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North Houston District installs new AR Mural at Airline Library





North Houston District

Drum-roll please!! Yesterday we officially unveiled the AMAZING Augmented Reality feature of the Spreading Knowledge mural! 🔊 📖 😾

Huge thanks to AARP Livable Communities for the generous support that made this unique project possible and to everyone who came out for the AR experience!

Jose Jimenez, Director, Neighborhood Services, Harris County Precinct 2; Greg Simpson, President, North Houston District; Rosalinda Martinez, Associate State Director, Outreach and Advocacy, AARP Texas-Houston Office; Texas State Representative State Representative Armando Walle, District 140; Carl Smith, Manager, Aldine Branch Library-Harris County Public Library; Texas State Senator Carol Alvarado, District 6; Elia Quiles, Founder and Principal, UP Art Studio; Steve Moore, Villa Serena Communities; Dr. Quentin Wright, President, Lone Star College-Houston North

North Houston District celebrates innovative **Augmented Reality** mural, Spreading Knowledge, at Harris County's Aldine Branch Library

The North Houston District invites the public to experience the new Augmented Reality feature of Spreading Knowledge, an over-sized mural by Houston artist Dual which brightens up Harris County's Aldine Branch Library. The installation is the first in the North

out in memory of their deputy son

public art program, being planned and produced by UP Art Studio, a local civic art firm. The District successfully applied for an AARP Community Challenge Grant to fund the project and create their A/ R vision; AARP works to make public places more welcoming and walkable for seniors and people of all

ages and abilities. With a smartphone in hand, anyone can experience the "augmented reality" magic of Houston's first commissioned public art AR mural. An explanation of the mural and a feature will be part of the event. The donor appreciation plaque will also be installed.

North Houston District officials, along with invited librarians and librar representatives, AARP representatives and members of the community were on hand at the dedication Nov. 16. The original mural imagery was created by Dual. The Augmented Reality component was developed separately by Dream Syndicate, a

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UH looks to shock Cinci in AAC title game: Georgia looks to end Alabama's SEC reign

The first week of December is going to be huge for college football fans. A lot of attention will be focused on the Big 10 title game, the SEC title game and the American Athletic Conference (AAC) title game, which will have a local flavor as the University of Houston tris to take down undefeated and No. 5-ranked Cincinnati.

Dana Holgorsen's Cougars have had a remarkable season and have a shot at throwing a monkey wrench into the College Football Playoff (CFP) land scape.

If the 11-1 Coogs upset the 12-0 Bearcats, that will leave the CFP committee with a lot to deal with when choosing the four teams that will make up this year's bracket.

In the SEC, No. 1anked Georgia takes on No. 2-ranked Alabama. with the winner being assured a CFP spot. Even if Georgia loses, they have done enough in the regu lar season to be one of the four CFP participants. This game means more to Nick Saban's team. A loss to the Bulldogs would be their second of the season and might make it difficult for the CFP committee to

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community gathered Oct. $30\ to\ celebrate\ the\ colorful$ Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on the grounds of the East Aldine Town Center, Annette and Ron Bennett dutifully and cheerfully oversaw the treat bags for children and handed out wrist bands

EAST ALDINE - As the

The two frequent volunteers at community events also remembered their late son, Harris County Sheriff's Office Dep. Shane Bennett, who was killed when he and other deputies responded to a "home invasion" alert in 2002. He was

that kids could use to get

their goodies.

At the Town Center festival, the deputy's photograph was included on an ofrenda (altar) honoring officers killed in the line of

Nearly 20 years after their son's death, the parents said they "have been blessed" by remaining



close to their 21-year-old granddaughter and her mother.

The Bennetts said their faith helped them recover from the loss of their son.

"When our son passed away, instead of turning our back on that agency, we decided to become a part of that (sheriff's office) agency in any way we can,' Ron Bennett said.

