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NEWS NOTES

OCT. 24-NOV. 4 Early Voting in the Aldine area

Locations:
BakerRipley East Aldine,
3000 Aldine Mail Route, 77039
Hardy St. Senior Citizens Center,
11901 W. Hardy Road, 77076
Northeast Community Center,
10918 Bentley St. 77093
HCC North Forest Campus,
6010 Little York Road 77016
HCC Northline,
8001 Fulton Street 77022

November General Election - Early Voting: (Tentative Voting Hours)

October 24 (Monday): 7am – 7pm
October 25 (Tuesday) – October 29 (Saturday): 7am – 7pm
October 30 (Sunday): 12pm – 7pm
October 31 (Monday) – thru November 2 (Wednesday): 7am – 7pm
November 3 (Thursday): 7am – 10pm
November 4 (Friday): 7am – 7pm

November General Election - Election Day: (Voting Hours)

Nov. 8 (Tuesday): 7am – 7p

EARLY VOTING STARTS MONDAY OCT. 24

BETO brings Star power to Aldine

ALDINE – Hundreds of potential voters turned out last Tuesday night at the Escapade club on the Eastex Freeway in East Aldine, to hear campaign talks from Gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke and Attorney General candidate Rochelle Garza. But the featured speaker of the evening was Lin-Manuel Miranda, star of the hit Broadway show "Hamilton."

Introductory remarks and welcome were given by State Representative Armando Walle, and then fiery speeches were delivered by BETO and Lin-Manuel. The crowd enthusiastically listened and applauded the message of need for change in Texas government.

Democrats are making a strong push near the end



Appearing at a Rally last Tuesday night at the Escapade club in Aldine were Gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke, Attorney General candidate Rochelle Garza, and Broadway star Lin-Manuel Miranda of "Hamilton" fame. A crowd of about 500 attended and expressed their enthusiasm.

of the campaign, as their Republican opponents are showing strength in the polls. BETO has trailed incumbent governor Abbott through the whole race, and although he was with in a few points last week,

the most recent Rice University poll shows him losing ground, trailing by over 10 percentage points.

In a similar fashion, incumbent County Judge Hidalgo has faced a well financed strong campaign



On Saturday, the Democrats brought Hollywood star and activist Jane Fonda to a rally and block walk for incumbent Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and the TOP Texas Organizing Project. They met at Mason Park on the city's East side. Fonda was also promoting her climate PAC.

for her opponent, Alexandra Mealer. Mealer has shown her own star power, with an endorsement from the popular Mattress Mack.

EARLY VOTING
Election Day is Novem-

ber 8th, only two weeks away. Before that Early Voting starts on Monday, October 24 and runs

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Castlewood marks completion of Drainage Project with Ribbon Cutting



County officials and community members cut the ribbon last week, marking the completion of a year-long, \$12.3 million drainage improvement project in the Castlewood subdivision of East Aldine. Included in the group, Richard Cantu, Connie and Alex Esparza, Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Armando Walle, and others. See story and more photos, page 2.

EAST ALDINE – Harris County Precinct 2 marked the completion of the Castlewood Drainage Improvement project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Prior to the project, the Castlewood community's outdated drainage systems could not drain rainwater efficiently to reduce flood risks. The groundbreaking

was 14 months ago, and the project is now complete.

The \$12.3 million improvements provide 2.0

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 9:

Aggies look to bring down No. 7-ranked Ole Miss: Texans, Cowboys look for home victories

It's been a rough season thus far for Texas A&M fans. The season started with much optimism as Jimbo Fisher's Aggies entered the season ranked No. 6 in the nation. Well, that ranking went by the wayside rather quickly as the Ags dropped a home game to Appalachian State, lost road games to Mississippi State and Alabama and entered last week's game at South Carolina with a 3-3 record.

A&M had an open week prior to taking on the Gamecocks and Aggie fans are hoping the extra week of practice allowed Fisher and his staff time to improve a mediocre offense that has struggled so far this season to generate points and yards.

This Saturday at Kyle Field, the Aggies host the No. 7-ranked Ole Miss Rebels and Aggie fans would like nothing more than to had Lane Kiffin's team its first loss of the season (Ole Miss did have a



KEENEY'S KORNER

By
MIKE KEENEY

tough road game at LSU last week).

An upset of the Rebs could do be the springboard Fisher's team needs to finish strong and get the wolves off of his front door. I don't think Fisher is in any danger of losing his job. A&M has invested way too much money and resources in the former Florida State head coach, but those same folks are getting tired of 8-4 seasons.

A win over a top-10 ranked team could soothe a lot of nerves in College Station.

In other key games this weekend, there's another good one in the Big 12 as the No. 11-ranked Oklahoma

State Cowboys will travel to Manhattan to take on the No. 17-ranked Kansas State Wildcats. The winner remains in the hunt for a spot in the Big 12 title game in December, while the loser will be on the inside looking out.

In the Big 10, No. 2-ranked Ohio State travels to State College to take on No. 16-ranked Penn State. The Nittany Lions saw their undefeated season come to an end two weeks ago with a 41-17 loss at No. 4-ranked Michigan. PSU fans would like nothing more than to spoil the

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Save the Date

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Castlewood Drainage
Project Completed,

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miles of improved road-
way, 5-foot sidewalks
with ADA ramps, and
new underground storm
sewer systems designed
for the 100-year storm
events.
Partners in the
project were Harris
County Precinct 2, Com-
missioner Adrian Garcia,
East Aldine District, HC
Engineering Department,
HC Flood Control District,
HC Community Services
Department, and the U.S.
Department of Housing
and Urban Development.

Residents of Castle-
wood that provided feed-
back to the county were
Connie Esparza, presi-
dent of the Civic Club,
Wayne Mitchell, Con-
cepcion Herrera, Jose
Jimenez, and Beatriz
Fernandez.

Photos from the Ribbon Cutting

COMMUNITY
WATCH

Suspect Arrested, Charged in
Fatal Shooting at 2510 Berry
Road

Charges have been filed against a suspect
arrested in the fatal shooting of a man at 2510
Berry Road about 10:05 p.m. on October 4.

The suspect, Leo Fuentes, 56, is charged with
murder in the 482nd State District Court. He is
accused in the death of Jose Espinoza, 33.

A booking photo of Fuentes is attached to this
news release.

HPD Homicide Divi-
sion Sergeants R.
Watson, M. Burrow, 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 man, later
identified as Mr. Espino-
za, deceased at the
scene. Espinoza had suffered multiple gunshot
wounds.

