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National Night Out included a Special Cake as part of the Celebration. See Story Below.

NEWS NOTES

BakerRipley Fall Harvest Festival Saturday Oct. 15

BakerRipley invites everyone to come out and visit with neighbors, family and friends at their FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL. Saturday, October 15th, from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the East Aldine Campus, 3000 Aldine Mail Route.

Family Fun Events include a pumpkin patch, family photo shoots, scavenger hunt, face painting, pie eating contest, snacks & food, music, games, arts & crafts & more.

Call 346-570-4463 to register for the event.

HUNDREDS JOIN IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Event in East Aldine brings together Police and Public in Party Atmosphere

EAST ALDINE – Hundreds of families and individuals gathered at the Town Center last Tuesday night, October 4th for the Annual National Night

Out observance, where residents get to meet their law enforcement providers, and get to know each other in an effort to strengthen their neighborhoods

and make them safer.

The East Aldine District hosted the party, providing activities such as rock climbing, kids train rides, music with a live DJ, food

trucks and tents, face painting, prize drawings, games, raffles, and more.

In addition, first providers had exhibits of fire engines, rescues from car

wrecks, and the Sheriff had helicopters, a super powerful patrol boat, and more. See Photos of all the activities and exhibits here and on Page 8.



Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez kicks off National Night Out ceremonies with a press conference in East Aldine last Monday, Oct. 3rd. With the Sheriff were other officials and law enforcement officers from the County, City and Aldine ISD.



National Night Out festivities in East Aldine included music performed on the Town Center stage at Amphitheater Park. Crowds mingled, danced and listened to the music and got to meet their law enforcement providers. MORE photos on Page 8.

Over 1200 guns turned in at second Buyback event

HOUSTON — Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner is calling Houston's second gun buyback event a huge success. In fact, he believes this was one of the largest, "if not the largest," gun buyback events in U.S. history.

The drive-thru event was held in the Alief area at the Westchase Park & Ride METRO. It started at 8 a.m. and ended at about 2 p.m.

City officials said they collected more than 1,200 firearms. The breakdown includes:

Revolvers — 368
Semi-automatic handguns — 279
Shotguns — 243
Rifles — 227
Semi-automatic rifles — 91

Mayor Turner indicated that due to the success of the first two Buybacks, he is planning on a third one, this time on the East



Houston Police Officers check an automatic rifle that was one of 333 turned in at the Second Buyback event held last Saturday at the METRO station in Westchase.

side of the city. Details will be announced later, he said.

Organizers of this second Buyback said the line moved faster than the first time in July, due to changes in the layout and buyback rules.

The large turnout in

July meant that some donors decided not to stay in line, and left without a gun donation. But Daniel Martinez and Giselle Shapiro persisted. They had gone to the city's first

Continued. See GUN BUYBACK, Page 2

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 7:

No. 1 Alabama faces another tough road test at No. 8 Tennessee: Cowboys, Eagles meet in key NFC East contest on Sunday Night TV

I can guarantee you Texans fans that your hometown team won't lose this week! That's because they have their bye week. Ok, enough of the snarky comments about the struggling Texans.

Houston can use a week off to figure out what's gone wrong thus far (and there's plenty of blame to go around) in the 2022 season.

Everyone associated with this franchise should be held accountable, from owner Cal McNair, to General Manager Nick Caserio, to head coach Lovie Smith and players on both sides of the football.

Assuming they lost at Jacksonville last Sunday, and there's a good probability they did, Houston will enter its bye week with a 0-4-1 record after its first five game. Ugh!

While the Texans look to turn things around in their next 12 games, there are plenty of good games on the schedule to look at this weekend.



KEENEY'S KORNER

By
MIKE KEENEY

In college No. 1-ranked Alabama visits No. 8-ranked Tennessee in a key SEC battle, while No. 10-ranked Penn State makes a trip to Ann Arbor to take on No. 4-ranked Michigan in an important Big 10 contest. In Big 12 play, No. 7-ranked Oklahoma State heads to Fort Worth to take on No. 17-ranked TCU and in the Pac 10, No. 6-ranked USC pays a visit to No. 11-ranked Utah.

Those are all important conference contests as league play begins to heat up across the country. The Big 12 looks like it could be a very interesting race as just about everybody but West Virginia is still alive in the hunt to play

in the Big 12 title game in December in Arlington. Kansas has been one of the nation's surprise teams as Lance Leipold's team won its first five games heading into last week's game against TCU. The Horned Frogs, under the direction of first-year head coach Sonny Dykes, routed Oklahoma two weeks ago, 55-24 in Fort Worth and have a dynamic offense led by quarterback Max Duggan. OSU may have the most experienced team in the conference and are led by veteran QB Spencer Sanders. Kansas State, Baylor, Texas and pos-

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Fatal Shooting at 2510 Berry Road

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 2510 Berry Road about 10:05 p.m. on Tuesday (Oct. 4).

The identity of the victim, 33, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant K. Meek and Detective S. Overstreet reported:

Officers responded to a shooting call in a convenience store parking lot at the above address and were advised that paramedics pronounced a male deceased at the scene. The man had suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

Detectives learned the victim confronted an unknown male suspect in the parking lot. When the victim turned and began to walk away, the suspect pulled out a gun, shot the man multiple times and then fled in an unknown vehicle.

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

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 OCTOBER 9

Oct 10
6pm - Bellaire Civic Center
7008 S Rice Ave, Bellaire, TX 77401
Precinct 1

Oct 11
6pm - Alegria Gardens at Clay
18311 Clay Rd, Houston, TX 77084
Precinct 4

Oct 13
12pm - Virtual Meeting

Oct 15
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

Oct 19
12pm - Virtual Meeting
6pm - Virtual Meeting

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

Mayor says Gun Buyback Program successful,

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Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said the Gun Buyback Program was a huge success, and "In fact, this was one of the largest, "if not the largest," gun buyback events in U.S. history.

Officers inspect, catalog and disable guns that have been turned in during the Buyback program.

event held in July.

"After waiting two hours in line in July, we moved four to 6 car lengths and I was just like it wasn't worth it and went home," said Martinez.

"It was too crowded, I couldn't afford to wait as long as I expected once I saw the line," said Shapiro.

Both showed up Saturday to give it another try. "I think this one is way more organized," said Martinez.

Mayor Turner said the setup was one of the changes made after the initial overwhelming response

"We learned a lot from what happened at the first one," he said.

This go around, the city did not accept privately manufactured weapons or ghost guns.

"We're not trying to incentivize people to privately manufacture guns for the gun buyback," Turner said before the event.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg raised a red flag after the first gun buyback event, saying the "no questions asked" policy could affect criminal investigations if any of the guns turned in were involved in crimes.

Officials collected 845 guns during the first event and said they gave out nearly \$100,000 in gift cards.



Officers load a van with rifles that have been turned in at the Gun Buyback program. Over 1200 firearms were collected in the event.

A view of some of the rifles that were collected in the Gun Buyback event last Saturday, Oct. 8th at the METRO station in Westchase.

Lone Star College-North Harris a great choice for workforce training

HOUSTON (July 21, 2022) – Thomas Gaye wasn't sure what he wanted his career to be, but he did know a few things. He loved working with his hands and wanted to have time with his family during the week.

After researching which programs fit his interests and which schools fit his needs, it became clear that the Heating, Ventilation Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) program at LSC-North Harris was his top choice.