Annette Bennett serves as vice president of the Houston chapter of Con-

cerns of Police Survivors, known as COPS. Ron Bennett is president of the District 2 Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Associa-

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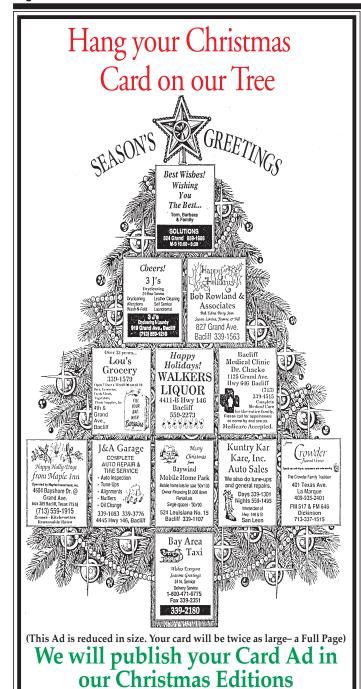
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North Houston AR Mural,

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Philadelphia firm that specializes in AR projects and has national AR mural experience.

The Augmented Reality Mural is on the side of the building at the Harris County Aldine Branch Library, 11331 Airline Drive, Houston, TX 77037

The 9' high by 40' wide mural creatively interprets the word KNOWLEDGE — which resonates with the library's mission. Aldine Branch Library serves thousands of nearby residents including children and youths who attend Bussey Elementary School, Intermediate and Aldine High School — all on the same block nearby.

HOW AUGMENTED REALITY WORKS

Visitors scan a QR code by the mural with their smartphone. This allows them to launch the AR experience from their Facebook or Instagram account. While holding a smartphone facing the mural, at various angles, the visitor sees a vibrant sequence of inspirational phrases bursting with colors and moving elements — flying books, birds, butterflies, colored ribbons.

ABOUT THE NEW PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

North Houston District engaged UP Art Studio, a local civic art firm, to produce a "Public Art and Placemaking Opportunities Report" earlier this year. It lays out a road map for a new public art program designed to boost the area's appeal; to make it attractive as a place to work, live, and do business; and to demonstrate investment that enhances residents' sense of security and future promise.

ABOUT THE NORTH HOUSTON DISTRICT

North Houston District is a business improvement district (BID) that leverages public and private partnerships to improve the area. Its services include beautification, transportation/mobility, public safety, recreational development, marketing, strategic planning and development. Minutes from Bush IAH, the District's 12-square-mile service area has 20 million square feet of office, retail and industrial properties. It is home to more than 3,800 businesses, 68,000 employees and 118,500 residents. The BID was created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature. www.northhouston.org

Day of the Dead Volunteers,

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tion.

"The community and agency unity they are building here is great," Ron said. "In the past year, I think the county has really stepped up in trying to get the community more involved with the agency. Instead of animosity towards the Sheriff's Office, they want to be part of the community."

Working close to the booth staffed by the Sheriff's Office, the couple clearly enjoyed bantering with deputies on duty and listening to the loud Latino music.

As deputies patrolled the festival on horseback, in jeeps, and all-terrain vehicles, Bennett said kids were clearly delighted to see law enforcement officers in a friendly setting.

"It's really 'community policing'," Annette said, referring to the approach of law enforcement officers meeting with community members routinely instead of only when

residents call 911.

call 911.

The couple said they felt that their son "would be right here with us" at the community gathering.



Though Dia de Los Muertos has traditionally been a Latino or Hispanic commemoration, Ron said they felt honored their non-Hispanic son was included on the altar for fallen officers.

"Grief is peaks and valleys," Ron said.
"And hopefully, you eventually take those peaks and valleys and turn them into waves," Annette said.

