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NEWS NOTES

Small Business Seminar Oct. 25

East Aldine District hosts a Free Luncheon Seminar on Financial Management. Financial practices, rules, and tools. All small businesses welcome.

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EAMD Business Networking Luncheon Oct. 27

East Aldine District hosts a Business Networking Luncheon for Brokers, real estate agents, property owners, shopping center developers and all small businesses. Subject: Business Security.

Thursday, Oct. 27 at 12noon, at the East Aldine District Office, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive. Register by Oct. 25 at AldineDistrict.org/networking or 713-595-1232.

Final Weeks of Campaigns:

BETO, ABBOTT stump Houston for Votes

By Gilbert Hoffman

HARRIS COUNTY – Voters face a momentous and important task on Election Day, November 8, when they must select candidate and propositions on the longest ballot in Texas and the longest in recent memory. In addition, they must navigate the new voting machines which have a combination of electronic ballot casting, and a paper record to be scanned and archived.

Candidates have been ferociously campaigning, with personal appearances, social media, email campaigns, and ads on TV and newspapers.

Most political observers feel this is one of the most important elections in many years, with the Supreme Court overturning



Beto O'Rourke made one of many campaign appearances last Sunday in a community center gym in North Forest. Also speaking were Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, left, and County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.

longstanding judgements, and an evenly split Congress deadlocked on many life-altering issues.

Important races on the ballot include Texas Gov-

ernor and other state offices, Harris County Judge and commissioner, and many candidates for U.S. House and State Legislature.



Governor Greg Abbott also appeared last week in Houston, choosing to speak to a small crowd of businessmen and officials at the Port of Houston conference room.

In addition, there are bond propositions for massive amounts of money, and school districts wanting to fund expansion. Dozens of judges will be

elected, both family, district, civil and criminal

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County Budget standoff moving toward resolution

Hidalgo to meet with Republican opposition

Harris County, TX – October 14, 2022, Judge Lina Hidalgo today announced that she is calling a special meeting of Commissioners Court for Monday, October 17, with the goal of reaching a consensus regarding Harris County's budget and tax rate cut.

Judge Hidalgo issued the following statement regarding her intention to hold a special meeting:

"As part of my continued efforts to pass a responsible budget that provides funding for public safety and other critical services, and given that commissioners have now made public compromise proposals, I am calling a special meeting so that all Commissioners Court members may come together and reach a consensus.

The goal for Monday's



Judge Hidalgo and budget officials issue statement regarding need to pass new tax rate. Republican Commissioners Cagle and Ramsey have opposed budget proposed by Democrat commissioners.

meeting is for the members of court to agree on a specific tax rate decrease so that we can post a meeting for a later date in which we vote to actually adopt the proposed tax rate decrease. I would like to encourage

as many residents as possible to join us and express their views about the compromise budget.

I look forward to a productive discussion on Monday."

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 8:

Texas hopes good times continue against Oklahoma State: Texans look for second straight win when they visit Las Vegas

Things are starting to heat up in the Big 12 and Texas fans are starting to believe their team might just be back after their 49-0 pasting of arch rival Oklahoma two weeks ago in the Cotton Bowl.

UT fans will learn a lot more about Steve Sarkisian's team this weekend when the No. 22-ranked Longhorns travel to Stillwater to face No. 8-ranked Oklahoma State.

Sure, the 'Horns decimated a struggling OU team, but this week they face the best team in the state as Mike Gundy's team won its first five games of the season before their showdown at TCU last Saturday.

Speaking of TCU, the No. 13-ranked Horned Frogs take on No. 17-ranked Kansas State in another key Big 12 contest on Saturday. And just for good measure, No. 19-ranked Kansas heads to Waco to face defending Big 12 champ Baylor in a key game for both teams. Two weeks



KEENEY'S KORNER
By
MIKE KEENEY

ago, Kansas suffered its first loss of the season at home against TCU (38-31) and also lost starting QB Jalon Daniels (1,072 passing yards, 11 TDs/335 rushing yards, 5 TDs). Daniels sustained a shoulder injury against the Frogs and his availability for the Baylor game is unknown at this time. If he can't go, backup QB Jason Bean (286 yards, 4 TDs) will be called on to lead the offense.

This year's league race is shaping up as a real dogfight and it's very likely that the two teams who reach the Big 12 title game on Dec. 3 in Arlington could have two losses. The league is that competitive and deep this

year. While a lot of attention will be focused on those two games, there's a good one on tap in the Pac 12 as No. 11-ranked UCLA, one of the surprise teams thus far this season, travels to Eugene to take on No. 12-ranked Oregon in a key conference game. UCLA, under the direction of head coach Chip Kelly, won its first six games of the season after finishing 8-4 a year ago. It appears Kelly has turned the program around. The trip to Eugene will let Bruins fans know just how much the pro-

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BAA encourages constituents to vote

ALDINE – BAA (Bonding Against Adversity) held a seminar last week to give voting information. New sworn in citizens attended a Civic Engagement Roundtable on October 1, 2022. The roundtable which took place at the East Aldine District building was aimed at all citizens, encouraging them to register to vote.

Several speakers attended to answer questions about the upcoming November 8 elections. A representative from the Harris County Elections Administrator was on site answering questions about polling locations, as well as doing demonstrations of the new voting machines; newly registered citizens had the opportunity to practice how to vote on the machines. Also, a representative from NALEO answered questions about the process to register to vote for new sworn in citizens, which requires extra steps such as reporting to the social security office administration and to the DPS in order to have an accurate count when voting. League of Women Voters - Houston, was on site as well reminding new citizens that deadline to register to vote is October 11, 2022.