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

Further investigation identified Fuentes as the
suspect in this case and, on Wednesday (October
19), he was arrested by members of the Gulf
Coast Violent Offenders Task Force without
incident,

LEO FUENTES

Greens Bayou Regatta: Back to the Bayou

HOUSTON - The
Greens Bayou Coalition
hosted it first post-pan-
demic Greens Bayou Re-
gatta on Saturday,
October 8th, with dozens
of canoes and kayaks par-
ticipating.
Seventy-two paddlers
departed from Brock
Park Golf Course for the
2022 Regatta at 9:00
a.m., finishing 7.7 miles
down the bayou at Tho-
mas Bell Foster Park. The
Regatta, which raises
funds to support the
mission of the Greens
Bayou Coalition, com-
bines recreation, stew-
ardship and education on one of Houston's
most beautiful and secluded waterways.
Along with awards for speed, the Styrofoam
Cup award is given for most trash collected.
TEXAR was on the banks and on the bayou
to keep the fleet safe.
Council Member Robert Gallegos was on
hand for the regatta send-off, and Paul
Young, representing Council Member Ed
Pollard, and Beth White of the Houston
Parks Board encouraged people to get out
and enjoy the bayou.
The Regatta after-party included vendors,
lunch, music and dancing, and awards to the
category winners were presented during the
closing ceremonies. Donna Kouwe, with a
time of 01:22.5, was the overall winner of
the Regatta. "What a well-organized and
fun race!" she said upon finishing. Kris Lin-
berk and Ross Schkade of Harris County
Precinct 3 took home the
Corporate Cup with their
1:49:47 finishing time.
Crystal and Matthew
Williams won the Styro-
foam Cup after collecting
almost 33 lbs. of trash. A
link to all finishers' times
can be found under the
"Events" tab of the
www.greensbayou.org
website.
Complimentary Metro
shuttles were available to
take paddlers back to
Brock Park to retrieve
their vehicles and pick up
from the finish line.

Kayaks line up at the Starting Line in Brock Park. They finished
at Thomas Bell Foster Park in North Channel.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

MURDER MYSTERY:
Can you solve the case
of who killed Dracula?
Come to the library and
pick up a murder mys-
tery packet today!

WALDO:
Waldo is hiding in the
library. Kids are welcome
to find Waldo and earn a
free coupon to Chuck E.
Cheese.

ROBLOX JR
TOURNAMENT:
Compete against oth-
er players in various
games within Roblox.
May the best player win!
The winner will receive
Robux! There are limited
spots available, so the
event is first come, first
served. Registration ends
10/26 at 6p.m. Must be
ages 8-12 to register. Call
us to register!

FAMILY TIME:
Every Saturday at
1pm is Family Time at
High Meadows. Join us
for a new building craft.
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COMPUTER CLASSES:
We offer a variety of
computer classes in En-
glish & Spanish. Stop by
today and register for a
class that best fits your
needs.

THE ART THING FOR
TEENS:
Every Wednesday at
3pm, we channel our cre-
ativity through different
art projects. This pro-
gram is for teens/young
adults looking to make
quick and incredible pic-
es of art!

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quick and incredible pic-
es of art!

Volunteering is a great
way to give back to the
community. We have
many opportunities for
volunteers of all ages and
abilities. Contact us today
to learn more.

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

ADULTING 101:
Every Thursday at 3pm,
we will offer an Adulting
class for teens. Join us to
learn about important life
skills.

HOOKED AND NEEDED
KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB:
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.

KRAFTY KIDS:
Get creative with us
during Krafty Kids After-
noon Craft. We will use our
imaginations and create
new works of art each
month. Our next class is
Wednesday October 26th
at 4:30pm.

PJ PALS:
Pajama storytime is
back. We welcome children
to our evening story time
on Monday, October
24th and October 31st at
5:30pm. Join us for stories,
songs, and more!

PINT-SIZED SCIENTIST:
Explore the world of sci-
ence in this new program.
Every Tuesday at 4:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
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volunteers to help us
with a variety of projects
from shelving to teaching
literacy classes. If you
are interested in volun-
teering, please email
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GRADCAFÉ:
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have representatives from
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a career, explore educa-
tion and training op-
tions, apply to college,
and find the financial aid
you need. Whether you
want to attend college to
get a degree or work on
a certificate in a profes-
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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

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in English and
Spanish Wednesdays
at 10:30am!

GROWING READERS
Bring your little ones
for some engaging story
time, songs, and fun ac-
tivities Mondays at 11am.

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

NO TRICKS, JUST TREATS
HALLOWEEN PARTY
Fun for the whole fam-
ily! Costumes encour-
aged. Play games, win
candy, and have a spook-
tacular time at the
library! Thursday, Oct.
27, 5-7pm.
LECTORES AVIDOS
Spanish speaking
adult book club meets
Oct. 29 at 10am. Join us!

MEDICARE & YOU
Part A? B? C? Why is
Medicare so confusing? A
representative from Well-
care will be here to help
you figure it all out! Join
us on Thursday, Nov.
3rd at 2 pm.

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In addition to our on-
line computer classes in
both English and Spanish
we will now be offering
computer classes in per-
son 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 li-
brary
Wednesdays: Beginner
Computer Class (English),
1:30pm, at the library
Beyond
the Basics with Office 365
plus Google Apps, (En-
glish computer class), 5-
7pm, online
Thursdays: various ba-
sic topics
(Spanish computer
class), 5-7pm, at the li-
brary
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ne Branch - [https://
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port 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-
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served basis. Those wish-
ing to get a passport exe-
cuted must have all
necessary documents and
required people present
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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message From the Superintendent, October 25, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

Our fall semester is busy with activities, from sports and open houses to several National Night Out events and school visits. I want to thank the community, our families, and our staff members who come out and support our students and neighbors — your support is genuinely appreciated.

I love sharing all the good things happening in Aldine. First, earlier this month at the Mexican American School Boards Association, Aldine ISD earned two distinctions. Our Family and Community University received the Outstanding Civics Initiative Award, and La Promesa-Newcomer and Dual Language campus Experience was bestowed with the Outstanding English Language Learner Initiative Award. I thank MASBA for acknowledging our teachers, leaders, and district staff for their outstanding work. And I want to thank the Latino Learning Center for honoring me with the 2022 Humanitarian Award for Philanthropic in Education. We do not do this work alone, and so I share the award with everyone who helps make it possible to provide opportunities for our students and our families.

Earlier this month, I was appointed to serve on the Chiefs for Change Board. It is an honor, and I look forward to working with distinguished colleagues from around the country. Like me, Chiefs for Change work with urgency to give children opportunities to succeed in school and life. Chiefs for Change members are doing the difficult and essential work needed to achieve it.

There is so much to celebrate in Aldine. Including our celebrations like Hispanic Heritage Month, which we wrapped up last week. If you missed it, listen to the latest episode of All the Things: The Aldine ISD Podcast. Germán Enamorado, executive director of transportation, talks about growing up as a Honduran immigrant. He also shares what it means to *haz lo que puedas con lo que tienes* (do what you can with what you have.).