— by Anne Marie Kilday

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By Jennifer Nandlal Sr Adult Program Specialist

NANOWRIMO:

Every November writers across the world take part in the National (Na) Novel (No)Writing (Wri) Month (Mo) challenge to write a complete 50,000-word novel in 30days. That's 1,670 words a day. Join Camp NaNoWriMo virtually (Tuesdays & Thursdays) in November for tips, writing prompts, and inspiration to help turn your great idea into a novel. You can find past and current events on our Facebook page by v i s i t i n g www.facebook.com/highmeadowslibrary

GRADCAFÉ:

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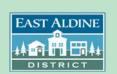
For information on any of the above events or programs, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library.

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NORMA JEAN DELLIGATTI

Norma Jean Delligatti passed away November 13, 2021. The family will be having a memorial service on November 27 at 2PM to 4PM at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church at 24915 FM-2100 Rd. Huffman, Tx 77336.

Norma is survived by her daughter Dawn Kelley and son in law Priscilla Harris. Stephen Kelley. She also leaves behind 2 granddaughters, Madison Kelley and several nieces and Meagan Kelley, as nephews as well. well as her sister



brother, Joe Harris and sister in law Gail Harris. Norma has

LETTERS To The Editor

Too Hot to Work

RE: Letter to the Editor: Too Hot to Work: Congressional District Fact Sheets Show What's at Stake for Outdoor Workers

As Houston Climate Week opens this week in Houston, it is imperative that we continue to hear and to see action from city council members, mayors, and other legislatures regarding our environment and the impacts of pollution on our

The five surrounding counties of Harris all experience persistent flooding, ever-growing tides and coastal erosion. Our communities are also burdened by polluted air and watersheds.

The most expensive thing we can do in the face of pollution is to do nothing regarding the quality lives for our children and grandchildren. Our elected representatives work for us. They must be ready to address the pollution in our community and should be poised to take the swift and strong action we so urgently need to avoid the worst impacts of this pollution. We also must hold state agencies accountable for not following through on fines and fees for polluting our air, water, and

I hope to see all of the candidates in all local city councils speak up on climate change in every chance they can for the future of Texas, our children, and our grandchildren.

As an engaged voter, it is crucial to see what science-based solutions our potential leaders, no matter the party, have to tackle this issue on behalf of Texas communities

Rev. James L Caldwell

Founder/ Director Coalition of Community Organizations

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COVID-19 Booster shots available to all 18 and up from Harris County Health

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THOSE 18 AND UP JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HARRIS COUNTY -Beginning Saturday, November 20th, the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 booster vaccines will be available for all individuals 18 years and older, with or without pre-existing conditions, at Harris County Public Health (HCPH) vaccinations sites.

This announcement comes following Friday's approval of the expanded booster dose eligibility from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) We encourage all residents to get their booster dose before the upcoming holidays as more people begin to travel and gather with friends and family.

Residents who completed their two-dose mRNA vaccine series (Pfizer or

Moderna) at least six months ago and anyone who received the singledose Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago are encouraged to get their booster

All COVID-19 vaccines provide strong protection for most people. A booster vaccine is an additional dose given after the protection provided by the original series has begun to decrease over time. The booster helps certain groups of people maintain their level of immunity longer

COVID-19 vaccinations are free at all HCPH designated sites and appointments are not required. although recommended. Go to vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787 for scheduling. To find a location near you click here. If you are receiving your booster dose, please remember to bring your COVID-19 vaccination card with you.

Kelsey-Seybold Joins Dynamic Community, Opens Doors to New North Channel Clinic

On Aug. 23, Kelsey-Seybold celebrated the much-anticipated opening of its North Channel Clinic. Patients living nearby and residents in and around the North Channel area now have a convenient location close to home and work. The new 7,500-square-foot clinic is located at 5820 E. Sam Houston Parkway North in The Shops at Stone Park. Ample parking is available in front of the clinic.



Clinic Administrators Jackie Baker and Alvin Payne welcomed patients



Stringer checked patients in for their appointments on opening day.



New Kelsey-Seybold Physician John Ruelas, M.D., Family Medicine, saw patients on opening day and said they all were excited to have a new clinic so close to home.



