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**NEWS NOTES**

## Habitat plans 450 homes on Tidwell

### New 127 acre community known as Robins Landing

**Job Fair in East Aldine Sept. 7**

A Job Fair for those seeking employment, and for Employers looking to hire, will be held at the East Aldine District building, 2909 Amphitheatre Drive, on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 10am to 1pm.

Sponsors are the Buckner Family Hope Center, and the East Aldine District. For additional sponsors and participating employers, see the ad on page 8.

You are invited to take your place among candidates submitting applications and meeting with potential employers from our community and region.

If you are an employer and wish to participate, contact Lance Dean at the East Aldine District, 512-658-4985.

**Burn Ban lifted in Harris County**

Harris County Commissioner's Court accepted the HC Fire Marshal's request to lift the burn ban that has been in effect in unincorporated Harris County since June 28, 2022.

Though the burn ban has been lifted, outdoor burning throughout the state of Texas remains prohibited due to its contribution to air pollution.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Outdoor Burning Rule allows for some exceptions designed to protect the environment and promote public health and safety.

To learn more about these exceptions, visit: [http://www.hcfmo.net/.../outdoor\\_burning\\_information.pdf](http://www.hcfmo.net/.../outdoor_burning_information.pdf)

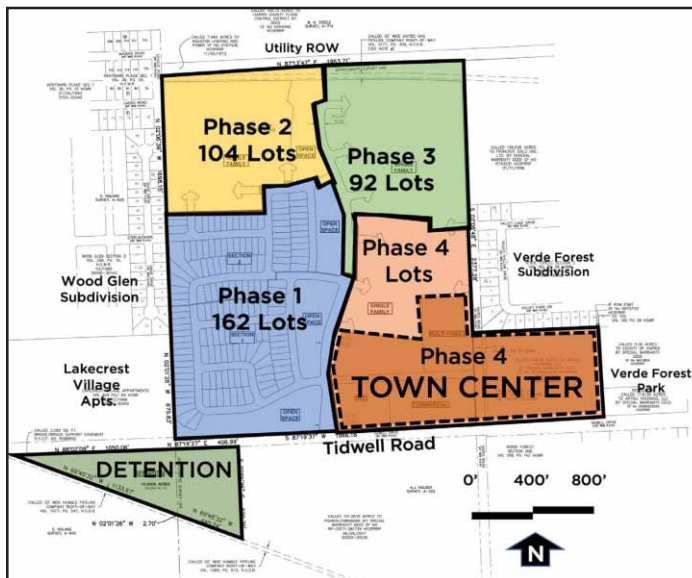
**BakerRipley Food Industry program**

BakerRipley and Hope Clinic - Bite of Hope Program have teamed up to provide the "Food

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Houston Habitat for Humanity breaks ground on 127-acre master-planned community

HOUSTON — Houston Habitat for Humanity together with partners including the City of Houston broke ground on Robins Landing, a vibrant master-planned community serving low to moderate income Houstonians in their journey to homeownership. Located near Tidwell Road and Mesa Drive in northeast Houston, the 127-acre site will provide critically needed affordable homes, essential services, retail opportunities, and access to greenspace. Hines, the international real estate firm, will serve as a strategic advisor to Houston Habitat for the development, which is a



first of its kind.

"Today's groundbreaking on Robins Landing marks an exciting moment for Houston Habitat and an exciting future for

many Houstonians" said Allison Hay, executive director of Houston Habitat for Humanity. "Along with our partners, we are creating a more inclusive, equitable, and open path toward homeownership. Everyone deserves a de-

cent and affordable place to call home with access to everyday resources that make a thriving community." Designed for mixed-income and mixed-generations, Robins Landing is set to include more than 450 single-family homes. One hundred homes will be built by Houston Habitat for those earning 80 percent or below the City of Houston's average median income (AMI) and be sold through the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership program. Three hundred homes will be designed, priced, and

sold by partner builders CastleRock Communities and Chesmar Homes for those whose income is 120 percent AMI or below.

"Robins Landing is a significant step in transforming Houston Habitat from a homebuilder to a community builder. The offerings and amenities will help build a vibrant sustainable neighborhood and Hines is thrilled to be involved," said John Mooz, senior managing director at Hines. "When there's scale, Hines can bring a level of experience to a master-planned district on adjacencies, complementary uses and resources that make for a unique and special community. We look

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## Gang arrested for Catalytic thefts linked to Amendarez murder

Pasadena gang possibly tied to Aldine group involved in Deputy's murder



PEARLAND, Texas – Five people were arrested last week in a multi-agency sting operation after a months-long investigation into a large-scale catalytic converter theft ring in the Pearland area, according to authorities. Investigators believe the suspects were involved in the same operation as two other men

who were arrested and charged with murdering Aldine native and HCSO Deputy Darren Amendarez.

The Pearland Police Department, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public

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## FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 1: Year 2 of Sarkisian Era begins at UT: No. 2 Ohio State hosts No. 5 ND in game of week

If it's Labor Day Weekend, it means high school and college football are back!

Actually, Aldine ISD's four varsity football programs will each be playing their second games of the season. The spotlight this holiday weekend will be on the kickoff to the college season, which will feature a big one right out of the gate.

No. 2-ranked Ohio State will host No. 4-ranked Notre Dame as the Irish will welcome in new head coach Marcus Freeman. Nothing like a trip to Columbus to take on the second ranked team in the nation to begin your head coaching career!

Freeman, the former defensive coordinator in South Bend, got the head coaching gig after former head coach Brian Kelley bolted for the big bucks at LSU. Kelley will make his debut as the Tigers head man on Sunday night when the Bayou Ben-



gals host Florida State.

While the spotlight will definitely be on the game between the Buckeyes and the Fighting Irish, there are a handful of other interesting games on tap this weekend.

Texas fans are hoping year No. 2 of the Steve Sarkisian Era is a lot better than year 1 when the Longhorns finished a disappointing 5-7. Sark brings in a solid recruiting class, along with quarterback Quinn Ewers, who transferred in from Ohio State. Ewers was the top rated recruit in the Class of 2020 out of South-

lake Carroll, but played all of two snaps for OSU. He transferred to UT last January and earned the starting QB job heading into the 2022 season. Ewers, 6-2, 206 pounds, has all the tools to be an outstanding signal caller. He should do well in the tuneup game against Louisiana-Monroe before he faces his first big test a week later when No. 1-ranked Alabama visits Austin.

Texas' other major program, Texas A&M, enters

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## BakerRipley Food Industry Program FIRP

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Industry Resiliency Program? This is an online series mixed with one-on-one coaching and presented in English. This program is aimed at owners or partners of small businesses related to the food industry. The objective of the "Food Industry Resiliency Program" (FIRP) is to rebuild existing businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19. You'll learn about the importance of incorporating healthy foods, get access to food experts locally and globally, build out a strategic plan for recovery, and improve focus and business mindset to pivot your business.

- Space is limited to only 15 business owners in the Food Industry
- No Cost for Classes
- Classes are in English
- 4 weeks of hybrid classes (in person and virtual)
- Access to one-on-one training with experts

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# Texas Hunting, Fishing Licenses on Sale Aug. 15

AUSTIN – The beginning of a new hunting season is quickly approaching and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters and anglers to purchase their new licenses for 2022-23. Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package) for the current year expire at the end of August. The new licenses for the 2022-23 season go on sale Aug. 15.

