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# NORTHEAST XIEWS



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### NEWS NOTES

#### **B.A.A. MARKS CONSTITUTION AND CITIZENSHIP DAY**

## Aldine citizens celebrate special day

#### Tejano Night in East Aldine Saturday Sept. 24

East Aldine District hosts an all-Tejano night at Town Center Amphitheater, Saturday Sept. 24 from 7pm to 11pm. Live Music by David Olivarez and Grupo Delirio, Los MP DE Culiacan, and Los Prisioneros Del Norte. Bring a blanket and a chair for the amphitheater grass seating.

At 5pm the Heavenly Cruisers Car Show also takes place, with Food, Comida, and a Mechanical Bull. Free Event, come with the family. Exposicion de Autos & DJ Dee Zamora. All at the Town Center, 2909 Amphitheater Drive off Aldine Mail Route.

ALDINE - Bonding Against Adversity (BAA) celebrated its first CON-STITUTION and CITI-ZENSHIP DAY last Saturday, September 17, along with community sponsors and partners East Aldine District. Univision, Harris County Sheriff's Office, LSC--East Aldine, Aldine ISD, Stampede, Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Gracia, HEB as well as many volunteers and BAA board members.

Events for this special day included a Patriotic parade from MacArthur High School to the East Aldine Town Center, patriotic speeches by our government representatives, and presentations of scholarships, awards, and certificates of recognition.

Bonding Against Adversity was founded 12 years



Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia presents a flag flown over the U.S.Capitol to Mariana Sanchez of BAA.

ago and its mission is "Help Others Help Themselves", one of our main programs is helping legal persons become citizens and that is why we celebrate CONSTITUTION and CITIZENSHIP DAY, said BAA Chief Operation Officer, Mariana Sanchez. Constitution day is cele-

brated since 1787 on September 17 and last Saturday's event was the kick off of an annual CONSTITUTION DAY celebration day that Bonding Against Adversity plans to continue celebrating to encourage new Americans to reflect their responsibilities of citizenship.



MacArthur Honor Guard presents the colors at the beginning of the ceremonies.

Aldine ISD MacArthur High, REED Academy and Orange Groove choir schools took part in this celebration with presentations.

Rep. Sylvia Garcia presented a USA flag that flew in the United Satate Capitol, Washington D.C.; also, Harris County Judge

Lina Hidalgo's representative, Chris Chu de Leon, presented a proclamation to honor the significant work of BAA.

BAA would like to thank all elected officials, special-

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# HARRIS COUNTY \$ 1.2B BOND County schedules hearings on November Bond vote

#### **OVERVIEW**

On November 8, 2022, voters in Harris County will have the opportunity to vote on three propositions for the issuance of bonds totaling \$1.2 billion. This bond package would provide funding for multiple categories, including public safety facilities, roads, drainage and transportation-related programs, and parks and

At least \$220 million of the bond issuance would be spent in each of the four Harris County precincts for Transportation, and Parks and Trails projects. The \$100 million in public safety investments will be countywide. The bond funds cannot be used outside the three categories on the ballot, nor may they be used to fund day-to-day operations.

We are collecting com-

munity input through meetings, online tools and comment submissions. This input will be shared with Harris County Precinct staff as they make decisions regarding future projects that could be funded through these bonds. For more on key dates and other information related to the November election, v i s i t h t t p://www.harrisvotes.com.

## Bond allocation categories include:

#### PROPOSITION A: PUBLIC SAFETY Up to \$100 million

Investments may support public safety facilities and technology, including law enforcement facilities, courtrooms, backup generators and improved data systems for court management and crime prevention.

## munity input through meetings, online tools and comment submissions. This input will be shared PROPOSITION B: TRANSPORTATION Up to \$900 million

Investments may include road rehabilitation and added capacity; roadway and neighborhood drainage improvements; walking, biking, and mass transit access; and safety projects to reduce transportation-related fatalities and injuries.

#### PROPOSITION C: PARKS & TRAILS Up to \$200 million

Investments may include new construction and/or maintenance of parks facilities and trails, including floodable parks, trail projects, and inclusive parks for people with disabilities.

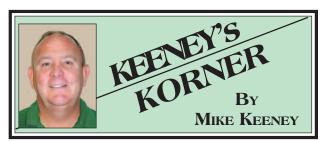
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## FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 4: Aldine ISD teams begin Di

# Aldine ISD teams begin District 14-6A play: Big 12, SEC teams begin conference schedules

The games starting counting for real beginning this weekend for Aldine ISD's five varsity football program as District 14-6A play begins. Aldine High, Davis High, Eisenhower High, MacArthur High and Nimitz High will be contending with the three Spring ISD schools (DeKaney, Spring and Westfield) for the league's four playoff spots.

In the NCAA, the Big 12 and SEC begin their conference seasons as the Aggies look to challenge Alabama for the top spot in the SEC West, while Texas hopes to use the momentum it picked up in its 20-19 to No. 1ranked two weeks ago carries into league play. The Aggies, who lost at home to Appaliachian State two weeks ago, face a solid Arkansas team in Arlington at AT&T Stadium, while Texas travels to Lubbock to face



a surprising Texas Tech team. The Red Raiders and first-year head coach Joey McGuire pulled off a 33-30 overtime win over the Houston Cougars two weeks ago and this week Tech fans will be hoping to pull off another upset against one of their biggest rivals.

In the NFL, the Texans hit the road for the second straight week when they face the Bears in Chicago. The Texans dominated the Colts for three quarters in the season opener, leading 20-3, heading into the final quarter. Just when you thought this would be

a new and improved Houston team, the Texans reverted to their old selves and allowed the Colts to tie the game with a 17-point outburst in the final quarter. Both teams had chances to win it in OT, but both came away empty. Indy missed a field goal, and first-year head coach Lovie Smith decided against going for it on fourth-and-three from inside the 50 vard line with 26 seconds left in OT. Why not give go for it, run one or two more

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### **COMMUNITY** WATCH

### Sheriff raids illegal game room/after-hours club on **Reeveston in Aldine**

ALDINE — An illegal game room was raided Friday morning in north Harris County.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said the after-hours club and game room were in the Aldine area on Reeveston Drive near Lauder. Investigators found weapons, drugs, and alcohol inside the operation. Gonzalez also said there was a chop shop and an area that may have been used for sex trafficking.