Adam Mitchell, M.D., Managing Physician at North Channel clinic, has been with Kelsey-Seybold for 13 years and is delighted to welcome ne and current patients to the newly opened clinic.



Clinic staff and providers commemorated opening day at North Channel Clinic with a group photo ry Services Representative, Febe Campuzano, C.M.A. I., Bianca Joseph, Nursing S isor II, Emma Escamilla, R.M.A. II, Terri Harwell, L.V.N., Adam Mitchell, M.D., M eek, Denice Go

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Texas RenFest closes with Celtic Christmas

Father and Mother Christmas welcome all to the festival's final three-day event

Ho, ho, ho! The 47th annual Texas Renaissance Festival season concludes with a three-day Celtic Christmas celebration this Friday, Nov. 26 - Sunday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.Father Christmas, Mother Christmas, and all the

Christmas elves welcome adults and children of all ages for the festival's final celebration of the coming Yuletide season. Celtic Christmas transforms the kingdom into a winter wonderland, filling the lanes with holiday music and cheer. Festivalgoers may even find the perfect holiday gifts in one of the kingdom's 400+ shoppes! Don't miss out on the joy of Father Christmas as he

visits from the North Pole to listen to final holiday wishes! Children of all ages are invited to sit on Father Christmas' lap, or on a bench near him. He will be available near the festival entrance throughout each day of the kingdom's final three-day event.

Experience the magic of the festival's interactive experiences and attractions before the Kingdom gates close, including a holiday costume contest and pumpkin pie eating contest to add to the season's Christmas cheer. Attendees can cozy up at Wyrmwood Public House for the final parade viewing soiree or warm their holiday spirit at Odin's table for a unique Texas wine tasting.

Ticket sales to the 2021 Texas Renaissance Festival are date specific and can be purchased on the website. Thanksgiving Friday, Nov. 26, tickets cost \$20 for adults over the age of 13 and \$27 for adults Saturday, Nov. 27 and Sunday, Nov. 28. General admission tickets purchased at the gate will cost \$25 for adults on Friday and \$32 for adults on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets for children ages 12 and under are half-price on Friday and Saturday and free on Sunday.

For more information regarding the festival's daily enchantment, please visit www.texrenfest.com. Hip, hip, huzzah!

The Texas Renaissance Festival is the nation's largest Renaissance event. Each year over 450,000 patrons enter through the gates of the festival into a 16th Century European Village where performers immerse you in the enchantment of the village that feature 21 stages of music and stage acts, 400 shoppes, artisans, and a world tour for the taste buds that of course include turkev legs!

The Texas Renaissance Festival is located one hour north of Houston, 2021 TRF season dates are Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 9 – Nov. 28, including Thanksgiving WHEN:

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AEF offering 2022 Aldine ISD Graduating Seniors Scholarship Opportunities

If you need a bit of financial help to get started with your post-secondary studies, scholarship funds are now available. The Aldine Education Foundation (AEF) has more than \$500,000 available to students who are graduating from Aldine ISD in 2022. Get your application in early. The deadline to apply is March 11, 2022.

The entire application process is online and more than 300 scholarships are available ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. There is an array of special scholarships ranging from specific studies, academic excellence, financial need, and/or hardship. There is something for everyone, so apply today even if you have not decided on your next institution of education.

"The application is free and easy to complete. Requirements include a teacher recommendation letter and an essay. It is helpful to prepare a resume ahead of time with your extracurricular activities, leadership roles, volunteer hours, and work information to help complete the application," said Linda Flores Olson, Director of AEF.

To be eligible for scholarships, the applicant must be a graduating senior of a high school within Aldine ISD in Houston, TX during the 2021-2022 school year, have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (collegiate GPA), and plan to attend an accredited college, university, or technical/trade school.

Further instructions and requirements are detailed throughout the online application. Keep in mind that these scholarships are competitive with limited funding, so do your best and follow all instructions. Visit your school counselor or aldineeducationfoundation.org/scholarships for more information, and to obtain the link to begin the application Good luck!

