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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

Lone Star College: 50th Anniversary

Lone Star College celebrates 50 years of academic excellence

Houston (Oct. 7, 2022) – On Oct. 7, 1972, voters overwhelmingly approved the creation of North Harris County College which went on to become Lone Star College. LSC is now celebrating its 50th year of serving students and community providing high quality, affordable education close to home. Starting with 613 students taking classes at Aldine High School to welcoming more than 80,000 students each semester, the LSC story is one of incredible foresight, determination and a commitment to student success.

“50 years ago, forward thinking citizens came together with the vision of creating a college for their community,” said Stephen



Lone Star College is celebrating its 50th year of providing academic opportunities. Pictured is W.W. Thorne, Founder and first President.

C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. “People like John A. Winship, W.W. Thorne and Joe Airola laid the ground work for what was to become one of the elite community colleges in the nation.”

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Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers and Lone Star Corporate College.

Districts, architectural plans for the new college were drawn and construction began on what became the flagship campus at LSC-North Harris.

“It was unbelievable to be in on the starting of this magnificent community college; it was just wonderful to be part of the be-

ginning,” said Dr. Joe McMillian, Chairperson of the Division of Mathematics, Science, Engineering and Physical Education when the college opened.

Thanks to the early success of the college, five more independent school districts in New Caney, Tomball, Conroe, Splendo-

ra and Willis joined the college district, helping it reach even more students and leading to what would become LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Tomball and LSC-Montgomery.

“The college was important to this community because of the quality of education,” said Ray Laughter, LSC Vice Chancellor Emeritus for External Affairs. “People moved from the city into the suburbs for the quality of life and a big piece of that was quality education.”

As Houston welcomed in the 21st century, residents welcomed LSC-Cy-Fair in 2003 and the North Harris County College District, which began in 1972, was renamed and

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Latest UH poll shows Judge race very close

Beto ahead of Abbott in Harris County

Harris County Judge's Race Too Close to Call

HOUSTON, October 24, 2022 – The race for chief executive in Texas' most populous county is too close to call, with concerns about crime helping to propel Republican Alexandra del Moral Mealer into a statistical dead heat with Democratic incumbent Lina Hidalgo.

A poll from the Hobby School of Public Affairs at the University of Houston, released Monday on the first day of early voting, found 47% of likely Harris County voters say they will support Mealer, a political newcomer running for Harris County judge. Hidalgo drew support from 45%.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke is leading Gov.

GIANT BALLOT RUNS OVER 70 PAGES

Voters should plan on taking some time, with a ballot that runs over 70 pages, and new style two step voting machines.

Local races of interest include the Governor's race (Abbott vs O'Rourke), the Harris County Judge (Hidalgo vs Mealer), Pct. 2 Commissioner (Garcia vs Morman) and House District 128

(Cain vs Crews). Voters can also choose from 70 judge positions.

School District Trustees will be elected in Crosby, Huffman, Channelview and Sheldon.

U.S. House of Representatives seeking re-election in

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Greg Abbott by eight points (50% to 42%) among likely Harris County voters, while Republican Jack Cagle, the incumbent Harris County Precinct 4 commissioner, leads Democratic challenger Lesley Briones, 40% to 35%.

“Crime and public safety are the top concerns cited by voters in the county races, and that is more pronounced among voters who support Mealer and Cagle,” said Renée Cross, senior

executive director and researcher at the Hobby School. Eight out of 10 likely voters listed crime, public safety and government corruption as very important to their decision about which candidate to support for county judge.

“Hidalgo remains popular with voters concerned about voting rights, abortion rights and racial equi-

Continued. See Election Poll, Page 7

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 10:

No. 1 Georgia hosts No. 3 Tennessee in key SEC East tilt: Texans host high-flying Eagles on Thursday Night Football

The college football world will focus on Athens, GA on Saturday at No. 3-ranked Tennessee visits No. 1-ranked, and the defending national champs, Georgia Bulldogs in a key SEC East contest. The winner of this game has a good shot of securing a spot in the SEC title game, slated for Dec. 3 in Atlanta and the winner will also probably have a good chance of earning one of four College Football Playoff (CFP) berths that are still up for grabs.