Annually, Texans purchase more than 2.7 million hunting and fishing licenses and directly fund a multitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities, helping make Texas one of the best places in the country to hunt and fish. Some of the many projects made possible by license sales include fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river fishing access and Texas Game Wardens.

Outdoorsmen and women can purchase a variety of licenses online through the official TPWD website, by phone at 1-800-895-4248 during regular business hours or in person at more than 1,800 retailers across the state. Anyone planning to buy their license from TPWD's Austin Headquarters is reminded to make an advance appointment. Appointments may be scheduled up to one week in advance. Call 1-800-262-8755 or 512-389-4828 to schedule.

Brand new for this year, Texas residents can purchase a digital Super Combo license (Items 111, 117 and 990) that will authorize digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey and oversized red drum. The digital license option is available through online purchase only

## Fatal Shooting at 11960 Airline Drive

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 11960 Airline about 9:30 a.m. on July 19.

The identity of the victim, 46, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives A. Vinogradov and D. Crowder reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to an apartment at the above address and found the victim suffering from a gunshot wound. Paramedics pronounced the victim deceased at the

when licenses go on sale Aug. 15. A digital license holder will not receive a printed license or tags but must keep their digital license available while in the field. The license can be viewed through the TPWD Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest (MTHH) mobile apps.

TPWD encourages repeat license buyers to use the expedited checkout process, which speeds up re-purchasing the same license bought in recent years.

Customers can access their past and current licenses in several ways: (1) an electronic photo of your license, (2) an emailed receipt of your purchase; (3) your account in the online license sales system; (4) via License Lookup in the Outdoor Annual app or in the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the 2022-23 season are available online at [outdoorannual.com](http://outdoorannual.com), on the Outdoor Annual mobile app. The mobile app is free, and once downloaded, it works without internet connectivity which makes it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations. Other features include license lookup, location-based functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations by Location," "Where to Fish," and more. Thanks to partners at Chevrolet, a limited supply of printed booklets will be available at select TPWD offices. Hunters and anglers are encouraged to call their local offices to check availability.

For frequently asked questions about Texas hunting and fishing licenses, visit the TPWD website.

Investigators were advised the suspect attempted to rob a second person inside the apartment after shooting the victim.

The suspect is described only as a light skin black male, between 25 to 30 years old, wearing a long sleeve green shirt with dark colored pants. He has long black locks that were tied up behind his head.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

## COMMUNITY WATCH

# Catalytic arrests linked to Almendarez murder,

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Safety, the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, the Alvin Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Houston, executed search warrants at three residences and three commercial properties as part of the investigation.

During the search, 17 pallets of catalytic converters and additional assets were found, authorities said.

Henri Pham, 59; Le Quoc, 39; Timothy Ngo, 51; Tram Le, 48 and Tran Le, 45, were all taken into custody and charged with engaging in organized criminal activity.

During an investigation of the theft ring, investigators say they have reason to believe these five suspects were in-

involved in the same operation as two other men who were arrested and charged with murdering HCSO Deputy Darren Almendarez back in March. According to investigators, Almendarez was shot and killed as he

and his wife exited a grocery store located at 2929 FM 1960 at Aldine Westfield. Almendarez attempted to confront the suspects who appeared to be stealing his catalytic converter when they opened fire on the deputy.



HCSO DEPUTY DARREN ALMENDAREZ



APPARENTLY STOLEN CATALYTIC CONVERTERS SEIZED IN A RAID IN PASADENA THESE ARE A FEW OF THE HUNDREDS THAT WERE SEIZED IN THE RAID AT THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS..

## Third Suspect Arrested in Fatal Shooting at 400 Greens Road

Houston police have arrested a third and final suspect charged in the fatal shooting of a man at 400 Greens Road about 9:05 p.m. on June 14.

The suspect, Anthony Bevel, 18, is charged with murder in the 176th State District Court. A new booking photo of Bevel is attached to this news release.

Two other suspects, Quantavious Duncan, 22, and Jkhory Dalvante Hall, 24, are charged with murder in the 351st State District Court. Hall is also charged with assault of a peace officer and disarming a police officer in the same court. Booking photos of Duncan and Hall are also attached to this news



BEVEL



DUNCAN



HALL

release.

The victim is identified as Zytarian Franklin, 23.

HPD Homicide Division Detectives S. Chetty and A. Graf II reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call at an apartment at the above address and found the victim, later identified as Mr. Franklin, suffering from a gunshot wound. Houston Fire Department

paramedics pronounced him deceased at the scene.

Further investigation identified Bevel, Duncan and Hall as suspects in this case. Hall was arrested on August 1 and Duncan was arrested on August 8. On Thursday (Aug. 25), officers with the Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Task Force arrested Bevel without incident.

## HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

### AMERICAN ARTIST APPRECIATION MONTH:

August is American Artist Appreciation Month! Join us at High Meadows for fun crafts, awesome story times, and interesting talks/classes taught by local artists themselves as we celebrate American artists.

### THE ART THING FOR TEENS:

Every Monday at 3pm, we are celebrating local and American artists by playing with various art mediums and channeling our creativity through different art projects. This program is for teens/young adults looking to make quick and incredible pieces of art!

### ARTISTIC ADVENTURES STORYTIME:

Every Tuesday at 11:30 am we will have Artistic Adventures Story Time! Join us as we read books, sing songs, and explore our creativity as we do art projects inspired by American artists. This program is for children 3-8 years old.

### COLORFUL EXPRESSIONS:

On Wednesdays at 5:30pm, we invite adults to Colorful Expressions. Dis-

cover local and American artists, discuss artists' lives and processes, and try your hands at various art forms.

### HM HEALTH FAIR:

The library will host a health fair for the community on Thursday, August 25th from 10am to 2pm. Stop by the library and discover health resources for your family and get your children vaccinated.

### ARTISTS' PLAYGROUND:

Join us on August 25th from 10am-3pm for our Artists' Playground. We will have a special story time and fun art activities.

### KNIT & CROCHET CLUB:

We will have a new monthly Knit & Crochet Club. Our first meetup will be on Saturday August 27th at 12pm and we will have a special guest teacher. Bring your own projects or start a new one here at the library.

### A NOVEL IDEA BOOKCLUB:

Our monthly book club will be meeting again on Monday, August 29th at 6pm. Join us as we discuss "The Next Thing You Know" by Jessica Strawser.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are in search of volunteers to help us with a

variety of projects from shelving to teaching literacy classes. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer at [jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net](mailto:jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net).

### GRADCAFÉ:

Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library. GRADcafé is a one-stop-shop offering free services to help you decide on a career, explore education and training options, apply to college, and find the financial aid you need. Whether you want to attend college to get a degree or work on a certificate in a professional trade, we are here to guide you through every step. You're never too young or old to get started. Services are available in English or Spanish.

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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### BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Join us back in the library for storytime in English and Spanish **Wednesdays at 10:30am!**

### KIDS CLUB

Kids Club is back this **Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 4:30pm!** Come and have some fun!

### TEEN THURSDAYS

Teen Thursdays are back! Join us on **Thursday afternoons** starting at 3:30pm. Drop on in!