District Names New Principal for Hall Success Academy

Aldine ISD is pleased to announce that Cierra Nickerson has been selected as the new principal for Hall Success Academy.

Hall Success Academy.
Nickerson assumed her
new role as the principal of
Hall Success Academy the
week of Nov. 8. In her new
role as the campus leader,
she will be meeting with
Hall Success Academy
staff to develop plans for
the remainder of the 20212022 school year.

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, Superintendent of Schools, stated, "Leadership matters. Cierra is amazing. Her experience, commitment to student success, understanding of how to support teachers, and their skills to build strong relationships, are evident in her work. These skills are crucial for effective change and improved outcomes. We are looking for these characteristics in leadership as we continue to build on our strategic plan to ensure our students have access to high-quality schools and learning experiences.

Nickerson received her bachelor's degree from the



University of Michigan and a Master's in Educational Administration from the University of Houston. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in Educational Leadership at Bay-

lor University.

Nickerson has teaching and leadership experiences at the school, district, and county levels. She began her educational career 12 years ago in Aldine ISD. She started as a Teach for America at Shotwell Middle School. Four years later, Nickerson joined Houston ISD as a teacher selection specialist centered on elementary talent. In 2015, she began working as a magnet coordinator at a school before

serving as an assistant principal leader recruiter at the district level two years later. A few months later, Nickerson moved to the Wraparound Services Department as a manager. In 2019, she left HISD to work as a school climate and culture specialist at the Center for Safe and Secure Schools with the Harris County Department of Education.

Hall Success Academy is redefining what is possible for non-traditional, at-risk students in Grades 8-12. The school gives non-traditional students an opportunity to take control of their learning. The campus offers a student-centered blended learning experience while maintaining the pace for graduation.

"I am looking forward to the new challenge and my new family at Hall Success Academy," said Nickerson. "I will take my skills in strong leadership, effective teaching, and high expectations to build on the success at Hall."

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SPORTS PAGE

UH looks to shock Cinci in AAC title game: Georgia looks to end Alabama's SEC reign

pick them over a one-loss Notre Dame, an undefeated Cincinnati or a one loss Michigan or Ohio State.

The Big 10 title game will have Wisconsin representing the East, and the winner of the Ohio State-Michigan game representing the East.

The first Saturday in December is going to be appointment viewing for college football fans.

In the NFL, the Cowboys will visit New Orleans on Thursday Night Football looking to get back on track after losing at Kansas City two weeks ago, 19-9. The Dallas offense was unable to score a touchdown against an improving Chiefs defense. The offense struggled without wide receiver Amari Cooper, who missed the game after testing positive for Covid 19. Dallas was also without starting left offensive tackle Tyron Smith. Look for both to return against a struggling Saints team.

While the Cowboys were losing two weeks ago, the Texans pulled off perhaps the upset of the year in the NFL when they won at Tennessee, 22-13, to end the Titans six-game winning streak. Houston hosts a hot Indianapolis team on Sunday in NRG Stadium and will have its hands full with star running back Jonathan Taylor, who rushed for four touchdowns and caught a TD pass in the Colts' 38-15 pasting of Buffalo two weeks ago.

Other key games include Los Angeles Chargers at Cincinnati. Baltimore at Pittsburgh in a key AFC North contest, and New England at Buffalo on Monday Night Football in a huge AFC East tilt.

Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-5 week brought the season record to 89-50 (64%).

Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Houston at Cincinnati: The Cougars are one of the hottest teams in college football and will carry an 11-game winning streak into the AAC title game against an undefeated Cincinnati team on Saturday, Holgerson's team is



solid on both sides of the ball and are led by quarter-back Nathan Tune (2,712 yards, 22 TDs), freshman running back Alton McCaskill (790 yards, 15 TDs) and speedy wide receiver Nathaniel Delk (65 receptions, 965 yards, 9 TDs). The Bearcats are potent on offense as well led by QB Desmond Ritter (2,699 yards, 25 TDs/325 rushing yards, 6 TDs). They also have a strong running game led by Jerome Ford (966 yards, 16 TDs) and have a big play wide re-ceiver in Alec Pierce (40 receptions, 666 yards, 6 TDs). This should be a high-scorin game and the Cougars will be in it until the end. I think Cinci has more to play for and will make one or two more plays down the stretch to sneak by UH. My pick, Cincinnati 34, Houston 31

Alabama vs. Georgia: Alabama's high-powered offense will take on Geor-gia's stifling defense in the SEC title game in Atlanta on Saturday. So, something has to give. Kirby Smart's Bulldogs are one of the best defenses to ever play. Thev've allowed iust points per game, but they will face their toughest test of the year when they face Saban's high-scoring offense. It will be interesting to see how Alabama sophomore QB Bryce Young (3,584 yards, 38 TDs) handles the 'Dawgs defense. He has plenty of weapons to lean on in running back Brian Robinson Jr (945 yards, 14 TDs), big-play wide receiver Jameson Williams (59 receptions, 1,218 yards, 13 TDs) and John Metchie III (77 receptions, 895 yards, 7 TDs). While 'Bama has plenty of talent at the skill position, the offensive line has struggled a bit this year. If they struggle against Georgia's big, and fast front seven, it could be a long day in Átlanta for Sa ban's crew. Georgia isn't nearly as explosive on of-fense as Alabama is, but when you have the type of defense Georgia does, they don't have to put up big numbers. QB Stetson Bennett (1 730 vards 17 TDs) does a good job of manag-

ing the offense. Georgia

has a strong running game with Zamir White (657 yards, 10 TDs) and James Cook (544 yards, 7 TDs). Look for the 'Dawgs to run right at a suspect 'Bama front line. Saban is 24-1 against former assistants, but I have a feeling he will suffer loss No. 2 come Saturday. My pick, Georgia 31, Alabama 23

NFL

Dallas at New Or-leans: The Cowboys will play their second straight Thursday game after host-ing Las Vegas on Thanks-giving Day when they visit the Big Easy this Thursday. Dallas needs to get Dak Prescott (2,557 yards, 20 TDs) and running back Ezekiel Elliott (695 yards, 7 TDs) back on track after a subpar performance two weeks ago against KC. Cooper (44 receptions, 583 vards, 5 TDs) should return for this game and that should give Prescott and the offense a boost. Fellow wide receiver CeeDee yards, 6 TDs) should also return after suffering a concussion against the Chiefs. The Saints are struggling on offense behind reserve QB Trevor Siemian (920 yards, 8 TDs). The Saints hope to have running back Alvin Kamara (530 rushing yards, 3 TDs/32 receptions, 310 yards, 4 TDs) back after missing two games with a knee injury. Look for the Cowboys defense to be the difference maker in this one as the Pokes pick up a key road win. My pick Dallas 26, New Orleans 20

Indianapolis at Houston: While the Texans pulled off a shocker two weeks ago, they will face an Indy team that is rolling at the moment. Taylor (1,122 yards, 13 TDs) is establishing himself as the best back in the league. His ability to run the ball is taking pressure off of QB Carson Wentz (2,384 yards, 18 TDs). In their upset of the Titans, the Houston defense forced five turnovers and QB Tyrod Taylor rushed for two

touchdowns. I expect the Colts to not look past the Texans on Sunday. Look for Taylor to have another big day as the Colts look to get back into the AFC South race. My pick, Indianapolis 33, Houston 16

It's December, so that means it's time for Tom means it's time for Tom on a run as the post season approaches. Brady and Co. should have an easy time of it against an Atlanta team that has been