Most experts expected Kirby Smart's Bulldogs to once again contend for the national title after winning it all a year ago, but not too many thought the Vols would be a national title contender, but Josh Heupel's team has been a breath of fresh air this season, and an offensive juggernaut. The Vols average 49 points per game and that high-scoring offense put up 52 points on then No. 2-ranked Alabama three weeks ago en route to a 52-49



stunner. That offense will get a real test this Saturday when it faces a Georgia defense that is allowing just 8 points per game.

It should be a very interesting afternoon, or evening is CBS decides to put this one in prime time, when these two meet on Saturday.

Before we take a look at a host of other games, I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout out to our beloved Houston Astros. How 'bout them Astros! Our hometown team secured its fourth American League championship on Oct. 23 when the boys in orange overcame a 3-0 deficit against the Yankees in New York and rallied for a

6-5 victory and a sweep of the Evil Empire. Dusty Baker's crew will be playing in its fourth World Series in six years. An amazing feat. I just hope all of us realize what a special team this is and has been for the last six years. Sure, there have been some late nights, but they've been worth staying up for and enjoying the drama. Let's hope they finish it off with a World Series title against a very game Philadelphia Phillies squad.

Now, back to football.

In high school action, the

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East Aldine’s High Meadows Library is “Starving” for food recipes from patrons



Readers checked out 58,512 books from East Aldine’s High Meadows Branch Library last year.

Unfortunately, a cookbook featuring the best recipes for the best food in the neighborhood was not among them.

Staff at the library have been trying to convince patrons to submit their favorite family food recipes for a local cookbook as part of the annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15).

So far, not a single tamale recipe, not one enchilada special sauce, not a single slice of tres leches cake has been submitted.

With all the fabulous cooks (and restaurants) in East Aldine, bragging rights are up for grabs.

Who makes the best tacos? Enchiladas? Chimichangas?

Which public official – Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia or State Rep. Armando Walle, say – grills the best fajitas? Or, perhaps a certain member of Congress, Rep. Sylvia Garcia, is better at smoking hot skirt steaks?

The people want to know.

Jennifer Nandlal, senior adult program specialist at the High Meadows branch of the Harris County Public Library system, is at a loss to explain why the residents of East Aldine haven’t been submitting their recipes to the library.

“We’ve done community outreach, we had it in the newspaper,” Nandlal said. “We will be bringing recipe cards to National Night Out (Oct. 4). And we hope to hear from some of those public officials who are willing to share their best recipes with us.”

“It’s strange, because one of the best parts of working in East Aldine is eating out here,” Nandlal said. “There are just so many good cooks and places to go out to eat.”

Nandlal speculated that one reason people haven’t responded is post-pandemic inertia.

“Even though the library is back up and running 100 percent, there’s this sense of ‘Are we back to normal, please?’ and that might be a factor,” she said.

“I know I am going to submit a dish that is one of my mom’s recipes. It’s Caribbean-themed chicken and rice dish,” she said.

The library hopes to host a post-publication party, featuring some of its patrons’ best methods of cooking. The Harris County library system is funding publication costs, she said.

“We want to have different sections, for beverages, appetizers, entrees and desserts,” she said. “Although we had hoped to have it as part of Hispanic Heritage month, we may be looking at Christmas.”

The library is starting a new “lunch and learn” program on Fridays at noon, featuring food from local restaurants and cafes. One of the first programs will feature the healthy, tasty treats from local favorite Café Guadalupe.

“We can always get the restaurants to contribute their best recipes,” Nandlal said.

The lunch and learn program requires participants to register in advance. The form is online at the High Meadows library, <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/high-meadows-branch-library>.