"Great work by all in disrupting a serious criminal enterprise that operates adjacent to a residential neighborhood," Gonzalez said on

I'm out with @HCSOTexas team members, @hcfmo@HarrisCountyDAO@steare13 and other partners for enforcement action at an illegal after-hours club/game room operation located at the 13900 blk of Reeveston Drive (Aldine area), near Lauder. Great work by all in disrupting a 1/2 pic.twitter.com/Qs1NqpBDor

— Ed Gonzalez (@SheriffEd\_HCSO)



Photos furnished by the Harris County Sheriff's Office show illegal game machines, and possible other illegal activities as outlined in the story. Sheriff Ed Gonzalez termed this "a serious criminal enterprise" and said their were signs of illegal sex acvitiy, drug use, and even a chop shop for dismantling stolen cars.

### **AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS**

#### **LOS CANTANTES DE MARIACHI LOS CAIMANES**

Join us for a special story time, live performance, and craft activity. Monday, Sept. 19, 11am.

#### **KIDS CLUB**

Kids Club is back this Wednesday, Sept. **21 at 4:30pm!** Come and have some fun!

#### **BILINGUAL STORY TIME**

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

#### MOVIE NIGHT!

Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6pm is all about Encanto! We will watch the movie and do related crafts!

**TEEN THURSDAYS** Teen Thursdays are Join on Thursday afternoons starting

#### at 3:30pm. Drop on in!

**LECTORES AVIDOS** Monthly Spanish book club meets Saturday,

#### **CRAFTY CORNER**

Sept. 24 at 10am.

We are celebrating Hispanic Heritage with our Loteria Key Chain craft! Families (ages 7 and up) join us Saturday, Sept. 24 at 1:30pm.

**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 li-

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

#### **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**

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://</u> www.hcpl.net/services/ passport-services

#### **E-NEWSLETTER**

Sign up to get our newsletter delivered straight to your mailbox each month! http:// eepurl.com/h3wOXH

#### **SMARTPHONE WORKSHOP**

Do you have a smartphone but don't quite understand how to use it? Join us to learn how to use all the great features of your phone and maintain peak performance. Our first session is Sept. 23, 4-5:30pm and we will cover what to look for when purchasing a smartphone. Call us to register: 832-927-5410.

MICHELLE PICHON LIBRARY PROGRAM **SPECIALIST HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** ALDINE BRANCH LIBRARY 11331 AIRLINE DR. **HOUSTON, TX 77037** 832-927-5410

## **HARRIS COUNTY \$1.2B BOND** County schedules hearings on November Bond vote

2022 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE Dates and locations are subject to change.

#### **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19**

Sept 19 6pm - White Oak Conference Center 7603 Antoine Dr Building A, Houston, TX 77088 Precinct 1

Sept 20 6pm - JD Walker Community Center 7613 Wade St, Houston, TX 77521 Precinct 2

Sept 21 6pm - Lily Reception Hall 17118 W Little York Rd Suite 105, Houston, TX 77084 Precinct 4

Sept 22 6pm - Tom Bass Senior Center 15108 Cullen Blvd, Houston, TX 77047 Precinct 1

#### **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26**

Sept 26 6pm - Gulfton Sharpstown Campus 6500 Rookin St, Houston, TX 77074 Precinct 4

6pm - Jersey Village Civic Center 16327 Lakeview Dr, Jersey Village, Texas 77040

6pm - James Driver Park 10918 Bentley St, Houston, TX 77093 Precinct 2

12pm - Virtual Meeting

6pm - Tomball Community Center 221 Market St, Tomball, TX 77375Precinct 3

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 2** Oct 3

6pm - Shirley Acres 217 Woerner Rd, Houston, TX 77090 Precinct 3

6pm - Humble Civic Center 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Houston, TX 77338 Oct 5

6pm - Dream Palace Banquet Hall 11225 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX 77099

6pm - Fountain Life Center 14083 S Main St, Houston, TX 77035

#### **WEEK OF OCTOBER 9**

Oct 10 6pm - Bellaire Civic Center 7008 S Rice Ave, Bellaire, TX 77401

6pm - Alegria Gardens at Clay 18311 Clay Rd, Houston, TX 77084 Precinct 4

12pm - Virtual Meeting

10am - Felix L. Baldree Community Center 13828 Corpus Christi St, Houston, TX 77015 Precinct 2

#### **WEEK OF OCTOBER 16** Oct 17

6pm - BakerRipley Pasadena Campus 720 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77504 Precinct 2

Oct 18 12pm - Virtual Meeting

6pm - Virtual Meeting

12pm - Virtual Meeting

6pm - Virtual Meeting

Oct 20 12pm - Virtual Meeting 6pm - Virtual Meeting

## HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

#### **CELEBRATING BANNED**

**BOOKS WEEK:** In honor of Banned Books Week, and our shared commitment to fight censorship, Harris County Public Library is honored to welcome Houston Poet Laureate, National Poet Laureate Fellow, Outspoken Bean, for a spoken word poetry performance he has created for this occasion. Join us for this live, engaging, thought provoking, conversations about creative exploration, and entertaining performance at the High Meadows Branch Library on Wednesday, September

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

21, at 6:00 PM.

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 creativ- a craft with us! Every ity through different art Thursday at 1:30pm. 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 sci-

ence 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

**ROBLOX TOURNAMENT:** We will be hosting a Roblox Tournament on September 23rd. Registration for this tournament begins on Friday, Septem-

ber 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-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 vou 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

## This Year's Hispanic Heritage Month Honors Hispanic Heroes



ALDINE Independent School District

#AISDHHM22

AISDHHM2022 will celebrate Hispanics' diversity, culture, traditions, and contributions.