### COMPUTER CLASSES

In addition to our online computer classes in both English and Spanish we will now be offering computer classes in person at the library. If you want to participate, call us to register: 832-927-5410.

**Tuesdays:** various topics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

**Wednesdays:** Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps, (English computer class), 5-7pm, online

**Thursdays:** Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

**BOOK CHALLENGE CLUB FOR ADULTS**  
 This is the book club for people who hate book clubs! Accept the challenge and choose the

book YOU want that meets the challenge. This month's challenge is Choose a Book with an Animal on the Cover! We meet at 11am, Sept. 10 in the library for light refreshments and bookish conversation.

### GET READY TO VOTE!

Get ready to vote! Daniel Meza from Harris County Elections Office will be joining us on **Saturday, September 10th at 2pm** to talk about voting in the upcoming election. Test out voting machines and the website [www.harrisvotes.com/](http://www.harrisvotes.com/)

### LENA START - NEW SESSION

LENA Start is a program that teaches parents and caregivers how talk builds babies' brains!

All parents of babies born between March 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021 (16 to 30 months old) are invited to apply.

LENA Start en español empieza **martes, el 13 de Septiembre, a las 11:30 am.**

English LENA Start sessions begin **Saturday September 17 at 11 am.**

Receive \$100 for participating.

### CALL FOR LITERACY TUTORS

Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? If you are interested in becoming a literacy tutor at the AL-

dine Branch Library, we want to talk to you! We are looking for volunteers to teach English language classes in person and virtually. Call 832-927-5410 or email for info: [ald@hcpl.net](mailto:ald@hcpl.net)

### ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you need to earn volunteer hours or are just looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? Volunteer at the library! Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library or call 832-927-5410.

### PASSPORT SERVICES

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# SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

## 2022-2023 New Principals

The school year has begun, and 11 schools are starting the year with new principals.

**Dr. Krystal Auguste** — Principal of Spence Elementary  
**Luz del Carmen de Anda** — Aldine High School  
**Andrew DeWalt** — Principal of Drew Academy  
**Stephen Heady** — Principal of Avalos P-TECH School  
**Artisha Holmes** — Principal of Dunn Elementary  
**Sheree Johnson** — Principal at Griggs Primary

**Jonathan Kegler** — Principal of IMPACT Leadership Academy  
**Dale Prioleau** — Principal of the Knippel Education Center (KEC) and Lane School  
**Phoebe Pruitt** — Principal of Garcia Middle School  
**Gerald Schattle** — Principal of Teague Middle School  
**Walter Stewart** — Principal of Nimitz High School

### Dale K. Prioleau

Prioleau has 14 years of experience in education. He began his career in 2008 as a special education /history teacher at Lane School. In 2012, he was named assistant principal of the campus. Four years later, Prioleau was named principal of Lane School, a position he held until his most recent assignment.

The 25-year retired army veteran received his bachelor's degree from Park University-Parkville (MO) and a master's degree in health care administration from Trident University (CA). He also holds a principal certification from Region 4 Education Service Center and a superintendent certification from the University of Texas at Tyler.



### Andrew J. DeWalt

DeWalt has 15 years of experience in education. He began his career in 2013 as a teacher at Hartman & Mickey Leland College Prep in HISD. DeWalt was named assistant principal of Meyerland School for the Performing and Visual Arts in 2014. He joined Hays Consolidated ISD in 2016 as the freshman center principal at Lehman HS. DeWalt moved in 2018 to join Del Valle ISD as an associate principal and interim principal at Del Valle HS and Ojeda Middle School. In 2019, he joined Round Rock ISD to serve as principal of Pearson Ranch MS, a position he held until joining Aldine ISD.

DeWalt received his bachelor's



degree in electrical engineering from Prairie View A&M University and a master's degree in educational administration from Texas Southern University.

### Artisha V. Holmes

Holmes has 17 years of experience in education. She began her career in 2005 as an elementary school teacher in Houston ISD. Eight years later, Holmes joined Andre ES in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD as a curriculum coach. She joined Aldine ISD in 2017 as an English language arts skills specialist at Black ES. Holmes was named assistant principal at Parker ES in 2018, a position she held until her assignment.

Holmes received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Prairie View A&M University. She also holds a master's degree in counseling and educational administration from the same university.



### Dr. Krystal Auguste

Auguste has more than 10 years of experience in education. She began her career as a first and fourth-grade language arts teacher at Raymond Academy. Auguste took on leadership roles as an academic, assessment, and data specialist and instructional coach. In 2016, she was named assistant principal at Magrill Elementary School. She joined Jones ES in 2018 in the same capacity, a position she held until her current assignment.

Auguste holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix. She received her master's degree in educational leadership and her educational doctorate in ethical leadership in social justice from the University of St. Thomas.



### Gerald Schattle

Schattle is a longtime educator. He was named assistant principal of Lewis MS in 2012 before joining Hall Center for Education (now Hall Success Academy) in 2017. A position he held until his assignment.

Schattle received his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Houston-Downtown and a master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University. He also holds a principal certification and a superintendent certification.



### Jonathan Kegler

Kegler has 14 years in education. He began his career in 2008 as a physical education teacher at McMichael Middle School in Nacogdoches ISD. Kegler served in the same capacity in NISD at Woodrow Wilson MS and Brooks Quinn Jones ES between 2009 and 2011. At Brooks Quinn Jones ES, Kegler served as assistant principal and principal. In 2014, Kegler was named principal of Emeline Carpenter Academy of Technology and Science in NISD. He moved to Tyler, TX, to serve as principal of Peete Elementary School before joining The Brookhill Lower School in Bullard, TX, in 2018 to serve in the same capacity. In 2019, he joined Sheldon ISD as an assistant principal at Garrett Elementary School before joining Aldine ISD in 2020 to serve as principal of Jones MS.



Kegler received a bachelor's and master's degree in kinesiology from Stephen F. Austin State University and a principal certification. He is working on his doctorate in transformational leadership from Concordia University in Portland, OR.

### Luz del Carmen 'Lulu' DeAnda

DeAnda has 25 years of experience in education. She began her career in 1997 as a kindergarten teacher at Ochoa Elementary in Donna ISD before joining Campbell Elementary School as a PreK and kindergarten teacher in Austin ISD in 1998. Moving to Houston in 2002, DeAnda joined Houston ISD as a PreK and fifth-grade teacher at Mitchell Elementary School. Two years later, DeAnda joined Pearland ISD as a fourth-grade bilingual and Spanish teacher before being named assistant principal of Sánchez Elementary School (HISD) in 2007. Two years later, she joined Pershing MS (HISD) as an assistant principal. In 2010, she served as an assistant principal at Lee (Wisdom) High School (HISD). DeAnda joined Fort Bend ISD in 2013 as principal of Quail Valley Elementary School before serving as AP at Key Middle School in HISD in 2016. HISD named her principal of Sylvan Rodríguez Elementary in 2018, a posi-



tion she held until joining Aldine ISD.

DeAnda received her bachelor's in business administration from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, a post-baccalaureate studies and Texas Certificate in Elementary Education from the University of Texas-El Paso, and a master's in educational management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She also holds a Texas Principal Certification.

