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— Doug Larson

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**KEENEY'S  
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By  
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## Texans begin new era under Culley: Cowboys face SB champs TB in opener

The Texans begin their 20th season and a new era as head coach David Culley tries to lead the franchise out of the doldrums of a 4-12 season. A 0-4 start in 2020 cost head coach Bill O'Brien his job and he has since moved onto Alabama where he serves as Nick Saban's offensive coordinator. Owner Cal McNair (does that guy ever answer any questions, ever?) cleaned house and brought in a new general manager in Nick Caserio who brought in 46 veteran free agents and a total of 53 new faces with hopes

of turning things around from last year's disaster. One of those new players is veteran quarterback Tyrod Taylor, who has 11 years of experience and has played for three teams. He gets the unenviable task of replacing star QB Deshaun Watson, who has demanded a trade and is dealing with 22 civil lawsuits. Although he is on the roster, Watson probably won't play another down for the Texans. Teams aren't exactly knocking down Caserio's door with

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## Special Election For Constitutional Amendments

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation setting Tuesday, November 2, 2021 as the special election day for eight proposed constitutional amendments in Texas.

The eight proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot are:

**PROPOSITION 1:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues.

**PROPOSITION 2:** The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county.

**PROPOSITION 3:** The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations.

**PROPOSITION 4:** The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge.

**PROPOSITION 5:** The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office.

**PROPOSITION 6:** The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

**PROPOSITION 7:** The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death.

**PROPOSITION 8:** The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

## Community members concerned about new "Permitless Carry" law

Commissioner Garcia moderates discussion with law enforcement

Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia led a discussion last Wednesday, September 1 on the concerns surrounding the new law. The panel consisted of law enforcement officials and domestic violence advocates, among others.

Law enforcement officials want people to make sure they understand the law before doing anything that could put themselves or others in danger.

"Make sure that you understand the law and make sure you get trained to use that weapon," Harris County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Toquica said.

With permit-less carry officially going into effect September 1, the state's record shows loosening weapon restrictions only make living in Texas more



Participating in the on-line discussion were (L-R) Houston Police Department Executive Assistant Chief Larry Satterwhite, Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia (a former Harris County Sheriff), and Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Edison Toquica. The public was invited to call in with their views also.

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The event was held September 1 which marks the official beginning of legal permit-less public carry of weapons in Texas. Permit-

less carry allows anyone, including untrained individuals, to purchase a gun and walk the streets without having any experience using a weapon at any

time previously in their lives.

The discussion centered

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## Voter Regulations bill passes, Abbott signs controversial legislation

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement following the passage of Senate Bill 1, which Republicans say will protect the integrity of elections in Texas.

"Protecting the integrity of our elections is critical in the state of Texas, which is why I made election integrity an emergen-

cy item during the 87th Legislative Session. I thank Senator Brian Hughes, Representative Andrew Murr, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dade Phelan for stepping up to ensure that this bill made it to the finish line during the second special session. Senate Bill 1 will solidify trust and

confidence in the outcome of our elections by making it easier to vote and harder to cheat. I look forward to signing Senate Bill 1 into law, ensuring election integrity in Texas."

Senate Bill 1 creates uniform statewide voting hours, maintains and expands voting access for registered voters that need

assistance, prohibits drive-through voting, and enhances transparency by authorizing poll watchers to observe more aspects of the election process. The bill also bans the distribution of unsolicited applications for mail-in ballots and gives voters with a defective mail-in ballot the opportunity to correct the defect.

## AVOID EVICTION

# Rent Relief available from Harris County

### Money available for Residents Facing Eviction

HOUSTON — (August 27, 2021) — The Harris County Community Services Department has funds available for emergency rent relief for tenants living in unincorporated Harris County who are financially affected by COVID-19. The deadline to apply for aid was just extended to Nov. 30.

"People who find themselves in a bind right now may never have needed help before and they don't know where to turn," said Dr. Adrienne Holloway,

executive director of CSD. "We want them to know we have resources and we are here to help."

Tenant eligibility for the Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program relies on the ability to provide a copy of the lease agreement, a household income at or below 80% of area median income and proof that financial hardship is a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most importantly, this program requires landlords register their property to enable tenants to participate. Landlords may be able to recover up to six months of rent (dating back to April 2020).

The service area is unincorporated Harris County and allows for neighborhoods with coop-

erative agreements to participate, including Deer Park, Galena Park, Humble, Jacinto City, Katy, La Porte, Morgan's Point, Seabrook, Shoreacres, South Houston, Tomball and Webster. Residents within the cities of Houston, Baytown and Pasadena are not eligible for this program; however, funding may be available through other programs such as the Community Development Block Grant - Cares Act - COVID-19 - Emergency Assistance Program that is disaster-based and will assist with electric, gas and water utilities if residents are financially or medically affected by COVID-19.