"Looking at all the curriculums from other schools, I decided to go with Lone Star College because of all the equipment they have," said Gaye. "Compare that to other schools, I didn't like the setup where you have to be all over the city taking classes, where it's a one-stop-shop all at Lone Star College."

LSC-North Harris provided Gaye with more than the flexibility to make his schedule. Through his classes, Gaye was introduced to local companies, including Daikin, a company he has been employed by for nearly five years.

"This career gives me the pleasant feeling of doing a job for somebody and making them feel happy about what I've done," said Gaye.

While Gaye found his calling in one of the college's nine workforce programs, LSC-North Harris offers students the same flexibility and career opportunities with more than 30 academic programs to choose from.

Registration for workforce and academic programs is open with fall semester classes beginning Monday, Aug. 29.

Students who enroll are automatically entered into weekly drawings from now until the start of the semester for prizes, including: AirPods, Oculus VR headset, TVs, Gas cards, and Fit Bits.

Students must be registered for fall classes, in good academic standing, meet credit hour requirements, and arrange for financial aid or other payment to win. The earlier a student registers, the more opportunities they have to win!

Advisors are available in-person Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Friday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., or online by visiting LoneStar.edu/LearnMore.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

BILINGUAL STORY TIME

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

KIDS CLUB

Kids Club is back this **Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 4:30pm!** Come and have some fun!

TEENS MAKE IT

Do you love creepy horrors that go bump in the night? Come to Teens Make It! on **Monday, 10/10 @ 4pm.** Embrace the dark side and make a cemetery terrarium (cemetery). Beginners and master crafters are welcome, but it's not for the faint of heart! This program is for ages 13-18.

TEEN THURSDAYS

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

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS IN TX WITH LONE STAR LEGAL AID

Join us on **Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30pm** for a presentation about Employee Rights in Texas!

Lone Star Legal Aid Staff Attorney Pete Makopoulos-Senfleber will provide a broad overview of topics like wage and hour laws, overtime pay, the Americans with Disabilities Act and other accommodations, Family Medical Leave Act and other leave, wrongful termination, and discrimination.

This program will take place **both in-person at the Aldine Branch Library and virtually through Teams: <https://bit.ly/lslaaldine1011>**

For additional information about Lone Star Legal Aid and this program please visit the Lone Star Legal Aid website: <https://www.lonestarlegal.org/.../employee-rights-in-texas/>

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 next session is **Friday, Oct. 14, 4-5:30pm** and we will cover setting up and customizing your smartphone. Call us to register: 832-927-5410.

CRAFTY CORNER

This Craft is For the Birds! Join us for Crafty Corner on **Sat. Oct. 15 at 2pm!** We'll be painting bird houses to support the wildlife in our yards or on our balconies. We'll talk about the importance of nurturing and protecting pollinators by providing spaces for them. All ages welcome - parents must accompany children under the age of 7.

NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Fun for the whole family! Costumes encouraged. Play games, win candy, and have a spook-tacular time at the library! **Thursday, Oct. 27, 5-7pm.**

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 basic topics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

Wednesdays: Beginner Computer Class (English), 1:30pm, at the library Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps, (English computer class), 5-7pm, online

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

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

We have new passport hours starting Oct. 10 - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm. Starting **Friday, Oct. 14** we will have walk-in service from 2-4pm on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents and required people present with them.

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.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message from the Superintendent, October 11, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

October is here! The weeks are flying by quickly, and as I visit schools, students are engaged and learning, and schools are celebrating progress made. It brings me joy to see all the great opportunities our students have.

In my last message, I asked you to share about hope, why it's essential, what you do to keep it alive, and what makes you hopeful. Many of you responded. For many, hope keeps them going even when it feels impossible to go further. Mothers Ashlee Goriee from Reece Academy and Eda Escalón from Carmichael Elementary School shared their hopes for their children to be successful and achieve their dreams. Teachers like Leticia Cortez from Orange Grove ES and Angela LaMothe from De Santiago EC/PreK/K shared that our students give them hope for a better future and that having a growth mindset ensures students progress. Kenneth Hernández, athletics program director, and Lauren Birks in our Social and Emotional Learning Department wrote about prioritizing relationships and how developing positive relationships with students gives them hope that students will succeed in life knowing they have people in their corner rooting for them. These are just a few examples but reading all the comments reinforced what I already know — there are so many in our community and on campuses and departments supporting our students. That gives me hope that we are moving forward in the right direction for our students. Thank you for sharing with me.

Our incredible staff is doing excellent work. Congratulations to Margarita Cruz at La Promesa! Ms. Cruz has been named the 2022 ESL/Bilingual Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Association for Bilingual Education. We also have an incredible visual arts program. Aldine was named a District of Distinction for a fourth consecutive year by the Texas Art Education Association. Only the top 5% of districts in the state earned the honor! The honor is the achievement of many, including Kaileigh Newman, our visual arts director, for her leadership and vision in overseeing our visual arts program and many talented teachers. They connect, inspire, and impact our students every day.

As I have always said, leadership matters. Leaders guide and inspire staff to meet the district's goals. This year, we have been celebrating gains made in state testing. Those gains are in large part to the leadership on campuses. October is National School Principals Month. I encourage you to take a moment to thank school principals for their dedication and commitment to our students.

There is another group of valued staff I want to recognize: our custodians. Yesterday, October 2, was National School Custodian Appreciation Day. Custodians hold a special place in my heart. My grandma, mi abuelita, was a maid. Because of Bigmama, I know the hard work custodians put in every day. Their work has not gone unnoticed. As I visit our schools and buildings, I see how clean and bright they are. You do quality work and always smile and greet everyone. For all that you do, you have my complete respect. Tienen mi respeto de todo



corazón. I encourage the Aldine community to take a moment to thank the custodians in your building this week.

Schools started hosting their Open House events along with book fairs. A number of our campuses will host their Open House this month. Check your child's school for dates and times. I encourage you to come to see the wonderful things happening in our schools. It is also a great way to meet teachers.

We are in the middle of Hispanic Heritage Month! I have enjoyed seeing posts on social media from schools and district personnel taking part in activities and showing their Hispanic pride in our book lotería, our cultural art walls, and dressing as their favorite Héroe Hispano. Last week, best-selling and award-winning author Matt de la Peña was the keynote speaker in our virtual lunch and learn event. And I am really looking forward to later this week when our administrative leaders will enjoy home-made Hispanic foods during our ILT on October 6, as well as hearing our talented students from Mariachi Acero, who will perform. I am proud to mention that our ballet folclórico and mariachi at Carver HS were featured on Fox 26 Houston. And we are not done! Next week we close out Hispanic Heritage Month with our Book Club.

There are so many other happenings that offer choices and opportunities for our students and families. From voter registration drives to our Transition Expo for families of students with disabilities and hearing real stories of transformation from families who participated in our Family and Community University sessions last school year. FCU focuses on empowering families and serving as a resource for the whole family to succeed. I had the great pleasure of seeing the first FCU class graduate, and I have to say it was one of the most inspiring moments I have witnessed. Click here to register for FCU's 2022-2023 year, which opened on October 1. Our Parent Leadership Academy also offers new sessions for parents and legal guardians. Click here for details.

