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# NORTHEAST XEWS



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### Armando Cardona passes; GFCC Board member

Longtime Green Forest Civic Club Board Director and former Treasurer, Armando Cardona, passed away on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.



Mr. Cardona was a resident of the Fairgreen subdivision of East Aldine for over 50 years. He played an active role in several community organizations. He was most recently elected as a Board Director for GFCC in December of 2021, after serving as Treasurer for many years.

Mr. Cardona would often be seen at almost every single civic club meeting or community event, helping out in any way he could. He felt it necessary to stay informed and up to date with happenings in the East Aldine community and encouraged his fellow resiLdents to do the same.

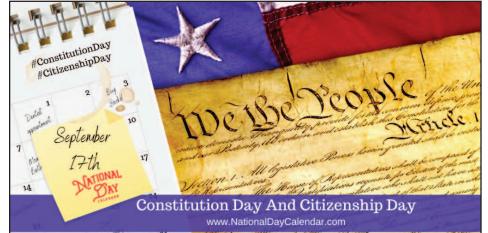
Civic Club President, Ruben A. Salazar said, "Armando was a compassionate, helpful, and admirable person." He also said, "He served his community faithfully for decades. He was a great friend to me and many others.' Civic Club Vice President, Marina Flores Sugg, said "He was not one to sit quietly and just let things happen. He spoke up for his community and for his family.'

# East Aldine celebrates Constitution and New Citizens on Sept. 17

### Constitution Day & Citizenship Day to get big local recognition

ALDINE – The East Aldine Management District and many partners will celebrate the anniversary of Constitution Day and National Citizenship Day in a new way next Saturday.

A patriotic parade on Saturday, Sept. 17 — the 70th anniversary of the "days" — will move from MacArthur High School to the East Aldine Town Center's amphitheater, where



about 300 newly sworn-in U.S. citizens will be honored.

The event, sponsored by the non-profit Bonding

Against Adversity and others, is being billed as the "We The People Celebration" featuring music, stories, games, and voter

registration.

Bonding Against Adversity's programs include classes on how foreignborn residents of the area can become U.S. citizens.

Other sponsors are Univision 45, the New Americans Campaign, and Lone Star College-East Aldine. Parking will be available at the college, and participants are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs to view the event in comfort.

Similar ceremonies will be held across the nation as new citizens take their oath of allegiance to their new home country.

Last year, 855,00 immigrants became U.S. citi-

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### SUCCESSFUL JOB FAIR AT EAST ALDINE DISTRICT



The Job Fair was held at the East Aldine Building in Town Center. About 100 job-seekers talked with 24 companies about opportunities.

EAST ALDINE – The Job Fair networking event sponsored by Buckner Family Services and the East Aldine District was held last Wednesday, September 7 at the District's office building. Employers included retail stores, banks, employment services, and social service agencies. There were over 100 people attending, and 24 employers. Lots of people came to the event to inquire about possible job opportunities and several employers held on the

### MORE JOB FAIR

### FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 3: Aggies host Miami in meeting of ranked teams: Texans head to Denver to take on Wilson's Broncos

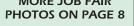
The No. 6-ranked Texas A&M Aggies host the No. 16-ranked Miami Hurricanes on Saturday evening in a prime time game to be broadcast nationally on ESPN.

This will be a good test for Jimbo Fisher's team, which opened the season with a less than stellar 31-0 victory over Sam Houston State two weeks ago.



appears to be the marquee game this week in college football. In other offerings, Week 2 starts on Thursday night with a key AFC West tilt as the Los

Armando leaves behind a wife, children, grandchildren, and an entire community who are ever so grateful to have known and loved him. He will be deeply missed.



spot interviews.

East Aldine's very own Café Guadalupe was there to offer her delicious coffee and handcrafted tea. A voter registration table was also available.

East Aldine District Economic Development director Lance Dean said the success of this event indicates that more Job Fairs will be held in the future. Granted, the game was delayed some three hours due to inclement weather in the College Station area, and that could have had some effect on the lackluster performance of the Aggie offense. The Aggie defense, on the other hand, played well in pitching a shutout against the Bearcats.

That unit will get a real test on Saturday night when they face Miami QB Tyler Van Dyke, who threw for 193 yards and two TDs in the 'Canes 70-13 route of Bethune-Cookman.

The A&M-Miami game

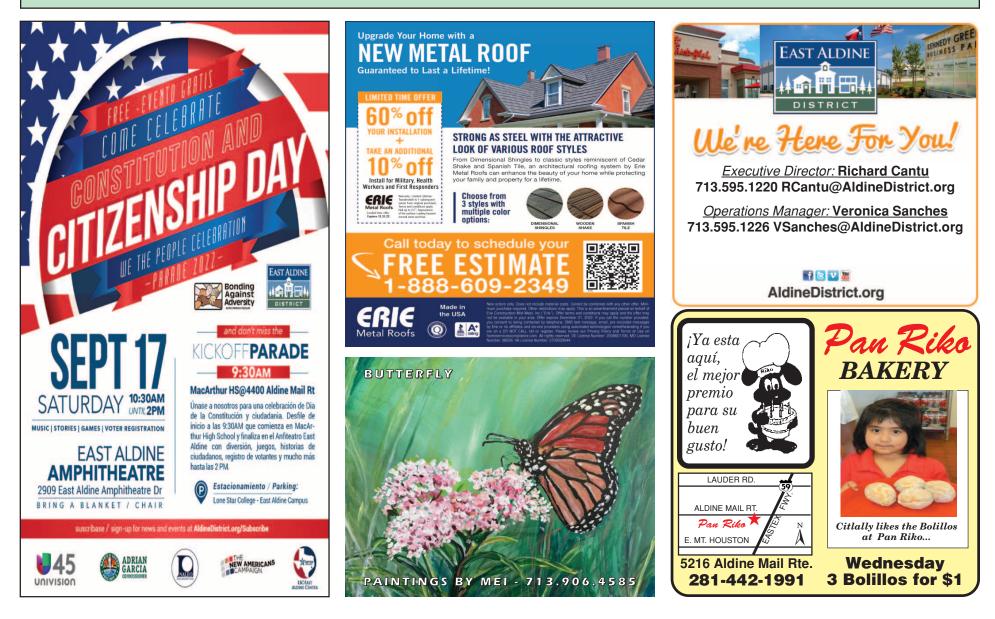
No. 2-ranked Georgia opens SEC play at South Carolina, while Oklahoma visits Nebraska, and a game UTSA team head to Austin to take on Texas.

In the NFL, the Texans play their first road game of the season when they travel to Denver to take on Russell Wilson and the Broncos. Denver fans are hoping Wilson is the missing piece that returns Denver to the playoffs. The Dallas Cowboys hosts the defending AFC champs, Cincinnati, while Tampa Bay visit New Orleans. Angeles Chargers will visits the Kansas City Chiefs. Week 2 concludes with a double-header, with Tennessee visiting Buffalo in a meeting of defending division champions on ESPN at 6:15 p.m., while ABC will have Minnesota at Philadelphia at 7:30 p.m.

All five of Aldine ISD's varsity football teams have the week off as they prepare for the start of their District 14-6A schedules, which

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### **Free Exercise Classes for** Seniors

FREE EXERCISE **CLASSES** for Seniors 55+ sponsored by Harris County Pct. 2 are being held at the Northeast Community Center on Bentley (James Driver Park) Monday thru Thursday.

-Indoors Walking 8:00 a.m.

-Modified Fitness 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

-Chair yoga 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. -Line Dancing

starting soon!

Other programs/ events/classes are offered. For more info, call 281-274-2222 or pick up a

**Constitution Day** Sept. 17,

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zens. Through June 15 of this year, 661,500 immigrants became U.S. citizens, according to the federal government.

The East Aldine event will include the parade, a choir concert, a color guard, and musical performances and poem recitations by students from Aldine ISD.

There also will be contests to test the knowledge of Aldine ISD students about the U, S, Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Sept. 17 has been recognized as Constitution Day and National Citizenship Day since 1952.

Constitution Day marks the day that the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time: Sept. 17, 1787. That's when the 39 delegates signed the final document. It has long been also recognized as National Citizenship Day since seven of the Founding Fathers were immigrants from the British Isles.