### Phoebe Pruitt

Pruitt's entire educational career has been in the Aldine Independent School District, where she has served 24 years. She began as a third-grade teacher at Carmichael Elementary School in 1998 before joining Aldine Middle School in 2001. In 2006, she was invited to help open Plummer Middle School, where she served as the ELA skill specialist centered on teacher development and student success. This opportunity led to an assistant principal position at Hambrick Middle School.

Pruitt is from Dallas, where she attended the first Black-owned and accredited school in the state of Texas, Lobias Murray Christian Academy. She obtained a bachelor's degree in



Interdisciplinary Studies, a master's degree in Reading Education, and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Prairie View A&M University.

### Stephen Heady

Heady has 29 years of experience in Aldine ISD as a science teacher, department chair, skills specialist, and assistant principal. He began his career in Aldine ISD as a secondary science teacher in 1993 at Aldine HS. He also served as science department chair and skills specialist. In 2012, he was named assistant principal of Aldine HS before serving in the same position at Nimitz Ninth Grade School two years later. Before his present, he served as assistant principal at Blanson Career and Technical Education HS, a position he has held since 2017.

Heady received his bachelor's degree in science education from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, and his master's degree in English



literature from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN. He also holds a Texas Principal's Certification through Region 4 Education Service Center.

### Walter Stewart

Stewart has 31 years of experience in education, with 26 of those years in Aldine ISD. Stewart started as a secondary mathematics teacher in 1991 at St. Helena Central Middle School and St. Central High School in St. Helena Parish School District in Greensburg, LA. In 1995, Stewart joined Plaquemine High School in Iberville Parish School System in Plaquemine, LA, in the same capacity. A year later, Stewart moved to the Houston area, joining MacArthur HS in Aldine ISD as a mathematics teacher. He moved into a leadership position, serving as assistant principal of Aldine Middle School in 2005 before being named as principal in 2008 of Aldine Ninth Grade School. Stewart was named principal of Aldine HS in 2013, a position he held until being named principal of Nimitz HS.



Stewart received his bachelor's of science in secondary mathematics education from Southern University and A & M College in Baton Rouge. He holds a master's of education in administration and supervision from the same university.

OPINION PAGE

**OPINION**  
By Columnist Rich Lowry



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

### No, Liz Cheney isn't Abraham Lincoln

No, Liz Cheney isn't Abraham Lincoln "It's a slip, not a fall," Abraham Lincoln said after his loss in his legendary 1858 Illinois Senate contest against Stephen Douglas.

Liz Cheney apparently has the same attitude after her nearly 40-point wipeout in her primary last week. In lieu of a traditional concession speech, the Wyoming congresswoman and daughter of the former vice president delivered a picturesque, made-for-TV call to arms invoking Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Cheney had a choice after Jan. 6 between political viability, which would have involved modulating her outrage over Trump's "Stop the Steal" campaign, or political self-immolation. She chose a spectacular act of immolation — illuminating the night sky like the nuclear reactor at the outset of the HBO miniseries "Chernobyl."

Hers was an admirable loss. It is rare that any elected official is willing to sacrifice his or her office over a matter of deeply felt principle. That said, she has undoubtedly cut herself off from the possibility of having a positive influence on the direction of the Republican Party via electoral politics, no matter how much she might want to think of her defeat as 1858 redux. Lincoln's run against Douglas for the Senate wasn't a suicide mission. He came very close to winning and represented a rising political movement. His subsequent bid for the Republican presidential nomination in 1860 was a long shot, but he was a serious figure who had gained a national reputation and was comfortably in the middle of his party's consensus.

Cheney, a pariah within her own party, is differently situated. Plus, strategically and temperamentally, she is not Lincolnian. Although he had firm principles, Lincoln was always a political pragmatist and fundamentally a party man willing to maneuver as necessary. Cheney's post-Jan. 6 approach bears less resemblance to Lincoln's than to that of William Lloyd Garrison, the uncompromising abolitionist publisher who took unabashedly radical and unpopular positions and expected the world to move toward him. As it happens, the world did move toward Garrison, but in the meantime, he wasn't running for office.

There is zero case for Cheney attempting to go from the role of prophet without honor within her party to Republican vote-getter again. It's difficult to overstate the magnitude of Cheney's collapse. She went from winning her primary with 73% of the vote in 2020, to garnering a mere 29% that was heavily dependent on Democratic crossover votes.

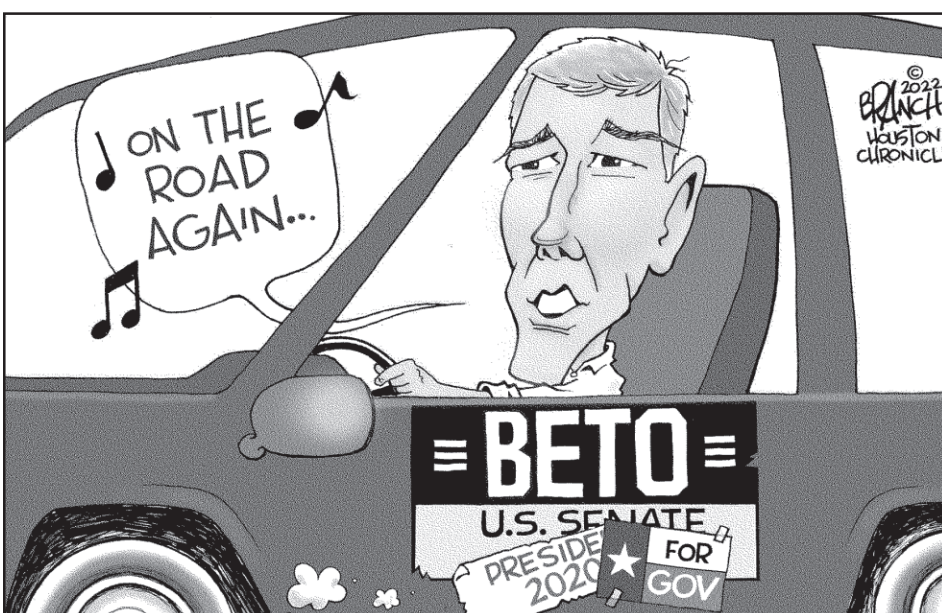
Cheney's alienation from her party is likely to build on itself. Already, she has said that she'd "find it very difficult" to support Gov. Ron DeSantis, the leading Republican alternative to Trump. In so doing, she is identifying herself with a fraction of a fraction of the party that is so small it is all but nonexistent. Even if Cheney ran in the 2024 primary and got some traction, she'd only be taking voters from some other more viable alternative to Trump. An independent run wouldn't make any more sense.

Again, if Cheney became a factor, the chances are that she'd be a place for Republicans repulsed by Trump to park their votes rather than go all the way to Biden. Just as with a prospective primary run, she'd be helping Trump at the margins. Captain Ahab may have made a few mistakes in judgment in his stewardship of the Pequod, but at least he never allowed himself to affirmatively assist his great adversary, the White Whale.

One thing that's been remarkable about Cheney's performance the last couple of years is how apparently clear-eyed she's been about what it means for her future in the House of Representatives, namely that she wouldn't have one. In contrast, a presidential run of any sort would be giving in to delusion. If Lincoln was dogged, he was never fanciful. Cheney should realize that she's taken a path that, whatever it's other advantages, doesn't end in electoral vindication.