We also have a few exciting school recognitions and wins. The Texas Art Education Association named Carver HS' Dr. Tracie Robinson Principal of the Year for her exceptional support for art education and the visual arts. In sports, MacArthur High School's boys' and girls' water polo teams won the first-ever District Title; both teams advanced to the area round of the Class 6A playoffs! Several boys' and girls' teams from Aldine High School, Nimitz, Davis, and Eisenhower also did well this season. This is spectacular since it is our first year competing in water polo! Mac is on a winning streak, with the boys' and girls' cross-country teams winning the 14-6A District Cross Country Title. It marked the 14th straight District Title for the boys' cross-country program. Both Mac teams advanced to the Region 2 Cross Country Meet, where the Nimitz and Eisenhower



boys' teams and the Aldine girls' team will join them. All four postseason qualifiers — Davis HS, Eisenhower HS, MacArthur, and Nimitz — in District 14-6A are from Aldine ISD. MacArthur Generals are the 14-6A Champions with an undefeated district record. A big congratulations and a big G-OO-D J-O-B to all!

The district has a couple of big events coming up. On Saturday, October 22, AISD is hosting the Annual Technology & Curriculum Conference of Aldine. TCCA, one of the largest *free* EdTech conferences in the nation, will offer 200 professional development sessions, 90 educational vendors, and nine featured speakers. The conference is excellent for any educator using edtech in their classrooms. Click here for details and to register to attend.

While it might be fall, we are already planning for the 2023-2024 school year! Join us Saturday, October 29, at our Choice Schools Festival. Families and their students will be able to learn more about Aldine ISD's school options outside their attendance zones and in areas of interest. Join us and hear from the best ambassadors: our students and staff.

October is full of observances like Principals Month. I encourage you to thank a principal. Whether it is someone from your past or your child's school principal, let them know they are appreciated for making a difference. You can read about principals Orfelinda Todd at Vardeman Primary and Salvador Peralta at Aldine Middle School or hear from Carver HS' Dr. Robinson, who was featured on Fox 26 Houston. And we celebrated our custodians. They play an important role in creating safe, clean, and healthy learning environments for students every day. Although School Custodian Appreciation Day fell on a Sunday (Oct. 2) this year, our administrative buildings and schools celebrated custodians throughout the week. This week's National School Bus Safety Week is an excellent opportunity to go over safety measures on and near a bus. I also want to send a shout-out to our bus drivers who work daily to get our students to and from school safely. To all the staff, thank you for everything you do for our students each and every day.

Another important date is October 21. That is the deadline for families to complete the online Annual Update for 2022-2023. I strongly urge families who haven't done so to complete the required form online. We need your emergency contacts and other critical infor-

mation. The data families provide also determines the state designation of school funds and whether Aldine qualifies to provide free school breakfasts and lunches to all our students. By completing the Annual Update, you are helping the district maximize school funding to provide programs that benefit all students in Aldine. So, please take a moment to complete the online form.

Before I close, I want to remind everyone to stay healthy. After hearing from colleagues in neighboring school districts, the flu season has started in many areas. I encourage you to get the appropriate vaccines. And do take the necessary steps to stay healthy, like washing your hands and covering your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze. Let's stay healthy and ensure our students are in school learning every day.

Again, thank you for all the support you have shown to our school district and our students.

With Aldine Pride,
pastedGraphic.png
-Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent-
Twitter: @drgoffney

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18-19: District Middle School Football Championship. Click here for the schedule.

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. (Details)

*Ongoing: Family and Community University's 2022-2023 year has started. Click here to register.

*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

World Mental Health Day Twitter post

MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS

October National School Principals Month

Oct. 18: Nine Weeks Start (Traditional Calendar)

Oct. 19: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

Oct. 19: Pink Out Day (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

Oct. 19-23: National School Bus Safety Week

Oct. 24-28: Red Ribbon Week (click here to view flyer)

Oct. 25: Report cards accessible via parents'/ legal guardians' Home Access Center (HAC) account (Traditional Calendar & ADSY)

Oct. 26: Pink Out Day (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)

Oct. 29: ENVI2ION School Day (ADSY Calendar)

Mexican American School Board Association Awarded Aldine ISD



Posing with Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney (center with award) are (l-r) Chief of HR Dr. Javier Villarreal, Board Trustee President Randy Bates Jr., and Board Trustee Members Connie Esparza and Rose Avalos; and MASBA Board President Ana Cortez from Manor ISD and MASBA Board Director Mac Belmontes Region 11/Lake Worth ISD.

Aldine ISD Honored With 2 Outstanding Awards, the school district was honored with the 2022 Outstanding Civics Initiative and Outstanding English Language Learner Initiative Awards by the Mexican American School Board Association in San Antonio.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney, Board Trustees, and her Executive Leadership Team members accepted the awards at the 2022 MASBA Conference held earlier this month.

2022 MASBA Recognition of Excellence Awards Outstanding Civics Initiative — Family and Community University Outstanding English Language Learner Initiative — La Promesa

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney said, "I thank MASBA for acknowledging our teachers, leaders, and district staff for their outstanding work. Our district has seen growth and progress; these awards recognize that effort and work. We are truly grateful for the honors."

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya Goffney Recognized at the Latino Learning Center's Humanitarian Awards Ceremony

The Latino Learning Center recently held its Humanitarian Awards Luncheon celebrating women CEOs. The organization presented awards to leaders from across the city. Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney was among the recipients of the Humanitarian Award.

The Latino Learning Center, Inc. (LLC) bestows the Humanitarian Awards to individuals or companies credited with outstanding work in endeavors that promote social, philanthropic, and humanitarian work.

LLC bestowed awards in eight categories and five special recognition awards. Goffney received the 2022 Humanitarian Award in the category of Philanthropic in Education.

Rodolfo Gonzalez is president and CEO of Latino Learning Center, Inc. He lauded Goffney and stated that the award "is a well-deserved acknowledgment of her contribution in ensuring that our city remains diverse and with opportunities for everyone in our communities. It also represents gratitude for your support and compassionate commitment to our community in this category."

Also receiving an award for philanthropic in education are Dr. Kathy

fort and work. We are truly grateful for the honors."

La Promesa developed as a newcomer and dual language experience school. The high school opened in the fall of 2021 to ninth graders. La Promesa has been increasing one grade level until it becomes a Grade 9-12 program in the 2024-2025 school year. The campus initially began admitting students new to the country who needed to learn English. Since its inception, the school has been developing its English-Spanish dual language program. It will expand enrollment by beginning to admit students interested in the dual language experience for the 2023-2024 school year.

Family and Community University empowers parents to build their capacity and create awareness of their potential to help their children's academic achievement through education and leadership opportunities in four categories: 1) academic life, 2) community, 3)

well-being and social interactions, and 4) continuing education. Parents can take classes in person, virtually, or view pre-recorded videos. As they complete courses, they earn tokens toward graduating. Parents with 15 tokens graduate in the spring of each school year.

La Promesa and FCU build on Aldine ISD's strategic plan, A New Way Forward, to give all district students access to high-quality schools and educational experiences that prepare them for their future, including developing opportunities that empower families to become stronger advocates for their children.

MASBA launched the MASBA Recognition of Excellence Awards this year to recognize outstanding achievements and share best practices within our community.

MASBA is a voluntary, non-profit, statewide education association that has served local Texas school boards since 1970.