Other upcoming events include a Day of Learning Together on October 8 for families and teachers of students with dyslexia. College Night on October 10 is an excellent opportunity to talk with college, trade school, and armed forces representatives. The Annual TCCA event for edtech educators will be on October 22. And our Choice Schools Festival, on October 29, gives families a chance to

meet representatives from our specialized programs for PreK to high school students and apply early for the 2022-2023 school year. Stay connected to these and other opportunities by visiting AldineISD.org.

Many families received emails about completing the Annual Update for 2022-2023 before October 21. I encourage families to complete the required form online. The information you provide includes emergency contacts, acknowledgments, and necessary permissions. By completing the form, you also assist us in maximizing school funding. Again, I urge you to complete the Annual Update to ensure communication between schools and families and to ensure schools receive the maximum funds. The data also determines if the district qualifies to provide free school breakfasts and lunches to all our students — like we are doing this school year. Next week marks National School Lunch Week. As your students enjoy free healthy school meals, remember to complete the Annual Update so all students can benefit again next year.

As I close, I want to remind you of another communication channel we use, All The Things: The Aldine ISD Podcast. Last month, you heard me talking about 'all the things' that have been going on in Aldine since the last episode in May. And stories about my daughter, who graduated from Nimitz High School. In the second episode of the third season, you hear Chief of Police Paul Córdova talking with our Chief of Staff and host of the podcast, Sheleah Reed, about safety in our schools and our Aldine communities. I encourage you to tune in and learn about best safety practices, what the Aldine ISD Police Department is doing about cyber threats, and how you can be proactive in the community.

Until the next time, have a fantastic experience in our schools!

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1: Family and Community University's 2022-2023 year starts. Click here to register.

October 8: Day of Learning Together for families and teachers of students with dyslexia. Click here for details.

October 10: College Night at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, from 6-8 p.m. (Click here)

Oct. 11-15: National School Lunch Week

October 21: Parent Leadership Academy session at the MOC. Click here for information.

October 22: Technology & Curriculum Conference of Aldine (TCCA), from 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at Davis HS. Expect 200 sessions, 90 educational vendors, and nine featured speakers. Click here to register to attend.

October 29: Choice Schools Festival at the MOC, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ongoing: iEducate is hiring college students, especially Aldine ISD grads, as tutors to work with Aldine ISD students. iEducate accepts applications on a rolling basis, and interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHT

Ms. Lelis Andrade: Facebook post. 224 likes/expressions. 19 comments Carmichael A-rated Day: Facebook post. 71 likes/expressions. 5 comments Episode 2 of season podcast tweet: 524 views

RECENT NEWS

[Read To The Final Four](#)

Eisenhower, Nimitz Football Players Named to TD Club of Houston's Pre-Season Team

Cornelius Harmon Aims to Establish a Winning Culture in His First Year as Head Coach of Nimitz

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MacArthur Volleyball Player Jessica Martínez Named to GHVCA Pre-Season Team

District Names [New Eisenhower Ninth Grade School Principal](#)

Spring ISD Shares George Stadium Policies for Aldine ISD Fans Attending District 14-6A Games

Several Staff Assignments Announced at September 20 Board Meeting

Aldine ISD Welcomes Two New Roles to the Family and Community Engagement Department

MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS

OctoberNational School Principals Month

Oct. 2: National School Custodian Appreciation Day

Oct. 3-7: Hispanic Heritage Month — Food served at ILT on October 6; Mariachi Acero will perform.

October 5: World Teacher Day

October 5: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

On October 10-14: Hispanic Heritage Month — Book Club to discuss the selected book on October 11.

Oct. 11-15: National School Lunch Week

October 12: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

October 13: Nine Weeks End (Traditional Calendar)

October 14: Student Holiday/Staff Development Day

October 17: Student Holiday

October 18: Nine Weeks Start (Traditional Calendar)

October 19: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

Oct. 19-23: National School Bus Safety Week

October 29: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

Click here to view the 2022-20223 school year calendars — traditional and Additional Days School Year (ADSY).

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.

Aldine ISD's FACE Department Wraps Up Informational Tour in Time for FCUniversity's Start

On September 14, 2022, Aldine's Family and Community Engagement Department held a free informational session at Houston Academy, where they had graduates from last year's Family and Community University speak to parents about how the program has helped and changed their lives since completing the program. The informational session was a part of a tour that was held throughout the month of September, with the last session ending on September 21.

Several recent FCUniversity graduates spoke of their experience with the program, and how they have benefitted from the classes even after their graduation.

"They have a variety of classes, and I was able to choose ones I thought would help me and my family," said Crystal Peña, a recent FCUniversity graduate. "Along with other categories, they offered classes that helped me build tools and a better understanding of ways to assist my child who's on the autistic spectrum."

Other parents spoke of the communication skills they learned that allowed

them to foster more effective conversations with their children, or the language courses they took to help bridge the language barrier between home and school life. Others touched on the fact that they had children of varying ages, from grade school to grown adults, and the classes they took were able to assist with how they interacted with all of them.

The FCUniversity is designed with four core ideas in mind, academic life, well-being and social interactions, continuing education and community. With these pillars in mind, parents are able to enroll in the various classes they believe will benefit them the most. Along with that freedom, the classes are offered in various ways, in-person, virtual and pre-recorded. This is to provide the parents with the most flexibility to go along with their schedule.

Following its inaugural year, which saw a graduating class of 62 parents, the university will be starting up again on October 1, and it is currently open for parents to enroll in its various classes.

Aldine ISD PD to Host 'Stop the Hurt, Paint the Convert' Event Oct. 29



The Aldine ISD Police Department will offer community residents a free opportunity to assist in lowering the number of catalytic converter threats by hosting "Stop the Hurt, Paint the Convert" on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Davis High School (12525 Ella Blvd.)

This free event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community members are encouraged to come out to Davis High and have their catalytic converters painted a bright neon color. This should help prevent thieves from attempting to steal individual catalytic converters, which has become an epidemic recently in the Houston area.

All vehicles will be accepted, and participants must sign a waiver.


Time slots are available. Interested individuals should contact Aldine ISD Police Officer Ariel Holliday at 281 924-6926.

The event is sponsored by Jed's Ace Hardware and the Texas Gulf Coast Prevention Association.

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OPINION

By Harris County Sheriff
ED GONZALEZ



As delivered at the NNO Press conference at the East Aldine District on October 3, and reported exclusively by this newspaper.

Sheriff comments on National Night Out

I want to start by thanking the East Aldine Management District for hosting us today. They are a model for all community-based management districts that exist to meet the unique quality of life challenges that face every part of our county, and they do a phenomenal job.

Every year hundreds of residents from across our county come together to spend an evening with their neighbors in honor of National Night Out.

They host block parties, festivals, and other fun activities to build bonds with each other and the police and deputies patrolling and protecting their community.

It's an evening the Sheriff's Office looks forward to every year because we get to meet our community.

We love serving and strengthening our relationships in the community through personal connections.

National Night Out is a time to celebrate our communities and what it means to be a good neighbor.

The Sheriff's Office is active in your neighborhoods, keeping your families, neighbors, and visitors safe. For us, every night is National Night Out.

We know that our communities are safest when they are patrolled by deputies people recognize and trust.

The Sheriff's Office has launched proactive enforcement efforts and measures aimed at the reduction of crime in our communities.

Each of our five patrol districts has its own Crime Reduction Unit, including Gang Unit investigators. The mission of the Crime Reduction Unit is to ensure the safety of residents through proactive operations and investigations that target high crime areas.