— By Anne Marie Kilday

COMMUNITY WATCH

Suspect Charged, Wanted in Fatal Stabbing at 15838 JFK Boulevard

Charges have been filed against a suspect wanted in the fatal stabbing of a man that occurred at 15838 John F. Kennedy Boulevard about 1 a.m. on September 9.

The suspect, Steven L. Jones, 28, is charged with murder in the 338th State District Court. A prior Atlanta Police Department booking photo of Jones, who is not in custody at this time, is attached to this news release.

He is accused in the death of Clarence Logan, 28.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant B. Roberts and Detective L. Lange reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a report of a person down in the parking lot of a hotel at the above address and found the victim with multiple stab wounds. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and transported the victim, later identified as Mr. Logan, to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Further investigation identified Jones as the suspect in this case and, on September 27, a murder charge was filed. Jones is currently at-large and his whereabouts are unknown at this time.

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



Fatal Crash at 700 East Little York Road

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash at 700 East Little York Road about 12:45 a.m. on Saturday (Oct. 15).

The identity of the deceased male, 39, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant E. Alejandro and Officer F. Flynn reported:

The male was operating a blue Yamaha motorcycle at a high rate of speed eastbound at the above address when he struck a silver Chevrolet Equinox traveling westbound and making a left turn into a private drive. Paramedics pronounced the motorcyclist deceased at the scene. The female driver, 26, was questioned, did not show signs of intoxication and was released.

The investigation is continuing.

HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

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

TRICK OR TREAT AT HIGH MEADOWS:
Kids of all ages are welcome to stop by the library and trick or treat.

DINOVEMBER IS COMING:
Dinovember is a month long celebration of Dinosaurs taking over! They will be coming to High Meadows and we have a variety of activities planned. Stop by today to pick up a calendar of events.

FAMILY TIME:
Every Saturday at 1pm is Family Time at High Meadows. Join us for a new building craft. All supplies provided.

COMPUTER CLASSES:
We offer a variety of computer classes in English & 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 creativity through different art projects. This program is for teens/young adults looking to make quick and incredible pieces of art!

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

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

HOOKED AND NEEDLED KNIT AND CROCHET CLUB:
Join us 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 Afternoon 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 science in this new program. Every Tuesday at 4:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
We are in search of volunteers to help us with a

GRADCAFÉ:
Every Tuesday we will have representatives from GRADcafé at the High Meadows Library. GRADcafé is a one-stop-shop offering free services to help you decide on a career, explore education and training options, apply to college, and find the financial aid you need. Whether you want to attend college to get a degree or work on a certificate in a professional trade, we are here to guide you through every step. You're never too young or old to get started. Services are available in English or Spanish.

VARIETY OF PROJECTS:
variety of projects from shelving to teaching literacy classes. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer at jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

FOR INFORMATION:
For information on any of the above events or programs, please call us at 832-927-5540 or stop by the library.

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

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

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

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

CRAFTY CORNER
Family fun for the whole family making Perler bead creations. **Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6-7pm.**

BOOK GOALS BOOK CLUB
Join us **Saturday, Nov. 5 at 11am** as we discuss our latest book goal: books published in 2022.

WILLS & ESTATES
Lone Star Legal Aid will be at Aldine on **Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2pm** to discuss and answer questions about wills and estates.