CSD Resource Navigators are working with par-

ticipating landlords to canvass apartment complexes to reach eligible residents.

Since the program's inception in February, CSD has assisted 220 households using \$1.37 million (as of August 27) out of the \$2.6 million approved by the Commissioners Court at the end of January. The Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program is made possible by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Tenants and landlords are encouraged to contact a Resource Navigator to assist with eligibility at 832-927-4955 or hrc@csd.hctx.net. You also may visit: <https://bit.ly/CSD-covid-rental-assistance>.

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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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OPINION

By Grace Chimene, President  
League of Women Voters of Texas

### LWV opposes SB1 "Election Integrity" bill

AUSTIN—The League of Women Voters of Texas president, Grace Chimene, issued the following statement in response to the Texas Legislature enacting the comprehensive election bill SB1.

"Despite COVID, Texas state and county election officials ran a smooth and secure 2020 election, yet Governor Abbott chose to act on false allegations to declare "election integrity" a priority during the regular legislative session. He chose to ignore the very real priorities of a worsening pandemic in Texas in favor of further complicating our election process and limiting the freedom to vote for all Texans, especially voters with disabilities, older voters, urban voters and voters of color. Legislators filed bills to restrict voting by mail, voting times, voting places; to make it more difficult to assist voters; to make the polling places less safe; and to impose more criminal penalties, among other changes. Major anti-voter bills failed during the regular session and during the first special session. Meanwhile, Texans continued to suffer from COVID-19, were left without power and water through a historic freeze, and now are faced with choosing between their children's welfare and their education. State leaders are ignoring the real priorities!

"Undeterred, the Governor called a second special session with the same single-minded goal of limiting certain Texan's freedom to vote and complicating the election process. e. The majority in the Texas House and Senate has now enacted SB1. The League will continue to fight for all Texas voters and by reviewing the changes to the election code and empowering voters with the information they need to cast a ballot and vote in every election. It's going to take a while to unpack this piece of legislation to mitigate the complicated process of voting in Texas.

"The League wants to take this opportunity to thank its members and supporters for staying engaged during these very challenging legislative sessions. The actions you took, emails and calls to legislators, letters to the editors, tweets, etc helped lessen the impact of this bill on voters of Texas.

"I realize that we might be exhausted, frustrated, and disappointed; yet, I assure you that the League is committed to continuing its work on behalf of every Texas voter. We are working with individuals and partner organizations to understand the best next steps to empower voters and defend democracy! We are stronger together!"

### Permitless Carry Concerns,

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around both data (see below), as well as powerful anecdotal stories of how permit-less carry will make Harris County residents less safe. In addition, Garcia listed a partial list of pre-empted actions that cities and counties might previously consider enacting that are now expressly prohibited by state law.

"It's had enough that the state is using the notion of 'safety' in passing dangerous laws that have proven to make life for Texans more dangerous. They also stop us from taking local measures to address violence," Commissioner Garcia said in his remarks.

The list of prohibited county government measures Commissioner mentioned includes (but is not limited to) the following:

**HARRIS COUNTY CANNOT** Mandate safe storage of weapons in vehicles

**HARRIS COUNTY CANNOT** Ban weapons in public spaces including parks, community centers, libraries, and government facilities (such as the Tax Assessors offices).

**HARRIS COUNTY CANNOT** Force background checks on weapons purchased in county facilities such as convention spaces

**HARRIS COUNTY CANNOT** Require licensing

**HARRIS COUNTY CANNOT** Disallow weapons at performance spaces (such as Wortham Center, Miller Outdoor Theater and Discovery Green)

"It's clear that we are on our own, Harris County. Texas state leaders, beholden to fears of primary challenges are more concerned with their political future than you being able to go to your kids' ballgame without fear of being shot,"

said Commissioner Adrian Garcia as he closed out his remarks.

Representatives from local law enforcement agencies expressed their concern for the new reality that almost anyone they interact with could be carrying a weapon legally.

"When you carry a gun, you are taking on a huge responsibility because you are suddenly capable of taking another life in the blink of an eye. Even with all the training those of us in law enforcement receive, we often make split-second decisions that are second guessed and closely scrutinized," said Harris County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Edison Toquica, "sometimes, peace officers with the best training still make poor decisions. And those decisions have life-long consequences.

Houston Police Department Executive Assistant Chief Larry Satterwhite focused his comments on encouraging the public to educate themselves about permit-less carry and remarked that HPD still suggests weapons training, even though that's no longer required.