Banks, president of Texas A&M University, and Dr. Debra Janey, superintendent of Catholic Schools. This is the most recent award for her work in equity. Last year, Goffney received the National Champions of Equity Award From the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents.

Among the recipients of the Humanitarian Awards and Special Recognitions Awards were Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, socialite and philanthropist Carolyn Farb, U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. Congresswoman Sylvia García, Senator Carol Alvarado, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian García and more representing companies, community organizations, etc.

The event, held during

Hispanic Heritage Month, raised critical funds for the organization's work to continue offering housing assistance to senior citizens and affordable classes for technical instruction, among other programs.

This year's theme paid tribute to great women leaders, executives, CEOs, companies, and veterans for their philanthropic work, great heart, and passion for helping local and nationwide communities.

The Latino Learning Center is one of the principal Latino organizations in the Greater Houston area providing educational services to our community. The LLC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit educational and human support services organization serving the community, emphasizing adult education and services to the elderly, veterans, and disabled.

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OPINION

By BILL KING



The Art of Disagreement

The French philosopher, Michel de Montaigne, once quipped that, “there is no conversation more boring than the one where everybody agrees.” My experience is that only talking to people with whom we agree with (or only watching people on TV with whom we agree) is not only boring, it makes us less informed. I rarely learn anything from talking to people who agree with me.

When I was running companies, I found that having staff around me who only agreed with everything I said was a sure-fire way to get into trouble. But as the media has Balkanized into ideological strains, Americans have increasingly listened only to those voices which reflect what they already believe, thereby reinforcing those beliefs.

Psychologists tell us that hearing something that conflicts with our beliefs is emotionally painful because the possibility that we have been wrong, especially about fervently held beliefs, lowers our self-esteem. Psychologists refer to this as cognitive dissonance. To avoid it, we naturally tend to avoid and are hostile to such input.

But I have learned some simple rules over the years that helped me embrace engaging with those who disagree with me, and I would like to share them with you.

Acknowledge the possibility you might wrong. No one is right all the time, therefore, there will be occasions when your conclusion is wrong. Routinely stop and think about whether that may be the case.

Look for evidence that contradicts your own beliefs. Because we don't like to hear things that negate what we believe, we have a natural tendency to seek out evidence that supports our preconceptions and ignore evidence that does not. So, do the opposite. Look for evidence that questions your opinions. And do it in a good faith attempt to challenge your conclusions. If nothing else, understanding evidence will help you defend your position if you do not change your mind. Every good lawyer looks for holes in their own case.

Recognize that two intelligent people of good faith may reach different conclusions. As much as we think of our brains as a computer, they are infinitely more complex. Our opinions and beliefs are the result of a lifetime of continual inputs along with an element of genetic diversity. No two people have exactly the same life experiences or genetic makeup. Those two elements may lead two honest and bright people to look at the same set of data and reach different conclusions. And that is okay. The ability to see different approaches to a problem is a strength of our species.

Don't Call People Names or Label Them. When someone starts calling someone who disagrees with them a name or applies some label, it is a sure sign they have run out of anything intelligent to add to the discussion. Also, it is completely ineffective if you hope to persuade anyone. Calling someone a “socialist” or a “Nazi” may make you feel righteous for “calling them out,” but you have accomplished little else.

Assume Good Faith in Others. I regularly see extremists from both sides assert that the other side is trying to destroy the country. Really? I do not think I have ever met anyone whose purpose was to destroy America. Indeed, I have rarely met any American that does not love this country. While you may think their prescriptions for the country will damage it, they almost certainly do not see things that way. Assume that the vast majority of Americans want good things for our country and for their fellow Americans, even if they may have different views of how to achieve those goals.

There is no reason to hate someone that disagrees with you. This is the most important one. There is no one in our lives that we agree with on everything. It is a waste of spirit to go around demonizing people who come to a different conclusion. We should always keep in mind the words of former Wyoming Senator, Alan Simpson: “Hatred corrodes the container in which it is carried.” Hating someone because they disagree with you does not hurt that person. It only hurts you.

Happy disagreeing.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Early Voting Begins Oct. 24

Early voting in the Nov. 8 general election begins Oct. 24 and runs through Nov. 4. Applications for voting by mail must be received by Oct. 28, according to the secretary of state's office.

Texans are eligible to vote by mail if they are 65 or older; sick or disabled; are expected to give birth within three weeks of Election Day; will be absent from the county where they vote during early voting and on Election Day; or are in jail but otherwise eligible.

If voting by mail, Texans are urged to carefully read the instructions before putting their ballot in the mail. More than 12% of mail-in ballots were rejected in the March primary for not complying with tighter voting regulations enacted in the last legislative session, according to [kut.org](#).

Meanwhile, the latest poll shows the race between Gov. Greg Abbott and Beto O' Rourke has tightened since the Sept. 30 debate between the two, the Corpus Christi Caller Times reported. The latest poll by Marist College shows Abbott's lead has dropped to 4 percentage points.

As the race hits the homestretch, O' Rourke reports having slightly more cash on hand in the latest three-month reporting period, which ended Sept. 29. He also outraised Abbott by a slight margin during the same period.

EPA SUED OVER POLLUTION FROM TEXAS COAL PLANTS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been sued by two national environmental advocacy groups for allegedly failing to ensure eight Texas coal-fired power plants are meeting approved emission standards.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the suit was filed last week after the EPA missed a deadline to stop the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from exempting the coal plants from regulations limiting particulate matter emissions.

An attorney with one of the groups, the Environmental Integrity Project,



said the groups have been challenging the TCEQ exemptions since 2010.

“Essentially, Texas has these emission limits for particulate matter,” Clark-Leach told the American-Statesman. “Particulate matter is soot, it's the black stuff you see coming out of smokestacks. It's a bad idea if you've got people living nearby to emit in excess of those limits.”

The EPA's website says that exposure to particulate matter can be harmful and is linked to lung and heart issues. Since being exempted by TCEQ in 2010, the plants have increased emissions as much as 33-fold. However, four of the plants have in recent years either switched to natural gas or shut down completely.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO RETURN

A warmer and drier September and the continued presence of La Nina conditions mean drought conditions are likely to return to the parts of Texas that got some relief in August, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

At the end of September, drought conditions covered 61% of the state, Wentzel wrote, which was down 15 percentage points from the end of August.

However, the National Weather Service expects a third straight fall and winter of La Nina conditions, meaning below-average rain and above-average temperatures across Texas during the fall and early winter. Those conditions are expected to dissipate early next year, hopefully bringing drought relief and possibly complete recovery by the end of next spring.

AVIAN FLU SHOWS UP IN BACKYARD POULTRY FLOCK

The highly contagious avian influenza was recently detected in a backyard poultry flock in Dallas County, prompting health experts to recommend owners of domestic birds to limit all unnecessary contact with wild birds. The virus is easily transmitted not just by actual contact but through contaminated equipment, clothing and even shoes of caretakers.