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**THE POSTSCRIPT**  
By Carrie Classon

### "Coming Home"

I sometimes envy people who have a family home to return to, a place where they grew up, where their parents or even their grandparents lived.

The closest thing I have is the farmhouse where my mother grew up. My grandparents lived there until they died, and my mother's older brother, Andy, and his wife, Bea, live there still, despite everyone's insistence that, at 90, Andy might want to think about moving to a place with fewer stairs, a little bit closer to town.

"I've lived here almost all my life!" Andy says. "Why should I move now?"

People could say, "Well, because you're 90 years old, and you broke your leg a year ago and it's a big old house for a couple of people who are no longer young."

But most people don't bother to say that because it wouldn't change Andy's mind. He likes sitting in the kitchen. He can watch the birds on the feeders that Bea keeps stocked with seeds and look out on the fields that used to be filled with peas or soybeans but are now horse pasture. He can see where the barn used to be before he tore it down rather than have it collapse on itself. He's got things the way he likes them, and he doesn't see the point in upsetting the appcart—that's my guess.

Mother moved to the farmhouse when she was young. She had 10 siblings, and that was a lot of kids to keep track of. This is why I cannot really blame my grandparents for failing to update the youngest three on the exact date of the move.

The school bus dropped them off at their house, but everyone was gone. They didn't know what to do. My mother was the oldest of the three, and they sat together on a roll of linoleum until someone came and brought them to the new farmhouse. That was a very long time ago, and my uncle Andy has been there ever since.

The home I grew up in was sold long ago. When I married Peter, I sold my house, and we lived together in his home. We sold Peter's place when we moved to the city. Then we started coming to Mexico. Last night, I realized my idea of home was, once again, changing.

This little apartment that we do not own—where we have no more than two matching plates and bowls—this place feels more and more like coming home.

Jorge, who owns the hotel we stay in, was raised here with even more siblings than my mother had. There were 13 of them, and they all grew up in the home that occupied this space that Jorge has converted into eight apartments. Jorge lives here still, in a small apartment in the front, always available if a guest arrives late or loses a key or has any of the problems hotel guests are prone to.

There is a lot about this hotel that does not seem like a proper business establishment. There is a lot of unnecessary kindness and art and laughter. I think it is because this is—and will remain—Jorge's home. Sitting at the front desk in the afternoons, Jorge is always delighted to see everyone, delighted to share his home.

I don't think it has to make sense any more than Andy's choice to remain in the farmhouse kitchen. Home is where you find it. Home is what you know. Home is where you feel at ease. That makes sense to me.

Till next time,  
Carrie  
Photos from the column and a link to YouTube videos can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Gary Borders



### Farmer's Almanac Predicting a White Winter

As Texas gets at least a temporary reprieve this week from the heat, with a nice round of rain blanketing much of the state, the Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting January will bring significant snowfall to the state.

The periodical, founded in 1818, develops its extended forecast "using a 204-year-old mathematical formula focused on sunspot activity, planet positions and tidal actions of the moon." The almanac's website claims its forecasts are 80% to 85% accurate.

Since the secret formula was first developed by David Young, an astronomer and mathematician who was the almanac's first editor, only seven people have been hired to develop the weather predictions.

A meteorologist for the National Weather Service interviewed by the Austin American-Statesman casts a skeptical eye on the almanac's methods and predictions.

"There is little to no scientific evidence that sunspot activity and the position of planets have any impact on our weather and our climate," Keith White said. "A lot of the statements they use in terms of what they expect over the course of a season are very broad and can be applied kind of subjectively by people."

Neither the Almanac nor the weather service are predicting another Winter Storm Uri, which resulted in the deaths of at least 246 people in Texas in February 2021.

#### NEW CEO HIRED FOR ERCOT

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which drew scathing criticism for the massive power blackouts during Uri, has a new chief executive officer. The hiring of Pablo Vegas was approved by the Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT.

Vegas currently serves as executive vice president of NiSource and group president, NiSource Utilities. He succeeds interim CEO Brad Jones on Oct. 1.

After Uri, most of ERCOT's board resigned and its CEO was terminated. A number of reforms and protective measures have been



implemented since Uri, though critics question whether the grid can withstand another storm of Uri's magnitude.

#### TEA RELEASES 2022 ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

The Texas Education Agency last week released the first A-F school accountability ratings for the first time since 2019, due to two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. The results show some improvement in grades, with 396 districts, or 33.1%, receiving an A rating. That was up from 301 getting the top grade in 2019.

Conversely, 16 districts got a failing grade, up from 14 in 2019. Among individual campuses, 2,356, or 27.9%, received the top grade, up from 1,750 in 2019. The number of campuses that received an F totaled 188, less than half the 402 schools that failed the accountability ratings in 2019. The ratings are based on three domains: student achievement, school progress, and closing the gaps.

Visit [TXschools.gov](http://TXschools.gov) to find grades for all campuses and districts. Users can search for schools using an address and compare schools as well.

#### NORRIS FILMS PSAS FOR IWATCHTEXAS PROGRAM

Chuck Norris, the actor best known for "Walker, Texas Ranger," has filmed a public service announcement to publicize the IWatchTexas community reporting system. The partnership between communities and law enforcement is designed to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity, from school safety-related threats to criminal acts or terrorism.

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# Aldine ISD Hires 42 International Teachers for its 22-23 School Year



The start of the school year marks when some students will be starting at a new school, but this does not stop with the students. It's also when some teachers will be starting their first day at a new school. In fact, Aldine ISD has hired 42 international teachers, from nine different countries, for the 22-23 school year. For these 42 teachers, it's the beginning of a new journey, not only teaching in a new school, but also a whole new country.

All 42 teachers are certified and have been screened and vetted to ensure they are a great fit for Aldine. While the exchange visas used for the initiative are done with the goal of having the teachers here for three to five years, AISD has worked to ensure the international teachers will fully enjoy their stay, in the hopes of retaining them throughout the length of their visas.

While the concept of recruiting internationally isn't new, this is the first

year AISD has looked to bring in international teachers. Led by Dr. Lauren Petrea, Talent Acquisition Director, the program has gone even further in its implementation, enlisting the help of retired principals to act as mentors for the new teachers to ensure they acclimate to a new area and country.

"We also help them find an apartment, furniture and we help them get a car," said Dr. Petrea. "We help them find all the

items that they need."

In addition to being certified and qualified in their areas of expertise, they also provide a cultural experience for their students. This is another aspect in which Dr. Petrea was interested in utilizing the initiative for Aldine.

"International teachers help provide a cultural connection to our diverse student body," said Dr. Petrea. "This program is something we are looking to continue."

# Habitat housing planned,

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Robins Landing, a mixed-use community, will have various types of housing, including about 100 Habitat for Humanity single family homes similar to this prototype.

forward to sharing our knowledge and placemaking experience, not just for Robins Landing, but hopefully in other urban locations as well."

Houston Habitat is collaborating with community partners to deliver more than just housing to Robins Landing residents and those living nearby. Plans include a 12-acre central park with access to hike-and-bike trails, a community garden, a neighborhood resilience hub, and more. A Town Center will include essential services, including a Legacy Community Health Clinic and Houston Public Library branch.