There had been efforts before 1952 to recognize a national citizenship day. Media mogul William Randolph Hearst began a campaign for such a celebration in 1939. Later, Hearst had become so enamored with his idea that he produced a 16-minute movie, "I am An American," which became a huge hit with American audiences.

Hearst, the grandson of immigrants of Scotch-Irish descent, advocated that "I am an American Day" be celebrated on the third Sunday of May. In 1940, Congress approved his idea, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman.

However, an Ohio woman who was often described as "a mother and homemaker," Olga T. Weber, became so concerned that Americans were not aware and appreciative of their history that she began printing and distributing copies of the Constitution to schools and churches in Louisville, Ohio. She advocated that Constitution Day and Citizenship Day be moved to Sept. 17.

The Ohio Legislature approved her idea, which led the U.S. Congress to approve the 1952 resolution signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The little town of Louisville still celebrates Weber's idea with a Constitution Week festival that includes car shows, hot air balloon rides, choir concerts, a beauty pageant and a parade.

— by Anne Marie Kilday

### **Detached trailer causes** Fatal Crash at 12400 **North Freeway**

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 12400 North Freeway (North Interstate Highway 45) about 4:35 a.m. today (Aug. 11).

The identity of the male victim, 57, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant C. Prejean and Officer L. Ho reported:

## **COMMUNITY** WATCH

### Man killed in 2-vehicle crash on Eastex **Freeway at Little York**

HOUSTON – An investigation is underway after a man was killed in a two-vehicle crash in northeast Harris County Friday, deputies said.

Deputies with Harris County Sheriff's Office received a call about a stalled vehicle in the moving lanes of traffic on Eastex and Little York around 1 a.m, Friday September 2.

Moments later, deputies said they received reports of a major twovehicle crash in the same area.

Units said they arrived and located a GMC Yukon that had struck a white Jaguar sedan.

According to investigators, the driver of the Jaguar, which was the vehicle that stalled, was pronounced dead at the scene. Deputies said there appeared to be no signs of intoxication.

The northbound lanes were closed for some time as an investigation ensued.

### **HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 2** HEAVY TRASH/RECYCLING **DROP-OFF EVENT** -



### EVERY 3RD SATURDAY

8 AM - 1 PM ONLY

North Service Center

11901 West Hardy Road. Houston TX 77076 (Enter via John Alber Rd.)

Harris County Precinct 2 is hosting a HEAVY TRASH/RECYCLING DROP-OFF day at the Hardy Service Center. This is at NO COST to unincorporated Harris County residents. ID is required. ND COMMERCIAL waste accepted. Please see list below for items that can be dropped off onsite.

### **ITEMS ACCEPTED INCLUDE:**

Furniture, bedding, junk waste

- Wood fencing
- Non-Commercial yard waste (less than 6 inches diameter, 6ft or less length)
- Shingles, carpet, lumber, sheetrock
- Tires (cars & pickup trucks)
- RECYCLING ITEMS: Paper, cardboard. plastics & plass.
- METALS: Steel, gutter, aluminum (large) items must be dismantled)



### **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED**

- batteries or motor oil
- paint cans or spray paint cans
- household garbage
- commercial tires or tires with rims
- chemicals of any kind
- electronics or appliances
- RECYCLING ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: plastic bags, styrofoam, pizza boxes, coat hangers, paint containers, light bulb mirrors, windows, dishes & paper tov

For more information call (281) 590-4120

"calendar of events" at the center.



A white Mack flat bed truck was traveling northbound at the above address when its trailer detached. The trailer came to a stop in moving lanes of traffic of the four-lane roadway. A male driver, 27, of a red Ford Mustang was traveling northbound and struck the trailer. The male victim was driving a beige Ford Ranger veered to the right to avoid the crash and struck the rear of the trailer. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced the victim deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Mustang was transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

The male driver, 41, of the Mack flat bed truck, who remained at the scene, was not injured and showed no signs of intoxication. He was questioned and released with no charges filed at this time.

The investigation is continuing.

## **AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **KIDS CLUB**

Kids Club is back this Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 4:30pm! Come and have some fun!

#### TEENS MAKE IT

We're making bottle cap magnets! Teens 13 -18 come join us on Monday, Sept. 12 at 4pm

#### **BILINGUAL STORY TIME**

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

#### **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 top-

ics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the librarv

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 librarv

### 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 Aldine 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

#### **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**

Do have plans to travel out of the country soon? Get on the ball and make sure you get your passport in order NOW! You can make an appointment for passport services at Aldine Branch - <u>https://www.hcpl.net/</u> services/passport-servic-

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**MICHELLE PICHON** LIBRARY PROGRAM SPECIALIST HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LI<u>BRARY</u> ALDINE BRANCH LIBRARY 11331 AIRLINE DR. HOUSTON, TX 77037 832-927-5410

# HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

#### **HM COMMUNITY** COOKBOOK:

The library is creating a community cookbook to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Submit your recipes to the library beginning on September 1st to be included in our first annual community cookbook.

### ESL CLASSES:

The library offers free ESL Classes to adults. In September, we will begin Introductory, Conversational, and Online Level 2 ESL Classes. If you are interested in joining a class, please contact us today to register.

### **CITIZENSHIP CLASSES:**

Our Citizenship classes are now in person. Prepare for the Citizenship test with our free classes.

#### **SENIOR GAMES:**

Senior Adults are welcome to our weekly senior games morning. Every Wednesday at 10am, you are invited to play tabletop games with us. Light refreshments provided.

#### THE ART THING FOR **TEENS:**

Every Wednesday at 3pm, we channel our creativity through different art projects. This program is for teens/young adults looking to make quick and incredible pieces of art!

### OTAKU OUTPOST:

Otaku Outpost has moved to Tuesdays at 3pm. Celebrate all things manga and anime with our weekly club!

### ADULTING 101:

Every Thursday at 3pm, we will offer an Adulting class for teens.

Join us to learn about important life skills.

### **HOOKED AND NEEDLED** KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB:

Join us on Saturday, September 10th at 12pm for our knit and crochet club. We will learn new projects together or you can bring your own project to work on. Some supplies provided.

#### **KRAFTY KIDS**:

Get creative with us during Krafty Kids Afternoon Craft. We will use our imaginations and create new works of art each month. Our next class is Wednesday September 14th at 4:30pm.

#### PJ PALS:

Pajama storytime is back. We welcome children to our evening story time on Monday, September 12th. Join us for stories, songs, and more!

#### **PINT-SIZED SCIENTIST:**

Explore the world of science in this new program. Every Tuesday at 4:30pm.

### **BUBBLY BABIES:**

A lap-sit story time designed for our youngest library users ages 0-12 months. Listen to stories, sing songs, and do a craft with us! Every Thursday at 1:00pm.

### **TODDLER TALES:**

A story time program designed for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years old. Listen to stories, sing songs, and do a craft with us! Every Thursday at 1:30pm.

#### **ROBLOX TOURNAMENT:**

We will be hosting a Roblox Tournament on September 23rd. Registration for this tournament begins on Friday, September 9th. Call us to register.

#### **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.

### **GRADCAFÉ**:

Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library. GRADcafé is a one-stopshop 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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### SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

# Message from the Superintendent, September 6, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

I hope everyone can relax with family and friends, catch up on some reading, or mark off a few of those projects around the house we all have on our to-do lists during the long holiday weekend.

On the topic of to-do lists, one of the things I have found time to do is visit our schools. I love seeing the hustle and bustle in our classrooms and hallways, seeing the students engaged and connecting with their teachers. It has been a joy visiting campuses like Carmichael Elementary School, Conley ES, Spence ES, and Plummer Middle School.

I went into education because I wanted to multiply hope. For so many of our students, schools represent hope. Hope allows us to rewrite the story and achieve our goals. With hope, we can turn despair into joy. Click here to tell us about hope, why it's essential, what you do to keep it alive, and what makes you hopeful.

Last week marked the final graduation of the Class of 2022. We honored 194 summer graduates. They graduated with possibilities and hope for their future. Our teachers have instilled values and knowledge that have prepared them for college, career, and life. As with every graduate, I look forward to hearing about and seeing where their journey will take them.