Symptoms include diarrhea, incoordination, lethargy, coughing, sneezing and sudden death, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Game bird hunters are urged to wear gloves when disposing of carcasses, and disinfecting tools with a bleach solution. Those who find birds who have signs consistent with avian influenza should contact their local TPWD biologist, whose contact information can be found on the agency's website.

NEW ERCOT CHIEF VOWS GRID STABILITY

The new CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas said at a press conference last week that one of his main duties is convincing Texans they can stop worrying about the electric grid.

“The key is going to be continued reliable execution,” Pablo Vegas said. “Achieving reliable operations over extreme weather conditions, that's how you continue to build trust.”

He made the comments at a press conference held jointly with Peter Lake, chair of the Public Utility Commission. Both Lake and Vegas said improvements and operational changes made since the February 2021 freeze have made the grid much more reliable.

They pointed out there were no systemic outages during one of the hottest summers on record, which spurred a record demand for power, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

“We continue to be tested, (and) we continue to pass those tests,” Vegas said.

COVID-19 CASES DROP SIGNITLY

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in the past week in Texas by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University decreased slightly to 13,442, with 92 deaths reported. Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,147 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations across the state, also a slight drop from the previous week.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Sharing Books with Stranger

I love Little Free Libraries.

If you don't have these in your neighborhood, they are little boxes that look like tiny houses—not much larger than a big birdhouse—with a glass door on the front and books inside. People leave books they have read and pick up books they want to read and, somehow, the whole thing seems to work out pretty well most of the time.

During the pandemic, I noticed that some little libraries went empty. The regular libraries were closed, and people ran out of things to read. Then everyone started ordering books, and the little libraries had more than they could hold. I saw some stacked three books deep.

I walk by a free library every day, and I always check the inventory. Most of the time, my little library is modestly full, and the inventory seems to be constantly changing. I find a book I've never heard of before and read the first few pages, standing on the sidewalk, in front of someone's house.

“Well, this looks like a lot of fun!” I'll think. I stick it in my bag and take it home, knowing I could always return it if I don't enjoy it—or even if I do.

But I usually do enjoy it. I discover a lot of books I would never have heard of otherwise. As I'm reading, I wonder who left the book there. I wonder if they enjoyed it as much as I am. I wonder how many people have read it. The free library doesn't tell me. The free library keeps its secrets.

But cooler weather is coming, and people must be reading a little more, because it seems to be kind of slim pickings at my free library.

“Classroom Discipline: Guiding Adolescents to Responsible Independence” was one new offering the other day. Who is going to want to read that? I wondered.

The only person who would be interested would be a teacher, and do they really want to curl up after a hard day's work and get more information on the topic? Unsurprisingly, when I checked several days later, the book was still there.

Next to it was an enormous tome entitled “The Reformation: A History.” The Reformation is certainly interesting, but this book had more than 700 pages. I'm thinking there's a pretty small audience for half a million words on the Reformation.

“Frommer's New England 1991” also seemed unlikely to go anywhere. I think if you're planning a visit to New England, you might want to read something about either 1791, or the present day. It's hard to believe many of the restaurants listed would still be around, and a hotel can change a lot in 31 years.

I started to feel bad for my Little Free Library. So I sorted through my bookshelf. I looked for books I had already read and enjoyed, and I made a small pile. The next day, I brought them to the free library and nestled them next to “New England 1991” and closed the little glass door behind me.

“There!” It felt good to leave some nice surprises for the next person who came to the library. I know there are people who keep every book they've ever read, and even more who keep every book they've especially enjoyed, but I am not one of them.

I like to set my books free after I've read them. I like sharing books with a stranger—and possibly preventing someone from having to learn more than they ever wanted to know about the Reformation.

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

Election Campaign brings out Star power,

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through Friday November 4th.

In commenting on the Rally, Armando Walle said “I was honored to welcome Beto, Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Rochelle Garza to House District 140 at Escapade 2001 in Aldine. Our families matter and the persons who will lend voice to our concerns are Beto

and Rochelle. The energy and excitement from the crowd felt like an Astros game. I was proud that Beto has made several stops in Aldine. Thanks also to Escapade 2001 @ Imagen Venues.”

BETO’s campaign issued the following statement: “Beto O’Rourke and Lin-Manuel Miranda hosted

ed the free Get Out the Vote Rally in Houston ahead of Early Voting on Tuesday evening at Escapade club in Aldine, Imagen Venues Escapade, 11903 Eastex Fwy, Houston.

Beto O’Rourke, Democratic Nominee for Attorney General Rochelle

Garza and award-winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda rallied supporters in Houston ahead of Early Voting the following week. The 7:00 p.m. rally is part of Beto’s growing grassroots campaign to defeat Greg Abbott’s extremism and deliver for all the people of Texas as this

state’s next governor.

During the event, Beto, Rochelle and Lin-Manuel shared their vision for bringing Texans together around the popular things that we want to accomplish: creating great jobs, investing in world-class schools, expanding health care so more people can see

a doctor, restoring abortion access, keeping Texas kids safe in their classrooms and lowering costs so families can afford to live in this state.”

Joining with Beto O’Rourke were Rochelle Garza, and Luis A. Miranda, Jr., Lin-Manuel Miranda father.



BETO O’Rourke was the featured speaker for the evening at the Escapade club, attracting a crowd of about 500. Beto spoke about the issues, the need for change, and implored the audience to get out the vote in the coming days before the election, emphasizing the importance of this election.



Armando Walle, State Representative for the Aldine area, gave a welcoming talk and introduced the guests and the speakers.



Attending the rally were many local politicians, including at left State Senator Carol Alvarado, and then Luis A. Miranda, Jr. (Lin’s father), Lin-Manuel Miranda, and Beto O’Rourke.

SPANISH PAGE

Mensaje de la Superintendente, 25 de Octubre de 2022

Estimada comunidad de Aldine:

Nuestro semestre de otoño está ocupado con actividades, desde deportes y noches escolares (Open House en inglés) hasta varioseventos de National Night Out (Noche nacional de estar afuera) y visitas escolares. Quiero agradecer a la comunidad, a nuestras familias y a los miembros de nuestro personal que vienen y apoyan a nuestros alumnos y vecinos — su apoyo es realmente apreciado.

Me encanta compartir todas las cosas buenas que suceden en Aldine. Primero, a principios de este mes en la conferencia de la Asociación Mexicana de Consejos Escolares Estadounidenses, Aldine ISD obtuvo dos distinciones. Nuestra Universidad para la Familia y la Comunidad recibió el Premio a la Iniciativa Cívica Sobresaliente, y La Promesa (colegio para recién llegados países que no hablan inglés o tienen un dominio limitado del inglés y alumnos que quieren una experiencia bilingüe) recibió el Premio a la Iniciativa Sobresaliente de Aprendizajes del Idioma Inglés. Agradezco a MASBA por reconocer a nuestros maestros, líderes y personal del distrito por su trabajo y esfuerzos. Y quiero agradecer al Latino Learning Center, Inc. por honrarme con el Premio Humanitario 2022 a la Filantropía en la Educación. No hacemos este trabajo solos, por lo que comparto el premio con todos los que ayudan a que sea posible brindar oportunidades a nuestros alumnos y nuestras familias.