Questions were answered and prospective voters are getting ready to choose their candidates on November 8, 2022.



Speakers and B.A.A. officials



Learning about the new Voting Machines



Roundtable discussion at the East Aldine offices

Harvest Fall Festival at BakerRipley

Fall Harvest Festival at Baker Ripley - East Aldine with pumpkin patch, vendors, bounce house for kids and Castillo's carriage, the tumbril has more than 100 years in the family.

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.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Carver HS’ Robinson Named School Principal of the Year

Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) has named Carver High School Principal Dr. Tracie Robinson the 2022 School Principal of the Year.

Each year, TAEA awards one non-TAEA member school administrator in the state of Texas with this award. Robinson’s designation has distinguished her as a principal who has demonstrated exceptional support for art education and the visual arts.

Kaileigh Newman, AISD’s director of visual arts, nominated Robinson.

“Dr. Robinson knows and trusts the art teachers and counselors who create the master schedule and career pathways for fine arts and visual arts students. The student artists have choices and opportunities to pursue several course options in art and witness their artwork being celebrated. The visual arts have the highest priorities when planning the school year. She sets time aside each year for art teachers’ content-based professional development (CBPL). This effort provides valuable time for art teachers at Carver High School to take ownership and lead through collaborative, reflective, and honest CBPL practices.

“Dr. Robinson is modest in her approach as principal but stands true to what she believes in and will not back down for what is right for students. Visual art students are included in this passion and active pursuit to be the best. Dr. Robinson not only believes in the positive impact the visual arts have on Carver’s student artists but this is also exhibited in her actions as the campus



Carver HS Principal Dr. Tracie Robinson poses next to artwork from students at her campus.

leader. Carver artists compete in many contests over the school year. Any time a student wins or places, Dr. Robinson is there personally to cheer them on and celebrate their accomplishments. Dr. Robinson has created a positive arts culture at Carver. Because of this, art teachers are constantly developing innovative ways to reach our art students.”

Robinson will receive her award at the First General Session on Friday, November 11, 2022, during TAEA’s Annual Conference in McAllen.

Carver High School is a Title I campus and serves Grades 9-12.

Generals, Lady Generals Earn District 14-6A Cross Country Titles



The MacArthur High School Generals won their 14th straight district title when they finished in first place at the District 14-6A Cross Country Meet, held Oct. 13 at Lone Star College-North Harris. Pictured with the team is head coach Patrick James and assistant coaches Kelly Silha and Michael Peraza.



The MacArthur High School Lady Generals finished in first place at the District 14-6A Cross Country Meet, held Oct. 13 at Lone Star College-North Harris. Pictured with the team is head coach Patrick James and assistants Kelly Silha and Michael Peraza.

The MacArthur High School Generals and Lady Generals each finished in first place in their respective divisions at the District 14-6A Cross Country Meet, held Thursday, Oct. 13 at Lone Star College-North Harris.

For the Generals, it was their 14th straight district title. The boys and girls teams are under the direction of head coach Patrick James and assistant coaches Kelly Silha and Michael Peraza.

By winning district titles, both teams advance to the Region II Cross Country Meet, slated for Monday, Oct. 24 in Grand Prairie.

They will be joined at regionals by the Nimitz and Eisenhower boys teams, and the Aldine girls team. The Nimitz boys finished second at district, while the Eisenhower boys finished in third place and the Aldine girls team finished in third place.

The Generals team consisted of Sebastian Ayala, Joshua Calderon, Johnny Chavez, Eduardo Espinoza, Jamie Martinez, Andres Ramirez, Ray Romero and Abeiro San Juan.

The Lady Generals team consisted of Alejandra Espinoza, Joselin Gonzalez, Maria Gonzalez, Ciara Ramirez, Miranda Machado, Samantha Perez and Lorena Yanez.

The Nimitz boys team consisted of Jonathan Doyle, Cruz Alvarez, Ricardo Pucheta, Tommy Landaverde, Anthony Galvez and Juan Velez. The Eisenhower boys team consisted of Isaac Espericue-ta, Pastor Martinez, Angel Vicencio, Ernesto Pulido Hernandez, Anderson Meza and Cristian Torres.

The Aldine girls team consisted of Elda Zuniga Villa, Hannah Chavez, Rebecca Cervantes, Kimberlyn Prez and Tatiana Rodriguez. In addition to the top three teams advancing to regionals, the top 10 individual finishers will also compete at regionals. Nimitz High’s Alysia Doyle finished in first place in the girls division and will also be competing at the Region II Meet.

October 23-30: Red Ribbon Week Activities



Join Aldine ISD schools as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week (October 23-30) and being alcohol, tobacco, and drug free.

This year’s theme is “Celebrate Life: Live Drug Free.”

All schools across the district will celebrate Red Ribbon Week; however, each school might have various additional ways to celebrate the weeklong event, such as posters, wristbands, and other awareness materials that schools can use to engage students and families in tobacco and vaping prevention.

During the weeklong celebration, students can participate in Spirit Week, social media challenges, and other school-based activities to show their commitment to tobacco and drug-free living.

Each day during the week of October 23, we will be celebrating with daily themes.

