Administration Building. All seven Trustees, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, and her Executive Leadership Team (ELT), attended the in-person meeting.

As the meeting got underway, AISD welcomed back its tradition of students and ROTC cadets presenting the colors and reciting the pledges. Chief of Staff Sheleah D. Reed noted that the tradition ceased at the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Goodman Elementary third grade scholars Sophia Palizo and Aubrey Davis recited the Pledge to the U.S. Flag & Pledge to the Texas Flag. The Aldine HS Color Guard commanded by Jahaizel Carrillo and cadets Gilberto Aguirre, Ashley Lugo and Daniel Vásquez presented the colors. Major Theodore Nelson heads the ROTC program at

Community Recognitions

Dr. Martha Escalante, Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement (FACE), thanked volunteers and the generosity of community partners for helping make the Aldine ISD Back to School Expo was a success. She also thanked the district's Executive Leadership Team and Board Trustees who helped at the Expo. Volunteers provided backpacks and school supplies to more than 5,000 students; hundreds of students received immunizations, and

families received COVID vaccines. Escalante recognized several organizations for their contributions to the Back to School Expo. Representatives present included José Rivera, Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA Executive Director; Jennifer Pinti, Outreach Director with Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA, and Aldine-Greenspoint YMCA Board Chair Jarad Davis; Abel Garza, East Aldine Management District Board Member; Aldine Noon Optimist Club Board Members Steve Mead, Stacey Smith, Judy Hoya, and Jan Winn; and Tabbie Saenz with The Hope Clinic.

Linda Flores Olson, Director of the Aldine Education Foundation. recognized the Aldine Noon Optimist Club for its long-standing partnership with the school district and the Foundation. Each year, the Optimist Club has given Christmas meal baskets to families, promoted literacy with a bicycle giveaway at each elementary school, conducted a raffle with the proceeds going to Future Farmers of America, and purchased FFA livestock. They were the first title sponsor of the basketball fundraising event. The Optimist Club has provided gifts and endowed scholarships. All in all, the Aldine Noon Optimist Club has generously given gifts valued at more than \$90,000. Representing the Aldine Noon Optimist Club at the Board meeting Judy Hoya, Jan Winn, Steve Mead, and Stacey Smith. Mead is one of the original Aldine Scholarship Foundation (ASF) members.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0300 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2.

 PROPOSED TAX RATE
 \$0.0300 per \$100

 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE
 \$0.0297 per \$100

 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE
 \$0.0308 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 14, 2021 AT 1:00 PM AT 14418 Beaumont Highway Houston, TX 77049.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Directors of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Sonya Anderson Charles Anthony
Buster Gates Earl Skank
Johnnie McClelland

AGAINST the proposal: PRESENT and not voting:

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.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0300	\$0.0300	increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$140,516	\$153,340	increase of 12,824, or 9.13%
Tax on average homestead	\$42.15	\$46.00	increase of 3.85, or 9.13%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,444,276	\$1,498,433	increase of 54,157, or 3.75%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctx.net, or visit www.hctax.net for more information.

SPORTS PAGE

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!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

to keep the league alive. I expect Baylor, Texas Tech and TCU to join UH in the AAC, Iowa State and Kansas move to the Big 10, Oklahoma State moves to the Pac 12 and Kansas State to the Mountain West. West Virginia can go pound sand.

Until the two Big 12 teams officially move. they will play at least one or two more years in the Big 12. Oklahoma should be the team to beat once again this year (they've won six straight Big 12 titles) and UT fans are hoping new head coach Steve Sarkisian, the former offensive coordinator for Nick Saban at Alabama, is the latest savior for a program that has fallen into mediocrity.

Sarkisian replaces former golden boy Tom Herman whose act wore think with the UT brass and he was given his walking papers after UT's 55-24 Alamo Bowl win over Colorado.

He inherits a team that finished 7-3 a year ago and needs to find a new starting quarterback now that three-year starter Sam Ehlinger has moved onto the NFL. Junior Casey Thompson filled in for

Ehlinger when the latter was injured in the Alamo Bowl and sparked the 55-24 win by going 8-10 for 170 yards and four TDs. Thompson and Hudson Card are battling for the job.