A principios de este mes, fui designada para servir en la Junta de Chiefs for Change. Es un honor y espero con mucho interés trabajar con mis distinguidos colegas de todo el país. Al igual que yo, Chiefs for Change trabaja con urgencia para hacer todo lo posible para brindarles a todos los niños oportunidades para tener éxito en la escuela y en la vida. Los miembros



de Chiefs for Change están haciendo el trabajo difícil y esencialmente necesario para lograrlo.

Hay mucho que celebrar en Aldine. Incluidas nuestras celebraciones como el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, que terminamos la semana pasada. Si se lo perdieron, escuchen el último episodio de All the Things: The Aldine ISD Podcast. Germán Enamorado, director ejecutivo de transporte escolar, habla sobre crecer como inmigrante hondureño. También comparto lo que significa ‘haz lo que puedas con lo que tienes’.

También tenemos algunos premios y reconocimientos escolares emocionantes. La Asociación de Educación Artística de Texas nombró a la Dra. Tracie Robinson de la escuela secundaria Carver High School la Directora Escolar del Año por su excepcional apoyo a la educación artística y las artes visuales. En deportes, los equipos masculinos y femeninos de polo acuático de MacArthur High School ganaron el primer Título del Distrito; ¡ambos equipos avanzaron a la ronda de área de los playoffs Clase 6A! Varios equipos de niños y niñas de Aldine High School, Nimitz, Davis y Eisenhower también lo hicieron bien esta temporada. ¡Esto es espectacular ya que es nuestro primer año compitiendo en polo acuático! MacArthur está en una racha ganadora, con los equipos de campo traviesa masculino y femenino ganando los títulos de campo a través del distrito 14-6A. Marcó el 14° título de distrito

consecutivo para el programa de campo a través masculino. Ambos equipos de MacArthur avanzaron al Concurso de campo traviesa de la Región 2, donde se unirán los equipos masculinos de Nimitz y Eisenhower y el equipo femenino de Aldine. Los cuatro clasificados de postemporada (Davis HS, Eisenhower HS, MacArthur y Nimitz) en el Distrito 14-6A son de Aldine ISD. Los Generals de MacArthur son los campeones 14-6A con un récord de distrito invicto. ¡Muchas felicidades y buen trabajo por parte de todos!

El distrito tiene un par de grandes eventos por venir. El sábado 22 de octubre, AISD será el anfitrión de la Conferencia Anual de Tecnología y Currículo de Aldine (TCCA, por sus siglas en inglés). TCCA, una de las conferencias edtech *gratuitas* más grandes del país, ofrecerá 200 sesiones de desarrollo profesional, 90 proveedores educativos y nueve oradores destacados. La conferencia es excelente para cualquier educador que utilice edtech en sus aulas. Hagan clic aquí para obtener más detalles y registrarse para asistir.

¡Puede ser otoño pero ya estamos planeando para el año escolar 2023-2024! Únanse a nosotros el sábado 29 de octubre en nuestro Festival de Escuelas de Opción (Choice Schools en inglés). Las familias y sus hijos podrán obtener más información sobre las opciones escolares de Aldine ISD fuera de sus zonas de asistencia y en áreas de estudio de interés. Únanse a nosotros y escuchen a los mejores embajadores: nuestros alumnos y personal.

Octubre está lleno de celebraciones como el Mes de los Directores Escolares. Les insto a agradecer a un director. Ya sea alguien de su pasado o el director de la escuela de su hijo, y háganles saber que son apreciados por marcar la diferencia. Pueden leer sobre los directores Orfelinda Todd del

colegio preescolar Vardeman Primary y Salvador Peralta de la escuela intermedia Aldine Middle School o escuchar al Dra. Robinson de Carver High School, quien apareció en Fox 26 Houston. Y celebramos a nuestros empleados de la limpieza. Desempeñan un papel importante en la creación de entornos de aprendizaje seguros, limpios y saludables para los alumnos todos los días. Aunque el Día de Agradecimiento al Conserje Escolar cayó en domingo (2 de octubre) este año, nuestros edificios administrativos y escuelas celebraron a los conserjes durante toda la semana. La Semana Nacional de la Seguridad en los Autobuses Escolares de esta semana es una excelente oportunidad para repasar las medidas de seguridad en y cerca de un autobús. También quiero enviar un saludo a nuestros conductores de autobuses que trabajan a diario para que nuestros alumnos vayan y regresen de la escuela de manera segura. A todo el personal, gracias por todo lo que hacen por nuestros alumnos todos los días.

Otra fecha importante es el 21 de octubre. Esa es la fecha límite para que las familias completen la Actualización Anual en línea para 2022-2023. Insto encarecidamente a las familias que aún no lo hayan hecho a que completen el formulario requerido en línea. Necesitamos sus contactos de emergencia y otra información crítica. Los datos que proporcionan las familias también determinan la designación estatal de los fondos escolares y si Aldine califica para proporcionar desayunos y almuerzos escolares gratuitos a todos nuestros alumnos. Al completar la Actualización Anual, están ayudando al distrito a maximizar los fondos escolares para ofrecer programas que benefician a todos los alumnos de Aldine. Por lo tanto, tómense un momento para completar el formulario en línea.

Antes de terminar, quiero recordarles a todos que se mantengan saludables. Después de escuchar a los colegas de

los distritos escolares vecinos, la temporada de gripe ha comenzado en muchas áreas. Los animo a conseguir las vacunas adecuadas. Y tomen las medidas necesarias para mantenerse saludables, como lavarse las manos y cubrirse la boca y la nariz al toser y estornudar. Mantengámonos saludables y aseguremonos de que nuestros alumnos estén en la escuela aprendiendo todos los días.

Una vez más, gracias por todo el apoyo que han mostrado a nuestro distrito escolar y a nuestros alumnos.

Orgullosa de nuestro distrito escolar,
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~Dra. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendente

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PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

18-19 de octubre: Campeonato de fútbol de la escuela secundaria del distrito. Hagan clic aquí para la programación.

21 de octubre: Sesión de la Academia de Liderazgo para Padres en el M.O. Campbell Educational Center (MOC). Hagan clic aquí para obtener información.

22 de octubre: Conferencia de Tecnología y Plan de Estudios de Aldine (TCCA), de 7:30 a. m. a 3 p. m., en Davis High School. Puede esperar 200 sesiones, 90 proveedores educativos y nueve oradores destacados. Hagan clic aquí para inscribirse para asistir.

29 de octubre: Festival de escuelas Choice en el MOC, de 10 a. m. a 1 p. m.(Detalles)

En curso: El año 2022-2023 de la Universidad de la Familia y la Comunidad ha comenzado. Hagan clic aquí para inscribirse.