"We are asking for gun responsibility so that guns don't fall into the hands of a criminal," said Satterwhite.

Area non-profits that are focused on the issue of public safety in attendance included the gun safety group, Moms Demand Action. They focus its efforts on helping businesses keep weapons out of their establishments, should they choose to do so. "We can minimize the impact of this deadly law by helping business owners stop people from carrying loaded handguns with no background check and no safety training in their establishments."

### Harris County Public Health Opens New Sheldon ISD Stadium and Dick Graves Park Vaccination Sites NRG Park's last day of operation set for August 25th

Houston – Due to the increase in demand for COVID-19 vaccinations, Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is announcing two important changes to better meet the vaccination needs of Harris County residents.

**MASS VACCINATION SITE AT SHELDON ISD OPENS TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021**

Open six days a week. Closed every Tuesday (will be operational today)  
Hours of operation 9:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Address: 11411 C. E. King Parkway, Houston, TX 77044

Vaccine operations will take place in the parking lot and HCPH will have the ability to provide 1,500 vaccinations per day.

**THE COMMUNITY VACCINATION CENTER CURRENTLY LOCATED AT NRG PARK WILL TRANSFER TO DICK GRAVES PARK ON REED ROAD EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021.**

Open six days a week. Closed every Monday  
Hours of operation 9:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Address: 2000 Reed Rd, Houston, TX 77051

HCPH will have the ability to provide 3,000 vaccinations per day and provide COVID-19 testing.

Due to the recent rise in first dose vaccinations, appointments are encouraged and residents can schedule through [vacstrac.hctx.net](http://vacstrac.hctx.net) or call 832-927-8787. While HCPH will have some availability for walk-up vaccinations, those opportunities will be limited so we recommend residents call or sign up in advance.

Currently all HCPH vaccination sites are participating in the \$100 cash card vaccination incentive. If you are a Harris County resident and receive your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine between August 17th and August 31st, you will receive a \$100 cash card. For more information, please review our announcement release.

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](http://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.



SCHOOL NEWS PAGE



### Superintendent Goffney to Form Part of Women’s Council of Realtors Virtual Education Panel on September 17

The community is invited to join a virtual Back to School Panel presented by Lake Houston Area School Districts Update on Friday, September 17, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney of Aldine ISD will be among six area district leaders invited as special guest speakers. Other superintendents include Dr. Benny Soileau of Huffman ISD, Dr. Elizabeth Fagen of Humble ISD, Kristi Shofner of New Caney ISD, Dr. King Davis of Sheldon ISD, and Paula Patterson of Crosby ISD.

The discussion will center on new schools and initiatives this school year, what came out of the legislative session, and more.

Details to Join: Click on the link to preregister to receive details on how to join virtually: <https://bit.ly/3t1uXXR>

The event is sponsoring by Vestpro Residential Services and W Insurance.



### Carver High School Theater Director Roshunda Jones-Koumba Honored With 2 Awards

Roshunda Jones-Koumba, the theater director at Carver High School for Engineering, Applied Technology and The Arts received two prestigious awards during the summer — the Stephen Schwartz Musical Theatre Teacher of the Year Award and the International Thespian Society Inspirational Theatre Educator Award. The ASCAP Foundation presented the Stephen Schwartz Award. The award represents the highest level of achievement for a middle or high school theatre teacher, with the winner receiving \$5,000 and travel to the International Thespian Festival (ITF) for the announcement and recognition. A distinguished panel of EdTA award-winning teachers, EdTA leaders, musical theatre industry



ROSHUNDA JONES-KOUMBA

professionals, and representatives of The ASCAP Foundation evaluated applications before naming the award's recipient.

The 2021 International Thespian Society Inspirational Theatre Educator Award was given to two educators who inspired their students and dedicated themselves to providing quality theatre education. Jones-Koumba, currently in her 18th year of education. She has dedicated all those years to AISD students, especially her theater students at Carver. In 2020, Jones-Koumba was inducted into the Texas Thespians Hall of Fame and received the inaugural Arts Educator of the Year

from the TUTS Leading Ladies organization. She was also TxETA's 2017 Educator of the Year and Aldine ISD Carver High School's teacher of the year in 2009 and 2014. As the Carver Panther Players Director, the troupe has been successful on the state and national level at UIL One-Act Play (OAP) contests, Tommy Tune Awards, Texas Thespians State, and International Thespian Festival. Jones-Koumba is a Board member of the Texas Education Theatre Association (TxETA), Texas Thespians, Black Theatre Educator's #39 Caucus, and UIL OAP Advisory Committee.