Red Ribbon Week Activities

Monday, October 24 “I am “RED” y to say no to drugs.” Wear RED from head to toe

Tuesday, Oct. 25 “Do not let drugs drive you CRAZY.” Wear crazy hair, hats, and socks

Wednesday, Oct. 26 “FRIENDS do not let FRIENDS do drugs.” Twin Day

Thursday, Oct. 27 “Give drugs the BOOT.” Dress like cowboys and cowgirls

Friday, Oct. 28 “TEAM-UP against drugs” Wear your favorite sports team shirt

Social Media Challenge

The district challenges every campus to post images on social media each day of the planned activities during Red Ribbon Week. Show everyone your all-red outfit; crazy hair, hats, and socks; twin; cowboy/cowgirl outfits; and your favorite sports team t-shirt! Be sure to use the hashtags #RedRibbonWeek (#SemanaDeLaCintaRoja) and #AldineConnected (#AldineConectado in Spanish).

Red Ribbon Week, the country’s largest drug prevention awareness campaign, was created in 1985 and is now famous for the thousands who wear red ribbons to raise awareness.

Aldine ISD Celebrates National School Lunch Week

During the week of Oct. 10-14, Aldine ISD celebrated National School Lunch Week.

The district’s Child Nutrition Services Department sponsored several fun-filled activities during the week from the primary to the high school level.

At the primary level, students engaged in a coloring contest and received Nutrition Education stickers.

At the elementary level, students also engaged in a coloring contest, received Nutrition Education stickers, and took part in Prize Day, where cashiers set a timer on their phones to give away eight prizes throughout lunch serving periods. When the timer went off, the student at the cash register received an award.



A De Santiago Primary Student proudly displays the Sticker she received from cafeteria manager Yesica Barboza as the school, and Aldine ISD celebrated National School Lunch Week, Oct. 10-14. Schools throughout the district celebrated National School Lunch Week with several fun-filled initiatives.

MacArthur High Water Polo Team Won The First-Ever District Title



The MacArthur High Generals water polo team are trailblazers.

The Generals boys and girl team won the first-ever district title in the history of water polo in Aldine ISD.

This year, Aldine ISD launched water polo programs at the district’s five traditional high schools.

The Generals and Lady Generals, under the direction of head coach Patrick Herr, will go down in history as the inaugural winners of league titles in the program’s first year of competition.

Joining MacArthur in the playoffs will be the Aldine High School boys and girls teams, Nimitz High School’s girls’ team, Davis High School boys’ team, Davis High School girls’ team, and Eisenhower High School boys’ team.

Aldine High is under head coach Richard Bolduc, and Davis High is under the direction of head coach Camilo Orellana. At the same time, Eisenhower High is under the direction of head coach Alexis Cisneros and Nimitz High is under head coach Roderick Broussard.

Bi-district action will begin on Monday, Oct. 10, when Aldine High takes on Tomball Memorial at the

Tomball High School Natatorium. The girls’ game will start at 5 p.m., followed by the boys’ game at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets can be purchased online only at: <https://events.ticketspicket.com/home>.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, The Nimitz High girls’ team will face Klein Collins at 3 p.m., while the Davis High boys’ team will face off against Klein Collins at 4:30 p.m. The Davis High girls’ team will face Tomball High School at 6 p.m., followed by the Eisenhower High boys’ team facing Tomball High at 7:30 p.m. All four games will take place at the Tomball Aquatic Center North.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$3 for students and can be purchased online only at: <https://events.ticketspicket.com/home>.

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OPINION

Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



Judge Hidalgo comments on Budget stand-off

October 14 2022

On September 13th, two Harris County Commissioners declined to show up to a vital Commissioners Court meeting to approve the budget and funding for the next fiscal year for all departments and services across Harris County. Due to the Commissioners’ intentional absence, Court did not reach quorum, or the required four commissioners present. The result is that the Harris County budget will revert to over \$200 million less than what had been meticulously planned for by our departments. When the Commissioners had more chances to appear in Court and finally approve the budget on September 27th and October 11th, they again declined to attend.

My colleagues’ absence would force Harris Health System to operate with a deficit of roughly \$45 million this year. Patients at Harris Health hospitals and clinics would have to be turned away, and private hospitals would have to absorb the demand for care, meaning emergency room wait times would get even longer at private hospitals across the County. The deficit would lead to delays to the expansion of operations at the Quentin Mease facility, impeding nearly 100 colonoscopies (cancer screenings) per day from happening. We currently have a 3,000 person backlog for these cancer screenings.

The shortfall of funds would affect our law enforcement — the loss of funding for the Sheriff’s patrol is the equivalent of 175 entry-level deputies. An entire cadet class of 60 new police officers may have to cancel their start date next month. And 35 additional investigators that were budgeted for would not be added to the Sheriff’s team. All frontline law enforcement officers will only receive a portion of the substantial raises that had been promised them and budgeted for them. The District Attorney would have a \$5.4 million reduction, which is equivalent to not having at least 39 frontline prosecutor positions.

Our Veteran’s Services Department will have to eliminate \$300,000 of their services budget. The Children’s Assessment Center, a facility that provides services to the most vulnerable among us – sexually abused children – would see a reduction of nearly half a million dollars in funding that could go towards outreach and reaching children in need. Our public health system could stand to lose up to \$150 million in grants that require matching funds for food safety, water quality, and virus-fighting programs.