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

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CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey —

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

2. Which mountain is associated with King David capturing the Jebusite fortress? Zion, Nepal, Rahab, Carmel

3. In Colossians 4, who does Paul call “our dear friend, the doctor”? Jesus, Mark, Luke, Asa

4. Jesus was about how much younger than John the

Baptist? 12 days, 6 months, 1 year, 3 years

5. From Mark 14, how long will poor people be around? Always, Sometimes, Never, 40 years

6. In Genesis 42, which Hebrew governed Egypt? Darius, Sisera, Cornelius, Joseph

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Zion, 3) Luke, 4) 6 months, 5) Always, 6) Joseph Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson’s Casey’s latest book, “Test Your Bible Knowledge,” available in bookstores and online. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

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These people are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm, shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted, twice dead.

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 9:

Aggies look to bring down No. 7-ranked Ole Miss: Texans, Cowboys look for home victories

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Buckeyes unblemished season. That's going to be a tall order against one of the most balanced, and loaded, offenses in the country.

In the NFL, the Cowboys host the Bears looking to go to 6-2 heading into their bye week. Two weeks ago, Dallas dropped a 26-17 decision at Philadelphia as the Pokes got down 20-3 before rallying in the third quarter behind reserve QB Cooper Rush (1,020 yards, 5 TDs) to pull within 20-17 before the Eagles scored the game-clinching touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. Dallas should have starting QB Dak Prescott back for this game, which should be a big boost to the offense. Dallas still has one of the best defenses in the league.

While the Cowboys host the Bears, the Texans will host AFC South rival Tennessee. Things kickoff on Thursday Night Football with Baltimore visiting Tampa Bay, in a meeting of teams that have been struggling lately.

Speaking of struggling, the Green Bay Packers, who dropped a 27-10 home decision to the Jets two weeks ago, get the pleasure of visiting the Buffalo Bills on Sunday Night Football. You'd better believe Bills fans will be juiced up for this one having all day to "prepare" for Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. Two weeks ago, Buffalo QB Josh Allen outdueled KC QB Patrick Mahomes as the Bills sent a message to the rest of the AFC with their 24-20 road win. At this point of the season, Buffalo appears to be the class of the AFC, but there's a lot of football left.

In high school action, the District 14-6A season is winding down. It appears Eisenhower and Nimitz will vie for the league's fourth playoff berth as the Spring ISD schools seem to have the top three seeds in place. Westfield looks like it's going to win another league title, while Dekaney and Spring battle for the second and third spots.

Eisenhower finishes with Aldine and Spring, while Nimitz finishes with Spring and Dekaney. The Eagles defeated the Cougars on Sept. 30 (46-21), so if the two teams have identical district records, it appears Eisenhower would get the playoff nod.

Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, let's review last week's record. Well, well, we finally have something to crow about. A 10-2 week upped the season record to 49-35 (58%).

Now, onto this weekend's game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine vs. Eisenhower: Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs take on Eric Jackson's Eagles on Thursday night at George Stadium in Spring ISD. The Mustangs are led by running back Damion Paredes (451 yards, 4 TDs), while the Eagles are led by QB Zach Henry (1,541 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Ryan Niblett (36 receptions, 648 yards, 4 TDs). Eisenhower knows it can't slip up if it hopes to qualify for the post season. My pick, Eisenhower 35, Aldine 20

MacArthur at Dekaney: Wayne Crawford's Generals face a stern test when they take on Dekaney on Thursday evening at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring ISD. The Generals are led by wide receiver Justin Williams (22 receptions, 413 yards, 2 TDs), while Dekaney is led by QB Reckuck Hines (1,523 yards, 11 TDs) and running back Brandon Joseph (245 yards, 7 TDs). Dekaney can smell the playoffs and won't be denied. My pick, Dekaney 26, Mac-



Arthur 20

Davis at Westfield: Scott Joseph's Falcons have a tall order on Friday night when they take on District 14-6A's first-place team the Westfield Mustangs. Davis is led by QB Joshua Williams (652 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Andre Washington, while the Mustangs are led by quarterback Preston Hatten (1,852 yards, 27 TDs/352 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and running back Taji Atkins (494 yards, 12 TDs). My pick, Westfield 38, Davis 23

Nimitz vs. Spring: Cornelius Harmon's Cougars take on Spring High on Friday night at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring ISD. Nimitz took care of Davis two weeks ago, 51-15, and are led by quarterback Brayden Whitehead (1,303 yards, 14 TDs) and running back Joseph Sanders (440 yards, 4 TDs). Spring is led by running back Tyrhan McNeal (559 yards, 4 TDs). Something tells me Nimitz pulls the upset on Friday night. My pick, Nimitz 31, Spring 30

NCAA

Ohio State at Penn State: The No. 2-ranked Buckeyes take their high-powered offense (averaging 48 points per game) to State College to take on No. 16-ranked Penn State. The Buckeyes have been rolling behind quarterback C.J. Stroud (1,737 yards, 24 TDs) a strong, two-headed running game of Miyan Williams (497 yards, 8 TDs) and TreVeyon Henderson (436 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Marvin Harrison, Jr. (31 receptions, 536 yards, 9 TDs). The younger Harrison is the son of Hall of Fame wide receiver Marvin Harrison. Penn State's defense got carved up two weeks ago by a Michigan offense that is not to be confused with OSU's. If the Nittany Lions hope to pull off the upset, they will need a big day from their QB Sean Clifford (1,150 passing yards, 9 TDs) and need to control the clock with its running game led by Nicholas Singleton (482 yards, 5 TDs) and Kaytron Allen (319 yards, 4 TDs). I think Penn State stays close in this game, but Ohio State will have too many weapons for the PSU defense to contend with come the fourth quarter. My pick, Ohio State 34, Penn State 22

Oklahoma State at Kansas State: Another week, another key game in the Big 12. This week, No. 11-ranked Oklahoma State visits No. 10-ranked Kansas State knowing it cannot suffer a second league loss (they hosted Texas last week, so that statement might be moot). Two weeks ago, Mike Gundy's Cowboys jumped out to a 14-0 lead against TCU in Fort Worth, but withered down the stretch as the Horned Frogs scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to force overtime, where they won 43-40 in two OTs. Things don't get any easier this week when they face a KSU team that thrives running the football. KSU QB Adrian Martinez (900 passing yards, 4 TDs/546 rushing yards, 9 TDs) and running back Deuce Vaughn (661 yards, 3 TDs) will give the OSU defense fits. The Cowboys will need a big game from QB Spencer Sanders (1,639 passing yards, 13 TDs/309 rushing yards, 8 TDs), running back Dominic Richardson (427 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Braydon Johnson (20 receptions, 398 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Wildcat running game to

chew up the clock and limit OSU's offensive possession as the Wildcats remain in the hunt for a spot in the Big 12 title game. My pick, Kansas State 33, Oklahoma State 30