### Message from the Superintendent, August 31, 2021

Dear Aldine Community,

As August comes to a close, we are gearing up for many exciting events and programs this fall. From an opportunity for our students to begin earning money for college to an expo for our families of students with disabilities of all ages, there is truly something for everyone happening in our community. The best part? Everything is dedicated to creating more choices and opportunities for our students and their families.



#### Student Achievement College Money

The Aldine Education Foundation Scholarship Program gives students the opportunity to start earning college money in their freshman year of high school by achieving high academic standards for all four years of high school. Students who successfully meet the program's criteria will have \$3,000 of scholarship funds ready at graduation — no applications necessary! Click here for more information.

#### College, Career & Military Readiness (CCMR)

The United States Naval Academy will host an Admissions Forum on September 23 in the Houston area. The top-ranked public school offers college opportunities, financial aid, summer STEM programs for grades 8-10, and a seminar for current high school juniors considering the USNA as their college of choice. Financial aid is available for fees and travel for the Summer STEM and Summer Seminar programs. To learn more, click here.

Click on the link to learn more and to register: <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Connect/Events.php>

\*The webpage will also include a link to view event details (e.g., site address and time).

#### School Culture

##### Creating a Culture of Safety

As we work toward a healthy year for all students and staff, I would like to remind everyone that state law requires students to be fully vaccinated to enroll and remain enrolled in school. Students are to be excluded from attendance until fully compliant. I want to encourage parents and caregivers to see that their school-age children have all of their state-required vaccines to avoid a disruption in being allowed to attend school. You can learn more on the district website.

##### Mission-driven Leadership

Carver High School Theater Director Roshunda Jones-Koumba was recognized at the last Board meeting for being honored with two awards. Roshunda is nothing short of remarkable, building the award-winning theatre arts program at Carver HS for Engineering, Applied Technology and The Arts. We are so proud to have her on our team.

#### Community Engagement and Outreach

##### Family and Community Engagement

The Family and Community Engagement (FACE) team has been hard at work to plan an exciting month of events for our community. See below for this week's events and to see all upcoming FACE events and programs, visit their webpage here and make sure to sign up for the monthly newsletter.

#### HAC (Home Access Center)

#### Presentation

Date: Thursday, September 2  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Click here to join Zoom

Presentación de HAC (Centro de Acceso en Casa)  
Fecha: Jueves, 2 de Septiembre  
Hora: 11:00 a.m.  
Haga clic aquí en el enlace de Zoom

#### Transition Expo

It's never too early to start planning! The district will host its Transition Expo on October 7. This event is geared to families of children of all ages with disabilities and will feature programs and resources that help prepare students for life after high school.

#### UPDATES AND REMINDERS

##### Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students

All students are eligible for free school breakfast and lunch meals this 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](http://www.SchoolCafe.com). To learn more, click here.

##### COVID-19 Reminders

I encourage you 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](http://www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts).

#### District Updates

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

I wish you a terrific week of school!

With Aldine Pride,  
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### 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](mailto: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, in-

structions 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.

#### ADAPTIVE RESOURCES:

The High Meadows Branch Library has just received comfort kits. These sensory kits are for autistic youth and anyone who might feel overstimulated at the library or just in need of a calming resource. They include headphones, sunglasses, a fidget spinner, and a liquid sensory viewer. In addition to our Comfort Kits, we also have accessibility equipment available like magnifying glasses, high-light strips, and oversized

keyboards to use. If you'd like to utilize one, please ask us at the library.

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## SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje de la Superintendente,  
31 de agosto de 2021

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

A medida que el mes de agosto llega a su fin, nos preparamos para muchos eventos y programas emocionantes este otoño. Desde una oportunidad para que nuestros alumnos comiencen a ganar dinero para la universidad hasta una expo para nuestras familias de niños de todas las edades con discapacidades. Siempre tenemos algo que ofrecer a todos en nuestra comunidad. ¿La mejor parte? Es que todo está dedicado a crear más opciones y oportunidades para nuestros alumnos y sus familias.

Logro estudiantil  
Dinero para la universidad

El Programa de Becas de la Fundación para la Educación Aldine da a los alumnos la oportunidad de comenzar a ganar dinero en su primer año de la escuela secundaria y lograr altos estándares académicos durante los cuatro años de secundaria. Los alumnos que cumplan con éxito los criterios del programa tendrán tres mil dólares de fondos de becas listos para la graduación, ¡no se necesitan solicitudes! Dé clic aquí para más información.