These deputies are actively present and visible in their neighborhoods, fostering personal connections with residents and identifying the type of criminal activity happening in that area through resident leads, crime reports and data, and patrol efforts.

Our Crime Reduction Units also participate in multi-agency initiatives to combat several public safety issues, such as street racing, street take-overs, and impaired driving.

HCSO also formed the Community Problem-Oriented Policing Unit, known as CPOP, to foster meaningful relationships with residents, gain insight into the unique needs of each community, and empower people with knowledge and resources through our partners.

Each patrol district has dedicated deputies who spend their time getting to know the businesses, schools, houses of worship, and neighborhoods in their area.

The goal is to get the community involved before a crime takes place and to create a bond before a crisis erupts.

We also have our Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). This unit is an example of community policing and what can be accomplished when law enforcement agencies and the community collaborate. We are proud to be part of the team effort setting a viable path forward for those experiencing homelessness.

Here in Aldine, I'm especially proud of the ShotSpotter initiative we launched with special funding from Commissioner Adrian Garcia and with support from the East Aldine Management District. Throughout this area, we have installed sensors that detect the sound of gunfire and alert deputies to respond in real time.

Since the ShotSpotter pilot program began here, there have been over 2,100 bullet casings located, 40 guns seized, and 42 arrests.

Public safety is a shared responsibility. You play a critical role in keeping your community safe, and we rely on you to be your neighborhood's extra eyes and ears.

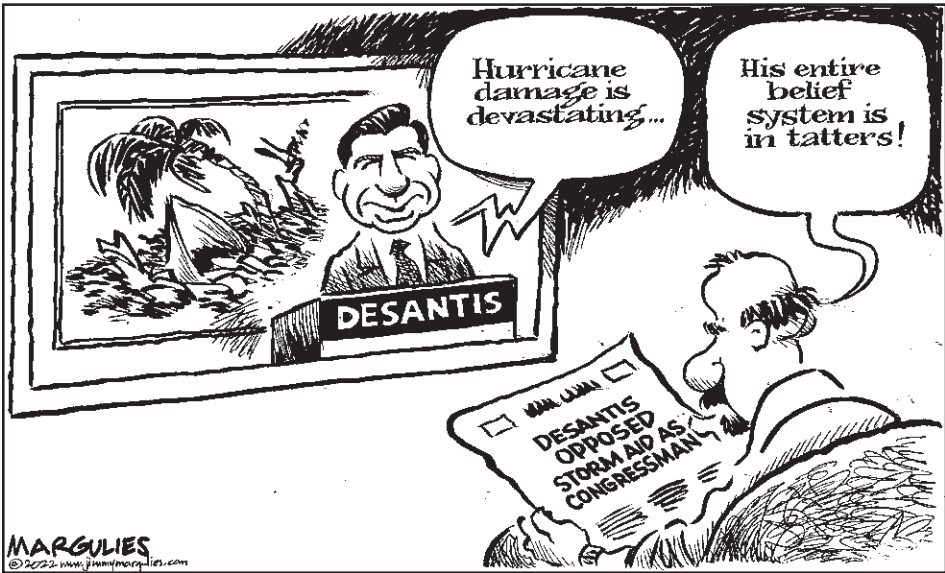
Remember, your community will always be there to support you. We are here for you. Now more than ever, a strong support system is vital.

You and your neighbors are the backbone of a safer, more caring community.

Please join us tomorrow to get to know your neighbors, deputies, and officers patrolling your neighborhoods.

Thank you for being a good neighbor and carrying on the true meaning of National Night Out this year.

Let's remember the power of building a solid support system through community. We look forward to coming together tomorrow with our community.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



State of Texas Sends Resources to Florida

Texas has deployed state resources to Florida to assist in response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the devastation caused last week by Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms to hit the United States in the past decade.

"Texans understand the urgency of hurricane disaster response and recovery efforts, and our state is swiftly sending more support and resources to Florida as they continue responding to Hurricane Ian," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

The Texas Division of Emergency Personnel has sent more than 80 people to Florida, including nearly two dozen firefighters. In addition, more than 1,000 workers from Texas electricity providers were deployed to Florida to assist in restoring power.

COURT: PAXTON CAN'T PROSECUTE ELECTION CRIMES

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals stuck with an earlier ruling that Attorney General Ken Paxton does not have the power on his own to investigate and prosecute suspected election crimes. The Austin American-Statesman reported the court turned down Paxton's request to reverse a December ruling which struck down a 1985 law giving the attorney general that authority.

That ruling by the court, which consists of all Republicans, said the 1985 law violated the state's separation of powers doctrine, since it gave the attorney general's office, which is in the executive branch, prosecution authority reserved for members of the judicial branch — district and county attorneys.

Paxton sharply criticized the ruling, the Statesman reported.

"The CCA's shameful decision means local DAs with radical liberal views have the sole power to prosecute election fraud in TX — which they will never do. The timing is no accident — this is devastating for the integrity of our upcoming elections," Paxton said on Twitter.

WILDFIRES ONCE AGAIN ON THE RISE IN STATE



Dry weather and low humidity have once again increased the prevalence of wildfires in multiple areas of the state, after a rainy respite in mid-to-late August. However, the rain has largely left the state once again. Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to nearly 80 wildfires in the past week, with two still active Sunday in Young and Angeline counties. Both were nearly completely contained.

"The 2022 fire season has been significant for the state of Texas, as state and local firefighters have responded to more than 9,800 wildfires," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "The state received beneficial rainfall mid- to late-August, which helped to significantly slow the operational tempo for wildland firefighters. However, the benefits of that moisture have started to wane, and we are, once again, observing dry conditions across the state that are resulting in increased wildfire activity."

Nine out of 10 wildfires in the state are caused by human activity. Residents are urged to wait on conducting any outdoor burning until conditions improve, even if your county is not under a burn ban. A total of 95 Texas counties are still under a burn ban.

NEW CABLE BARRIER SAVING LIVES

Motorists on Texas highways likely have noticed the addition of cable barriers along medians that prevent vehicles from veering into opposite lanes of traffic. Those barriers are saving lives, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

A review of four TxDOT districts where 130 miles of new cable barriers were installed — in Lufkin, Pharr, Waco and Fort Worth — showed the barriers have been hit and repaired 242 times since 2019.

"I'm going to assume that each of those 242 strikes was a potential fatality had that cable barrier not been there," Commissioner Laura Ryan said.

The agency has completed 88 "Road to Safety" projects in the state, with 120 more now under construction. The efforts seem to have had a beneficial effect, with 84 fewer traffic fatalities reported in Texas from January to August. The state also saw a 9% drop in distracted driving deaths, and an 18% decrease in work zone fatalities.

PUC EXPANDS WEATHER PREP RULES

The Public Utility Commission has expanded weather preparation rules for electricity generators and transmission utilities in hopes of ensuring the reliability of the power grid during summer and winter severe weather events.

"Reliability drives every decision we make when it comes to grid operations," said Public Utility Commission Chairman Peter Lake. "The grid has to be ready for any weather condition, from extreme heat to extreme cold."

Under the new rules, the state is divided into 10 geographically distinct areas in which minimum and maximum temperatures are set under which power generators must prove their ability to continue operating.

The temperature standards go into effect next year.

COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO DROP

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week was again down slightly, with 22,006 new cases reported along with 123 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,654 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations as of Sunday, down slightly from the previous week.