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates a diverse group of people. They trace their roots to Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

Of the district's student population, nearly 75% are Hispanic. They represent many Spanish-speaking countries.

From September 15 to October 15, Aldine ISD, along with the rest of the country, celebrates the achievements and contributions of the Hispanic community. This year's theme celebrates Héroes Hispanos (Hispanic Heroes).

#### District Administrative Activities

While students in schools will enjoy planned activities, district leaders will also take part in celebrating the rich, diverse cultures and traditions of Hispanics. Special events and activities will be held at the Donaldson Administration Building (DAB) and the Bamberg Professional Development and Resource Center (BAM). Staff at both buildings will receive an email internally with full details on how they can join and take part in the activities planned.

#### **Planned Activities**

Week of September 15-16: Book Lotería

Week of Sept. 19-23: District art students will create cultural art walls representative of Héroes Hispanos. The world of visual and performing arts, science, literature, and sports will be represented. The cultural art wall displays will be at the DAB and BAM buildings until October 15.

*Sept. 23:* Dress up as your favorite Héroe Hispano (Hispanic Hero), this year's theme.

Week of Sept. 26-30: Best-selling and award-winning author Matt de la Peña will be the keynote speaker for a virtual lunch and learn event on Sept. 30.

Week of October 3-7: Hispanic food will be served during ILT on October 6, and AISD's Mariachi Acero will perform.

Week of Oct. 10-14: Participants in Book Club will read and discuss this year's book, Emily Francis' If You Only Knew: Letters From an Immigrant Teacher, on Oct. 11. Staff that sign up will receive a copy of the book and materials.

#### Share on Social Media

Be sure to share on social media how you celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Include the hashtags #AISDH-HM22, #AldineConnected, or #AldineConectado.

#### A Few Facts

Spanish has the second largest number of speakers around the world. From Asia to the Americas, many places speak Spanish, with over 500 million speakers worldwide.

From Spanish-speaking countries in Africa to Spanish-speaking countries in Asia, the number of Spanish speakers worldwide is growing.

According to the Pew Research Centre, in the U.S. alone, the number of speakers has grown by an enormous 233% since 1980. The Cervantes Institute predicts that the population in officially Spanish-speaking nations will reach 750 million by 2050.

#### By the Numbers

\*Spanish is second only to Chinese in terms of the most spoken languages in the world.

\*According to the official US census, the United States will have the highest number of Spanish speakers in the world after Mexico by 2060, and around 28.6% of the population will be Hispanic.



\*Houston's Hispanic population is increasing rapidly as more Latin American immigrants move to the area to work. Houston now has the 3rd largest Hispanic population in the United States after New York and Los Angeles

#### Brief History About Hispanic Heritage Day

President Lyndon B. Johnson first introduced National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. As cited in President Johnson's 1968 Proclamation, September 15 is when five Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua — earned their independence from Spain in 1821. Mexico, Chile, and Belize became independent on September 16, September 18, and September 21 from Spain and the United Kingdom, respectively.

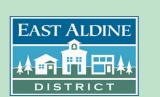
We Are More Alike Than Different

Hispanic and Latino-Americans can have European, Jewish, African, Asian, and indigenous ancestry.

Celebrate!

The district encourages everyone to learn about Hispanics' various cultures, customs, traditions, and history.

Take Pride in our Community Keep it Clean



## Thinking About the Next Step After High School? Join Us for College Night on October 10



Connecting students be college is one of the district's priorities. Aldine ISD will host College Night to inspire students to pursue and achieve higher education. The district invites the community to attend.

#### College Night

Monday, October 106-8 p.m.M.O. Campbell Educational Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Rd.

During College Night, students can meet with representatives from postsecondary and higher education institutions to ask questions and plan for their future.

\*In-state and out-of-state colleges and universities

\*Community and junior colleges

\*Technical and trade schools

\*Educational opportunities in various branches of the military

Students can learn about the admissions process, academics, financial aid, and activities.

Families and students can move from table to table, collecting brochures, college swag, and advice on application procedures and what posthigh school could look like for them. In addition to the colleges and universities, there will be several scholarship organizations and business booths.

The district's Postsecondary Outcomes Department is organizing the event.

### PARENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



For parents of students in the bilingual or ESL program

Aldine ISD has designed a year long program to support parents in building trust as their children

transition to higher education institutions such as college. The courses will empower parents/legal

guardians to advance their education, careers, and life aspirations. Parents will also "graduate" with the

skills necessary to effectively communicate with educators.

The Academy for parents of students in the bilingual or ESL program will offer a year long course to help support our parents.

#### Workshop topics include:

\*Supporting learning at home \*Choice Schools and other special

\*Choice Schools and other spe district programs

- \*Counseling services
- \*Bullying
- \*Special education services \*Aldine Home Access Center (HAC)

All workshops will be in person. The Academy will meet once a month,

Spaces are limited.

Dates and locations for our upcoming parent training sessions:

#### Friday, September 30

M.O. Campbell Center (MOC)

Room 104 - 1865 Aldine Bender Rd.

Friday, October 21

MOC - East Concessions

Thursday, November 10

MOC - East Concessions **Tuesday, January 31** 

MOC - Room 104

Friday, February 24

Child Nutrition Center (CNC) -Room 101 1802

Aldine Bender Rd,

Thursday, March 23 CNC - Room 101

Thursday, April 20

CNC - Room 101

Thursday, May 4

CNC - Room 101



### ★ OPINION PAGE ★



#### Republican Commissioners Force Reconsideration of Proposed Budget

Republican Commissioners Force Reconsideration of Proposed Budget Intended to Reduce the Tax Rate for Homeowners and Increase Pay for Law Enforcement

Lower tax rates for homeowners and pay increases for law enforcement threatened after Republican Commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey boycott meeting to adopt budget

Harris County, Texas—(September 13, 2022)—Republican Harris County Commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey dodged Commissioners Court to prevent the approval of the proposed County budget that would reduce the tax rate for homeowners and increase pay for law enforcement. State law requires a quorum of four of the five members of Commissioners Court is required to pass the budget.