Preparación universitaria, profesional y militar (CCMR)

La Academia Naval de los Estados Unidos organizará un Foro de Admisiones el 23 de septiembre en el área de Houston. La escuela pública mejor clasificada ofrece oportu-



tidades universitarias, ayuda financiera, programas STEM de verano para los grados 8 a 10 y un seminario para alumnos de tercer año de secundaria que consideran a la USNA como la universidad de su elección. Hay ayuda financiera disponible para pagar cuotas y viajes para los programas CTIM (el acrónimo de las disciplinas académicas de ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas; también conocido por el acrónimo STEM en inglés) y de verano y seminarios de verano. Para obtener más información, dé clic aquí.

Dé clic en el enlace para aprender más y para inscribirse: <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Connect/Events.php>

\*La página web también incluirá un enlace para ver los detalles del evento (por ejemplo, la dirección del sitio y la hora).

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Mientras trabajamos hacia un año saludable para todos los alumnos y el personal, me gustaría recordarles a todos que la ley

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Liderazgo impulsado por la misión

La directora de teatro de Carver High School, Roshunda Jones-Koumba fue reconocida durante la última reunión del Consejo Escolar por haber sido honrada con dos premios. Roshunda es nada menos que extraordinaria, creó el multipremiado programa de artes teatrales en Carver High School for Engineering, Applied Technology and The Arts. Nos sentimos muy orgullosos de tenerla en nuestro equipo.

Extensión y participación comunitaria

Participación familiar y comunitaria

El equipo del Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad (FACE) ha trabajado muy duro para planear un emocionante mes de eventos para nuestra comunidad. Lea abajo los eventos de esta semana y para ver futuras actividades y programas de FACE visite su página web aquí y aseg-

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ACTUALIZACIONES Y RECORDATORIOS

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Recordatorios de COVID-19

Les animo a recordarle a nuestra comunidad que siga las tres prácticas clave: lavarse las manos, usar cubrebocas y mantener la distancia. Como recordatorio, se requiere el uso de mascarilla para cualquier persona de dos años o más en todas las escuelas, edificios del distrito y autobuses de Aldine ISD. Las principales prioridades de Aldine ISD continúan siendo la seguridad y el éxito académico de todos los alumnos. Dado que Aldine ISD ofrece aprendizaje en persona, los protocolos y la información para las familias se actualizaron para el año escolar 2021-2022. Los protocolos serán revisados

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## SPORTS PAGE

Texans begin new era under Culley:  
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trade offers for Watson. Once his legal issues are behind him, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell delivers his punishment, Watson will probably be moved and should fetch at the very least two first round draft picks.

Speaking of first-round draft picks, the Texans will open their 20th season at NRG Stadium against No. 1 overall draft pick Trevor Lawrence and the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday. The game will also mark the pro head coaching debut of Urban Meyer, who won three national titles as the head coach at Florida and Ohio State.

Taylor didn't make anyone forget about Watson in pre-season that saw him complete 12 of 18 passes for a paltry 82 yards and no touchdowns. But don't put a lot of stock in those fake game stats. I'm pretty sure the Texans purposely were bland on offense in pre-season. Caserio did upgrade the running game, which was one of the worst in the league a year ago, by bringing in veteran back Mark Ingram, II, Phillip Lindsey and Rex Burkhead. Ingram appears to be the starter, but the other two, along with holdover David Johnson, will all get playing time.

The Texans also improved on defense and it will be interesting to see how Lawrence handles a pro defense after carving up college defenses in his three years at Clemson, where he forged a 34-2 record and won one national title.

Although the Texans finished 2-1 in pre-season with wins over Green Bay and Dallas, neither Aaron Rodgers, Dak Prescott or Ezekiel Elliott played in those games. Houston fell to Tampa Bay in their pre-season finale as Tom Brady torched them in the first half. And remember this, when the Dallas Cowboys finished 3-1 in the pre-season in Jimmy Johnson's first year as their head coach, they followed that up with a 1-15 regular season.

Speaking of the Cowboys, they will open the season against Brady and the de-



fending Super Bowl champ Buccaneers on Thursday night in prime time on NBC. Dallas is hoping Prescott returns to his old self after missing the last 11 games after suffering a gruesome ankle injury in Week 5 against the Giants. The Cowboys are also optimistic that a slimmed down Elliott will return to his 1,000+ form after being held to 979 yards and six touchdowns in 2020. It also helps that both starting offensive tackles are back to fortify one of the top offensive lines in the NFL. While the offense should return to its explosive self, the Cowboys' success will rely on playing better on defense. Dallas owner Jerry Jones brought in Dan Quinn to run the defense and used its top six draft picks on that side of the ball. Their No. 1 pick, former Penn State linebacker Micah Parsons, could be the sort of impact player that could turn the Dallas defense around.