Seeing our students graduate is one of the greatest moments for educators. They work hard daily to ensure students are learning and are equipped with the skills they need to grow and develop academically and socially. To every team member, know that you are valued and appreciated your work does not go unnoticed, especially by those you serve: our students.

There is another group of individuals I want to acknowledge: substitute teachers. They are the ultimate makeit-happen people. They are always ready to step in to serve. Take a few minutes to show appreciation. Substitute Appreciation Week, which is this week, is the perfect opportunity to do it.

There are a few upcoming celebrations I am excited about. Next week, we kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. Beginning on September 15, this



Before I close, I want to laud the Aldine ISD Police Department. Last month, the department was recognized as an FBI-LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award recipient. The Agency Trilogy Award is presented to those agencies where all command staff members have completed the entire FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Leadership training curriculum. I understand that only a few agencies nationwide have attained the distinction. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement.

I wish you a great week of school! With Aldine Pride, Dr. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperinten-

dent

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 7: Virtual College Readiness and TSI (TSIA) Parent Information Sessions

September 7, Sept. 14, and Sept. 21: The Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Department will host several presentations for parents and legal guardians interested in participating in the 2022-2023 Family and Community University program. For details, click here. Email FACE, FACE@AldineISD.org, or call (281) 985-3788 if you have questions.

Ongoing: iEducate is hiring college students, especially Aldine ISD grads, as tutors to work with Aldine ISD students. The priority application deadline was September 2. However, iEducate will accept applications on a rolling basis, and interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT-

# Aldine ISD to Hold Student Voter Registrations at All High School Campuses



cess.

with the assistance for registration,

PowerPoint presentation that will go

over some additional information for

Students will only need their Texas

Identification Card or Social Security

number in order to register. The right

to vote is something that is important

students to perform their civic duty

locations for when voter registrations

will be taking place at each campus.

and vote. Below are the times and

for all, and AISD encourages its

them to better understand the pro-

the students will be given a short

2022 Mid-Term elections are right around the corner, so voter registration at Aldine ISD will be taking place at each high school campus starting Monday, September 12. There will be stations set up at each of the campuses to help the students with their registration. Students eligible to register are those that are already 18 or those that will be 18 by November 8.

Aldine ISD will also be working with the Harris County Elections Office and BakerRipley East Aldine for the registration stations. Along

### **Campus Dates and Times**

- 9/12 Carver High School Auditorium 8-8:30 a.m.
- 9/13 Aldine High School Auditorium 8-8:30 a.m.
- 9/13 Blanson CTE High School Auditorium 9-9:30 a.m.
- 9/15 MacArthur High School Auditorium 8-8:30 a.m.
- 9/15 Hall Success Academy Auditorium 9:30-10 a.m.
- 9/19 Eisenhower High School Auditorium 8-8:30 a.m.
- 9/20 Nimitz High School Auditorium 8-8:30 a.m.
- 9/20 Davis High School Auditorium 9:30-10 a.m.
- 9/23 Victory Early College High School Room 102 9-9:30 a.m.
- 9/23 Avalos PTECH Cafeteria 10:30-11 a.m.

# La Promesa's Cruz Receives Statewide Recognition as ESL/ Bilingual Secondary Teacher of the Year



month-long observance is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the rich culture, history, and contributions of Hispanic communities and individuals. This year's theme is Héroes Hispanos (Hispanic Heroes). I'll share a few more details later this month.

Culture is an essential aspect of making connections with students. In Aldine, we celebrate the strength of our diversity. That means ensuring we have the talent that can work with our students. We hired 42 teachers from nine countries to support students with high-quality teaching. Not only are the teachers providing students with high-quality educational experiences, but they are also providing cultural insight to Aldine's diverse student body.

There is also strength in community. Uvalde Consolidated ISD opens its school doors this week to start the new year. Many are still mourning and recovering from the tragic events of May 24. As a mother, I know there are no words to heal such a loss. However, what I do know is that there is strength in solidarity. We must stand beside the families in Uvalde so they don't feel alone. Our hashtag #AldineConnected also includes connecting with others, like our neighbors in Uvalde. Today, Team Aldine wore maroon and white to 'Stand With Uvalde' as a united front and show our continued support.

This Sunday, I hope you celebrate Grandparents Day. To this day, I am grateful to my Big Mama and Papa. Some of my happiest memories are with my grandparents. I have them to thank for instilling in me a love of reading and learning. They showed me the value of hard work and determination ... ganas en español. I wouldn't be where I am today without their love, guidance, and wisdom.

I encourage you to reach out to your grandparents. If you have a Big Mama, Papa, Abuelita, or Abuelito in your life, spend some time connecting with them. Listen to their stories, wisdom, and perspectives. Do something special to show them how much you appreciate all they do and what they mean to you. And most importantly, let them know how much you love them. Check out the tweet about Nimitz HS<sup>4</sup> 'house rules' after beating Cypress Ridge.

RECENT NEWSAISD's Finance Department Earns Certificate of Achievement from GFOAOnline Learning is Helping Curve a Pathway for Aldine Students, Providing Choices and Opportunities2022-2023 New Principals

### MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS September

National School Attendance Month

Sept. 5-9: National Substitute Appreciation Week

Sept. 6: Student Holiday (ADSY Calendar)

Sept. 7: Virtual College Readiness and TSI Parent Information Sessions

Sept. 14: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

Sept. 15-Oct. 15: Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 16: Staff Development Day/ Student Holiday (Traditional Calendar)

Sept. 21: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

Sept. 28: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

Click here to view the Traditional and ADSY school calendars.

### REMINDERS

The state requires high school seniors to apply for financial aid to graduate. — FAFSA Application link or TASFA Application links

The state requires all entering college students to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment. (Details).

Aldine ISD's top priorities are students' safety and academic success. The district posts information related to protocols along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

Stay connected by visiting AldineISD.org. Check out our District News and Aldine ISD Podcast pages to stay updated on all the great things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Margarita Cruz is an English as a second language (ESL) teacher at La Promesa with a big passion for making a difference in the lives of her students from other countries. Cruz was recently named the 2022 ESL/ Bilingual Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE).

Cruz began in Aldine ISD as a ninth-grade ESOL 1 teacher at La Promesa before serving in her current position as the ESL instructional specialist. The eight-year veteran is currently in her second year with Aldine ISD. Before joining Aldine, Cruz served in Tomball ISD for seven years, where she taught English and ESL and was an ESL specialist for five years.

Cruz knew she wanted to be a teacher since the second grade when she met her teacher, Mrs. Lagos. What she loved about Mrs. Lagos is that she not only taught the content, but she taught students about life and to dream big. Her parents' story, who were unable to attend school past elementary, also influenced her, who were unable to attend school past elementary. However, they had big dreams for her and always made a point to remind her of the amazing opportunity. The 2014 Sam Houston State University alum stated that to receive an education is to have the doors of endless possibilities open for you.

The La Promesa teacher emphasized the importance of teaching ESL to support students in gaining English language proficiency. Preparing them academically and socially will plant the seed of strong self-efficacy for generations to come.

Becoming the Bilingual/ESL Secondary Teacher of the Year was a long process with several steps for Cruz. It included applying and being selected as a Bilingual/ESL Secondary Teacher for Aldine ISD and then for the Suburban Houston Association of Bilingual Educators (SHABE), an involved writing application, community service hours, an in-person interview, and letters of recommendation from colleagues, parents, and La Promesa's principal, Ana Fernanda Flores-Bolívar.

"Margarita Cruz is a phenomenal teacher," said La Promesa High School Principal Ana Flores-Bolívar. "She can reach every student in her class by building relationships and challenging students. She can scaffold language for newcomers to demonstrate knowledge using their background knowledge. Anybody that knows Ms. Cruz will be amazed by her knowledge of English language learner strategies and passion for all students to be successful."

TABE, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will honor Cruz at the Teacher of the Year awards luncheon on Saturday, October 16. The luncheon occurs during TABE's Conference, set to be in Houston this year.

Cruz will represent Aldine ISD at the national level at the National Association of Bilingual Education (NABE) 2022 Bilingual Teacher of the Year Award in February 2022.