Cagle and Ramsey's boycott puts partisan politics before the people of Harris County. The stunt could hinder critical county operations for this upcoming fiscal year, as it could force drastic cuts for essential county services, including public health, justice and safety, and the lowering of the property tax rate.

While the GOP continuously attacks Judge Hidalgo, falsely accusing her of defunding law enforcement agencies, it's their actions that are preventing the allocation of public safety funds. The budget that was halted today by Cagle and Ramsey allocates \$1.4B towards justice and safety. This includes a \$96.7 million increase for sheriffs and constable offices, including funding for at least 35 new violent crime investigators, 100 new detention officers, and 22 new prosecutors for the district attorney. Frontline police officers would also get a more than 6% raise.

Prioritizing political power over the people they were elected to serve could prompt hiring and spending freezes across all County departments. This could mean losing funding equivalent to the salaries of almost 300 Harris County Sheriff's deputies and more than 350 detention officers. For Harris County Constables, funding could be reduced to the equivalent of about 200 deputies. Lastly, the county would no longer be able to provide pay raises for frontline officers.

Since 2019, Judge Hidalgo has led Commissioners Court in decreasing the tax rate by 7.72% for homeowners and increasing the public safety budget by 23%.

Visit linahidalgo.com to learn more about campaign priorities and Lina's track-record. Stay up-to-date with the Hidalgo campaign by following us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

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#### ABOUT LINA HIDALGO:

Judge Lina Hidalgo is the first woman, and the first Latina, to be elected to Harris County Judge. As the head of Harris County's governing body and Director of the Harris County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, she oversees a budget of over \$4 billion which funds critical services and infrastructure including public safety, flood control and Harris Health System. Hidalgo immigrated with her family to Houston from Colombia in 2005. She earned a degree in political science from Stanford University, and completed joint degree coursework in law and public policy at New York University and Harvard, prior to being elected in 2018. The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and The Institute of Politics at Harvard University honored Hidalgo with the prestigious John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award for her swift and effective COVID-19 response. She also earned the Jack Brooks Foundation Leadership Award for her efforts to protect voting rights and access. Other distinguished honors include "TIME 100 Next" by TIME Magazine, Forbes "30 Under 30," and Fortune "40 under 40."

NOTE: Next week we will publish the opposing view on this Subject.

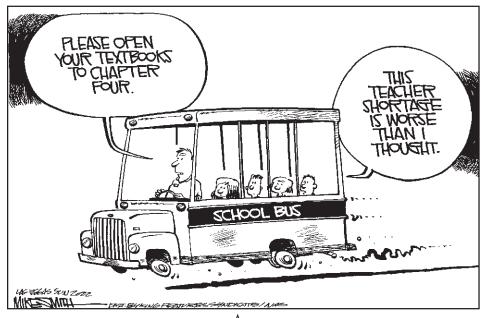
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# LETTERS To The Editor

## Comment on Sheriff's raid of Game Room in Aldine

To those of you who feel as though law enforcement is wasting resources by going after game rooms which are operating illegally, can I remind you that if you notice a crack in your wall, you don't hang a picture in front of it. You don't cover the wall with paneling or wallpaper, you go and repair the foundation of your home. The only way we take back our communities is by tackling crimes one at a time. I am thankful for the work that is being done by our law enforcement throughout Harris County.

arris County. --Charlotte Jackson



## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

## Poll: Most Texas Teachers Consider Quiting

More than threefourths of Texas teachers say they have seriously considered quitting the profession largely because of a perceived lack of respect and support, according to a new survey by the Charles Butt Foundation. Excessive workload and inadequate pay were other major reasons that teachers are considering leaving, The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets reported. The percentage of teachers considering quitting has risen to 77% this year from 58% in 2020, when the foundation conducted the first survey on the subject. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas has experienced a teacher shortage that prompted the Texas Education Agency to form a task force to address the issue. No official findings have been released. The statewide survey included 1,291 public school teachers drawn randomly from TEA's 2020 roster of teachers. Among those teachers who seriously thought about leaving the profession, 68% updated their resumes, while about onethird applied for another job. "This isn't just teachers not feeling satisfied," research associate Victoria Wang told The Morning News. "They're actively taking steps to leave the classroom."The foundation is named for the CEO of H-E-B, the largest privately held employer in Texas. Its goal is "pursuing a more equitable and prosperous future for all Texans," according to its website.

#### DROUGHT CONDITIONS EASE IN STATE

Welcome rains across the state have eased drought conditions, with 62.3% of the state in moderate to severe drought, affecting about a third of the state's population, according to drought.gov. That is down from the end of June, when drought conditions covered 86% of the state.Most of East Texas and South Texas and the El Paso area are no longer experiencing drought. Severe drought remains prevalent around the San



Antonio and Midland-Odessa areas and eastward to the Abilene region.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCT. 11

**DEADLINE IS OCT. 11** Eligible Texans who plan to vote in the Nov. 8 general election must be registered by Oct. 11, according to Texas Secretary of State John Scott. While voter registration in Texas is county based, Texans can make sure they're registered by visiting the secretary of state's Am I Registered portal: <a href="https://">https://</a> tinyurl.com/ 4wcn4b9x.Early voting runs from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. A hotly contested governor's race between incumbent Republican Greg Abbott and Democratic challenger Beto O' Rourke is at the top of the ballot. Other statewide races include lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and railroad commissioner. Other races are underway for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, Texas Legislature and assorted local offices. Check with your local elections clerk for a full sample ballot.