Since the pandemic began in early 2020, the state has reported nearly 8 million confirmed cases and 90,885 deaths. Just under 64% of the state's population is fully vaccinated.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

Late Fall

My husband, Peter, and I are spending time "up north" with my parents at their cabin by the lake. Fall is late this year. I mentioned this to Peter on the drive north.

"Aren't the leaves supposed to change color at the same time every year?" I asked. "I thought they changed when the days were shorter."

Peter didn't know. We have a lot of conversations involving idle speculation. When we got to my parents' house, my mother confirmed it was a late fall this year. A meteorologist had announced this on public radio, so it must be true.

We took the pontoon boat out for the last time this season. The lake was still. The sky and the trees were mirrored on the surface. It was disorienting and beautiful.

"It's a perfect day!" I announced.

The next day was much colder. Everyone got up a little later than usual because the sun didn't break through our windows and remind us we were overdue for coffee.

"It's hard to get going on a day like this," my father commented over coffee.

I had a big conversation scheduled with someone who was interested in my book. The talk went better than I expected, and I was filled with crazy hope. I decided to burn off my nervousness by walking to the boat landing. But, when I got there, I saw I had company.

"Hello!" said one of the three men about my age, piling out of the truck they parked feet from the boat landing.

"It's your lucky day!" he announced. "We need someone to video us. Do you mind?"

This was such an odd request, I could hardly refuse.

"This is my brother," he continued, and one of the men nodded. "And this guy's family used to own a resort that was right here." He gestured to either side of us.

"We spent every summer here when we were kids. And this was our swimming hole," he pointed to the boat landing. "So every year we come back at least once to go swimming!"

"It's not real warm," I warned.

"I know! But it's the only day we could all make it here. We just got back from fishing in Canada!"

The other two men looked considerably less excited than their leader, and it was easy to imagine these three little boys, grown old, still following their high-spirited leader.

The man's brother was down on the dock, nervously looking over the edge.

"I'm not sure we can dive off this," he said. "It used to be deeper."

"You used to be shorter," I told him.

"That's true," he agreed.

"OK! Let's do this!" the leader said.

He handed me his camera, and the men took off their shoes and shirts. The water was in the low 60s and the air was 10 degrees cooler. The other two men looked as if this was a tradition they were willing to let go of. But there was no chance of that.

Moments later, all three were in the lake, hooting and hollering and very proud of themselves. I caught it all on video.

"You guys enjoy the rest of your autumn," I told them. They told me to do the same.

Fall is coming, but it's late.

I watched those slightly over middle-aged men—who were just about my age—and I understood their need to do everything they could in the autumn—even if the water was cold, even if the whole idea was a little crazy. We all understood the need to do it while there was time.

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

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SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje de la Superintendente, 11 de Octubre de 2022

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

¡Llegó octubre! Las semanas pasan rápidamente y, cuando visito las escuelas, los alumnos participan y aprenden, y las escuelas celebran el progreso logrado. Me da alegría ver todas las grandes oportunidades que tienen nuestros alumnos.

En mi último mensaje, les pedí que compartieran sobre la esperanza, por qué es esencial, qué hacen para mantenerla viva y qué les da esperanza. Muchos de ustedes respondieron. Para muchos, la esperanza los mantiene en marcha incluso cuando parece imposible avanzar. Las madres Ashlee Goree de Reece Academy y Eda Escalón de Carmichael Elementary School compartieron sus esperanzas de que sus hijos tengan éxito y alcancen sus sueños. Maestras como Leticia Cortez de Orange Grove ES y Angela LaMothe de De Santiago EC/PreK/K compartieron que nuestros alumnos les dan la esperanza de un futuro mejor y que tener una mentalidad de crecimiento asegura que los alumnos progresen. Kenneth Hernández, director del programa de atletismo, y Lauren Birks en nuestro Departamento de Aprendizaje Social y Emocional escribieron sobre priorizar las relaciones y cómo desarrollar relaciones positivas con los alumnos les da la esperanza de que los alumnos tendrán éxito en la vida sabiendo que tienen personas a su lado que los apoyan. Estos son solo algunos ejemplos, pero leer todos los comentarios reforzó lo que ya sé: son tantas personas en nuestra comunidad y en los colegios y departamentos



que apoyan a nuestros alumnos. Eso me da esperanza de que estamos avanzando en la dirección correcta para nuestros alumnos. Gracias por compartir conmigo.

Nuestro increíble personal está haciendo un excelente trabajo. ¡Felicitaciones a Margarita Cruz de La Promesa! La Sra. Cruz ha sido nombrada Maestra del Año de ESL/Bilingüe Secundaria 2022 por la Asociación de Educación Bilingüe de Texas. También tenemos un increíble programa de artes visuales. Aldine fue nombrada Distrito de Distinción por cuarto año consecutivo por la Asociación de Educación Artística de Texas. ¡Solo el 5% superior de los distritos del estado obtuvo el honor! El honor es el logro de muchos, incluida Kaileigh Newman, nuestra directora de artes visuales, por su liderazgo y visión al supervisar nuestro programa de artes visuales y muchos maestros talentosos. Conectan, inspiran e impactan a nuestros alumnos todos los días.

Como siempre he dicho, el liderazgo importa. Los líderes guían e inspiran al personal para alcanzar las metas del distrito. Este año, hemos estado celebrando los avances logrados en las pruebas estatales. Esas ganancias se deben en gran parte al liderazgo en los colegios. Durante el Mes

Nacional de los Directores Escolares en octubre, los animo a tomarse un momento para agradecer a los directores escolares por su dedicación y compromiso con nuestros alumnos.

Hay otro grupo de personal valioso que quiero reconocer: nuestros empleados de la limpieza. Ayer, el 2 de octubre, fue el Día Nacional de Agradecimiento al Personal de la Limpieza Escolar. Ellos ocupan un lugar especial en mi corazón. Mi abuelita, limpiaba casas. Gracias a ella, sé el arduo trabajo que hacen los trabajadores de la limpieza todos los días. Su trabajo no ha pasado desapercibido. Al visitar nuestras escuelas y edificios, yo veo cuán limpias y brillantes están. Hacen un trabajo de calidad y siempre sonríen y saludan a todos. Por todo lo que hacen, tienen todo mi respeto. Tienen mi respeto de todo corazón. Animo a la comunidad de Aldine a tomarse un momento para agradecer a los custodios de su edificio esta semana.

Las escuelas comenzaron a llevar a cabo sus eventos de puertas abiertas (Open House) junto con ferias de libros. Varios de nuestros colegios realizarán su evento de puertas abiertas este mes. Los recomiendo que vengan y vean las cosas maravillosas que suceden en nuestras escuelas. También es una gran manera de conocer a los maestros. Consulten en la escuela de su hijo para conocer las fechas y los horarios.

¡Estamos en medio del Mes de la Herencia Hispana! He disfrutado ver publicaciones en las redes sociales de escuelas y personal del distrito participando en actividades y mostrando su orgullo

hispano. El personal participó en una lotería de libros, los alumnos crearon muros de arte cultural y los alumnos y el personal se vistieron como su Héroe Hispano favorito. La semana pasada, el autor premiado y de mayor venta, Matt de la Peña, fue el orador principal en nuestro evento virtual de almuerzo y aprendizaje. Y espero con ansias más adelante esta semana cuando nuestros líderes administrativos disfruten de comidas hispanas caseras durante nuestro ILT el 6 de octubre, además de disfrutar la presentación de nuestros talentosos alumnos del Mariachi Acero. Me enorgullece mencionar que nuestro ballet folclórico y mariachi en Carver High School se presentaron en Fox 26 Houston. ¡Y no hemos terminado! La próxima semana cerramos el Mes de la Herencia Hispana con nuestro Club de Libros. El grupo charlará sobre el libro de este año, Si tan solo conocieras a Emily Francis: Cartas de una maestra inmigrante. Hagan clic aquí para obtener más información.