COMPUTER CLASSES
In addition to our online computer classes in both English and Spanish we will now be offering computer classes in person at the library. If you want to participate, call us

to register: 832-927-5410.
Tuesdays: various basic topics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library
Wednesdays: Beginner Computer Class (English), 1:30pm, at the library
Beyond the Basics with Office 365 plus Google Apps, (English computer class), 5-7pm, online
Thursdays: various basic topics (Spanish computer class), 5-7pm, at the library

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

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

CALL FOR LITERACY TUTORS
Would you like to be a

part of making an impact on people's lives? If you are interested in becoming a literacy tutor at the Aldine Branch Library, we want to talk to you! We are looking for volunteers to teach English language classes in person and virtually. **Call 832-927-5410 or email for info: ald@hcpl.net**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Do you need to earn volunteer hours or are just looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? Volunteer at the library! Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library or call 832-927-5410.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Aldine ISD Trustees Approve Contract Extension for Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney

During the Oct. 18 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees unanimously approved a contract extension for Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney. The contract extension is for one year and will run through 2027. Dr. Goffney was hired in May 2018, and the Board approved a 5-year contract at the time Dr. Goffney was hired in May 2018. Dr. Goffney began her tenure as Aldine ISD Superintendent on July 2, 2018. She has previously served as Superintendent of Cold Spring-Oakhurst CISD and Lufkin ISD.



Staff Assignments Approved
During the Oct. 18 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney announced several staff assignments.

*Bryan Savant was named Executive Director of Student Services after serving as Director of Student Services.

*Chandrika Martin was named Director of Budget after serving as a Budget Analyst at the Texas Department of Transportation.

*Ayanna Davis was named Program Director of Professional Learning and Instructional Support for the Multilingual Department after serving as a Multilingual Coach.

*Dr. Neelam Singh was named an Assistant Principal at Teague Middle School after serving as an Instructional Specialist at that same school.

*Johnita Duhon was named an Assistant Principal at Lane School after serving as the Campus Compliance Coordinator at Heritage Rose Elementary School in Fort Bend ISD.

*Ashley Alfred was named an Assistant Principal at Aldine High School after serving as an Assistant Principal at Key Middle School in Houston ISD.

*Dr. Maria Moreno was named an Assistant Principal at Eisenhower Ninth Grade School after serving as a Principal at Jane Long Academy in Houston ISD.

*Rosalinda García was named a Counselor at Vardeman Primary School after serving as an Instructional Specialist at Kujawa Primary School.

*After serving as a Social and Emotional and School Culture Specialist, Silvia Scheirman was named Opportunity Culture Coordinator.

Teaching, Learning and. Leading Department Honors AISD Teacher, Students

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Todd Davis highlighted a teacher and several students during the Teaching, Learning & Leading Department’s presentation at the Oct. 18 Board meeting.

Dr. Davis announced that La Promesa Teacher Margarita Cruz had been named the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) ESL Secondary Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made earlier this month at the TABE fall conference. Margarita will automatically become the TABE nominee for the National Association for Bilingual Education Teacher of the Year competition in the spring of 2023.

This year, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) sanctioned water polo as a varsity sport, and it is now on the list of provided sports in Aldine ISD. Grace Delgado, Executive Director of Multilingual Services, announced that in its first year of competition, the MacArthur High School boys and girls water polo teams each won district titles. Four of Aldine’s five water polo teams earned playoff spots. Joining the MacArthur teams in the playoffs were the Aldine High School boys’ and girls’ teams, the Nimitz High School girls’ team, the Davis High School boys’ and girls’ teams, and the Eisenhower High School boys’ team. AISD Director of Athletics Drew Thompson introduced the team and coach to the audience.

The MacArthur HS boys’ team not only won district but was ranked No. 4 in Region 2, 8th in the Houston area, 17th in the state, and 128th in the nation. The MacArthur HS girls’ team was ranked 8th in Region 2, 14th in the Houston area, 26th in the state, and 88th in the nation.

Brooke Martin, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education,

recognized Davis High School senior Sergio Áviles-Aguirre for earning his Private Pilot Certification License. Sergio was part of Davis’ Introduction to Aviation Class. Sergio’s instructor is C.S. “Chuck” Norris.