#### OPINION PAGE $\bigstar$ $\bigstar$



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### County Tax Revenues were up by 7% Last Year; here's what you can do about it

he Harris County Auditor's Office recently released its monthly report for February 2022, which is the County's fiscal year end. There is a lot to unpack in the report. But the number that jumped out at me was the increase in property tax receipts. From FY2021 to FY2022 property tax receipts jumped to over 7%. During that same time period, inflation for the Houston region was 1% and the County's population was virtually unchanged. Yet the County collected over \$113 million more from its residents than the year before.

You may recall that in September 2019, County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioners Adrian Garcia and Rodney Ellis voted to raise property taxes by 8%. This is a link to the video of that meeting where the discussion and vote took place. The discussion about raising property taxes begins at 26:19 of "Item I, Part 1 of 2." The actual votes are taken beginning at 1:31:00 or you can see just the vote in this clip posted by my friend Charles Blain.

However, in a second required vote, Commissioners Radack and Cagle boycotted the meeting, blocking the increase. In reaction, Judge Hidalgo said, "Unfortunately, today commissioners Cagle and Radack chose to hide rather than face the tough reality of the impact that extreme revenue caps will have on our county," and "called the failure to increase taxes by 8% "dangerous."

Well, those "extreme revenue caps" allowed the County to collect new revenue at seven times the rate of inflation at a time that the County's population barely increased. Had the tax increase proposed by Hidalgo, Ellis and Garcia passed, the County would have collected almost 20% or roughly \$350 million more from Harris County taxpayers last year. Even more significantly, it would have established a base from which the Court would have been able to continue to raise taxes even higher indefinitely into the future.

I would encourage to look at your tax bill last year and calculate what an additional 13% in County taxes would have cost you. And then think about paying that additional amount each year in the future.

There are three positions on the Commissioners Court which are up for election this November: the County Judge and Commissioner Precincts 2 and 4. I plan to ask each of the candidates for these three positions to take a pledge that they will not vote to increase the property tax rate during their term. Any of them who refuse to do so will not get my vote.



**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders** 

# *TxDOT announces \$85* **Billion Transportation plan**

The Texas Department of Transportation has adopted a 10-year statewide roadway construction plan with a record \$85 billion price tag, officials announced last week. The Unified Transportation Plan authorizes the distribution of construction money that is expected to be available during the next decade. Within that framework, TxDOT works with elected officials and local planning organizations, as well as the public, to pick and fund the state's highest priority transportation projects.

In addition to highways the UTP addresses public transportation, aviation, rail, maritime, and freight and international trade. Many projects in the plan are highways identified on the state's 100 most congested roadways list.

"The UTP reflects a continued focus on improving transportation safety as the top priority, maintaining our current system, addressing traffic congestion, and improving state-



#### to \$1 million. **GAR HARVEST DRAWING** NOW UNDERWAY

Anglers itching for a chance to catch a large alligator gar can sign up through Sept. 30 to enter a drawing through Texas Parks & Wildlife to legally do so on a stretch of the Trinity River that goes from Dallas through East Texas. A total of 150 anglers will have the chance to use any legal means to take one of these prehistoric-looking creatures that is over 48 inches in length.

The following counties



### "The Redhead and Cat"

Here's the thing: I'm not superstitious.

It all started when I was still in Mexico, visiting a gallery, and I saw a painting across the room. The composition was striking. The bottom third was black and the top two-thirds were filled with a deep blue sky and great white clouds rising from the horizon. There was a bare tree on the right side and on the left was a full moon. I felt pulled into the gallery and across the room to see the picture, and that's when the figures in the foreground became clear.

Standing beside the tree were a woman and a cat. The woman had brilliant red hair. The cat was small and gray, and I felt something in me stir.

"The Redhead and Cat," the painting was called.

My best girlfriend, Angel, my biggest support to me when I started writing, had been a redhead, and my cat, Lucy, my muse every step of the way, was a small gray cat. They were both now long dead, but there they were, in front of this blue sky with the rising moon in the background.

I'm not superstitious, but having those two looking over me as I wrote seemed like a good idea. I brought the painting home to the U.S., and I got around to hanging it up just the other day.

That's when funny things started happening.

I've been grumpy. It's nothing big. It's nothing important. It's just the usual stuff that adds up like paper cuts. Working with no apparent progress. Feeling alone. Wondering if I am on the right track. Wondering if there is a track at all. That sort of thing.

It wears at the soul—when hopefulness starts to fray, and instead of facing the day with excitement, I just feel tired. As I hung the painting, I tipped my head back and lost my balance. My favorite reading glasses slipped off my head and onto the floor just in time for me to catch myself and step on them. Crunch.

#### to-skin contact with someone already infected. Its symptoms are generally less severe but can be extremely painful, with rashes and blisters arising. Fever, headaches, rashes and blisters can also occur. The Texas Department of State Health Services has reported a total of 1,695 cases in Texas to date.



### with Slim Randles

# Hot Popcorn

"You know it used to was even hotter than it is right now, don't you?" Windy looked up from his lunch. Oh boy, professorial mood. We're gonna get it. "I used ta pack mules, a-course. Well, I packed 'em 'til the accident, anyway."

"Accident, Windy?" Dang it, Dud, you've done it now.

"Nobody can say I don't love them little mules, but that accident took all the packin' enthusiasticals right outa me.

"Over in Death Valley it was. Summer. Hotter'n ... well, you know. I was takin' the pack mules out each day with the lunches all packed on 'em fer these dudes. Kinda fun.

"Jest why these here folks want to go a pick-a-nickin' on a hot day I couldn't say. To each his own said the old maid as she kissed the cow, I guess. Mules is the best manmade varmint in history, ya know? But even mules got theirselves a limit on hotness.

"Them mules. My mules ... oh I was so very happy with them mules. But what's done is water under the road and chickens swimmin' upstream, ain't it?

"Well, that day we had a party that was partial to popcorn. Loved the stuff. I put two big cans on each mule in bag loads. One on each side.

"And we wasn't but maybe ... oh, like 20 minutes on the trail when the accident happened. (sob) I still can't rememorate it today without goin' all gooshy inside, either.

"What happened was somethin' we never figgered on. Nossir! Why, the heat was just a-hottenen down on them pack mules and their packs got all hot, and them cans of popcorn got all hot and then the popcorn went to poppin'!

"Pardner, you never seen such a goldarn wreck in your life! Them mules heard that popcorn a-poppin' and figgered somebody was shootin' at 'em. Yessir. And they went to buckin' around out there, and when they did, the lids come off all 16 cans of popcorn and it looked like the Fourth of July, with big ol' fountains of that popcorn cas-cradin' down 'round them mules.

"And when the popcorn hit the ground, the mules looked at it, thought it was snow and froze to death! A terrible tragedy, and I ain't packed popcorn since that day."

wide connectivity over the next decade," said TxDOT Commission Chairman J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.

Funding for UTP comes from "legislative and voter-approved initiatives that allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes, and other money to the state highway fund," according to the TxDOT news release.

#### **RRC APPROVES FINAL RULE** FOR GAS PLANT WEATHERIZATION

More than 18 months after Winter Storm Uri shut down much of the state's electric grid, the Texas Railroad Commission last week adopted the state's first weatherization rules requiring natural gas facilities to protect gas flow to power plants.

"These new rules ensure our state's natural gas supply chain is prepared for extreme heat and freezing cold," said RRC Chairman Wayne Christian. "These rules will ensure that the natural gas facilities Texans rely on for reliable energy are operational when we need it most."

Fines for administrative violations could reach up

are included: Anderson, Chambers, Dallas, Ellis, Freestone, Henderson, Houston, Kaufman, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Navarro, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker.

"This segment of the Trinity River has become one of the most popular destinations in the world to catch a large alligator gar, but concerns have been raised about the potential for overharvest and its risks to fishing quality," said Craig Bonds of TPWD. "With this drawing system, we are able to give 150 anglers the opportunity to harvest the fish of a lifetime while also meeting our management goal to conserve this unique resource for current and future generations of anglers."

To find out more, go to tpwd.texas.gov.

### **TEXAS SEES FIRST** MONKEYPOX FATALITY

State officials last week confirmed the first death of a Texas patient diagnosed with monkeypox. As reported by the Austin American-Statesman, the adult in the Houston area was "severely immunocompromised."