In short, the results would be devastating to Harris County. The consequences would be felt by vulnerable children and adults, frontline employees and institutions doing the hard work of providing quality services on tight budgets. The Commissioners will have another opportunity this coming Tuesday, October 18 to show up to the hearing, debate the options, and participate in a vote. I urge my colleagues to attend and fully fund these vital and necessary services for our residents. The funding also amounts to a 1% tax rate cut, the lowest tax rate in years.

Lives, jobs, and services our residents depend on for their health and safety are on the line. Let’s pass this budget.

Sincerely,
Lina Hidalgo
Harris County Judge

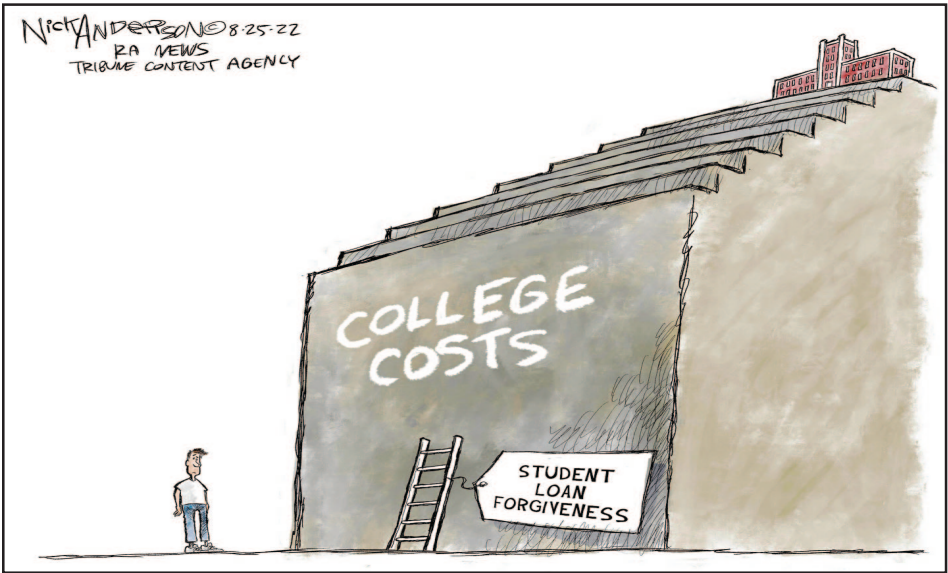
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— Margaret Mitchell

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Texans Urged to Get Flu Shot

Flu season is underway, and health officials are urging Texans to get their vaccinations as soon as possible, since it takes about two weeks for the shot to take effect.

“Because influenza can be a very serious disease, we recommend that all individuals aged 6 months and older get their flu vaccine every year,” said Dr. Jennifer Shuford, interim commissioner for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

“The flu vaccines for the 2022-2023 flu season have undergone substantial changes since last season, which will allow them to better protect against the flu viruses that are currently circulating,” she said. “So it is important to go get this season’s flu vaccine before flu activity increases even more in Texas.”

People over the age of 65 have a choice of three recommended higher-dose flu vaccines, which are considered more effective for this age group. People can also safely get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster at the same time they get the influenza vaccine, Shuford said.

Flu shots are widely available. To find out where, go to [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

COLORFUL FALL FOLIAGE LOOKS UNLIKELY

With much of the state still abnormally dry, or in some stage of drought, trees across the state are struggling with the effects of high temperatures and little rain. That means it is likely this year’s fall foliage won’t be as vivid as usual, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

“Many trees put on fewer, smaller leaves this spring or started to change color or prematurely drop their leaves in the summer,” said Karl Flocke, with the forest service. “All of this will most likely lead to fall colors that are less impressive than in years past.”

Deciduous trees drop their leaves in the au-



turn to conserve energy. However, due to the drought, some trees are already dropping their leaves before the green chlorophyll begins breaking down, which is what results in fall colors. Other trees still have their leaves, but they have already turned dead and brown.

There are other long-term effects from drought besides a lack of pretty colors, including a higher vulnerability to wood-boring insects. It could take months to determine the ultimate toll from the drought on the state’s trees.

EMERGENCY FOOD BENEFITS AGAIN EXTENDED

More than \$329 million in emergency food benefits are being extended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for October, marking 30 straight months of additional benefits.

All SNAP households will receive a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotments, in addition to their regular benefits. About 1.6 million Texas households benefit from the allotments. More than \$8.2 billion in emergency benefits have been provided by USA to Texans since April 2020.

“HHSC is proud to continue helping Texans who need a helping hand to put food on their table,” said Wayne Salter if the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which administers the program.

SCHOOL SAFETY CHIEF APPOINTED

A new position of state chief of school safety and security has been created following the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde. Former Secret Service agent John P. Scott is filling that post.

“Protecting Texas children and making our schools safer for all are top priorities, and John Scott is uniquely qualified to help lead our efforts ensuring their safety and security in Texas schools,” Gov. Greg Abbott said. “Chief Scott’s wealth of experience in security and intelligence and exemplary service to our nation make him the perfect fit as the new Chief of School Safety and Security.”

Scott served in a number of positions in the Secret Service. He will report directly to Mike Morath, Texas commissioner of education.

UVALDE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUSPENDS ENTIRE FORCE

The Uvalde school district has suspended its entire police force and placed two administrators on leave, following withering criticism to law enforcement response to the late May shooting, when an 18-year-old gunman killed 19 students and two teachers.

The Texas Standard reported the action came after investigations revealed that officers waited more than an hour before engaging the shooter, as students and teachers pleaded with 911 dispatchers to send help. The shooter ultimately was killed by law enforcement officers.