FACE, La Promesa earn MASBA of Excellence Awards

During the Oct. 18 Trustees meeting, Chief of Staff Sheleah D. Reed announced that the district’s FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Department and La Promesa received MASBA (Mexican American School Board Association) Excellence Awards at the group’s recent conference held in San Antonio. FACE received MASBA’s Outstanding Civics Initiative Award for creating its Community and Family University, while La Promesa won the Outstanding English Language Learner Initiative. Representing FACE at the Oct. 18 Board meeting were FACE Executive Director Dr. Martha Escalante and Family and Community Engagement Specialists Ivan Tamayo, LaTashia Abrams, and Nancy Gauthier. Representing La Promesa were Principal Ana Flores-Bolívar, Assistant Principal Danny Brogee, and Teacher Margarita Cruz. Aldine ISD Trustee Connie Esparza, who serves as MASBA’s Parliamentarian, delivered remarks thanking the two groups for their hard work.

Aldine ISD Employees Recognized

During the Oct. 18 Board meeting, two Aldine ISD employees were recognized for their leadership, connecting with fellow employees, and impacting student success.

*Aldine ISD Police Commander Orville Wright named Officer Daniel de la Garza as his department’s Employee of the Month.

*Dr. Robin Williams, Executive Director of Performance Management and Development, named Gloria García as HR’S Employee of the Quarter.

Board Approves Action Items

During the Oct. 18 Board meeting, Aldine ISD Trustees approved the following action items:

*Approved submitting a Low Attendance Waiver to the Texas Education Agency for Sept. 21 for Aldine Middle School

*Approved an Enrollment Agreement between Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Aldine ISD for the 2022-23 school year

*Approved the Texas Agrilife Extension for the 2022-23 school year

*Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Harris County Public Health (HCPH) and Aldine ISD for two years of dental health and prevention Super Smile Savers Mobile Dental Health Services

*Approved a Participants in Learning, Leading and Serving Agreement between Grand Canyon University and Aldine ISD regarding participants in Learning, Leading and Serving program

*Approved an affiliation agreement between the University of Houston-Downtown and Aldine ISD regarding the district serving as a Student Teacher Center for 2022-2027

*Approved an amendment to the service agreement between Aldine ISD and Bayou City Interpreting, LLC, to increase funding for services.

*Approved single contracts and purchases of \$50,000 and greater

*Approved an interlocal agreement with Government Procurement Alliance

Before starting the Oct. 18 Board meeting, students from Magrill Primary School performed in the foyer. The Colors were presented by the Jones Middle School LOTC, while students led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag from Eckert Elementary School. The November Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15. It will be held in the Board Room of the Donaldson Administration Building and will begin at 7 p.m.

Aldine ISD to Begin Distribution of Identification Kits in Early November to Families With Students in Grades K-8



In early November, Aldine ISD will begin distributing inkless fingerprint child identification kits to homes of families with students in Grades K-8 throughout the district. As part of the National Child Identification Program, these kits provide families with a record of their child’s physical characteristics and fingerprints to help identify them in the case of an emergency.

Once received, parents or legal guardians can complete the form with their child’s information and store it in a secure location at home — families should NOT return the kits to their child’s campus. Each kit includes instructions in English and Spanish; participation is entirely voluntary.

There is no obligation to complete the kit. However, it will allow families to have a set of fingerprints and DNA for their child that may be turned over to law enforcement should an emergency arise.

This initiative stems from Senate Bill (SB) 2158, passed in the last legislative session, to provide families with an inkless child identification fingerprint/ DNA card. The bill tasked the Texas Education Agency (TEA) with providing identification kits to all school districts for distribution to students in Grades K-8.

Aldine ISD received a total of 34,1190 kits from TEA.