#### ABBOTT: ELECTRIC GRID

SAFE THIS FALL

The state's electric grid should have no problem handling power demand this fall, Gov. Greg Abbott said after meeting with members of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Public Utility Commission. A joint meeting was held last week to discuss the issue, although typically there are few challenges to the grid during autumn and spring be-

cause of decreased demand. The new forecast by ERCOT predicts plenty of power available in October and November, despite planned shutdowns by a number of Texas power plants for s c h e d u l e d maintenance."The State of Texas continues to monitor the reliability of our electric grid, and I thank ERCOT and PUC for their hard work to implement bipartisan reforms we passed last year and for their proactive leadership to ensure our grid is stronger than ever before," Abbott said. The grid faced unprecedented demand this summer with tripledigit temperatures across most of the state for weeks on end.

## UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTERS SHIPPING TO

**STATE** The third booster vaccine for COVID-19 is shipping to health-care providers across the state this week, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has allocated about 900,000 doses of the updated boosters to Texas. That figure includes 502,5000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 192,800 doses of the Moderna vaccine available for order by health-care providers. Another 200,000 or so doses will be available through large retail pharmacies, such as H-E-B, CVS. Walgreens and Walmart.The so-called "bivalent" vaccines differ from earlier versions in that they protect against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant that has been responsible for more than 99% of the COVID cases in Texas in the past month, according to DSHS. People can get the updated booster if it has been at least two months since they received the original vaccine or one of the previously offered boosters.

#### COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS DROP

The number of new COVID-9 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University during the past week dropped to 49,326, down about 10% from the previous week, with 133 new deaths reported, also a decrease. DSHS reported 2,440 labconfirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations, just slightly lower than the previous week. Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches andCedarPark. $Email: \underline{gborders@texaspress.com}.$ 



### "Sepia-Toned Teenagers"

"I don't remember you at all!" the portly man informed my husband, Peter.

Peter smiled, introduced himself, and reminded the gentleman where they might have met half a century ago. The man shook his head.

"Nope!"
This was the first

This was the first high school class reunion I had ever attended, and it was filled with moments like that.

I have never gone to my own class reunions. I'm not sure why. I was busy. I lived far away. I never knew more than a tiny fraction of the students in my class. I wasn't all that happy in high school and didn't think of high school as the best three years of my life by a long shot.

Peter, on the other hand, has attended at least three reunions, and was eager to attend this one. He graduated ten years ahead of me, and his class was even bigger than mine. He had his hefty yearbook sitting on the dining room table a week ahead of time, scouring through the black-and-white photos and trying to remember who all these sepia-toned teenagers were.

The reunion was a simple affair and well attended. Everyone wore name tags with very large type, so it was easy to identify people from several feet away.

In high school, Peter looked young for his age. He said he weighed 120 pounds and looked about 12 years old. He was shy and wasn't in a lot of groups. But he had far more memories of his high school peers than I ever had.

"You stole my girlfriend!"
Peter announced to a bewildered classmate. The man blinked and looked at Peter, looked at his name tag, then looked at Peter again. It was clear he had no idea who Peter was and no idea what girlfriend he had stolen.

"I did not!" he answered, reflexively.

"Sure, you did. You remember Linda!" Apparently, the man did not.

"She was blond," Peter prompted. A vague flicker of recognition crossed the man's face.

"I didn't steal her!" he replied. "She was after me for months!"

"Ha!" Peter laughed, dismissing the idea out of hand.

"He did!" Peter later told me. "Then she dumped him for someone else."

I realized how silly I had been, missing my class reunions. I had this idea that by the time I attended a high school reunion, I should be more settled, more secure. I thought the rampant insecurities of high school should be long resolved.

I'm not sure that ever happens. It's unnerving meeting strangers and more so when they are not actually strangers, but people I remember who no longer know me, or people who remember me—and things about me, things I said and did—that I have long forgotten. It makes me vulnerable. It's bound to be awkward.

But it is also a milestone. No one really cares, at this point, if they are remembered or not. No one cares what we do or what we did for a living, or if we've been divorced, or how well we've held up over the years. At this point, a class reunion is simply a rite of passage.

We spent time with these former teenagers, once upon a time, and then we went our separate ways. We are now as different as we could possibly be and yet, at one point, we all sat together in the same classrooms, listened to the same music and wondered what the future would look like.

At a class reunion, we get to find out—and find out it's not that scary after all.

Till next time, Carrie

Photos from the column and a link to YouTube videos can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

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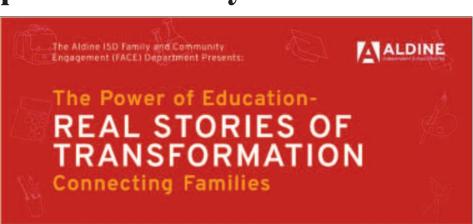
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## El ISD de Aldine brindará sesiones informativas sobre el segundo año de la Universidad para la Familia y la Comunidad



El comienzo del nuevo año escolar también significa el inicio de la Universidad para la Familia y la Comunidad (Family and Community University, FCU), un programa creado por el Departamento de Relaciones con la Familia y la Comunidad (Family and Community **Engagement Depart**ment, FACE) que se centra en ayudar a los padres de los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar Independiente (ISD) de Aldine proporcionando a las familias conocimientos y recursos para generar la confianza y las herramientas necesarias a fin de apoyar a los estudiantes desde el punto de vista académico, social y

emocional. Entre los múltiples éxitos del primer año de la FCU, algunos de los más destacados fueron la primera clase de graduados de la Universidad para la Comunidad, compuesta por 84 padres, algunos de los cuales se inscribieron en clases de Inglés como Segunda Lengua (English as Second language, ESL), sesiones de preparación para el examen de Educación General (General Education Diploma, GED) y clases de conversión al español en el Lone Star College. Además, varios graduados continuaron su carrera como maestros suplentes y paraprofesionales en el AISD. El año escolar 2022-23 será el segundo año del programa, y el FACE pretende aprovechar los éxitos del año anterior.

Con el fin de proporcionar más detalles e información a los padres interesados en inscribirse en el programa, el FACE llevará a cabo tres sesiones distintas. Algunos de los graduados del año pasado darán su testimonio, compartirán su experiencia personal con el programa y hablarán del impacto y los beneficios que este tuvo no solo en ellos, sino también en su familia.