"Affordable housing is about more than simply providing a roof over someone's head," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "We must work in a collaborative and holistic fashion to improve access to transportation, high-quality grocery stores, and opportunity to address the underlying causes of inequity. Robins Landing is positioned to do just that."

Using an innovative funding model, Houston Habitat has secured \$33 million in funds for site infrastructure, which includes a \$4.79 million investment from the City of Houston and \$1.5 million from Habitat from Humanity International. Construction loans were secured from Arnold Ventures at no interest, and Houston Housing Finance Corporation at low interest. The remainder comes from traditional development funding including lot

and land sales for single-family homes, multi-family units, senior units, and nonresidential businesses. Houston Habitat is seeking an additional \$10 million from philanthropy to ensure long term affordability, sustainability, and resiliency.

Infrastructure work has begun to create stormwater detention, drainage, utilities, streets, and access points to the future community. Construction of homes is scheduled to begin in fall 2022 with anticipated community completion by December 2026.

To stay up to date on Robins Landing, visit [www.robinslanding.net](http://www.robinslanding.net).

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About Houston Habitat for Humanity

Committed to a world where everyone has a decent place to live, Houston Habitat for Humanity's work includes new home construction, home rehabilitation and disaster repair, infrastructure development for new communities, neighborhood revitalization and community building in the city of Houston. Houston Habitat has built more than 1,150 homes in 11 Houston neighborhoods, including the Fifth Ward and Northeast and Southeast quadrants. In addition to building, the organization has also repaired homes throughout Houston due to natural disasters; since Hurricane Harvey Houston Habitat has repaired more than 800 homes for families who are without resources to make repairs.

# District's Partner iEducatе Seeks to Hire Tutors to Work With Students Who Need Extra Support

Tutors will be paid a starting rate of \$14.00 per hour. The priority application deadline is Friday, September 2.

Aldine ISD is excited to announce its tutoring partnership with iEducatе for the 2022-2023 school year, where 50+ college students will be engaged as tutors in 1st- through 5th-grade classrooms across the district. This partnership addresses the need for immediate high-impact tutoring and instructional support while helping develop a teacher pipeline that builds more well-qualified, homegrown teachers.

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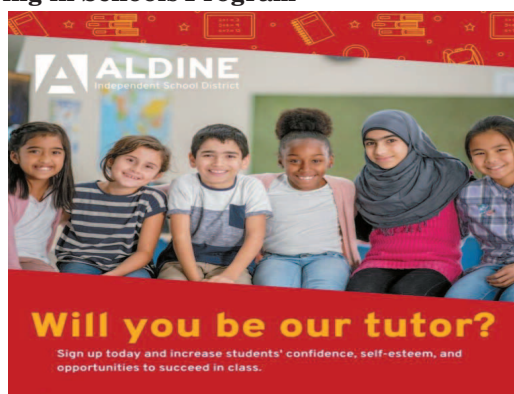
Tutors will be paired with district instructional specialists in their assigned schools. The instructional specialists will assist the tutors in delivering targeted small-group instruction to students during the school day. This is an opportunity for current college students to receive hands-on, paid work experience while giving back to their community.

The priority application deadline is Friday, September 2. However, iEducatе will accept applications on a rolling basis, and interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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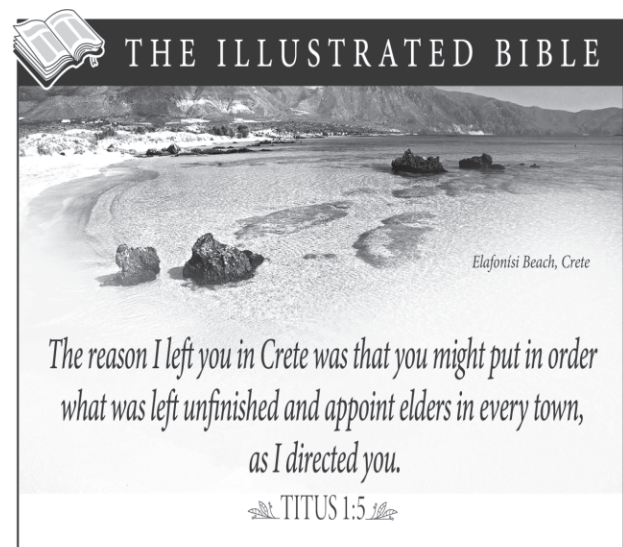
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By Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What sin did Paul tell the Thessalonians was likely to occur at night? Thievery, Idolizing, Adultery, Drunkenness
3. From Matthew 7, what did Jesus warn against throwing to pigs? Bones, Stones, Figs, Pearls

4. Who was the first man to experience physical death? Adam, Abel, Aaron, Abraham
5. Who was the first Christian stoned to death? Naboth, Stephen, Zechariah, Paul
6. How many sons did Isaac have? 2, 4, 6, 8

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# SPORTS PAGE

## FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW:

# Do Texans move closer to respectability in 2022? Texas looks to step up after 5-7 2021 campaign

the season ranked No. 6 in the country and will host Sam Houston State on Saturday at Kyle Field. Sam Houston State may be a Div. II school, but they are no slouch. The Bearcats finished 11-1 a year ago and won the FCS national title the year before. This will be a good test for Jimbo Fisher's team. Fisher had the No. 1-ranked recruiting class in the nation this past spring and a lot of those first-year players will be called on to produce in their first year in College Station. As of this writing, Fisher has yet to name a starting QB. He has three to choose from, former starter Haynes King, former LSU starter Max Johnson, who transferred from LSU, and true freshman Conner Wegman. All three are talented and I would not be surprised if Fisher gave the first look to Johnson, due to being more experienced than the other two.

Other key games this weekend have No. 11 Oregon taking on No. 3 Georgia (the defending national champions) on Saturday in Atlanta at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. No. 24-ranked Houston will face UTSA, an up and coming program, while No. 7-ranked Utah visits Florida as the Billy Napier Era begins.

And all five of Aldine ISD's varsity teams will also be in action this weekend.

Without further ado, let's take a closer look at this weekend's game.

### HIGH SCHOOL

**Nimitz at Cy-Ridge:** Head coach Cornelius Harmon takes his Cougars to Cy-Ridge on Thursday evening in his second game as the Nimitz head coach. The Cougars made the playoffs a year ago, finishing 4-7 on the season and return six offensive and four defensive starters. Defensive back Corey Huff, a verbal commitment to Baylor, will lead the way on defense from his defensive back position, while Branden Whitehead will lead the offense at quarterback. Cy-Ridge returns five offensive and five defensive starters. My pick, Nimitz 23, Cy-Ridge 20

**MacArthur at Channelview:** Head coach Wayne Crawford's Generals visit Channelview on Friday night in their second game of the season. The Generals return a strong nucleus of six offensive and seven defensive starters from last year's 2-8 team. Wide receiver Justin Williams (28 receptions, 218 yards, 3 TDs) will be called on to make plays on offense, while defensive end Armando Desilos (97 tackles, 4 sacks) will be called on to lead the defense. Channelview returns six offensive and five defensive starters from last year's playoff team. My pick, MacArthur 17, Channelview 16