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**GRIM YEAR FOR TEXAS** 

Cotton production has

been largely wiped out this

year by drought and ex-

treme heat, the Texas Tri-

bune reported. The loss to

farmers mainly in the Tex-

as High Plains will be at

least \$2 billion, according

to the International Center

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crop suffering from the

heat and drought. Corn

crops are in poor condition,

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Cotton isn't the only

University.

**COTTON GROWERS** 

"They've had to liquidate their cattle herds due to the fact that there's nothing for the cattle to eat without supplemental feeding," Brant Wilbourn, associate director of commodity and regulatory activities at Texas Farm Bureau, told the Tribune. **COVID-19 WORKERS'** 

### COMP CLAIMS UPDATED

More than 90,000 COV-ID-19 workers' compensation cases have been reported in Texas, along with 459 fatalities, according to the state Department of Workers' Compensation. Slightly more than half(51%) of the claims and 55% of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Most of the benefits paid were for employer salary continuation or indemnity benefits in the cases of fatalities. The information was gathered through a conference call with 74 selected insurance carriers. COVID-19 CASES, FATALITIES SHOW LITTLE

CHANGE The number of new cases of COVID-19 reported in the past week in Texas stayed steady at 56,734, with 183 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That is little changed from the previous week.

DSHS reported 2,598 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state as of Friday, also comparable to last week.

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I grumbled. They were prescription glasses. Grumble.

The next day, I was still grumpy. I sat down at my computer and, to my surprise, found I had typed:

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"What the heck?!" I tried again.

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I unplugged my keyboard and plugged it in again. I got the same results. The keyboard was unusable. I grumbled again. I reached for a pen to take notes. My hand felt wet. The pen had exploded, and my hand was covered in ink.

It wasn't until then I remembered the painting on my wall.

Honestly, I am not superstitious. But I did ask them, after all.

Directly or indirectly, I asked my two loyal companions to help me, to both encourage me and, I guess, show me the error of my ways when I got lost—when I was grumpy, or failed to remember what matters.

What matters is the glorious journey. What matters is this wonderful day. Sure, it's corny, and it's been said so many times that sometimes it loses meaning, but that doesn't make it any less true.

This time, sitting at my desk, this time is sacred. It is short. It is precious. And I am a fool not to rejoice in the little time I have.

So Angel and Lucy are watching over me. They might be doing no more than that. But perhaps, from time to time, they may take a more active hand and provide me with a much-needed reminder of what a great fool I can be

Till next time,

Carrie

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## SPANISH PAGE

### Mensaje de la Superintendente, 6 de Septiembre de 2022

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Espero que durante el largo fin de semana festivo todos havan tenido la oportunidad de relajarse con familiares y amigos, ponerse al día con la lectura o terminar algunos de esos proyectos hogareños que todos tenemos en nuestras listas de tareas pendientes.

Sobre el tema de las listas de cosas por hacer, una de las cosas que he encontrado tiempo para hacer es visitar nuestras escuelas. Me encanta ver el ajetreo y bullicio de los alumnos en nuestras aulas y pasillos, verlos comprometidos y conectados con sus maestros. Ha sido un placer visitar escuelas como las primarias Carmichael Elementary School, Conlev ES, Spence ES yescuela intermedia Plummer Middle School.

Entré a la educación porque quería multiplicar la esperanza. Para muchos de nuestros alumnos, las escuelas representan esperanza. La esperanza nos permite reescribir la historia y lograr nuestros objetivos. Con esperanza, podemos convertir la desesperación en alegría. Hagan clic aquí para contarnos sobre la esperanza, por qué es importante, qué hacen ustedes para mantenerla viva y qué les da esperanza.

La semana pasada marcó el final del viaje educativo de algunos de nuestros alumnos con nosotros. Homenajeamos a 194 graduados de verano de la Clase 2022. Se graduaron con posibilidades y esperanza para su futuro. Nuestros maestros han inculcado valores y



conocimientos que los han preparado para la universidad, la profesión y la vida. Al igual que con todos los graduados, espero escuchar y ver a dónde los llevará su viaje.

Ver a nuestros alumnos graduarse es uno de los mejores momentos para los educadores. Trabajan arduamente todos los días para garantizar que los alumnos aprendan, y estén equipados con las habilidades que necesitan para crecer y desarrollarse académica y socialmente. Sepan, miembros del equipo, que son valorados y apreciados: su trabajo no pasa inadvertido, especialmente para aquellos a quienes sirven: nuestros alumnos.

Hay otro grupo de personas que quiero reconocer: los maestros sustitutos. Son las personas que hacen que las cosas sucedan. Siempre están listos para intervenir para servir. Tómense unos minutos para mostrar su agradecimiento. La Semana de Agradecimiento a Suplentes, que es esta semana, es la oportunidad perfecta para hacerlo.

Se acercan algunas celebraciones que me emocionan. La próxima semana, damos inicio al Mes de la Herencia Hispana. A partir del 15 de septiembre, esta celebración de un

5. Atlantis.; 6. Four (Austin Powers, Dr. Evil, Fat Bastard and Goldmember).; I. Russia.; 2. France. It is celebrated on July 14.; 3. Alpha.; 4. Odin.;

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mes de duración es una excelente oportunidad para celebrar la rica cultura, historia y contribuciones de las comunidades e individuos hispanos. El tema de este año es Héroes Hispanos. Compartiré algunos detalles más a finales de este mes.

La cultura es un aspecto esencial para hacer conexiones con los alumnos. En Aldine, celebramos la fuerza de nuestra diversidad. Eso significa asegurarnos de que tenemos el talento que puede trabajar nuestros con alumnos. Contratamos a 42 maestros de nueve países para apovar a los alumnos con una enseñanza de alta calidad. Los maestros no solo brindan a los alumnos experiencias educativas de alta calidad, sino que también brindan información cultural al diverso cuerpo estudiantil de Aldine.

También hay fuerza en la comunidad. Uvalde Consolidated ISD abre sus puertas escolares esta semana para comenzar el nuevo año escolar. Muchos todavía están de luto y recuperándose de los trágicos eventos del 24 de mayo. Como madre, sé que no hay palabras para sanar semejante pérdida. Sin embargo, lo que sí sé es que en la solidaridad hav fuerza. Debemos estar al lado de las familias de Uvalde para que no se sientan solas. Nuestro hashtag #AldineConectado también incluye conectarse con otros, como nuestros vecinos en Uvalde. Hoy, el Equipo de Aldine vistió de granate y blanco para 'Stand With Uvalde' como un frente unido y mostró nuestro continuo apoyo.

Este domingo, espero

que celebren el Día de los Abuelos. Hasta el día de hoy, estoy agradecida de mis abuelos. Algunos de mis recuerdos más felices son con mis abuelos. Tengo que agradecerles por inculcarme el amor por la lectura y el aprendizaje. Me mostraron el valor del trabajo duro y la determinación ... lo que lamamos 'ganas.' No estaría donde estoy hoy sin su amor, guía y sabiduría.

Recomiendo que escuchen a los abuelos. Si tienen una Big Mama, Papa, o una abuelita o un abuelito en sus vidas, pasen tiempo hablando con ellos. Escuchen sus historias, sabiduría y perspectivas. Hagan algo especial para demostrarles cuánto aprecian todo lo que hacen y lo que significan para ustedes. Y lo más importante, háganles saber cuánto los ama.

Antes de terminar. quiero elogiar al Departamento de Policía de Aldine ISD. El mes pasado, el departamento fue el destinatario de la Condecoración Trilogía de la Agencia FBI-LEEDA. La Condecoración Trilogía de Agencias se otorga a aquellas agencias en las que todos los miembros del personal de comando han completado todo el plan de estudios de capacitación en Liderazgo de la Trilogía FBI-LEEDA. Entiendo que solo unas pocas agencias en todo el país han obtenido la distinción. Felicitaciones por este logro excepcional.

¡Les deseo que tengan una buena semana!

Orgullosa de nuestro distrito escolar. Dra. LaTonya M.

Goffney Superintendente

### **PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS**

7 septiembre: Sesiones virtuales para padres v alumnos de la escuela sec u n d a r i a sobre preparación para la universidad y de información la prueba TSI

7 de septiembre, 14 de sept., y 21 de sept.: El Departamento de Participación familiar y comunitaria (FACE, por sus siglas en inglés) realizará varias presentaciones para padres y tutores legales interesados en participar en el programa de la Universidad Familiar y Comunitaria 2022-2023. Para obtener más información, hagan clic aquí. Envíe un correo electrónico a FACE, FACE@AldineISD.org, o llame al (281) 985-3788 si tiene preguntas.