La primera de las tres sesiones tendrá lugar el miércoles 7 de septiembre, de 9:30 a. m. a 10:30 a. m., en La Promesa, 11101 Airline Drive, Houston, TX. 77037. Las siguientes sesiones serán los días 14 y 21 de septiembre, en la Academia Houston, 8103 Carver Road, Houston, TX. 77088 y en la Escuela Primaria Cypresswood, 6901 Cypresswood Point Ave. Humble, TX. 77338, respectivamente. Estas sesiones son gratuitas para todos los interesados en formar parte de la promoción 2022-23.

Las personas interesadas en inscribirse o que deseen obtener más información sobre la FCU deben hacer clic aquí y serán dirigidas al sitio web.

## **Cornelius Harmon Nuevo** Entrenador Principal de la Escuela Secundaria Nimitz



El cambio es inevitable y, en febrero de este año, la Escuela Secundaria Nimitz tomó la decisión crítica de moverse en una dirección diferente con su equipo de fútbol luego de temporadas marcadas por las derrotas durante casi una década. Dicha decisión llevó a la contratación de Cornelius Harmon para asumir el cargo de entrenador principal y coordinador atlético de los Cougars de Nimitz. En solo tres partidos, la ofensiva de los Cougars sumó 114 puntos igualando casi el total de 127 puntos sumados en toda la temporada 2020-2021, por lo que la llegada de Harmon ya se muestra prometedora para lo que vendrá más adelante.

Harmon es originario de Port Arthur, Texas, donde entrenó en su escuela secundaria alma mater Port Arthur Memorial durante nueve años como coordinador ofensivo antes de ser contratado como CO en la escuela secundaria Summer Creek. Durante su período en Summer Creek,

los Bulldogs registraron un récord de 26-20, con dos plazas en los play-offs. Además, Harmon jugó al fútbol universitario en Texas Southern, lo que influyó en el modo en que aborda el juego como entrenador. Se esfuerza por enseñarles a sus alumnos atletas sobre "preparación y la gestión del tiempo". Desde que llegó al campus de Nimitz, Harmon reprodujo el programa impulsado por la universidad en la escuela secundaria. Y no solo se enfoca en el campo de juego, sino que uno de sus objetivos es asegurarse de que el 100 por ciento de su clase de último año se gradúe. En el campo, el entrenador Harmon quiere "llevar lo mejor posible a la cancha".

"Vamos a perder, vamos a ganar, pero queremos construir un programa del que tanto la escuela como la comunidad se sientan orgullosas". Harmon continuó, "por supuesto, quisiera poder ganar cada partido, y así es como lo planteo todos los días, pero

mis objetivos nunca cambian. Quiero ser campeón estatal y distrital. ¿Son realistas esos objetivos? No lo sé, pero trabajaremos para dar lo mejor de todos".

Antes de su llegada, Harmon tuvo otras oportunidades, pero, según él, ninguna de esas oportunidades era la adecuada. En cambio, Nimitz era una situación grandiosa. Harmon la describe como "los tiempos de Dios". "Esta oportunidad me recordó mucho sobre mí mismo y el pasado del que vengo en Port Arthur. Los niños aquí me recuerdan a mí. Por eso, cuando Dios dijo que era el momento. aproveché la oportunidad. Quería estar en Nimitz".

El próximo encuentro para Nimitz será contra los Generals de Mac-Arthur(1-2) el 22 de septiembre a las 7 p. m. El partido será su primer enfrentamiento bajo la tutela del entrenador Harmon. Actualmente, los Cougars llevan una racha ganadora de dos partidos contra los Generals.

#### Amber Waves

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R.F.D.









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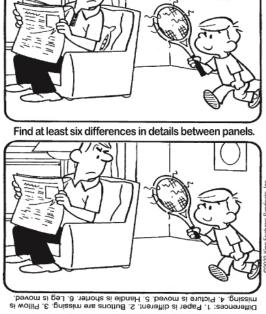
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Rodriguez

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3. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter

4. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is bordered by the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada?

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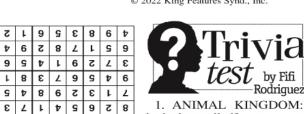
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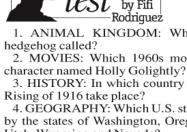
7. TELEVISION: Richard Dawson was the original host of which TV game show? 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which gymnast was the first to score a perfect 10 in Olympic

competition? 9. U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is a red fox?

10. MEDICAL: What is the common name of a condition called tussis?

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By Wilson Casey —

1. Is the book of II Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. "Holy One of Israel" is most often used in which book to describe the Lord? Hosea, Revelation, Judges, Isaiah

3. King Solomon had his carriage's seat upholstered in what color? Gold, White, Red, Purple

4. What insect does Proverbs 6 tell lazy people to learn

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He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned

from the beginning. For this

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manifested, that He might

destroy the works of the devil.

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husband? Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Deborah

6. In Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that ..."? Thinks, Sleeps, Saveth, Readeth

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ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Isaiah, 3) Purple, 4) Ants, 5) Ruth, 6) Readeth 'Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.



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#### **FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 4:**

# Aldine ISD teams begin District 14-6A play: Big 12, SEC teams begin conference schedules

plays to get in position for the game-winning field goal? Instead, he said to his team a tie would suffice. No wonder Texans fans booed their way out of NRG Stadium.

While the Texans were settling for a tie in their season opener, the Dallas Cowboys dropped a 19-3 decision to Tom Brady and Tampa Bay and looked horrible on offense doing it. In addition to losing the game, Dallas also lost starting QB Dak Prescott (134 passing yards, 1 interception) for four to eight week with a fractured thumb on his passing hand. Prescott's injury is huge and head coach Mike McCarthy has a lot of work to do to get the offense going. They have one quality receiver in CeeDee Lamb, who continues to drop catchable passes, and just a bunch of guys at the other wideout slots. The offensive line is a mess. TB spent most of the opener

harrassing Prescott and shutting down the Dallas running game. This week, they travel to New Jersey to take on the Giants, who pulled out a gutsy 21-20 win at Tennessee, on Monday Night Football. Dallas could be looking at a 0-3 start (they hosted Cincinnati last week) heading into their Week 4 game against Washington.