**Aldine at Northbrook:** New Aldine head coach Cirilo Ojeda takes his Mustangs to Northbrook on Saturday evening with both teams looking to end losing streaks. The Mustangs have dropped 25 straight games, while Northbrook finished 0-10 a year ago, so something has got to give in this one. Ojeda will look for wide receiver Desmond Dixon and running back Malik Cobbs to make plays on defense. Aldine returns three offensive and three defensive starters this season. Northbrook returns seven offensive and four defensive starters. My pick, Aldine 20, Northbrook 18

**Davis at Cy-Lakes:** Scott Joseph's Falcons pay a visit to Cy-Lakes on Saturday evening in their second



outing of the season. Davis returns four offensive and four defensive starters from last year's squad. Offensive lineman Maurice Jaramilo (6-3, 310 pounds) will be called on to open up holes for the Davis running game, and protecting quarterback Jacory Lee. Cy-Lakes returns five offensive and five defensive starters from last year's team. My pick, Davis 23, Cy-Lakes 20

**Eisenhower at Conroe:** Eric Jackson's Eagles head north on Friday evening to take on a Conroe team that returns five offensive and five defensive starters from last year's playoff team. The Eagles return a strong nucleus of eight offensive and seven defensive starters from last year's team. The Eagles will be led by QB Zachary Henry (905 passing yards, 12 TDs) and wide receiver Ryan Niblett (379 rushing yards, 7 TDs/24 receptions, 373 yards, 6 TDs). Niblett has verbally committed to Texas. My pick, Eisenhower 24, Conroe 21

### 1. NCAA

**Sam Houston State at Texas A&M:** The Aggies host the Bearcats at Kyle Field to kickoff Fisher's fifth season in College Station. Sam Houston's offense should give a young, but talented, Aggie a stern test in Week 1 led by veteran QB Eric Schmidt (469 rushing yards, 6 TDs/2,818 passing yards, 29 TDs). The Bearcats finished 11-1 a year ago and want to prove they belong on the big stage with the likes of the Aggies. I think Sam Houston hangs around in this one, but look for the Ags' physicality on both lines to wear them down in the second half. I expect Fisher to play it pretty vanilla while he sorts out who his starting QB will be. Johnson (2,815 yards, 27 TDs last year at LSU) should get the start due to his experience and he will look for running back Devon Achane (910 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Anias Smith (55 receptions, 535 yards, 6 TDs). Look for the A&M defense to force Schmidt into some game-changing turnovers in the second half. My pick, Texas A&M 36, Sam Houston State 20

**Oregon vs. Georgia:** Kirby Smart's defending champs take on No. 11 Oregon at a neutral site in Atlanta on Saturday afternoon on ABC. The Bulldogs lost players to the NFL draft, with five defensive starters being in the first round alone. But don't worry Dawg fans, there's still plenty of talent left in the cupboard in Athens. Most notably, veteran QB Stetson Bennett IV (2,862 yards, 29 TDs). Both running backs are now in the NFL, which means it's Kenny McIntosh's (328 yards, 3 TDs) turn to show what he has as the starting running back. Even though the defense lost a lot of talent, there's still a bevy of capable players who are itching to show off their talents. Oregon will present a good test for the defending national champs. The Ducks return a talented running back in Travis Dye (1,271 yards, 2 TDs). I expect this to be a competitive game, but look for the rebuilt Georgia defense to be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Georgia 26, Oregon 20

**Houston at UTSA:** Dana

Holgerson's Cougars head to San Antonio to take on the Roadrunners of UTSA. UTSA finished 10-4 a year ago and have one of the up-and-coming head coaches in Jeff Traylor. Holgerson led the Cougars to a 12-2 finish a year ago, including a bowl win over Auburn. The Cougs are poised for another big year and should be the favorites to win the American Athletic Conference. Back is veteran QB Clayton Tune (3,544 yards, 30 TDs) and playmaking wide receiver Nathaniel Delk (90 receptions, 1,329 yards, 12 TDs). The running game will be in the hands of veteran Ta'Zhaun Henry (524 yards, 7 TDs). This will be a competitive game and a good test for the Cougars. Look for Tune to be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Houston 31, UTSA 26

Utah at Florida: No. 7-ranked Utah makes a long trip to the heat and humidity of Gainesville, FL to take on the Gators and new head coach Bill Napier. The Utes could be a contender for one of the four College Football Playoff (CFP) slots this year. Utah finished 10-4 a year ago and returns QB Cameron Rising (2,493 yards, 20 TDs) and running back Tavion Thomas (1,118 yards, 21 TDs). Florida finished 6-7 a year ago and will hang their hopes on versatile quarterback Emory Jones (2,734 passing yards, 19 TDs/759 rushing yards, 1 TD). If Utah is going to be a serious CFP contender, they need to win a tough road game. This will be a huge test for the Utes in Week 1. My pick, Utah 26, Florida 20

**Louisiana-Monroe at Texas:** UT fans are anticipating a big year out of Sarkisian as he enters year No. 2 in Austin, so, a big win over an inferior opponent would be just what the doctor ordered. Look for Sarkisian to bring Ewers along slowly and let running backs Bijan Robinson (1,127 yards, 15 total TDs) and Roschon Johnson (569 yards, 9 TDs) to set the tone early in the season opener. When Ewers does go to the air, he will be looking to make plays to Super Sophomore wideout Xavier Worthy (62 receptions, 981 yards, 12 TDs). While the offense should be improved, the defense needs to be so as well. UT was just plan bad defensively a year ago, but a strong secondary should lead the way while the front seven gets its legs underneath itself. Look for the 'Horns to roll in Week 1 as they wait for Alabama to come calling in Week 2. My pick, Texas 38, Louisiana-Monroe 10

**Notre Dame at Ohio State:** The marquee matchup of Week 1 pits No. 2 Ohio State and their high-powered offense against No. 5-ranked Notre Dame and a star-studded defense. Something has to give, and with this being the first game, I say the Buckeyes loaded offense is the difference maker in this game. Ohio State returns a ton of talent on offense, led by quarterback C.J. Stroud (4,435 yards, 44 TDs), running back TreVeyon Henderson (1,248 yards and 19 TDs as a freshman) and wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njiba (95 receptions, 1,606 yards, 9 TDs). Marvin Harrison Jr., whose dad is Hall of Fame wide receiver Marvin Harrison Sr. is another target for Stroud, who had a nice Rose Bowl with three touchdown passes. The Irish will go



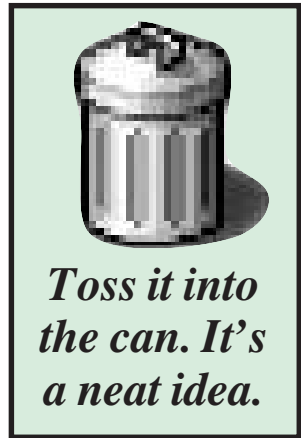
Texans Wide Receiver #15 Chris Moore breaks up a pass. Texans won against SF 49rs last Thursday night by a score of 17-0, their third win in the preseason.

with Tyler Buchner at quarterback (298 passing yards, 2 TDs/336 rushing yards, 3 TDs) who served as Jack Coan's backup a year ago. Look for Freeman to give the Buckeyes a steady dose of running back Chris Tyree (222 yards, 3 TDs) to take some pressure off of Buchner, but that might not be enough to hold off the high-scoring Buckeyes. Notre Dame also has one of the nation's best tight ends in Michael Mayer (71 receptions, 840 yards, 7 TDs), who should be Buchner's go-to guy early on. The Irish don't have the firepower on offense to keep up with OSU, so look for them to try and control the clock with the running game and hope their defense forces a turnover or two from Stroud. I

expect the Buckeyes to send a message to the rest of the country with a convincing win in Week 1. My pick, Ohio State 38, Notre Dame 17