En curso: iEducate está contratando estudiantes universitarios, especialmente graduados de Aldine ISD, como tutores para trabajar con estudiantes de Aldine ISD. La fecha límite de solicitud prioritaria fue el 2 de septiembre. Sin embargo, iEducate aceptará solicitudes de forma continua y se recomienda a los estudiantes interesados que presenten la solicitud lo antes posible.

#### NOTAS DESTACA-DAS DE LOS MEDIOS SOCIALES

Miren el tweet sobre las «el local manda» de Nimitz HS después de vencer a Cypress Ridge.

### **NOTICIAS RECIENTES**

Departamento de AISD obtiene un Certificado de Logro de la Asociación de Oficiales de Finanzas Gubernamentales (GFOA)

El aprendizaje en línea está ayudando a los alumnos de Aldine, proporcionando opciones y oportunidades

Nuevos directores escolares del año escolar 2022-2023

OBSERVACIONES **MENSUALES** 

Septiembre Mes nacional de <u>asistencia escolar</u>

5-9 de sept.: Semana nacional de aprecio del maestro sustituto

6 de sept.: Día festivo para los estudiantes (Calendario ADSY)

14 de sept.: Jornada Escolar ENVI2ION (Calendario ADSY)

15 de sept. al 15 de oct.: Mes de la Herencia Hispana

16 de sept.: Día de desarrollo del personal/Festivo para los estudiantes (Calendario tradicional)

21 de sept.: Jornada Escolar ENVI2ION (Calendario ADSY)

28 de sept.: Jornada Escolar ENVI2ION (Calendario ADSY)

Hagan clic aquí para ver el calendario escolar tradicional y el calendario del año escolar con días adicionales (ADSY).

### RECORDATORIOS

El estado requiere que los estudiantes de 12.º grado de secundaria soliciten ayuda financiera para graduarse. Enlace de la solicitud FAFSA o enlaces de la solicitud TASFA

El estado requiere que todos los estudiantes que ingresan a la universidad realicen la evaluación Texas Success Initiative (TSI). (Detalles).

Las principales prioridades de Aldine ISD son la seguridad y el éxito académico de los estudiantes. El distrito publica información relacionada con los protocolos junto con cualquier actualización en www.aldineisd.org/ healthalerts.

Manténgase conectado visitando AldineISD.org. Consulte nuestras páginas de Noticias del Distrito y Podcast de Aldine ISD para mantenerse al día sobre todas las grandes cosas que suceden en nuestro distrito. También puede conectarse con no-0 t  $\mathbf{r}$ 0 en Facebook, Twitter e Instagram.

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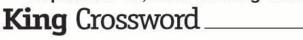
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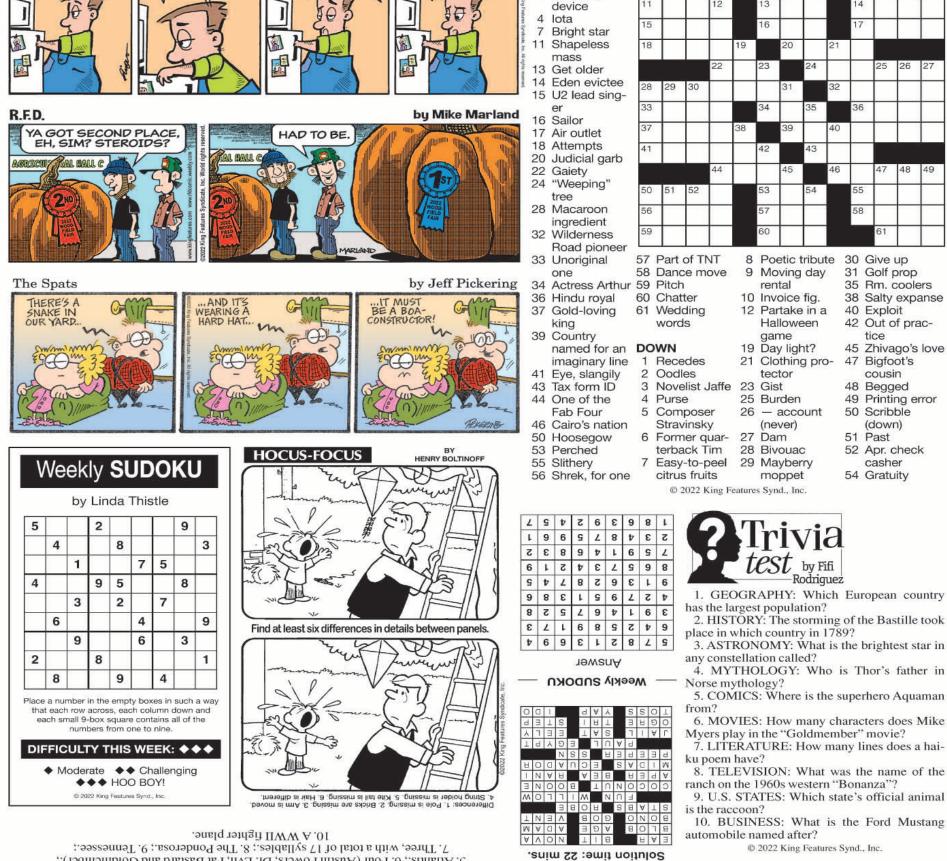
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### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

By Wilson Casey -

1. Is the book of III Chronicles in the Old or New **Testament or neither?** 

2. What "holy" thing did Paul tell Timothy that Christians should lift up in prayer? Hearts, Hands, Voices, Children

3. From 2 Kings 9, which king of Israel drove his chariots like a madman? Manasseh, Ahasuerus, Zimri, Jehu

4. Who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Chaldeans? David, Darius, Daniel, Daegel

5. What place was known as the "Land of Promise"? Israel, Canaan, Babylon, New Jerusalem

6. Who was the brother of Moses? Noah, Aaron, Eli, Seth

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Hands, 3) Jehu, 4) Darius, 5) Canaan, 6) Aaron Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.



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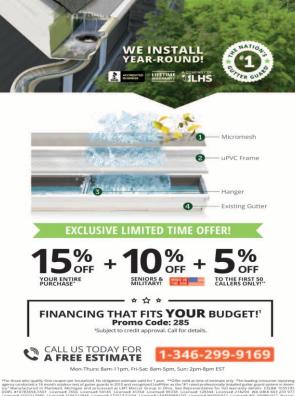




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## SPORTS PAGE

# FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 3: **Aggies host Miami in meeting of ranked teams:** Texans head to Denver to take on Wilson's Broncos

begins Sept. 23-24.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review Week 1's results, which were average. A 6-6 start to the season (50%), is nothing to gloat about.

I'll try and do better heading forward.

Now, onto this weekend's games.

### NCAA

Georgia at South Carolina: Well, I guess Georgia is beginning to look a lot like Alabama, they don't rebuild, they just reload. Despite losing 15 players to the NFL, Georgia did not miss a beat in their season-opening 49-3 pasting of No. 11-ranked Oregon in their season opener. The Bulldogs looked strong on both sides of the ball as quarterback Stetson Bennett IV threw for 368 yards and two touchdowns in the route of the Ducks. Running back Kenny McIntosh hauled in 9 passes for 117 yards, while the defense came up with two interceptions. This week they face a South Carolina team that has high hopes this year behind OU transfer QB Spencer Rattler (227 yards, 1 TD in the Gamecock's season-opening win). Look for the 'Dawgs to roll in this one. My pick, Georgia 34, South Carolina 17