Hay tantos otros acontecimientos que ofrecen opciones y oportunidades para nuestros alumnos y familias. Desde campañas de registro de votantes hasta nuestra Expo de Transición para familias de alumnos con discapacidades y escuchar historias reales de transformación de familias que participaron en nuestras sesiones de la Universidad de la Familia y la Comunidad (UFC) el año escolar pasado. UFC se enfoca en empoderar a las familias y servir como un recurso para que toda la familia tenga éxito. Tuve el gran placer de ver graduarse a la primera clase de UFC, y debo decir que fue uno de los momentos más inspiradores que he presenciado. Hagan clic aquí para registrarse para el

año 2022-2023 de UFC, que comenzó el 1 de octubre. Nuestra Academia de Liderazgo para Padres también ofrece nuevas sesiones para padres y tutores legales. Hagan clic aquí para obtener más detalles sobre la Academia de Liderazgo.

Otros eventos próximos incluyen un Día de Aprender Juntos el 8 de octubre para familias y maestros de alumnos con dislexia. Noche universitaria (College Night) el 10 de octubre es una excelente oportunidad para hablar con representantes de universidades, escuelas de oficios y fuerzas armadas. El evento anual de TCCA para educadores de edtech será el 22 de octubre. Y nuestro Festival de Escuelas de Opción (Choice Schools), el 29 de octubre, brinda a las familias la oportunidad de conocer a representantes de nuestros programas especializados para alumnos preescolares a escuela secundaria y completar las solicitudes de manera anticipada para el año escolar 2022-2023. Manténganse conectados con estas y otras oportunidades visitando AldineISD.org.

Muchas familias recibieron correos electrónicos sobre cómo completar la Actualización Anual del año escolar 2022- 2023 antes del 21 de octubre. Insto a las familias a completar el formulario requerido en línea. La información que proporcionan ustedes incluye contactos de emergencia, confirmaciones, los deseos y peticiones familiares y permisos necesarios. Al completar el formulario, también nos ayudan a maximizar los fondos escolares.

Nuevamente, los insto a que completen la Actualización Anual para asegurar la comunicación entre las escuelas y las familias, y para asegurar que las escuelas reciban la máxima cantidad de fondos. Los datos también

determinan si el distrito califica para proporcionar desayunos y almuerzos escolares gratuitos a todos nuestros alumnos, como lo estamos haciendo este año escolar. La próxima semana marca la Semana Nacional del Almuerzo Escolar. Mientras los alumnos disfrutaban de comidas escolares saludables gratuitas, recuerden completar la Actualización Anual para que todos los alumnos puedan beneficiarse nuevamente el próximo año.

Al terminar, quiero recordarles otro canal de comunicación que usamos, el All the Things: The Aldine ISD Podcast (Todas las cosas: El podcast de Aldine ISD). El mes pasado, me escucharon hablar sobre 'todas las cosas' que han estado sucediendo en Aldine desde el último episodio en mayo. También escucharon historias sobre mi hija, que se graduó de la escuela secundaria Nimitz. En el segundo episodio de la tercera temporada, escucharán al jefe de policía Paul Córdova hablando con nuestra directora de personal y presentadora del podcast, Sheleah Reed, sobre la seguridad en nuestras escuelas y nuestras comunidades de Aldine. Les recomiendo sintonizar y aprender sobre las mejores prácticas de seguridad, lo que está haciendo el Departamento de Policía de Aldine ISD sobre las amenazas cibernéticas y cómo pueden ser proactivos en la comunidad.

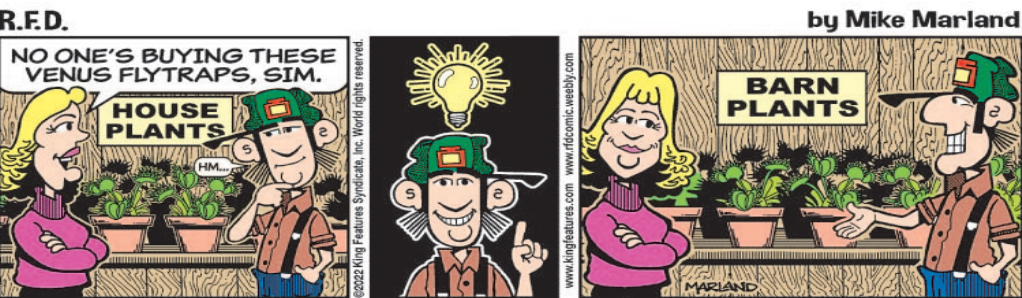
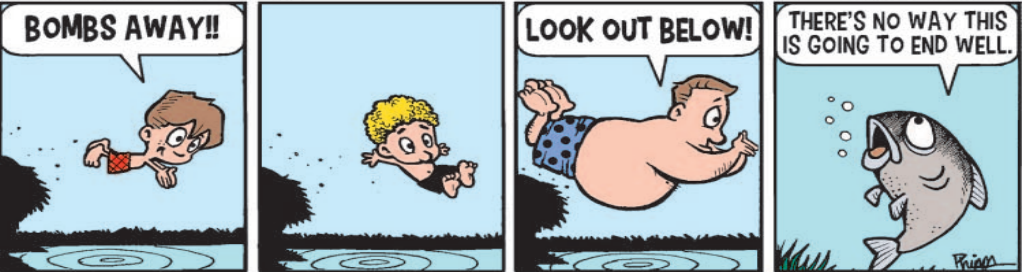
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Orgullosa de nuestro distrito escolar,

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Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

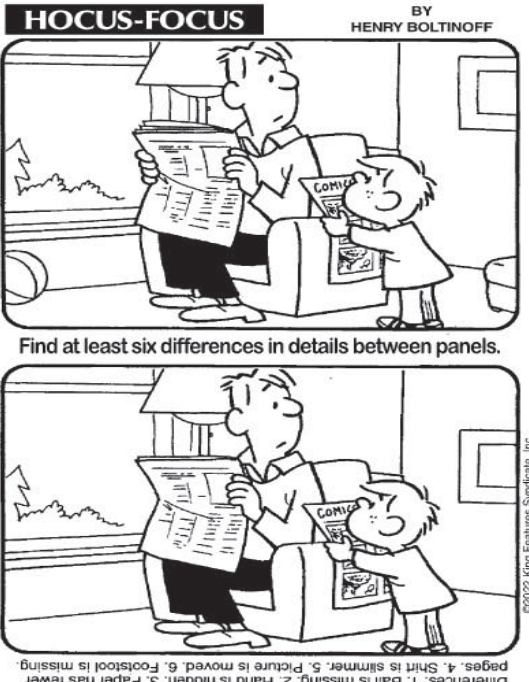
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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia Test Answerst

1. Six (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio).; 2. Lunar Larry.; 3. Tiger.; 4. Pre-baking a pie crust without filling.; 5. Aster and morning glory.; 6. Virginia and West Virginia.; 7. Fear of one or more colors.; 8. Gerald Ford.; 9. An ambush.; 10. Aretha Franklin.