Family members of the victims camped out at district headquarters for 10 days demanding action, the report said.

COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO DROP

The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported new cases of COVID-19 in Texas during the past week dropped once again to 14,225, with 104 new deaths. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,359 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations across the state, down slightly from the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

Shelley’s Hats

This past week we attended the memorial for my husband Peter’s oldest sister, Shelley.

Shelley went through a long battle with cancer, and Peter lost his second sister in two years. The pandemic had just started, her husband had just died, and Shelley moved 900 miles across the country to live near her kids. Then, almost immediately, she discovered she was gravely ill. She moved in with her son, Joel, and daughter-in-law, Dani, and never left.

Shelley had several operations that did not go well, then chemo, which did not make her feel better, and finally she died peacefully, surrounded by the family who loved her so much. Meanwhile, all the things she packed up in the moving van remained in a storage unit.

Shelley was a woman of style. She was a striking beauty all her life. She dressed in bright colors and coordinated every outfit with care and, whenever the occasion called for it, she wore a hat. So I thought I’d wear a hat to Shelley’s memorial.

I am not generally a hat-wearing person. But I like to dress up, and a day dedicated to remembering Shelley seemed like an occasion that called for it. So I ordered a fancy black hat.

Peter liked the idea, and emailed Dani.

“Did Shelley have some other hats you could bring to the service that people could wear if they wanted?” he wrote.

He got no response. This was unlike Dani. Dani has the biggest heart of anyone I know. When Shelley was in the nursing home for several months, Dani organized it so that Shelley had a visitor every single day she was there. Dani planned parties for Shelley’s birthday, took her to all of her doctor appointments and cooked for her every day.

“I screwed up,” Peter said. “I didn’t mean to make more work for Dani!”

I decided to wear my hat, regardless. I knew Peter’s ex-wife planned to attend, which caused me a twinge of concern. She is a reserved and sensible person, two adjectives rarely applied to me, and was unlikely to show up in headgear the size of a hula hoop. No matter, I thought. Shelley would have liked it.

On the day of the memorial, we walked into the funeral home and saw Dani, wearing a hat. Next to her was her daughter, also in a hat. As I entered the lobby, I saw hats on the back of the chairs, over the lamps, sitting on the tables. They were everywhere, and they were all Shelley’s hats.

“I wasn’t sure I was going to do it,” Dani confessed. “That’s why I didn’t answer you. They were all in storage. But one day, I had a couple of hours, and I said, ‘what the heck!’ I had to empty about a third of the storage unit until I got to this huge washing-machine box. It was filled with hats and hatboxes. I started to empty it, but I couldn’t reach the bottom. So I climbed in and kept emptying it. Then I couldn’t get out!”

Dani didn’t tell us how she eventually got out of the washer box. It was apparently not dignified.

But the result was magnificent. Every woman wore a hat. Everyone took their hat home as a memory of Shelley, and I can only imagine how delighted she would have been.

Funerals tend to end up looking alike, and we all go to too many of them. But no one will ever forget the sea of colorful hats, a little bit of Shelley in every one. Till next time,
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judges fill several pages of the ballot.

At a more local level, school board trustees will be voted on in Channelview, Crosby, Huffman, Sheldon, and Lone Star College.

Bond issues for MUD districts are slated in Newport and Crosby.

Bond Issues include Harris County Propositions that would raise \$1.2 billion for Public Safety, Roads and Drainage, and Parks, a City of Houston Proposition that would raise over \$478 for a multitude of improvements, and Sheldon School District Bond proposals totaling over \$247 million for facility expansion.

Some well-known office holders that are being challenged this election cycle include Congress persons Dan Crenshaw, Lizzie Fletcher, Sheila Jackson Lee, Troy Nehls, Sylvia Garcia, and Brian Babin.

Also challenged are Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, and the Attorney General Ken Paxton.

State Senators facing a challenge include Brandon Creighton, John Whitmire, and Joan Huffman. State Representatives challenged include Briscoe Cain.

Harris County office holders that are chal-

lenged include District Clerk Marilyn Burgess, County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth, County Commissioners Pct. 2 Adrian Garcia, Pct. 4 Jack Cagle, and Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Place 2 Lucia Bates.

CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR CAMPAIGN IN HOUSTON

Both Governor candidates made personal appearance in the Houston area in the last week, attempting to garner more votes in this urban area.

Beto O'Rourke appeared at a rally in a community center gym in the North Forest area on Saturday, October 8th, and then again in Bellaire Chinatown area on Saturday, October 15th. His campaign message was extremely personal, and at North Forest he related stories that were aimed at persons in the audience that he seemed to know quite a bit about.

Beto talked about creating great jobs that pay a living wage, investing in world-class public schools, expanding health care so that more people can afford to access a doctor, restoring a woman's choice of reproductive care, and lowering living costs within the state.

Beto said "Texans will overcome Abbott's extremism -- from the total ban on

abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest, to defunding public schools, driving up inflation, and blocking commonsense measures to keep kids and communities safe from gun violence."

The rally or town hall in North Forest was attended by several hundred people, and the press and other politicians and Super Neighborhood officials.

The rally in Bellaire Chinatown was meant to address another demographic segment of the voters, the Asian community. The rally was held on the lawn in front of the Southern Chinese News building on Bellaire Boulevard. Beto's message was similar, but tailored to a different ethnicity and included comments in immigration policy and economic programs from the federal government.