Los Angeles Chargers

at Cincinnati: This is an important game for both team's playoff hopes. Two weeks ago, the Chargers won a 41-37 thriller at home against the Steelers. This game will feature two of the best young QBs in the league in LA's Justin Herbert (2,927 yards, 22 TDs) and Cinci's Joe Burrow (2,645 yards, 21 TDs). Both teams have good running backs as Austin Ekeler (573 yards, 13 total TDs) an the Bengals Joe Mixon (759 yards, 9 TDs) can get it done on the ground. Both have good wide receivers as Keenan Allen (74 receptions, 810 yards, 2 TDs) and Ja'Mar Chase (47 receptions, 867 yards, 8 TDs) can make plays downfield. This should be a high-scoring game, and look for the Bengals to make one more play than the Chargers do down the stretch. My pick, Cincinnati 34, Los Angeles Chargers 31

Denver at Kansas City: Don't look now, but the Chiefs are getting on a roll, which might be bad news for the rest of the AFC. Two weeks ago, the Chiefs won their fourth straight game when they took care of the Cowboys. They are coming off of their bye, so Patrick Mahomes (3.200 vards, 25 TDs) and the rest of the Chiefs should be rested and ready to make a lateseason run. Look for Mahomes to make plays with Tyreek Hill (84 receptions, 932 yards, 8 TDs) and tight end Travis Kelce (67 receptions, 691 yards, 5 TDs) as the Chiefs roll the Broncos. My pick, Kansas City 33, Denver 17

Minnesota at Detroit: The Vikings are another hot team and should have little trouble with the lowly Lions on Sunday. Two weeks ago, Kirk Cousins (2,775 yards, 21 TDs) led the Vikes to a 34-31 upset of the Packers. He should have another big day making plays to wide outs Jus-Jefferson receptions, 944 yards, 6 TDs) and Adam Thielen (58 receptions, 624 yards, 8 TDs), while running back Dalvin Cook (734 yards, 4 TDs) handles things on the ground. The Lions may be winless, but they play hard. My pick, Minnesota

Tampa Bay at Atlanta:

34. Detroit 20

It's December, so that means it's time for Tom Brady and the Bucs to get on a run as the post season approaches. Brady and Co. should have an easy time of it against an Atlanta team that has been dreadful the last two weeks. QB Matt Ryan has struggled and it might be time to look for his replacement in the 2022 draft. Look for Brady to make plays all day to wide receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin as he attacks a porous Falcons secondary. My pick, Tampa Bay 34, Atlanta 13

Washington at Las Vegas: The Washington Football Team's season got off to a rocky start, but they have been playing better lately as QB Tyler Heinicke (2,390 yards, 14 TDs) has been making plays to keep them in games the last few weeks. They face a Las Vegas team that appears to be fading, and quickly fading. Two weeks ago, the Raiders lost at home to the Bengals and if the defense doesn't improve, they could very well lose again this week to the WFT. WFT has a nice running back in Antonio Gibson (601 yards, 5 TDs) and a big-play wide receiver in Terry McLaurin (54 receptions, 735 yards, 5 TDs). My pick, WFT 23, Las Vegas 20

Baltimore at Pitts-

burgh: A big one in the AFC North pits the Ravens against the Steelers in Pittsburgh on Sunday. Two weeks ago, the Ravens won without starting QB Lamar Jackson (2,447 passing yards, 14 TDs/639 rushing yards, 2 TDs) as backup Tyler Huntley led the team on a last-minute, game-winning drive to pick up a win at Chicago. While the Ravens were winning on the road, the Steelers suffered a tough 41-37 loss at Los Angeles QB Ben Rothlisberger (2,259 vards, 13 TDs) led fourth-quarter comeback. Pittsburgh trailed 37-10 in the final quarter, but Big Ben led his team to 27 points to tie up the game before losing in the closing seconds. Look for rookie running back Najee Harris (685 rushing yards, 5 TDs/ 49 receptions, 337 yards, 2 TDs) to have another busy day against a so-so Baltimore defense. This will be a defensive game and the Steelers will make one or two more plays on that side of the ball to pick up a bad-ly needed division win. My pick, Pittsburgh 23, Balti-