King Crossword —

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

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ACROSS

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4 Twice cuatro
8 Tubular pasta
12 PBS funder
13 Beloved
14 Optimist's credo
15 Standards
17 Profs' degrees
18 Finally
19 Snooze
21 Sound from a hot wok
22 "Conga" singer Estefan
26 Eastern European cake
29 Wager
30 Nile reptile
31 Novelist Anita
32 "Mayday!"
33 Ovid's 53
34 Hostel
35 Farm pen
36 Tightly packed
37 Illinois city
39 Day light
40 Corn serving
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1 Early Peruvian
2 Ernie's pal
3 Postal delivery
4 Black Sea port
5 Breath mint brand
6 "Ball —"
7 Vitamin C providers
8 Lighter brand
9 German pronoun
10 Wee bit
11 — and outs
16 To-do list items
20 PC key
23 Picnic spoiler
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: How many states border the Great Lakes?
 2. MOVIES: What was Buzz Lightyear's original name in the animated movie "Toy Story"?
 3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the family dog on "The Brady Bunch"?
 4. FOOD & DRINK: What is blind baking?
 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with September?
 6. HISTORY: Which state divided into two as a result of the U.S. Civil War?
 7. PSYCHOLOGY: What kind of fear is represented by the condition called chromophobia?
 8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to serve in the office who was not elected as vice president or president?
 9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of tigers called?
 10. MUSIC: Who was the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
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SPORTS PAGE

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 7:

No. 1 Alabama faces another tough road test at No. 8 Tennessee: Cowboys, Eagles meet in key NFC East contest on Sunday Night TV

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sibly Texas Tech could also have a lot to say as to who appears in the league title game on the first Saturday in December. Oklahoma dropped its first two conference games and will probably play spoiler down the stretch.

In the NFL, there are two marquee games this weekend as the Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs meet for the first time since last January when they played perhaps one of the most exciting play-off games in NFL history. Patrick Mahomes and Co. pulled out a 42-36 win in overtime to advance to the AFC Championship game, where they ultimately lost at home to Cincinnati. Speaking of the Bengals, they head to New Orleans to take on a struggling Saints team. The Sunday Night Football crew has a good one as the Cowboys visit the Eagles in a key NFC East contest in prime time. Dallas entered last Sunday's game against the Rams riding a three-game winning streak thanks to a stifling defense and the steady play of backup QB Cooper Rush. Starter Dak Prescott could return for this game, but if he struggles, the Pokes can turn to Rush who has done a good job of making plays when they present themselves. He hasn't tried to play about his ability, which has been a key to Dallas' mini run.

Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, let's review last week's record. Another 6-6 week brought the season record to a less than inspiring 33-27 overall record (55%).

It's time to get things going!

HIGH SCHOOL

Eisenhower at Westfield: Eric Jackson's Eagles take on District 14-6A favorite Westfield on Thursday night at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring. Two weeks ago, the Eagles picked up a huge district win with a 46-21 triumph over Nimitz. The Eagles are led by QB Zach Henry (1,378 passing yards, 8 TDs/288 rushing yards) and wide receiver Ryan Niblett (30 receptions, 5890 yards, 4 TDs). Westfield is led by QB Preston Hatter (1,352 yards, 21 TDs/198 rushing yards, 2 TDs). Westfield appears to once again be the class of District 14-6A. My pick, Westfield 33, Eisenhower 30

Aldine vs. Dekaney: Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs take on Dekaney in George Stadium on Thursday evening. Aldine is led by running back Damian Paredes (416 yards, 4 TDs), one of the top running backs in District 14-6A, while Dekaney is led by quarterback ReChuck Hines (1,168 yards, 7 TDs). Look for Hines to be the difference maker in this game. My pick, Dekaney 26, Aldine 23

MacArthur at Spring: Wayne Crawford's Generals take on the Spring Lions on Friday evening at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring. Two weeks ago, the Generals picked up their first league win with a 34-7 victory over Aldine High. The Generals are led by running back Khoran Brown (251 yards, 3 TDs) and QB Duriel Quinn (593 passing yards, 4 TDs), while Spring is led by QB Clourid Johnson (672 passing yards, 5 TDs) and running back AJ Williams (163 rushing yards/19 receptions, 315 yards, 1 TD). My pick, Spring 30, MacArthur 26

Nimitz vs. Davis: Cornelius Harmon's Cougars take on Scott Joseph's Falcons on Friday night in George Stadium in a key District 14-6A contest for both teams. Two weeks ago, Nimitz dropped a 46-21 decision to Eisenhower, while Davis dropped a 21-14



decision to Spring. The Cougars are led by QB Brayden Whitehead (1,202 yards, 13 TDs), running back Joseph Sanders (415 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Noah Allen (21 receptions, 410 yards, 2 TDs), while the Falcons are led by QB Joshua Williams (586 yards, 4 TDs/131 rushing yards, 3 TDs). My pick, Nimitz 33, Davis 31

NCAA

Penn State at Michigan: A big one in the Big 10 pits the No., 10-ranked Nittany Lions against the No. 4-ranked Wolverines at the Big House in Ann Arbor. PSU has won its first five games of the season behind the play of QB Sean Clifford (1,030 yards, 9 TDs) and its two-headed running game featuring Nicholas Singletary (454 yards, 5 TDs) and Kaytron Allen (303 yards, 3 TDs). Penn State also has two capable receivers in wide-out Parker Washington (20 receptions, 285 yards) and tight end Brenton Strange (15 receptions, 231 yards, 4 TDs). The PSU offense will get a stern test from a quick and fast Michigan defense. Jim Harbaugh also has a pretty solid offense led by QB J.J. McCarthy (848 yards, 6 TDS) and running back Blake Corum (611 yards, 10 TDs). Look for the Michigan defense to slow down the Penn State offense as the Wolverines remain undefeated. My pick, Michigan 23, Penn State 13

Alabama at Tennessee: Nick Saban's No. 1-ranked Crimson Tide face a stern test at No. 8 Tennessee on Saturday afternoon. Volunteer head coach Josh Heupel has turned things around quickly in Knoxville as the Vols were 4-0 heading into last Saturday's game against LSU. Tennessee has an explosive offense led by QB Hendon Hooker (1,193 yards, 8 TDs), running back Jaylen Wright (256 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Jalin Hyatt (23 receptions, 325 yards, 3 TDs). Alabama has a pretty fair offense as well, but might be without starting quarterback and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Bryce Young (1,202 yards, 14 TDs). Young suffered a shoulder injury two weeks ago in the Tides' 49-23 win at Arkansas, but the 'Bama offense did not miss a beat when backup QB Jalen Milroe replaced him. Milroe passed for one touchdown and rushed for 91 yards and another TD. He also got a lot of help from running back Jahmry Gibbs (378 yards, 2 TDs), who rushed for 206 yards and two TDS in the win over the Razorbacks. If Young is out, look for Saban to give the Vols a steady does of his running game led by Milroe, Gibbs and Jase McClellan (256 yards, 3 TDs). If they are successful running the ball, that should open up the passing game for some down field strikes to wide receiver Traeshon Holden (17 receptions, 228 yards, 4 TDs). Look for the Alabama defense to be the difference maker in this one as edge rusher Will Anderson Jr., harasses Hooker all afternoon. My pick, Alabama 31, Tennessee 23