In contrast, Greg Abbott's recent meeting in Houston was with business leaders, Port officials, and leaders of the Energy industry, in a conference room at the offices of the Port of Houston. Abbott spoke about Texas "surging economy and jobs growth in the energy industry."

Abbott said "Texas is proud to be the nation's number one exporting state for 20 years in a row, and we're beating our competitors in other states because of the efficiency and effectiveness of Port Houston," said Governor Abbott. "Texas' economy is booming, but our state—and Port Houston—could unleash its full economic potential if the federal government would get out of the way and roll-back unnecessary regulations."

In a roundtable discussion that followed, with energy leaders present, Abbott touted Texas' continued cominance in U.S. exports and highlighted Port Houston and its many companies' signigicant role in achieving that distinction. His message seemed to indicate that despite environmental threats to the industry, Abbott backed full support of practices.

Texas Comptroller returns \$309 million in Unclaimed Property

(AUSTIN)—The Texas Comptroller's office approved and paid out a record \$309 million in unclaimed property during the past fiscal year, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today.

This is the third time the Comptroller's office has returned \$300 million or more in unclaimed property in a fiscal year. In fiscal 2019, the Comptroller's office returned a then-record \$308 million to its rightful property owners; in fiscal 2020, the Comptroller's office returned \$300 million in unclaimed property.

"The \$309 million represents more than 160,000 claims paid to their rightful owners, and the fact that my office has returned \$2.1 billion to Texans since I became Comptroller is a testament to the hard-working folks in our Unclaimed Property Division," Hegar said. "I encourage everyone to visit ClaimItTexas.org to see if the state is holding some of their unclaimed property."

In addition, the Comptroller's office will be implementing a new way to quickly return unclaimed property to owners this year — sending a check to the owner without requiring them to file a claim. This process was authorized by Texas House Bill 1514 in 2021 and will be limited to unclaimed properties

under \$5,000 that the agency reasonably believes it can link to the correct owner.

The Comptroller's office has returned more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property to its owners since Texas' unclaimed property program began in 1962. The state is currently holding more than \$7 billion in cash and other valuables through the program.

The \$309 million in unclaimed property returned in fiscal 2022 includes forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe-deposit box contents. Businesses generally turn property over to the unclaimed property program after it has been considered dormant for one to five years.

There is generally no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state holds, which means there's no time limit for owners to file a claim — they can do so at any time.

For more information about the unclaimed property program, or to search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website, ClaimItTexas.org, or call 800-321-2274 (CASH).

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We offer a variety of computer classes in English & Spanish. Stop by today and register for a class that best fits your needs.

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

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

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Adults are welcome to our new financial education course, Lunch & Learn. Have lunch with us and learn from professionals about all things finances including budgeting, saving, and homebuying. This course begins in October. Registration is required.

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Every Thursday at 3pm, we will offer an Adulting class for teens. Join us to learn about important life skills.

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Join us every Saturday 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.

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PINT-SIZED SCIENTIST:
Explore the world of science in this new program. Every Tuesday at 4:30pm.
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:
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Kids Club is back this **Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 4:30pm!** Come and have some fun!

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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

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

2. From Acts 20:3, how many months did Paul stay in Greece? 3, 5, 7, 9

3. What is the shortest book in the New Testament (KJV)? Luke, Titus, 3 John, Jude

4. Who was the only woman to rule over Judah? Deborah, Dorcas, Eunice, Athaliah

5. Which of these appeared earliest in the Bible (KJV)? Jacob, Abraham, Samuel, Moses

6. What does the biblical name of "Nabal" mean? First, Fool, Power, Face

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 3, 3) 3 John, 4) Athaliah, 5) Abraham, 6) Fool

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SPORTS PAGE

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 8:

Texas hopes good times continue against Okla. State: Texans look for second straight win when they visit Vegas

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gram has improved. After losing their opener against Georgia, the Ducks have run off five straight wins and look like the class of the Pac 12 North.

In the NFL, the Texans travel to Sin City to face the Raiders. Two weeks ago, Lovie Smith's team picked up its first win of the year with a 13-6 victory at Jacksonville. They had last week off to prepare for the Vegas game and to rest up for the remainder of the season.

The Cowboys host a hapless Detroit team on Sunday in Arlington. Two weeks ago, Mike McCarthy's team won its fourth straight game with Cooper Rush at QB with a 22-10 dismantling of the Los Angeles Rams, the Super Bowl champs. Once again, the defense was dominant coming up with five more sacks (20 for the season) as Micah Parsons led the way with two more sacks while teammate DeMarcus Lawrence returned a Matthew Stafford fumble for the first score of the game to get the Cowboys going.

Starting quarterback Dak Prescott should return for this game, which should open things up for the offense. Rush has done an admirable job while Prescott nursed a fractured thumb and if Prescott struggles, I would not be surprised if McCarthy goes back to him at some point this season.

In other games of interest, the Colts visit the Titans in a key AFC South contest for both teams, while the Chiefs visit San Francisco in a rematch of Super Bowl LIV.