While UT is uncertain who their starting QB will be, that's not the case with the running game. Look for sophomore Bijan Robinson (703 yards, 4 TDs) to get plenty of work this season and prove he is one of the best runners in the country. In the bowl win over Colorado, Robinson picked up 183 yards on just 10 carries and scored a TD.

OU is still the team to beat in the Big 12. This could be Lincoln Riley's best team ever and there is plenty of excitement in Norman as quarterback Spencer Rattler (3,031 yards, 28 TDs) leads a loaded offense. The defense also has Sooner fans pumped up as eight starters return to a unit that steadily improved as the season went on last year.

Iowa State should contend with OU for the league title. Quarterback Brock Purdy (2,750 yards, 19 TDs) and running back Breece Hall (1,572 yards, 21 TDs) return to lead

Matt Campbell's team.

Texas A&M fans are also stoked for the upcoming season after Jimbo Fisher led the Aggies to a 9-1 season and No. 4 national ranking in his third year in College Station. The Aggies success will revolve around a rebuilt offensive line that lost four of five starters and a new quarterback after four-year starter Kellen Mond moved onto the NFL. Fisher says he has two good ones in redshirt sonhomore Hanes King (who led Longview to the Class 6A Division II state title in 2018) and Zach Calzada to choose from. Until either settles into the job, look for running backs Isaiah Spiller $(1{,}036~yards,\,9~TDs)~and$ speedy Devon Achane (43 receptions, 364 yards, 4 TDs/140 yards rushing, 2 TDs in A&M Orange Bowl victory over North Carolina) to be counted on to carry the offensive load

Defensively, the Aggies are loaded with eight starters returning. Some Aggie faithful believe this year's defense could be the Wrecking Crew II, which was so dominate in the late '80s and 90's under former head coach R.C. Slocum.

Aggie fans are circling Oct. 9 on their calendars because that's when defending national champion Alabama pays them a visit in College Station, which will probably be a prime time game on CBS.

prime time game on CBS

The Aggies problem is they still play in the SEC
West, where defending national champion Alabama still resides, along with a LSU team that won it all in 2019. The Tigers return 19 starters and want to make up for last year's lackluster 5-5 season.

In Tuscaloosa, Saban lead the Crimson Tide to a 13-0 season and a sixth national title to tie him with 'Bama legend Bear Bryant (Saban has 7 national titles as he won one with LSU). Saban is breaking in a new quarterback in Bryce Young who has yet to throw a pass in a college, let alone SEC, game. He's talented, but the key will be how they handles the pressure of the SEC. The Crimson Tide also lost big-play wide receivers DeVonta Smith (last year's Heisman Trophy winner) and Jaylen Waddle, but believe me, there's plenty of

talent ready to step up

and make names for

themselves.

The defense returns a load of starters and remember, Alabama never rebuilds, it just reloads!

All teams will be playing for the four College Football Playoff (CFP) berths. The Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl will host the national semifinal games on Dec. 31, while the CFP title game will be played on Jan. 10 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

So, there's a preview of things to come in the NFL and college football in 2021 and now, here is one man's picks for the upcoming season.

NFL

NFC East – Dallas NFC North – Green Bay NFC West – Los Angeles Rams

NFC South – Tampa Bay NFC Wild Cards – Seattle, San Francisco, Minnesota

NFC Title Game – Green Bay over Tampa Bay AFC East – Buffalo

AFC North – Cleveland AFC West – Kansas City AFC South – Tennessee AFC Wild Cards – Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Miami AFC Title Game – Kansas City over Cleveland

Super Bowl 55 –

Green Bay over Kansas City (Aaron Rodgers exits Green Bay with his second Lombardi Trophy)

NCAA

ACC

Atlantic – Clemson
Coastal – North Carolina
ACC Champ – Clemson
BIG 12
Oklahoma over Iowa
State
PAC 12

PAC 12 North – Oregon South – USC PAC 12 Champ – Oregon SEC East – Georgia

West – Alabama SEC Champ – Alabama

CFL SEMIFINALS

Cotton Bowl – OU over Clemson Orange Bowl – Alabama over Georgia

CFP National Title Game

- OU over Alabama

PAGE CHURCH

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Labor in the Old or New Testament

2. From Acts 20:35, "That so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the to give than to receive." Righteous,

Understanding, Blessed, Bountiful
3. Ecclesiastes 3:13 states, "And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the ____ of God." Will, Gift, Guidance, Law



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bread and meat in the evening;

and he drank from the brook.