Oklahoma at Nebras**ka**: Back in the day, this was one of the most anticipated games when these two met in the Big 8. The winner usually won the conference and headed to the Orange Bowl. My, how times have changed. While OU has been a consistent winner since these two teams were in the same conference, while Nebraska has struggled since its move to the Big 10. Cornhusker head coach Scott Frost's seat is blazing hot after losing the opener to Northwestern in Ireland. Nebraska did pick up a 38-17 win in Week 2. UT transfer Casey Thompson (548 yards, 3 TDs) and running back Anthony Grant (290 yards, 4 TDs) will both need to bring their "A" games on Saturday if they hope to pull off the upset. OU opened the season with a 45-13 win over UTEP as new QB Dillon Gabriel threw for 233 yards and 2 TDs, while running back Eric Gray rushed for 102 yards and fellow back Marcus Major scored two rushing TDS. Look for the Sooners to make things even more miserable for Frost and his team come Saturday. My pick, Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 23 UTSA at Texas: Texas opened its season with a convincing 52-10 over Louisiana-Monroe as new starting QB Quinn Ewers passed for 225 yards and two TDs and found a new weapon in tight end Ja'Tavion Sanders, who caught six passes for 85 yards and one TD. Running back Bijan Robinson added 71 yards on the ground and a score. While the 'Horns were rolling, the Roadrunners put up a quality effort against Houston before falling 37-35 in triple overtime. UTSA QB Frank Harris proved he's a dual threat as he rushed for 63 yards and a touchdown and passed for 337 yards and three scores. Texas had better not look past the Roadrunners, because if they do, they might get embarrassed at home. This should be a competitive game, but look for Robinson's legs to make the difference in this one. My pick, Texas 33, UTSA 28 Penn State at Auburn: For the second time in three weeks, Penn State hits the road and this time they travel to the SEC to face Auburn. PSU opened the season with a thrilling 35-31 win at Purdue, while Auburn took care of Mercer, 42-16. The Nittany Lions were led by QB Sean



Clifford, who passed for 282 yards and four TDs in the win over Purdue, while wide receiver Mitchell Tinsley hauled in 7 catches for 84 yards and a score and tight end Brenton Stranger caught two passes for 77 yards and a TD. Auburn will count on running back Tank Bigsby (147 yards, 2 TDS in the Mercer win) to lead the way for an Auburn team that needs a marquee win. My pick, Auburn 23, Penn State 21

Miami at Texas A&M: If the Aggies are going to be serious about contending for a spot in the College Football Playoff (CFP), a win over a ranked Miami team could be a huge resume enhancer. A lot of experts believe Miami could be a very dangerous team this year led by Van Dyke at QB, who should play at the next level. The 'Canes are under the direction of firstyear head coach Mario Cristobal, a no-nonsense head coach who returned to his alma mater after a stint at Oregon's head coach. Miami also has a strong running game led by Henry Parrish (108 yards, 3 TDs in season opener). A&M's run game was nonexistent in the season opener as star running back Devon Achane was held to just 41 yards. Quarterback Haynes King had a nice game passing for 364 yards and three TDs. Wide receiver Ainas Smith hauled in six passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns, while Yulkeith Brown grabbed two passes for 68 yards and a score. Fisher needs Achane to get untracked if his team is going to come away with the win on Saturday night at Kyle Field. Something tells me Achane will be the difference maker against Miami on Saturday. My pick, Texas A&M 31, Miami 25

its hands full trying to contain Cinci QB Joe Burrow (4,611 yards, 34 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (1,205 yards, 16 total TDs) and wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase (81 receptions, 1,455 yards, 13 TDS). Dallas will need to keep the Bengals offense off the field, so look for the Pokes to give the Bengals defense a steady dose of running back Ezekiel Elliott (1,002 yards, 12 TDs) and Tony Pollard. If the running game softens up the Bengal defense, then QB Dak Prescott (4,449 yards, 37 TDs) should be able to find star WR CeeDee Lamb (79 receptions, 1,102 yards, 6 TDs) for some big strikes down field. This should be another wild one to watch. My pick, Dallas 33, Cincinnati 31

Houston at Denver: The Texans travel to the Mile High City to face the Broncos and their new QB, Russell Wilson (3,113 yards, 25 TDs). Bronco fans are hyped about the prospects of Wilson returning Denver to the playoffs and he has some nice, young weapons to work with in second-year running back Javonte Williams (903 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Courtland Sutton (58 receptions, 776 yards, 2 TDs). The Texans will need a big day from rookie running back Damien Pierce, the star of training camp, to take pressure off of QB Davis Mills (2,664 yards, 16 TDs). If the Texans hope to pull off the upset, Mills and WR Brandin Cooks (90 receptions, 1,037 yards, 6 TDs) will need to make plays in the passing game. This will be Wilson's first home game so look for him to have a big day against the Houston defense. My pick,

good AFC matchup in the early Monday Night Football game pits the Titans against the Bills in Buffalo's home opener. Many are picking the Bills to win the AFC and the Super Bowl this year and taking down a quality AFC foe in Tennessee could do a lot for the Bills confidence. Buffalo will be led by QB Josh Allen (4,407 yards, 36 TDs/763 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Stefon Diggs (103 receptions, 1,225 yards, 10 TDs). If running back Devon Singletary improves and gives the Bills a lift on the ground, then the Bills could be downright unstoppable on offense this year.

Tennessee at Buffalo: A

Look for the Titans to give the Bills a steady dose of running back Derrick Henry (937 yards, 10 TDs in just 10 games) to take pressure off of QB Ryan Tannehill (3,734 yards, 21 TDs)., who will be without his play-making WR now that A.J. Brown (63 receptions, 869 yards, 5 TDs) is now a Philadelphia Eagle. The Bills' fans will be at fever pitch having had all day to "prepare" for the home opener. My pick, Buffalo 26, Tennessee 18

Minnesota at Philadelphia: The Eagles host the Vikings in the MNF nightcap in their home opener. Philly fans are hoping third-year QB Jalen

Hurts (3,144 yards, 16 TDs/ 784 rushing yards, 10 TDs) progresses in Year 3 and become a bonafide NFL starting QB. We shall see. The addition of Brown to pair with speedy secondyear WR Devonta Smith (64 receptions, 916 yards, 5 TDs) should help in the passing game. Minnesota will once again be led by QB Kirk Cousins (4,221 yards, 33 TDs), running back Dalvin Cook (1,159 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (108 receptions, 1,616 yards, 10 TDs). Look for Hurts to have a big night in the home opener as the Eagles cruise by the Vikings. My pick, Philadelphia 33, Minnesota 23

# **Two Aldine football players** named to TD Club of **Houston Pre-Season team**



RYAN NIBLETT receives the award from former NFL Head Coach Wade Phillips

Eisenhower, Nimitz Aug. 17 at the Bayou City Football Players Named to TD Club of Houston's Pre-Season Team

Aldine ISD had two varsity football players named to the Touchdown Club of Houston's UIL All Greater Houston High School Pre-Season.

The team was announced at the TD Club of committed to the Univer-Houston Touchdowner of sity of Texas, while Huff



Eisenhower High School wide receiver Nimitz High defensive back CORY HUFF receives the award from former NFL Head Coach Wade Phillips.

has verbally committed to Baylor University.

Both Niblett and Huff are seniors and each started for their respective teams as juniors.

During the event, Niblett and Huff had their pictures taken with former NFL Head Coach Wade Phillips, who was honored as the Touchdowner of the Year during the event.

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### Los Angeles Chargers

at Kansas City: A good one to start Week 2 as the Chargers visit the Chiefs in an early-season AFC West showdown. The Chargers believe they have the pieces in place on both sides of the ball to wrestle the AFC West title away from the Chiefs and they can make an earlyseason statement with a win on the road Thursday evening. This game will feature two of the best young QBs in the NFL as LA's Justin Herbert (5,014 yards, 38 TDs) take on KC's Patrick Mahomes (4,839 yards, 37 TDs). The KC defense will have its hands full trying to corral Herbert, running back Austin Ekeler (911 rushing yards, 70 receptions, 647 yards, 20 total TDs in 2021) and wide receivers Keenan Allen (106 receptions, 1,138 yards, 6 TDs) and Mike Williams (76 receptions, 1,146 yards, 9 TDs). If the Chargers hope to pull off the upset, they must contain KC tight end Travis Kelce (92 receptions, 1,125 yards, 10 TDs). Kelce will continue to be Maho mes' go-to receiver now that Tyreek Hill is with the Dolphins. This should be a fun game to watch with plenty of offensive fireworks. The Chiefs are not going to give up their seat as the top dog in the AFC West without a fight, which the Chargers will discover come Thursday night. My pick, Kansas City 34, Los Angeles Chargers 31