Before we take a look at this week's game, let's review last week's record. Another 6-6 week brought the season record to just 39-33 (54%)

Now, onto this weekend games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Davis vs. Eisenhower: Scott Joseph's Falcons take on Eric Jackson Eagles in a key District 14-6A game for both teams on Thursday night at George Stadium in Spring ISD. Two weeks ago, Davis fell to Dekaney, while Eisenhower downed MacArthur 30-0. The Falcons will be looking for a big game from QB Joshua Williams (586 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Andre Washington (29 receptions, 287 yards, 4 TDs), while the Eagles will be led by QB Zach Henry (1,510 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Ryan Niblett (35 receptions, 638 yards). My pick, Eisenhower 26, Davis 23

MacArthur vs. Westfield: Wayne Crawford's Generals face a tall task against Westfield on Thursday evening at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring ISD. Westfield is led by QB Preston Hatter (1,652 yards, 24 TDs) and running back Dahmeir Scott (341 yards, 2 TDs), while the Generals are led by wide receiver Justin Williams (21 receptions, 400 yards).

Aldine vs. Nimitz: Ojeda Cirilo's Mustangs face off against Cornelius Harmon's Cougars on Friday night at George Stadium in Spring ISD. Two weeks ago, Aldine fell to Spring, while Nimitz was defeated by Westfield. Nimitz is led by quarterback Brayden Whitehead (1,367 yards, 15 TDs) and running back Joseph Sanders (439 yards, 4 TDs), while the Mustangs are led by running back Damian Paredes (435 yards).

NCAA

Texas at Oklahoma State - No. 22-ranked Texas hits the road to take on No. 8-



ranked Oklahoma State in a key Big 12 contest for both teams. Two weeks ago, Steve Sarkisian's team blew out Oklahoma, 49-0, while OSU came back to defeat Texas Tech, 41-31. Both teams have potent offenses, which means this could turn into a shootout. The Texas offense got a huge boost with the return of QB Quinn Ewers (648 yards, 6 TDs) after he missed the 'Horns' last three games recovering from a shoulder injury he sustained in Week 2 against Alabama. While Ewers return has been welcomed, the UT offense is led by running back Bijan Robinson (645 yards, 11 total TDs). Robinson should have success against a spotty OSU defense. Look for UT to establish Robinson early, which should open up Ewers to make plays downfield to wideouts Xavier Worthy (24 receptions, 360 yards, 4 TDs) and Jordan Whittington (26 receptions, 354 yards). The Cowboys have the league's most experienced QB in Spencer Sanders (1,394 passing yards, 12 TDs/241 rushing yards, 6 TDs). OSU has a solid running back in Dominic Richardson (355 yards, 4 TDs) and a big-play wide receiver in Braylon Johnson (17 receptions, 3 TDs). If Texas is going to be serious about being in the Big 12 title hunt, they need a marquee road win and I think they get it this Saturday in Stillwater. My pick, Texas 36, Oklahoma State 33

Kansas State at TCU - Another big one in the Big 12 pits the No. 17-ranked Kansas State Wildcats against the No. 13-ranked Horned Frogs. This game features two good QBs in KSU's Adrian Martinez (900 passing yards, 4 TDs/546 rushing yards, 9 TDs) and TCU's Max Duggan (1,305 passing yards, 14 TDs/204 rushing yards, 3 TDs) and plenty of other offensive weapons. The Wildcats have one of the country's most electrifying running backs in Deuce Vaughn (661 yards, 3 TDs), while TCU leans on Kendre Miller (475 yards, 6 TDs). Duggan is the better passer of the two and the Horned Frogs have the better defense, and TCU is tough to beat at home. If TCU wins this one, the Frogs may not only be a serious contender for the Big 12 title, but they could also get into the College Football Playoff argument as well. My pick, TCU 33, Kansas State 26

Kansas at Baylor: No. 19-ranked Kansas hits the road and heads to Waco to take on the defending Big 12 champs, the Baylor Bears, in another key conference tilt. Kansas has been one of the best stories of the 2022 season. The Jayhawks won their first five games of the season before losing at home two weeks ago to TCU, 38-31. KU not only lost the game, but also starting QB Jalon Daniels (1,072 passing yards, 11 TDs/335 rushing yards, 5 TDs) to a shoulder injury. If he's unable to go, backup QB Jason Bean will get the start. Bean has thrown for 286 yards and 4 TDs and if he starts, he will rely on running back Devin Daniels (421 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Luke Grimm (29 receptions, 281 yards, 3 TDs). Baylor will rely on QB Blake Shappen (1,118 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Monray Baldwin (12 receptions, 261 yards, 3 TDs) to make plays for the Bears. If Baylor is going to defend its Big 12 title, they can't afford another loss after losing

their conference opener to Oklahoma State. My pick, Baylor 24, Kansas 21

UCLA at Oregon: A good one in the Pac 12 pits No. 11-ranked UCLA against No. 12-ranked Oregon. Just like Kansas, UCLA has been a surprise team this season as head coach Chip Kelly has led the Bruins to six straight wins after going 8-4 in 2021. UCLA is led by dual threat QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson (1,510 passing yards, 15 TDs/231 rushing yards, 4 TDs). UCLA also has playmakers in running back Zach Charbonet (615 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Jake Bobo (24 receptions, 385 yards, 5 TDs). The Bruins picked up a huge confidence boost two weeks ago when they upset Utah 42-32 at the Rose Bowl and had an extra week to prepare for the Ducks. Oregon has ripped off five straight wins after dropping their season opener to defending national champion Georgia. The Ducks are led by former Auburn QB Bo Nix, another dual threat QB (1,529 passing yards, 12 TDs/331 rushing yards, 8 TDs), running back Bucky Irving (429 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Troy Franklin (27 receptions, 429 yards, 3 TDs). This will be a tough road test for the Bruins, but should be a high-scoring game. Go with the home team Ducks in this one. My pick, Oregon 36, UCLA 34