Oklahoma State at TCU: A big one in the Big 12. The winner of this one could be in the driver's seat to qualify for the league title game, while the loser will remain in the hunt. The No. 7-ranked Cowboys have perhaps the league's most experienced QB in Spencer Sanders (1,097 yards, 11 TDs). Mike Gundy's team also has a strong running back in Dominic Richardson (288 yards, 3 TDs) and a big-play wide receiver in

Braydon Johnson (17 receptions, 360 yards, 3 TDs), while TCU has a pretty fair signal call as well in speedy Max Duggan (997 yards, 11 TDs). The Horned Frogs also have a strong running back in Kendee Miller (386 yards, 5 TDs) and two big-play wide-outs in Taye Barber (11 receptions, 208 yards, 1 TDS) and Derius Davis (14 receptions, 158 yards, 2 TDs). TCU is tough to beat at home this year, which the Cowboys will discover come Saturday. My pick, TCU 36, Oklahoma State 33

USC at Utah: A big one in the Pac 12 pits No. 6-ranked USC versus No. 11-ranked Utah. Lincoln Riley's first year in LA has gotten off to a nice start thanks to QB Caleb Williams (1,402 yards, 12 TDs), who joined Riley at USC after the duo left Oklahoma. Williams has one of the top WRs in the country in Jordan Addison (29 receptions, 442 yards, 6 TDs) and a decent running back in Travis Davis (422 yards, 5 TDs). Utah is led by QB Cameron Rising (1,153 yards, 13 TDs), running back Tavion Thomas (295 yards, 4 TDS) and wide receiver Devaughn Lee (21 receptions, 269 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Dalton Kincaid (19 receptions, 257 yards, 5 TDs). The Utah defense could be the difference maker in this game. Utah dropped its season opener at Florida, 29-26, and since that game, the defense has allowed just 10 points in Utah's next four games. USC has issues in the offensive line, so look for the Utah defense to take advantage of that and pull out the win. My pick, Utah 26, USC 23

NFL

Cincinnati at New Orleans: After losing their first two games of the season, the Bengals won two straight as QB Joe Burrow (1,099 yards, 8 TDs) has started making plays downfield to WRs Tee Higgins (20 receptions, 315 yards, 2 TDs) and Ja'Marr Chase (25 receptions, 293 yards, 2 TDs). The Saints dropped three of their first four games as QB Jameis Winston (858 yards, 4 TDs/5 interceptions) has struggled to stay healthy. Look for the Bengals to win a tough road game as they begin to build momentum for the remainder of the season. My pick, Cincinnati 26, New Orleans 23

Buffalo at Kansas City: Sequels rarely live up to the hype (except Godfather II), but if this game is half as good as last year's AFC Division playoff game, then we should expect a real barnburner in KC on Sunday when the Bills visit the Chiefs. Both teams are loaded on offense and this game will feature two of the best young QBs in the NFL when Josh Allen (1,627 passing yards, 10 TDs/183 rushing yards, 2 TDs) and Patrick Mahomes (1,106 yards, 11 TDs) meet once again in Arrowhead Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Bills overcame the rain and a 17-point deficit at Baltimore to rally to a 23-20 win behind Allen's arm and legs, while Mahomes led the Chiefs to a 41-31 win over Tom Brady and Tampa Bay in Tampa. KC controlled that game from start to finish and was up 21 points in the third quarter before Brady made the final score look close with a couple of TD passes late in the game. Allen will look to make plays with speedy wide-out Stefan Diggs (31 receptions, 406 yards, 4 TDs), while Mahomes will once again look for his main man, tight end



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Travis Kelce (26 receptions, 322 yards, 3 TDs), but head coach Andy Reid has surrounded Mahomes and Kelce with a host of talented receivers and running backs for Mahomes to spread the wealth to. Buffalo has the better defense, but don't forget what Mahomes did to a pretty good TB defense two weeks ago (249 yards, 3 TDs, 41 points). Look for Mahomes to make one more play than Allen will as the Chiefs look to let the rest of the AFC know that the road to the conference title still runs through KC. My pick, Kansas City 34, Buffalo 31

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games). Philly has been getting it done behind dual threat QB Jalen Hurts (1,120 passing yards, 4 TDs/205 rushing yards, 4 TDs), running back Miles Sanders (356 yards, 3 TDs) and wideouts A.J. Brown (25 receptions, 404 yards, 1 TD) and DeVonta Smith (18 receptions, 266 yards, 1 TD). If Dak Prescott returns for this game, he may have to work through some rust, which could hamper the Dallas offense. If running back Ezekiel Elliott (227 yards, 1 TD) can get off to a good start running the football, then that should open up the passing game Prescott or Rush to makes plays downfield to CeeDee Lamb (23 receptions, 288 yards, 1 TD) and Noah Brown (18 receptions, 274 yards, 1 TD). I think playing at home will be a huge advantage for the Eagles and the Cowboys will return the favor when these two meet again on Christmas Eve in Arlington. My pick, Philadelphia 24, Dallas 20

Denver at Los Angeles Chargers: Week six con-

cludes on Monday Night Football with an AFC West contest between the Broncos and Chargers. Denver QB Russell Wilson (980 yards, 4 TDS) has gotten off to a slow start with his new team, but he did seem to start to come alive two weeks ago with two TD passes and a rushing touchdown in his team's 32-23 loss at Las Vegas. Denver suffered a huge loss in that game when starting running back Javonte Williams sustained a season-ending knee injury. While the Broncos were losing two weeks ago, the Chargers won over the Texas, 34-24, as running back Austin Ekeler (140 yards, 3 total TDs) finally got untracked for LA with a three-TD day (two rushing, one receiving). QB Justin Herbert (1,250 yards, 9 TDs) appears recovered from a rib injury he suffered in Week 2 at KC. Look for him to attack the Denver secondary with strikes to Mike Williams (18 receptions, 258 yards, 2 TDs), Keenan Allen and Ekeler. My pick, Los Angeles Chargers 31, Denver 27



MacArthur Wins 7th Straight Team Tennis Title

The MacArthur High School Generals won their seventh straight Team Tennis title and will now advance to bi-district competition.

Aldine ISD captured all four playoff berths in the District 14-6A Team Tennis competition.

Under the direction of head coach Brandon Blake, the Generals finished district competition with an undefeated record and upped their league record to 49-0 since 2016.

The Davis High Falcons, led by head coach Steven Hawkins, finished in second place. In contrast, the Eisenhower High Eagles, under the direction of head coach Jeffrey

Brush finished in third place, and the Nimitz High Cougars, under head coach Andy Nguyen finished in fourth place.

MacArthur will face Oak Ridge in bi-district on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 2:30 p.m. at Davis High School. Davis will take on Grand

Oaks in bi-district on Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. at Grand Oaks High School, while Eisenhower will face off against College Park on Oct. 11 at College Park High School. Nimitz will take on The Woodlands on Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. at The Woodlands High School.

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Westfield FD Aerial Ladder truck



Deputies and East Aldine members pose during the evening's events.



Ballet Folklorico from BakerRipley – East Aldine



Kids view the helicopter close-up.



Tents at the East Aldine Building had games, info, food, and handouts for everyone.



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Sheriff's Helicopter takes off to the crowd's delight.



The Helicopter attracted a lot of visitors, kids and adults.



Civic Clubs were present, including the Green Forest Civic Club. National Night Out is meant for this type of neighborly participation. (Contributed Photo)