Mississippi at Texas A&M: The Aggies need a big win, and beating the 7th-ranked team in the country would certainly count as a big win for Jimbo Fisher's team. As stated earlier, this season began with so much hope, but has turned into another disappointing campaign. An upset of a very good Ole Miss team would be a huge confidence builder for the rest of the Aggie's season. If the Ags are to pull off the upset, their defense, which has played well this year, will have to slow down a very strong Rebel running game led by running backs Quinshan Judkins (720 yards, 10 TDs) and Zach Evans (605 yards, 7 TDs). Ole Miss also has a good QB in Jaxson Dart (1,488 yards, 11 TDs/371 rushing yards) and a big-play wide receiver in Jonathan Mingo (22 receptions, 507 yards, 3 TDs). The A&M defense played well against Alabama's high-powered offense on Oct. 8, but then again, that came against Bryce Young's backup, Jalen Milroe. Look for the A&M defense to set the tone early in this one to give QB Haynes King (763 yards, 5 TDs), running back Devon Achane (528 yards, 3 TDs) and young but talented wide receiver Evan Stewart (15 receptions, 291 yards, 2 TDs) and Moose Muhammad (13 receptions, 199 yards, 2 TDs) time to settle down and make plays on offense. Fisher and his team need a boost, and it says here they get that boost with a huge win on Saturday at Kyle Field. My pick, Texas A&M 31, Mississippi 26

NFL

Baltimore at Tampa Bay: Week 9 begins with a Thursday Night Football meeting between the Ravens and the Bucs in Tampa. Both teams have struggled as of late. Two weeks ago, the Ravens blew a lead against the Giants and lost late in the game, while the Bucs dropped a 20-18 decision to what was a one-win Pittsburgh team. Both teams have issues on offense. Baltimore QB Lamar Jackson (1,277 passing yards, 13 TDs/451 rushing yards, 2 TDs) has decent numbers, but is having trouble finishing off drives once he gets his team into the Red Zone. TB QB Tom Brady (1,652 yards, 8 TDs) is also having trouble getting his team into the end zone. It's strange, because he has weapons in running back Leonard Fournette (343 rushing yards, 1 TD/32 receptions, 232 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Mike Evans (24 receptions, 358 yards, 3 TDs) and Chris Godwin (22 receptions, 250 yards). Look for the Bucs' defense to be the difference maker in this one as Brady rallies the troops and get his team rolling in the second half of the season. My pick, Tampa Bay 26, Baltimore 23

Chicago at Dallas: The Bears visit the Cowboys on Sunday and if this one isn't over by halftime, then Cowboy fans might not have such a good feeling about their team. To put it simply, the Bears are a horrible offensive football team. QB Justin Fields (869 passing yards, 4 TDs/282 rushing yards, 1 TD) has no one to throw to and struggles getting the ball downfield. The Dallas defense needs to be aware of his running ability and stay in their

lanes. They left Philadelphia two weeks ago with 24 sacks. Look for Micah Parsons and Co. to add more sacks against the sad-sack Bears. Dak Prescott should return at QB for the Cowboys (he was expected to start against Detroit on Oct. 23d) and that should give the offense a boost. Look for Ezekiel Elliott (386 yards, 2 TDs) and Tony Pollard (292 yards, 2 TDs) to set the tone early in the running game, which will set up Prescott to find WR CeeDee Lamb (33 receptions, 409 yards, 2 TDs) for some big plays in the passing game. Look for Dallas to dominate as they head into their bye week. My pick, Dallas 34, Chicago 13

Tennessee at Houston: The Titans come calling on Sunday at NRG Stadium in a rare 3:05 p.m. kickoff. The Houston defense will need to deal with running back Derrick Henry (408 yards, 5 TDs) as he appears back to his old self after missing much of last season with a foot injury. When Henry is running wild, that gives QB Ryan Tannehill (965 yards, 6 TDs) to make plays downfield to WR Robert Woods (17 receptions, 204 yards, 1 TD). The Texans need better play from QB Davis Mills (1,048 yards, 6 TDs) and will look for rookie running back Dameon Pierce (412 yards, 3 TDs) to take some pressure off of him. My pick, Tennessee 26, Houston 23

Green Bay at Buffalo: Are we watching the end of the Packers dynasty in the NFC North? Two weeks ago, in their 27-10 home loss to the Jets, Green Bay looked bad on both sides of the ball. Star QB Aaron Rodgers (1,403 yards, 9 TDs) struggled to make plays in the passing game, while running back Aaron Jones (409 yards, 1 TD) could not get anything done on the ground. WR Allen Lizzard (20 receptions, 285 yards, 4 TDs) and tight end Robert Tonyan (90 receiving yards in the Jets game) were the lone highlights on offense. The defense was also suspect and if that unit doesn't improve by Sunday night, it could be a long evening in Western New York when they take on Josh Allen (1,980 passing yards, 17 TDS/257 rushing yards, 2 TDs), Stefon Diggs (49 receptions, 656 yards, 6 TDs) and Gabe Davis (14 receptions, 383 yards, 4 TDs). The Buffalo defense is pretty good as well, so Rodgers might be in for another long night. The Bills picked up a load of confidence two weeks ago when they won at Kansas City, 24-20 and had an extra week to prepare for this game. Look for the Bills to be at peak performance when the Packers come calling on Sunday night. My pick, Buffalo 33, Green Bay 20

Cincinnati at Cleveland: Week 9 concludes on Monday Night Football with an AFC North battle between

the Bengals and the Browns. After losing their first two games of the season, the defending AFC champs appear to be getting on a roll, winning three of their last four games heading into last Sunday's game against Atlanta. Two weeks ago, QB Joe Burrow (1,616 yards, 12 TDs) and WR Ja'Marr Chase (39 receptions, 475 yards, 4 TDs) led the Bengals to a comeback win at New Orleans. Cincinnati is also getting offensive production from fellow WR Tee Higgins (26 receptions, 362 yards, 2 TDs) and running back Joe Mixon (347 yards, 2 total TDs). While the Bengals look to be getting things together, the Browns appear to be falling apart. They've lost four of their last five games heading into last Sunday's game against Baltimore. QB Jacoby Brissett (1,326 yards, 6 TDs/5 interceptions) is not playing well. About the only Brown who is performing well on offense is running back Nick Chubb (649 yards, 7 TDs). The defense has been porous for the last five weeks and with Burrow and Co. coming to town on Monday night, that unit had better start playing better or the Browns will be out of playoff contention well before Deshaun Watson returns in Week 12 to take over the offense. My pick, Cincinnati 30, Cleveland 26



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"Pickleball is booming in popularity nationwide, including here in Houston," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "The citizens of Houston have asked us to build more Pickleball courts, and thanks to Council Member Abbie Kamin and my dedicated staff in the Parks and Recreation Department, more places to play are on the way."

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"It's really exciting. This is going to be the first professional Pickleball Tournament to come to Houston," said Councilmember Abbie Kamin, City Council District C. "It was a team effort to bring this tournament here. Thank you to our local Pickleball organizations and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for helping to bring another high-profile event to the City of Houston."

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