Other interesting season openers have Arizona visiting Tennessee, Pittsburgh playing at Buffalo and the Bears taking on the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday Night Football in the Rams' and Chargers' new multi-billion SoFi Stadium. SoFi was supposed to open last year, but no fans were allowed in because of the COVID pandemic. It will host Super Bowl 55 on Feb. 13.

Week 1 concludes with Baltimore visiting the Las Vegas Raiders on Monday Night Football.

The NFL will have a 17 game schedule in 2020 which will run 18 weeks.

This weekend's focus will be on the NFL openers. The college schedule is pretty bland, with the biggest game being No. 4-ranked Ohio State hosting No. 11-ranked Oregon.

Aldine ISD's five varsity programs will play their final non-district games this week-

end and all five will have byes the following week as they prepare for the rigors of the District 14-6A schedule, which begins Sept. 23.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Nimitz vs. Mayde Creek: Richard Slater's Cougars host Mayde Creek on Thursday night in Thorne Stadium. The Cougars struggled on offense in their season opener scoring just 10 points and will look to make improvement on that side of the ball against a Mayde Creek team that returns three offensive and five defensive starters from last year's 4-5 team. My pick, Nimitz 23, Mayde Creek 21

Eisenhower vs. Cy-Creek: Eric Jackson's Eagles host Cy-Creek on Friday night in Thorne Stadium. The Eagles put up 34 points in their season opener against Fort Bend Marshall, but gave up 68 points on defense. Cy-Creek returns two offensive and three defensive starters from last year's 4-7 team. My pick, Eisenhower 24, Cy-Creek 20

Davis at Seven Lakes: Scott Joseph's Falcons travel to Seven Lakes hoping to improve on offense after being shutout 31-0 in their season opener against Alief Taylor. Seven Lakes returns five offensive and two defensive starters from last year's 3-6 team. My pick, Davis 23, Seven Lakes 21

Aldine at Sam Houston: Hank Semler's Mustangs had a rough start to the season and hope to bounce back against Sam Houston on Saturday. Sam Houston returns eight offensive and 5 defensive starters from last year's 0-7 team. My pick, Aldine 16, Sam Houston 14

MacArthur at Humble: Wayne Crawford's Generals got off to a nice start to the season two weeks ago with a 20-14 victory over Fort Bend Austin. Running backs Kharon Brown and Darius Hicks each scored touchdowns in the season-opening victory. The Generals face a tough test this Saturday when they face Humble in Turner Stadium. Humble returns four offensive and four

defensive starters from last year's 3-7 team. Their top performer is running back Z'Xavier Sidney, who rushed for 1,311 yards and scored 14 touchdowns last year. My pick, Humble 26, MacArthur 23

## NCAA

Oregon at Ohio State: The No. 4-ranked Buckeyes host the No. 11-ranked Oregon Ducks in a big game for both teams' College Football Playoff (CFP) hopes. Ryan Day's Buckeyes reached the CFP title game a year ago where they were blown out by Alabama, 52-24. Day will be breaking in a new quarterback in C.J. Stroud, a 6-foot-3 strong-armed quarterback who will replace Justin Fields, now with the Chicago Bears. Stroud has a veteran running back to call on in Master Teague III (560 yards, 8 TDs) and perhaps the best wide receiver in college football to throw to in Chris Olave (50 receptions, 729 yards, 7 TDs). The defense will once again be solid, as will Oregon's. The Ducks are a team many think can contend for a CFP berth and winning on the road in Columbus would be a huge boost to their resume. The Ducks will be also be breaking in a new quarterback who will depend on veteran wide receiver Jaylon Redd (25 receptions, 1 TD in 7 games) to make plays in the passing game. This will be a good test for both teams, but go with the home team in this one. My pick, Ohio State 27, Oregon 23

## NFL

Dallas at Tampa Bay: The Cowboys will learn a lot about themselves right out of the box when they face the defending Super Bowl champions on Thursday night in Tampa. The Bucs offense is potent led by Brady (4,633 yards, 40 TDs) and his talented duo at wide receiver in Mike Evans (70 receptions, 1,006 yards, 6 TDs) and Chris Godwin (65 receptions, 840 yards, 7 TDs). This will be a

good test for the rebuilt Dallas defense under the direction of new defensive coordinator Dan Quinn. Offensively, Cowboy fans are hoping quarterback Dak Prescott (1,856 passing yards in 5 games, 9 TD) and Elliott (979 yards, 6 TDs) have bounce back years. Dallas has perhaps the deepest receiving corps in the league with Amari Cooper (92 receptions, 1,114 yards, 5 TDs), speedy CeeDee Lamb (74 receptions, 935 yards, 5 TDs) and dependable Michael Gallup. Look for Lamb, in his second year out of OU, to have a big season. I think Dallas hangs with the Bucs, but playing at home and raising the SB banner will have the crowd at a fever pitch and will give Brady and Co. the lift it needs to win its opener. My pick, Tampa Bay 31, Dallas 27