San Francisco at Seattle: The 49es are starting to put things together and should make it another miserable afternoon for the reeling Seahawks. Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (2,112 yards, 12 TDs) is doing a good job of managing the offense. Wide receiver Deebo Samuel (55 receptions, 994 vards, 8 total TDs) is making plays in the air and on the ground and should have another big day against a suspect Seattle defense. Russell Wilson (1,564 yards, 11 TDs) needs to start making plays to wide outs D.K. Metcalf (46 receptions, 637 yards, 5 TDs) and Tyler Lockett (47 receptions, 717 yards, 3 TDs). The 49ers are playing solid defense, and look for another all out effort from them again on Sunday. My pick, San Francisco 30, Seattle 27

New England at Buffalo: Don't look now, but Bill Belichick's Patriots are leading the AFC East as the Bills have struggled the last few weeks. Two weeks ago, the NE defense had another outstanding performance in its 25-0 shutout at Atlanta. On offense, rookie QB Mac Jones (2,540 yards, 14 TDs) is making plays when called on and is not turning over the football The Patriots have a solid running game led by Damien Harris (603 yards, 7 TDs). While the offense has been doing its part, this team revolves around its defense and they are playing as well as any defensive unit in the league at this point of the potent passing game led by Josh Allen (2,811 yards,21 yards)TDs) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (60 receptions, 773 yards, 6 TDs), but they can't run the football and that's becoming a problem. Belichick is a master at taking away a team's top offensive weapon, so look for the NE defense to attack Allen from the start until the finish come Monday night. My pick, New England 24, Buf-



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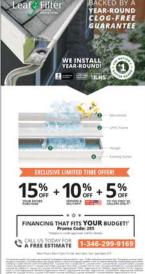
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Deputy Limon: A true lifesaver, now serving at the **East Aldine HCSO storefront**

This deputy comes to the rescue from a calmer space The deputy in charge of the new Harris County Sheriff's Office storefront at the East Aldine Town Center is already a lifesaver.

Rebecca Limon received a medal of commendation from the 100 Club of Houston after saving the life of a man who had tried to jump from an overpass onto traffic on Interstate 45.

"I had stopped traffic, and I just reached out and grabbed him wherever I could," Limon said. The 7-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office said another deputy helped her pull the man to safety. She recalls that day as one of the most



harrowing at a time when she was working double shifts on

Now in the less dramatic surroundings of the storefront, where residents are welcome to walk in, Limon is already staying busy answering phone calls, responding to people reporting crimes and helping them properly install child

And during the recent Dia de Los Muertos festival at the Town Center, Limon was busy patrolling on horseback.

The 35-year old mother of boys ages 2, 9 and 14, had help from a friend who was pushing her youngest, restless son past booths filled with candy and Halloween treats.

A graduate of Galena Park High School and San Jacinto

Junior College, Limon is "a married, single mom," since her husband is on active duty in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"Some days, I don't know how I do it." Limon said, with a laugh. But Limon is thrilled to be a part of the new storefront unit because she has inperson contact daily with people who need help.



love the people. I absolutely love the people I work it. I enjoy what I do and it is bringing people together," Limon said. "It's

Before working as a patrol deputy, Limon was a telecommunications dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department. She also worked for two and a half years as a Precinct 6 deputy constable.

am glad to be here in Aldine," Limon said.

As the storefront service got underway in September, more than 50 community members signed in at the office. There were 19 reports crime generated by the office and one child safety seat installed.

Limon said she has to complete training to be certified in installing for the child safety seats. But other deputies nearby can install them.



Residents are welcome to visit the storefront during regular business hours on the ground floor of the Town Center's three-story office building, 2800 Aldine Mail Route Rd. One of the functions of the office is to help burglary victims file reports to make insurance claims and identify stolen items in case they are recovered later.

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