**Cincinnati at Dallas**: After opening the season against Tom Brady and Tampa Bay, the Cowboys face another tough test when they host the defending AFC champion Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday afternoon at AT&T Stadium. The Dallas defense will have Denver 34, Houston 20

Tampa Bay at New Orleans: Tom Brady (5,316 yards, 43 TDs) and the Bucs play their second straight road game when they take on the Saints in an NFC South contest on Sunday. The Saints have won five straight against Brady and TB over the last two years and you know that does not sit well with the GOAT. Look for Brady to come out firing as he looks to make plays with wide receiver Mike Evans (74 receptions, 1,035 yards, 14 TDs), while running back Leonard Fournette (812 yards, 69 receptions, 454 yards, 10 total TDs) gets things done on the ground. The Saints will need a big day from running back Alvin Kamara (898 yards, 47 receptions, 439 yards, 9 total TDs), but it won't be enough as Brady brings an end to NO's dominance over his team. My pick, Tampa Bay 27. New Orleans 17

Arizona at Las Vegas: The Arizona Cardinals travel to the City of Lost Wages to face a Raiders team that is looking to battle for the AFC West title. Vegas made one of the biggest moves in the offseason when it traded for one of the league's best wide receivers in Davante Adams (123 receptions, 1,553 yards, 11 TDs) to give QB Derek Carr (4,804 yards, 23 TDs) a huge target in the passing game. With Adams in tow, the rest of the Raiders offense should flourish as running back Josh Jacobs (879 yards, 9 TDs) and slot receiver Hunter Renfroe should have big seasons. Arizona will once again be led by dual threat QB Kyler Murray (3,787 yards, 24 TDs/423 rushing yards, 5 TDs). He will get help from running back James Conner (752 yards, 18 total TDs). Look for Carr and Adams to have big days as the Raiders roll in their home opener on Sunday. My pick, Las Vegas 34, Arizona 18

## Ninth Annual Sonny Donaldson **Golf Tournament to benefit** Aldine Education Foundation

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ALDINE – The ninth annual M.B. "Sonny' Donaldson Golf Tournament, benefiting the Aldine Education Foundation (AEF) will be held on Thursday, October 27, at Tour 18 (3102 FM 1960 East, Humble TX 77338).

The Aldine Education Foundation is 10 years old, and grateful that since 2014, the tournament has funded more than \$475,000 for programs improving educational opportunities for Aldine ISD students and teachers.

"I am so proud of everything our past and current board members and volunteers have accomplished for the students of Aldine ISD. We are ready to continue our journey to help in a greater way during this special anniver-

sary," said Aldine Education Foundation Director Linda Flores Olson.

The event is organized by the Aldine Education Foundation Board and community members. Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney said, "These fine folks are big advocates for community involvement in improving education for our students. These volunteers and donors definitely make a difference in our District."

The funds raised at the golf tournament will continue providing muchneeded dollars for student scholarships.

Former Aldine ISD Superintendent, and the event's namesake, Sonny Donaldson will be on hand to welcome guests and sponsors.



### Lone Star College awarded grant for Student Career Planning Initiative

Houston (July 13, 2022) – Lone Star College was awarded a \$324,792 grant by the Texas Workforce Investment Council in the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism. The funding will be used to develop the LSC Strategic Engagement for Student Career Planning Initiative which will serve both Harris and Montgomery counties.

"Texas continues to lead the nation as the best state for business thanks to our young, growing, skilled and diverse workforce," said Governor Greg Abbott in a prepared statement. "Meeting the changing needs of Texas businesses by providing a continuing pipeline of workers with in-demand skills is paramount to ensure expanding economic opportunity in communities across the state."

The grant will provide workforce and job readiness planning to first-generation students in the areas of manufacturing, information technology, business, visual communications and health care.

"The primary objective of this initiative is to connect our students to the employers who need them," said Linda Leto Head, LSC Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, External and Employer Relations. "Online recruitment tools often screen students from the interview process and is getting even more difficult since the pandemic with recruiters and sources not in their office. The project will target first-generation students

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> LSC welcomed more than 9,000 first time in college students in fall 2021, representing 11% of the total population.

> "One unique aspect of this program is the workshops and training that will be offered to consider starting their own business," said Carlecia Wright, LSC Chief Diversity Officer. "Students will have access to networking techniques, business plan advice, Houston economy orientation and funding opportunities."

> Fall registration is currently underway. Learn more about the many opportunities available by visiting LoneStar.edu.

> Lone Star College offers high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education to 93,000+ students each semester. LSC is training tomorrow's workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2021 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and ranked 35th in Texas in the Forbes 'America's Best Employers By State' list. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

# Honors College at Lone Star College provides pathway to a bright future

Houston (July 14, 2022) – Leah Sullivan's higher education journey began early in life.

"I started at Lone Star College my freshman year of high school," said Sullivan. "I was looking for a place to further my education that was close by and the resources and accessibility of Lone Star College appealed to me."

Sullivan was homeschooled while taking dual credit classes at LSC-Tomball. Dual credit allows students to enroll in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and high school. It was while taking classes that Sullivan was introduced to The Honors College at LSC by two of her faculty mentors, as well as fellow classmates.

"My experiences at The Honors College prepared me incredibly well to attend a four-year university," said Sullivan. "I loved how the small class sizes and one-on-one mentor-



LEAH SULLIVAN

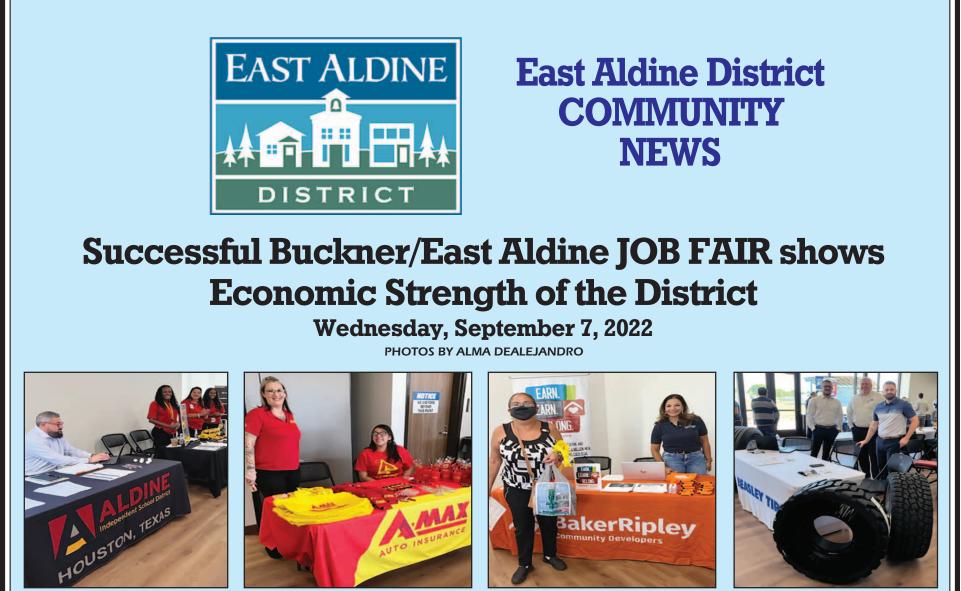
ship with faculty allowed me to flourish and figure out what I wanted to do next."

Sullivan studied Biology while attending LSC and will attend the University of Texas at Dallas with a Eugene McDermott Scholarship which provides a student required tuition and fees, stipends for housing during their first year and leadership training. Sullivan plans to earn a Bachelor of Science in Data Science with a minor in Molecular Biology and is also interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in Bioinformatics or a related field.

"Students like Leah are provided academic options while at The Honors College that enrich their total college experience," said Katharine Caruso, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor, Honors and International Education. "These opportunities include travel, off-campus educational and cultural events, service-learning opportunities, conferences and special seminars."

Fall registration is underway. Learn more about all the opportunities LSC has to offer by visiting LoneStar.edu.

"The research and experiences you get are unique and the people you meet are truly kind, intelligent, ambitious and supportive," said Sullivan. "Besides the obvious benefit of making your application eye-catching, joining The Honors College allows you to be more prepared for your next step, whether that is continuing to a four-year university or joining the workforce."



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