Other key NFL games this weekend features Buffalo visiting Miami in a key early-season AFC East contest, while Kansas City visits Indianapolis and a struggling Green Bay team travels to Tamps to take on the Bucs.

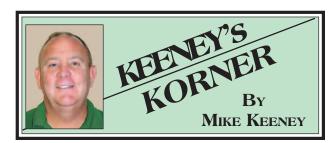
Before we take a look at those games and a handful of others, we must sadly review last week's results. A 5-7 week brought the season record to an embarrassing 11-13 (46%). Thankfully, there's a lot of football left this season.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower vs. **DeKaney:** Eric Jackson's Eagles struggled through an 0-3 non-district schedule, while DeKaney went 1-2. The Eagles will face DeKaney on Thursday night in Leonard George Stadium in Spring ISD. The Eagles will look for wide receiver Ryan Niblett to get untracked in this one as they look to open district play with a nice win. My pick, Eisenhower 23,

DeKaney 20 MacArthur vs. Nimitz: Wayne Crawford's Generals face Clarence Harmon's Cougars in Spring this week in the district opener for both teams. Two weeks ago, the Generals defeated Cy-Lakes, 28-14 for their first win of the season. Nimitz won its second straight game with a 34-7 thumping of Cy-Park as QB Brayden Whitehead passed for 345 yards and four TDs. Joseph Sanders caught four passes for 62 yards and two scores, while Noah Allen had four receptions for 102 yards and a TD. My pick, Nimitz 31, MacArthur 25

Aldine vs. Davis: Cirillo Ojeda's Mustangs will battle Scott Joseph's Falcons on Friday evening in Spring ISD's Leonard George Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Mustangs dropped a 36-30 heartbreaker to Houston Math and Science Tech, while the Falcons picked up a 31-7 win over Westside. Davis is led by running back Maurice White, who has scored three touchdowns so far this season. Aldine is led by running back Damian Paredes (160 yards, 3 touchdowns). My



pick, Davis 34, Aldine 20

**NCAA** 

Texas A&M vs. **Arkansas**: Jimbo Fisher's Aggies face Arkansas in the SEC opener for both teams. The Aggies looked bad on offense in their 17-14 loss at Kyle Field to Applachian State. The A&M offense was only in App State territory twice. That's not going to get it done in the SEC. It may be time for Fisher to make a change at QB and go with veteran signal caller Max Johnson and sit current starter Haynes King. A&M needs to get running back Devon Achane (109 yards, 2 TDS, including a 95yard kickoff TD) and wide receiver Ainas Smith going against the Hogs. Arkansas is led by dualthreat QB K.J. Jefferson (385 passing yards, 4 TDs/129 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and running back Raheim Sanders (273 yards, 2 TDs). It's time for the Aggies to get their act together because if they don't Fisher's seat could start getting a little warm. My pick, Texas

A&M 26, Arkansas 23 Clemson at Wake Forest: No. 5-ranked Clemson visits No. 19ranked Wake Forest in what could be a very interesting ACC contest. Clemson is led by QB D.J. Uiagalelei (441 yards, 3 TDs) and running back Will Shipley (110 yards, 4 TDS), while the Demon Deacons are led by quarterback Sam Hartman, who made his season debut two weeks ago and led his team to a 45-25 thumping of Vanderbilt by throwing for 300 yards and 4 TDs. Wake is a solid program, but Clemson head coach Dabo Swiney is well aware of that fact and will have the Tigers ready come Saturday. My pick, Clemson 30, Wake Forest 26

**Baylor** at Iowa State: Baylor and Iowa State open Big 12 play on Saturday in Ames, IA. Two weeks ago, Dave Arranda's team fell 26-20 in OT against BYU, while ISU pulled off a 10-7 win over in-state rival Iowa. Baylor is led by QB Blake Shapen (351 yards, 3 TDs), while ISD is led by quarterback Hunter Dekkers (477 yards, 5 TDs). Look for the Baylor defense to be the difference maker in this on as the Bears begin defense of their Big 12 title with a hard-earned road wni. My pick, Baylor 23 Iowa State 20

Texas at Texas Tech: Texas travels to Lubbock to take on the Red Raiders in the Big 12 opener for both teams. Two weeks ago, UT gave No. 1-ranked Alabama all it could handle before dropping a hard-earned 20-19 decision to Nick Saban's team. If starting quarterback Quinn Ewers had not suffered a gameending injury to his clavicle, the 'Horns might have pulled off the upset. The offense is now in the hands of backup QB Hudson Card (182 yards), but head coach Steve Sarkisian will put the offense in the hands of running back Bijan Robinson (125 yards, 3 total TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Worthy (7 receptions, 121 yards). Tech won its first two games under McGuire as backup QB Donovan

Smith (572 yards, 6 TDs)

has done a good job of running the offense. The Red Raiders have also gotten production from running back Tahj Brooks (130 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jerand Bradley (12 receptions, 158 yards, 1 TD). This could be a high-scoring game, and look for Robinson to be the difference maker as he has a big day on the ground. My pick, Texas 33, Tech 31

NFL

**Buffalo at Miami:** 

The Bills served notice in their 31-10 route of the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams in LA two weeks ago and this week they head to South Beach to take on a Miami team that opened the season with a convincing 20-7 win at home against New England. Buffalo was, and will be, led by QB Josh Allen (297 yards, 3 TDs/1 rushing TD) and wide receiver Stefon Diggs (8 receptions, 122 yards, 1 TD). Defensive end Von Miller also had a nice debut for Buffalo with two sacks of Matthew Stafford. Miller just might be the missing piece for the Bills defense this year that carries them over the top. The Buffalo defense will get a solid test from a Miami offense that has speed all over the place. QB Tua Tagovailoa threw for 270 vards and a touchdown in the opener, while his new wide receiver, Tyreek Hill, had a nice debut 8 catches for 94 yards and fellow wideout Jalen Waddle added four catches for 50 yards and a touchdown. Look for Allen to be the difference maker in this one as the Bills pick up a big earlyseason division win on Sunday, My pick, Buffalo 26, Miami 20