Jacksonville at Houston: Lawrence and Meyer make their NFL debuts at NRG Stadium on Sunday, while Culley will be coaching his first ever game as a head coach at any level of football. Culley has a good chance to start his career at 1-0. Yes, Lawrence is a talented signal caller. He passed for 10,225 yards and 90 TD passes in his three years at Clemson. He is also a mobile QB and might need to use his legs against what should be an improved Houston defense. The Jags have issues on the offensive line, so look for defensive coordinator Lovie Smith to bring pressure early and often to try and rattle the young QB. Offensively, look for the Texans to feature the run to chew up clock and keep Lawrence on the bench. Texans QB Tyrod Taylor will be asked to manage the game and he's a 10-year pro who is smart and will take what the Jags defense gives him. It says here the Culley era gets off to a good start. My pick, Houston 20, Jacksonville 17

Arizona at Tennessee: This should be a fun game to watch as Tyler Murray (3,971 passing yards, 26 TDs/819 rushing yards, 11 TDs) and DeAndre Hopkins (115 receptions, 1,407 yards, 6 TDs) visit Ryan Tannehill (3,917 yards 33 TDs), Derrick Henry (2,127

yards, 17 TDs) and A.J. Brown (70 receptions, 1,075 yards, 11 TDs) in Nashville on Sunday. The Titans also acquired big-play wide receiver Julio Jones (51 receptions, 771 yards, 3 TDs in 9 games) from the Falcons to give Tannehill one to weapon with which to play. The Cardinals hope former Texas defensive end J.J. Watt still has something left in the tank to help an Arizona defense that has some pretty good young talent. Watt's veteran leadership should be a big boost to that side of the ball for Kliff Kingsbury's team. Look for Tennessee to pound Henry to wear down the Cards defense, which should allow Tannehill to make some big plays downfield to Brown and Jones. My pick, Tennessee 30, Arizona 27

Pittsburgh at Buffalo: The Bills could very well be one of the two best teams in the AFC and are viable contenders to challenge Kansas City for the AFC title. They have one of the best young quarterbacks in the game in Josh Allen (4,544 yards, 37 TDs/421 rushing yards, 8 TDs) and a big-play wide receiver in Stefon Diggs (127 receptions, 1,535 yards, 8 TDs). The Bills need to produce more in the running game and Devin Singletary and Zac Moss will rotate. Both have talent, but one needs to win the job at some point in the season. While the Bills can light it up on offense, they should have one of the AFC's top defenses that's young and talented, led by former UH star Ed Oliver. The Steelers won their first 11 games last year, then lost four of their last five and suffered a humiliating playoff loss at home to their hated rivals the Browns. Ben Roethlisberger (3,803 yards, 33 TDs) should have another big year throwing to the likes of JuJu Smith-Schuster and Chase Claypool. But the passing game wasn't the problem last year down the stretch, the run game was. Steelers fans are hoping drafting Alabama stud running back Najee Harris (1,466 rushing yards, 26 TDs/43 receptions,

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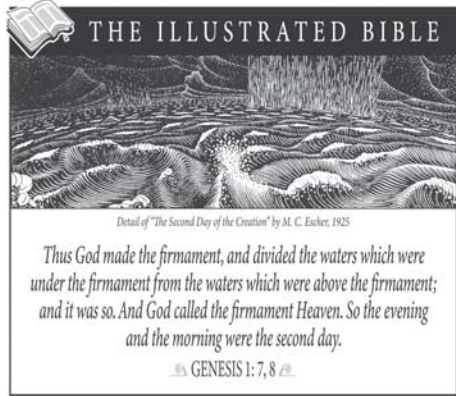
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by Wilson Casey —

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3. What's the only book of the Bible (KJV) in which the name of God is not mentioned? Ruth, Ezra, Esther, Amos

4. From Judges 14, what man offered 30 changes of garments for solving a riddle? Moses, Samson, Peter, Solomon
5. To what city was Saul traveling near when he heard the voice of Jesus? Antioch, Damascus, Paphos, Rome
6. From 1 Kings 4, how many governors did King Solomon have? 12, 61, 100, 192

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 70 times seven; 3) Esther; 4) Samson; 5) Damascus; 6) 12