1 KINGS 17:6

4. From Proverbs 14:23, "In all labor there is profit: but the ____ of the lips tendeth only to penury." Whispering, Closing, Talk, Howling 5. In Ephesians 4:28, "Let him that stole steal no more:

but rather let him labor, working with his Brothers, Soul, Might, Hands

6. From Exodus 20:9, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Blessed; 3) Gift; 4) Talk; 5) Hands; 6) Six Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.cc (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



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East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

Sgt. Terry Garza boosts Public Safety in the community she adores

From her third-floor workspace in the East Aldine Management District's new Town Center office building, Harris County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Terry Garza has a spectacular view of the community she has loved since she was



Garza, who oversees the evening shift patrol of officers assigned to the district, is a popular figure in the area, where she led an outpost of the youth Explorers Program of the Sheriff's Office.

Working with community groups, she has also delivered food, school supplies, winter coats and prom dresses to the needy as a volunteer.

A native of Albuquerque, N.M., Garza spent part of her youth in foster care in Harris County. By the time she was reunited with her mother, she had learned first-hand about children in need.

"I was that little kid who needed school supplies and a coat for the winter," Garza said. "Because this is the first place I actually patrolled as an officer, East Aldine has my heart. I just fell in love with the people out here, because everyone is so appreciative.

"Even people who need help are willing to share with others," Garza

Garza will supervise the Sheriff's Office new "store-front" operation on the first floor of the new Town Center office building at 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Dr., just off Aldine Mail Route Road.

The office, staffed mainly by Dep. Rebecca Limon, will serve as a "minipolice station" where residents can report non-emergency crimes such as identity theft or credit card abuse.

The unit also will investigate "non-emergency" property crimes, such as home and vehicle burglaries. In those cases, deputies will go to the scene to collect evidence such as fingerprints or DNA, when possible.

For emergency calls, Garza stresses that citizens should call 911. For non-emergency calls residents can also call 713-221-6000.

There will be a total of 15 officers assigned to the East Aldine District Patrol on different shifts, all funded by the District through a contract with the Sheriff's Office, Garza said.

"The patrol is in addition to the Harris County Sheriff's Department's regular service," Garza explained.

She will oversee the five evening shift deputies assigned to the district patrol. Those officers' duties will be "pro-active" assignments, such as searching for people with pending arrest warrants or investigating possible narcotics possession during traffic stops. One recent afternoon, a couple of her deputies assisted in a prostitution sting operation that netted several arrests near East Aldine.

Part of the unit also will be assigned to handle nuisance abatement, which will include public health issues such as abandoned buildings, dumped trash and junked vehicles.

 $\label{lem:approx} \textbf{After graduating from Stephen F. Austin High School, Garza went to work}$ for the Houston Police Department as a secretary. One of her duties – which she really loved – was acting in Crime Stoppers' crime re-enactments that were broadcast weekly on KTRK-TV Channel 13.

"I was always a crime victim, never the criminal," Garza said. "That was really fun. I loved it."

Garza served almost four years as an investigator of child deaths for the Texas Department of Protective Services. Because that job "really took a toll," Garza shifted to the Sheriff's Office.

Her "most rewarding" job in law enforcement, Garza said, was working as a teacher and trainer for the Explorers Program, which lets young people considering a career in law enforcement to learn from deputies. Garza has maintained contact with many of the Explorers graduates, including a young man who was recently sworn in as a Department of Public Safety trooper.