NFL

New Orleans at Arizona: Week 7 of the NFL season kicks off with Thursday Night Football when the Saints visit the Cardinals in an important game for both teams fledgling playoff chances. The winner of this one remains in the hunt in the NFL

Wild Card hunt, while the loser will probably be on the inside looking out as far as the postseason goes. The Saints dropped three of their first five games, but got back on track two weeks ago with a wild win over Seattle. Starting QB Jameis Winston (858 yards, 4 TDs/5 interceptions) could be back for this game, but if he's still out, backup Andy Dalton (423 yards, 2 TDs) will get the call. Either QB will look to make plays to rookie wide receiver Chris Olave (25 receptions, 389 yards, 2 TDs). It appears running back Alvin Kamara is back after missing three weeks with an injury. His return is big for the NO offense. The Cardinals also lost two of their first five games, but have been in all of their contests. The Arizona offense will get a big lift with the return of wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who missed the team's first six games for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Hopkins' return should be a big boost to QB Kyler Murray (1,241 passing yards, 6 TDs/133 rushing yards, 2 TDs). Hopkins will pair with speedy wideout Marquise Brown (38 receptions, 417 yards, 3 TDs) to give the NO defense fits come Thursday night. My pick, Arizona 26, New Orleans 23

Detroit at Dallas: The Lions have been one of the highest scoring teams thus far this season, but two weeks ago, the offense was stymied during its 29-0 loss at New England. Things won't get any easier for Jared Goff (1,355 yards, 11 TDs) and the rest of the Lions offense when they take on one of the league's best defenses. In their first five games (four wins), the Dallas defense has recorded 20 sacks (second best to SF's 21) as second-year linebacker Micah Parsons (6 sacks) is becoming one of, if not the best, defensive players in the entire NFL. Two weeks ago in their 22-10 win over the Rams in LA, the Dallas 'D' recorded another five sacks and defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence returned a

Matthew Stafford fumble for a touchdown. The Dallas offense has been doing just enough to win with backup QB Cooper Rush (839 yards, 4 TDs). The running game of Ezekiel Elliott (305 yards, 1 TD) and Tony Pollard (248 yards, 2 TDs) has been efficient. Starting QB Dak Prescott should return for this game, so look for him to carve up a porous Detroit defense with big downfield plays to CeeDee Lamb (25 receptions, 341 yards, 2 TDs) and the rest of the Dallas receivers. My pick, Dallas 33, Detroit 12

Indianapolis at Tennessee: A key AFC South contest pits the Colts against the Titans in Nashville. Two weeks ago, Indy won an ugly 12-9 game at Denver as QB Matt Ryan (1,376 yards, 4 TDs/5 interceptions) continued to struggle as the Colts new quarterback. Ryan must improve his play and do a better job of protecting the football. It would help if running back Jonathan Taylor (38 yards, 1 TD) would get untracked. The Titans won three straight heading into their bye week and it appears running back Derrick Henry (408 yards, 5 TDs) is looking like his old self after missing the last eight games a year ago with a broken foot. Henry's success running the ball makes QB Ryan Tannehill (965 yards, 6 TDs) a more efficient passer, especially on play-action passes. Look for the Titans defense to make things difficult for Ryan as the Titans begin to emerge as the favorites in the AFC South. My pick, Tennessee 30, Indianapolis 23

Houston at Las Vegas: The Texans return from their bye week and head to Las Vegas looking for their second straight win after their 13-6 road win at Jacksonville on Oct. 9. The Texans appear to have one of the best rookie running backs in the league in Dameon Pierce (412 yards, 2 TDs). Pierce is a powerful runner with a nice burst. He rushed for 99 yards and scored the game-winning TD

against the Jags. If Pierce can continue to produce on the ground, that should help QB Davis Mills (1,048 yards, 5 TDs) make plays in the passing game to Nico Collins (15 receptions, 272 yards) and Brandin Cooks. The Raiders have the better offense, but lost four of their first five games. They dropped a tough one two weeks ago on Monday Night Football at KC. Look for QB Derek Carr (1,279 yards, 8 TDs), running back Josh Jacobs (490 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver DaVante Adams (29 receptions, 414 yards, 5 TDs) to light up the Houston defense as the Raiders serve as inhospitable hosts in Sin City. My pick, Las Vegas 34, Houston 18

Kansas City at San Francisco: This will be a rematch of Super Bowl LIV, which the Chiefs won 31-20 after training 20-10 heading into the fourth quarter. This will pit KC's high-powered offense against SF's stingy defense (a league best 21 sacks after first five games of the season). Two weeks ago in their 30-29 win over the Raiders, KC's QB Patrick Mahomes (1,398 yards, 15 TDs) threw four touchdown passes for tight end Travis Kelce (33 receptions, 347 yards, 7 TDs). Mahomes has done a good job of spreading the ball around to all the weapons head coach Andy Reid has surrounded him with this season. The 49ers have been so-so on offense as QB Jimmy Garoppolo (857 yards, 5 TDs) has been efficient. He's once again using dual threat Deebo Samuel (125 rushing yards, 1 TD/20 receptions, 266 yards, 2 TDs) to make plays on the ground and in the passing game. These are the types of games Mahomes loves to compete in, so look for him to be the difference maker in this one as the Chiefs earn a tough road win and let the rest of the NFL know they mean business this year. My pick, Kansas City 31, San Francisco 26

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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.

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