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# SPORTS PAGE

## Texans begin new era under Culley: Cowboys face SB champs TB in opener

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425 yards, 4 TDs) turns the running game around, which should be a big boost to Big Ben and the rest of the offense. This could turn into a shootout, but the Bills fans will be at fever pitch in the opener, which should give their beloved Bills a lot of confidence. My pick, Buffalo 33, Pittsburgh 26

Chicago at Los Angeles Rams: The Bears and Rams meet on Sunday Night Foot-



ball in the swanky new SoFi Stadium and LA fans are hoping the offseason trade for quarterback Matthew Stafford (4,084 yards, 26 TDs) will give a big boost to the passing game. Stafford will have the best offensive line

he's ever had protecting him and quality targets in wideouts Robert Woods and Cooper Kupp. Losing running back Cam Akers to a season-ending Achilles injury was a blow to the running game, but Sean McVay traded for former Patriot RB Sony Michel, who will share time with Darrell Henderson. The Bears have given the starting quarterback job to Andy Dalton, who filled admirably for Prescott last year, but Chicago fans are hoping rookie QB Justin Fields, out of Ohio State,

earns the job at some point. Look for Stafford to have a successful first game as the Rams as he takes down his former NFC North rival. My pick, Los Angeles Rams 24, Chicago 16

Baltimore at Las Vegas: The Ravens and Raiders meet in the first Monday Night Football game of the season in the Raider's new multi-billion digs. The Ravens will once again rely on the arm and legs of quarterback Lamar Jackson (2,757 passing yards, 26 TDs/1,005 rushing yards, 7

TDs). Jackson needs to improve as a passer, but he will start the season without the services of speedy wideout Marquizz Brown, so expect tight end Mark Andrews to get a lot of looks in this game. The Baltimore running game suffered a huge blow in pre-season when expected starter J.K. Dobbins suffered a season-ending knee injury. Head coach John Harbaugh will probably have a running back by committee approach early until someone wins the job. Vegas head coach Jon

Gruden is starting his fourth year on the job in his second stint as the Raiders head coach. His team finished 8-8 a year ago and fans are expecting more out of his team this year. The Raiders will go as far as quarterback Derek Carr (4,103 yards, 27 TDs) takes them. It would help if second-year wideout Henry Ruggs III has a breakout season. I think the Baltimore defense will be the difference maker in this one as the Ravens open the season with a hard-earned road win. My pick, Baltimore 23, Las Vegas 20



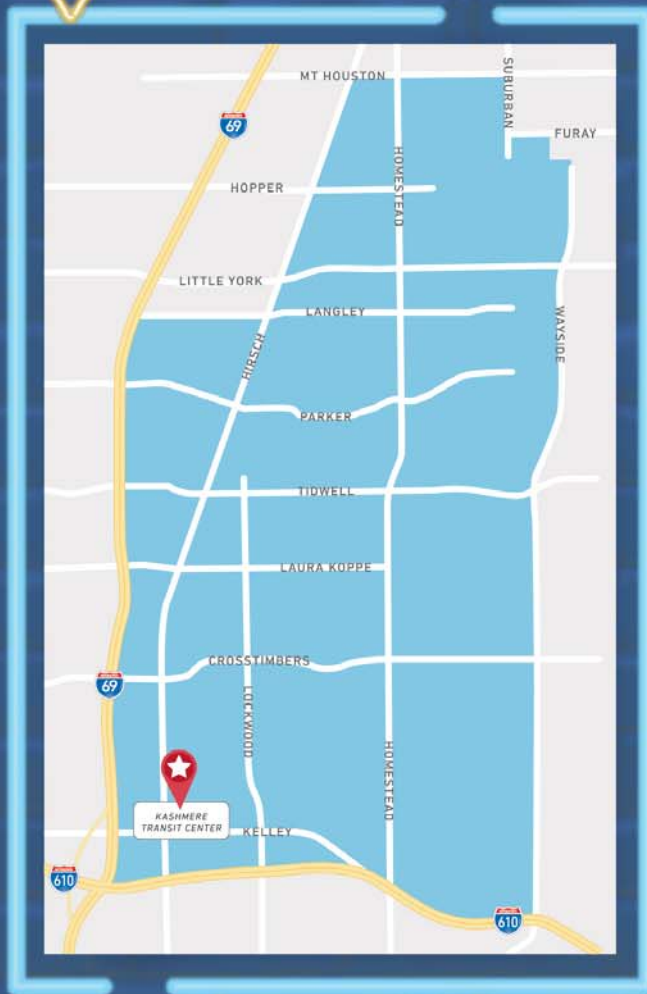


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