"I enjoyed teaching young people how to do my job and teaching them different life skills and giving them advice. I loved it, because I was always so proud of them," Garza said.

Because of working with East Aldine youth in that program, Garza closely followed the work of East Aldine Management District. That led to her connections with other community leaders and volunteers.

"It's been great seeing how much improvement there has been in this community," Garza said. "I've seen so many good things happen here and so many community leaders that want to do a lot for the residents.

Garza, who recently celebrated her 51st birthday, is married to a retired Harris County deputy. The couple has four grown daughters.

For relaxation, she said that she and her husband Craig love to fish near Sabine Pass. She is "an excellent cook" of fresh fish.

By Anne Marie Kilday



Aldine ISD 2021 Varsity Football Schedule

Aldine High School

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 26	Grand Oaks	Moorehead	Α	7:00 PM
Sept. 3	Waller	Waller	Α	7:00 PM
Sept. 11	Sam Houston	Dyer	Α	7:00 PM
Sept. 18	BYE			
Sept. 25	Eisenhower	Thorne	Α	6:00 PM
Oct. 2	MacArthur	Thorne	Н	6:00 PM
Oct. 8	Davis	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 15	Dekaney	Planet Ford	Α	7:00 PM
Oct. 23	Spring	Thorne	Н	2:00 PM
Oct. 29	Westfield	Planet Ford	Α	7:00 PM
Nov. 5	Nimitz	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM

Davis High School						
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time		
Aug. 26	Alief Taylor	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM		
Sept. 4	Cinco Ranch	Legacy	Α	6:00 PM		
Sept. 10	Seven Lakes	Rhodes	Α	7:00 PM		
Sept. 18	BYE					
Sept. 23	Westfield	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM		
Oct. 1	Eisenhower	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM		
Oct. 8	Aldine	Thorne	A	7:00 PM		
Oct. 14	Spring	Planet Ford	Α	7:00 PM		
Oct. 21	Nimitz	Thorne	н	7:00 PM		
Oct. 28	MacArthur	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM		
Nov 4	Dekanev	Planet Ford	Δ	7:00 PM		

Eisenhower High School					
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time	
Aug. 26	Marshall	Ft. Bend	Α	7:00 PM	
Sept. 3	Channelview	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Sept. 10	Cy Creek	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Sept. 18	BYE				
Sept. 25	Aldine (HC)	Thorne	Н	6:00 PM	
Oct. 1	Davis	Thorne	V	7:00 PM	
Oct. 7	Spring	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Oct. 15	Nimitz	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM	
Oct. 22	MacArthur	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Oct. 28	Dekaney	Planet Ford	V	7:00 PM	
Nov. 4	Westfield	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	

Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time
Aug. 28	Austin	Thorne	н	6:00 PM
Sept. 3	AM Consol	AM Consol	Α	7:00 PM
Sept. 11	Humble	Turner	Α	6:00 PM
Sept. 18	BYE			
Sept. 24	Nimitz	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 2	Aldine	Thorne	Α	6:00 PM
Oct. 8	Dekaney	Planet Ford	Α	7:00 PM
Oct. 14	Westfield	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Oct. 22	Eisenhower	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM
Oct. 28	Davis	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM
Nov. 5	Spring	Planet Ford	A	7:00 PM

Nimitz High School					
Date	Opponent	Stadium	Home/Away	Time	
Aug. 27	Tomball Mem.	Tomball	Α	7:00 PM	
Sept. 3	Tomball	Tomball	Α	7:00 PM	
Sept. 9 (HC)	Mayde Creek	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Sept. 18	BYE				
Sept. 24	MacArthur	Thorne	Α	7:00 PM	
Sept. 30	Dekaney	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Oct. 7	Westfield	Planet Ford	Α	7:00 PM	
Oct. 15	Eisenhower	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Oct. 21	Davis	Thorne	Α	6:00 PM	
Oct. 29	Spring (SN)	Thorne	Н	7:00 PM	
Nov. 5	Aldine	Thorne	А	7:00 PM	



(HC) Homecoming (SN) Senior Night