**Florida State vs. LSU:** Two programs that are looking for turnaround seasons meet Sunday night in New Orleans at the Caesar's Superdome. LSU has a new head coach in Brian Kelley, who has won at every stop during his long career, while Florida State head coach Mike Norvell is on the hot seat after the Seminoles finished 5-7 a year ago. LSU has issues on both sides of the ball, but Kelley is an excellent recruiter and coach and the Tigers won't be down very long. LSU will be led by running back Tyrion Davis-Price (1,003 yards, 6

TDs), while FSU will be led by quarterback Jordan Travis (1,539 passing yards, 15 TDs/530 rushing yards, 7 TDs). Kelley will want to get his LSU tenure off to a good start, and he does so with a win in his Tiger debut on Sunday night. My pick, LSU 24, Florida State 20



## 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.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE       | \$0.0300 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.0270 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.0279 per \$100 |
| DE MINIMIS RATE         | \$0.0361 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 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 2021 tax year and the 2022 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, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 exceeds the voter-approval rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2.

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 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AT 1:00 PM AT 14418 BEAUMONT HIGHWAY, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77049.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate but not greater than the de minimis rate. However, the proposed tax rate exceeds the rate that allows voters to petition for an election under Section 26.075, Tax Code. If Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 adopts the proposed tax rate, the qualified voters of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 may petition the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 to require an election to be held to determine whether to reduce the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2 will be the voter-approval tax rate of the Harris County Emergency Services District No. 2.

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: S. Anderson, J. McClelland, C. Anthony and E. Skank  
AGAINST the proposal: None  
PRESENT and not voting: None  
ABSENT: B. Gates

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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.

|                                     | 2021        | 2022        | Change                         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.0300    | \$0.0300    | increase of 0.0000, or 0.00%   |
| Average homestead taxable value     | \$153,689   | \$172,157   | increase of 18,468, or 12.02%  |
| Tax on average homestead            | \$46.11     | \$51.65     | increase of 5.54, or 12.01%    |
| Total tax levy on all properties    | \$1,453,987 | \$1,645,231 | increase of 191,244, or 13.15% |

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](mailto:TAX.OFFICE@HCTX.NET), or visit [WWW.HCTX.NET](http://WWW.HCTX.NET) for more information.

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# BakerRipley celebrates Back 2 School...

By Rocío Cristina Witte

Thank you East Aldine District for being our Back to School Health Fair Sponsor! Close to 200 students received hygiene kits, lunch boxes with snacks and backpacks. We had a food distribution, biometric screenings, COVID vaccines, free haircuts, presentations from Baylor College of Medicine and the Red Cross, performance by our Folklorico class, free pizza, DJ SheJam Entertainment, moonwalk, firetruck, open house at our FabLab and several community partners shared resources!

We'd also like to thank KelseyCare Advantage, Amerigroup, Buckner Houston, Univision Noticias & Chick-fil-A for contributing to our event! A huge thank you to our volunteers as well for helping us run this event.

community partners present:

- Aetna
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- Avatar Home Health & Hospice
- Bonding Against Adversity Inc.
- Harris County Public Health
- Smile Magic Houston
- LSC-East Aldine Center
- Community Health Choice
- DePelchin Children's Center
- Greater Pure Light Church
- Golden Outlook
- Harris County Emergency Corps
- NAMI
- Texas Department of State Health Services
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- Baylor College of Medicine
- American Red Cross Texas Gulf Coast
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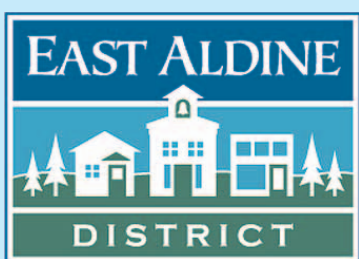


¡Gracias Distrito de East Aldine por ser nuestro Patrocinador de la Feria de Salud de Regreso a la Escuela! Cerca de 200 estudiantes recibieron kits de higiene, loncheras con refrigerios y mochilas. Tuvimos distribución de comida, exámenes biométricos, vacunas contra el COVID, cortes de pelo gratuitos, presentaciones del Colegio de Medicina de Baylor y la Cruz Roja, presentación de nuestra clase de Folklorico, pizza gratis, DJ SheJam Entertainment, moonwalk, cam-

ión de bomberos, jornada de puertas abiertas en nuestro FabLab y varios socios de la comunidad compartieron recursos!

¡También nos gustaría agradecer a KelseyCare Advantage, Amerigroup, Buckner Houston, Univision Noticias y Chick-fil-A por contribuir a nuestro evento! Muchas gracias tambien a nuestros voluntarios por ayudarnos en este evento.

Otros socios comunitarios presentes (mencionados arriba).



## East Aldine District COMMUNITY NEWS

### Slow down to see amusing signs at East Aldine Town Center

Whimsical versions of traffic signs cause many East Aldine Town Center visitors to slow down to read slogans such as "One Love" and "Para Que Haya Paz" (If There Is To Be Peace)."

One warning you'll never see on the signs, though, is "Stop there." Because the nationally known artist who created the unusual display, Scott Froschauer, doesn't confine himself to making a single form of art.

Froschauer, based in Los Angeles, is an art school dropout who has worked in the film industry. As a lighting consultant, he got a screen credit for his work on The Lost World: Jurassic Park (2). He also worked on a famous and hilarious YouTube video featuring actor Christopher Walken's best dance moves. Now he enjoys working on documentary films.

But after attending the annual counterculture festival in the Nevada desert in 2015 called Burning Man, he returned to working on handmade visual art.

"I dropped out of art school because I didn't think I was a 'good' artist. But, I decided to give it another try," he said.



SCOTT FROSCHAUER

"What I got out of Burning Man was permission allowing me to express myself."

Banking on his college degree in linguistics, he created the amusing Word On The Street series of signs with messages that are anything but conventional.

At first Froschauer placed the signs in public areas — without permission.

But he soon earned a contract with the city of Glendale, Calif., for 20 of the signs with the positive messages.

Members of the East Aldine Arts Council (funded by the East Aldine Management District) saw the artist's works at a 2019 Neighborhoods USA conference and set out to acquire some of them as part of the council's mission to enhance East Aldine with public art.

The five signs were installed at the East Aldine Town Center at 2800 Aldine Mail Route Road in June. Plans call for more signs to be posted in the community.

"We were compelled by the fact that the artist takes otherwise mundane Department of Transportation type street signs, that typically are negative or prohibitive in nature, and instead flips the script and makes the messaging something positive and uplifting," said Arts Council Chairman Carlos Silva. "The unassuming style of this art is a perfect fit for our blue collar, hardworking community."

Other such signs at the Town Center say, "Educate Children," "Wonder" and "You Are Amazing."

They have made news, too. The Houston Chronicle and KPRC2 have done stories about the exhibit.

Come see for yourself!

— By Anne Marie Kilday and Alan Bernstein