**Houston** at Chicago: The Texans head to Chicago to take on a Bears team that upset the 49ers 19-10 in the rain and muck two weeks ago. Second-year QB Justin Fields had a nice second half and finished the day with 121 passing yards and 2 TDs. The Texans also had a nice day from second-year QB Davis Mills, who threw for 240 yards and two touchdowns in the 20-20 tie against Indy. Dependable wide receiver Brandin Cooks (7 receptions, 82 yards) was Mills' favorite receiver, but newly-acquired tight end O.J. Howard made the most of his two catches as both went for TDs and totaled 38 yards. Texas head coach Lovie Smith will be making his return to Chicago after serving as the Bears head coach and leading them to the NFC title and Super Bowl berth following the 2006 season. Smith served as the Bears head coach for nine years. Look for the Texans to pick up a rare road win on Sunday. My pick, Houston 17, Čhicago

**Kansas City at Indianapolis**: The Chiefs rolled to a 44-21 road win over Arizona in their season opener at QB Patrick Mahomes passed for 360 yards and tossed five TD passes. And some thought Mahomes would struggle without speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill. Nope! Mahomes spread the ball around nicely as four different players caught TD passes from him. Once again, tight



In the first game of the regular season, last Sunday QB Davis Mills passes for a TD. The game ended in a tie, 20-20 after coach Lovie Smith declined a 4th down option and punted, to insure the tie. This week the Texans play at Denver.

end Travis Kelce (8 receptions, 121 yards, 1TD) was Mahomes favorite target. The Chiefs looked better on defense and that unit will get a real test this week when it faces Matt Ryan (352 yards, 1 TD) who will be making his home debut for the Colts. He will once again count on running back Jonathan Taylor (161 yards, 1 TD against Houston) and wide receiver Michael Pittman Jr. (9 receptions, 121 yards, 1 TD) to help him against the Chiefs. Indy will be rocking for this one and would like nothing more than to send the Chiefs home packing with a loss. My pick, Indianapolis 31, Kansas City 29

Green Bay at Tampa Bay: Aaron Rogers (193 yards, 1 interception) and the GB offense struggled in their 23-7 seasonopening loss at Minnesota, while the Bucs looked strong on defense in their 19-3 win over the Cowboys. Just like Dallas, the Packers have issues on offense and they could be in for another long day against the Bucs. Tom Brady (212 yards, 1 TD) played well in the opener and turned the game over to running back Leonard Fournette (127 yards), while making plays in the passing game to Mike Evans (5 receptions, 71 yards, 1 TD). Look for the Tampa Bay defense to make this another miserable day for Rogers and Co. as they roll in their home opener. My pick, Tampa Bay 33, Green Bay 16

Dallas at New York Giants: The Cowboys will face the Giants on Monday Night Football and the Giants appear to be the better team at this point in the season. In their 21-20 win at

Tennessee, running back Saquon Barkley (164 yards, 1 TD, gamewinning two-point conversion) looked like he did when he had an amazing rookie season. He ran hard and fast and QB Daniel Jones added 188 passing yards and two touchdown tosses. Dallas will look for backup QB Cooper Rush to run the offense while Prescott recovers from the fractured thumb. Dallas must play better in the offense line and will need to feed the Giants a steady dose of running backs Ezekiel Elliott (52 yards in opener) and Tony Pollard to take some pressure off of Rush. The Dallas defense played OK against TB and will need another solid effort if it hopes to win on Monday night. My pick, New York

Giants 23, Dallas 16

## **Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The **Greens Parkway Municipal Utility District** will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on **October 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** at 14950 Heathrow Forest Parkway, Suite 125, Houston, TX 77032. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopte and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

**FOR** the proposal: Stephanie Rush, Mark Ivy, Robert Shawn Emerick, Thomas Brummett & Randy Thibodeaux

AGAINST the proposal: None PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	2021 <b>Last Year</b> \$0.300/\$100 Adopted			2022 <b>This Year</b> \$0.28/\$100 Proposed	
Difference in rates per \$100 of value			-\$0.02/\$100		
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)			-6.67%		
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$	-		\$	-
General homestead exemptions available					
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled					
person's exemptions)					
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$	-		\$	-
Tax on average residence homestead	\$	-		\$	-
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if					
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)			\$0.00		
and percentage of increase (+/-)			0.00%		

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualifed voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

Visit 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.

Utility Tax Service, LLC (713) 688-3855

# BAA MARKS CONSTITUTION AND CITIZENSHIP DAY Aldine citizens celebrate special day



The attendees enjoy the Constitution and Citizenship ceremonies and entertainment at the Special Day event.



This Patriotic float featured George and Martha Washington, posing with BAA Director Mariana Sanchez.



Guesta included Univision's Grace Olivares, Claudia Hogue, Mariana Sanchez, and US Rep. Sylvia Garcia.



The MacArthur marching band in the parade.



Green Forest Civic Club president Ruben Salazar, center, and the clubs information booth.

#### Special Day, **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

ly Rep. Armando Walle, Rep. Sylvia Garcia, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Houston Intercontinental Chamber of Commerce president Reggie Gray for their support

and participation.

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AT RIGHT: Our on-scene reporter, Julieta Paita



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State Representative Armando Walle, second from left, was a featured speaker. Also pictured are Claudia Hogue, Mariana Sanchez, and representatives from NALEO





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BAA Director MAriana Sanchez leads a parade continfent to the Amphitheater at East Aldine Town Center.



Entertainment for the Special Day event included Music by Cypress Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Clancey Weeks.