Total Number of Kits Provided by TEA

Aldine Middle School - 781	Johnson Elementary School - 597
Anderson Academy - 677	Jones Elementary School - 720
Black Elementary School - 550	Jones Middle School - 1,347
Bussey Elementary School - 508	Kujawa Elementary School - 589
Calvert Elementary School - 539	Lane School - 96
Caraway Elementary School - 516	Lewis Middle School -1,088
Carmichael Elementary School - 620	Marcella Elementary School - 610
Carroll Elementary School - 625	Mead Middle School - 1,011
Carter Academy - 710	Odom Elementary School - 374
Conley Elementary School - 355	Ogden Elementary School - 604
Cypresswood Elementary School - 768	Oleson Elementary School - 450
Drew Academy - 381	Orange Grove Elementary School - 582
Dunn Elementary School - 768	Plummer Middle School - 984
Eckert Elementary School - 527	Raymond Elementary School - 437
Ermel Elementary School - 449	Reed Academy - 675
Escamilla Elementary School - 814	Sammons Elementary School - 365
Francis Elementary School - 835	Shotwell Middle School - 1,071
Garcia Middle School - 1,052	Smith Elementary School - T553
Goodman Elementary School - 442	Spence Elementary School - 612
Grantham Academy - 1,158	Stehlik Elementary School - 500
Gray Elementary School - 491	Stephens Elementary School - 508
Greenspoint Elementary School - 716	Stovall Middle School - 955
Hambrick Middle School - 1,016	Teaque Middle School - 1,173
Harris Elementary School - 486	Thompson Elementary School - 481
Hill Elementary School - 461	Worsham Elementary School - 491
Hoffman Middle School - 633	Total Kits Provided by TEA to AISD (K-8) = 34,119
Houston Academy - 368	

Extension: Deadline to Complete the Aldine ISD 2022-2023 Annual Update is October 28

The Annual Update application is available for each student who was actively enrolled on the last day of the 2021-2022 school year at any Aldine ISD campus. Your child is considered a current student even if you have moved within the Aldine ISD boundaries and are attending a new campus

in 2022-2023 or if you are attending a new school due to promotion (i.e., moving from elementary to middle school). The deadline to complete the Annual Update for each child in an Aldine ISD school has been extended to Friday, October 28.

Generation Texas Week

Each year, Aldine ID celebrates Generation Texas Week to motivate students to pursue higher education and training after graduating high school. Students and staff will have a daily theme to celebrate:

- Monday 14**
“College Spirit Day”
Wear college shirt or colors
- Tuesday 15**
“Go Wild for Education”
Wear camo or animal print
- Wednesday 16**
“Dress for success”
Dress for the career path of your choice



- Thursday 17**
“Your Future is Bright”
Wear bright or neon color clothing
- Friday 18**
“Hats off to College”
Wear a hat and school spirit shirt

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LETTERS

To The Editor

Senator Bettencourt on tax savings with the Harris County budget impasse

DISCUSSION OVER!!! Harris County Taxpayers WIN!!!

A QUARTER BILLION DOLLARS saved for Taxpayers thanks to Commissioner Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey Harris Co. Commissioner PCT 3 proactive stance against the Leftist Progressive majority on the Harris County Commissioners court trying to raise property tax levy by 10.8%. Harris County now has to adopt my SB2's no-new-revenue-tax-rate which will save taxpayers a RECORD quarter billion dollars, the same as they did in 2019 and Texas Taxpayers and Research Association - TTARA says 31% of Texas counties adopted the no-new-revenue tax rate or below in 2021! This will save Harris County Taxpayers a record quarter of a billion dollars but leave 72 million dollars more in new revenue! See link.

<https://senate.texas.gov/press.php?id=7-20221025a>

Just want to thank Gerald Harris with KHOU 11 News for including my statement where he let me recognize the obvious, that as property values go UP, property tax rates must come DOWN for any tax relief to occur!

<https://www.khou.com/.../285-d4eef15d-317e-4643-89f8...>

Don't believe the line from Judge Lina Hidalgo that government coffers are being squeezed. They have 2.4 billion dollars between the county and the Hospital District in unencumbered reserve funds from just 7 months ago!!

-Senator Paul Bettencourt

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At the Dog Show

"I took Duckworth to the dog show up in the city last weekend," Dud said.

The other members of the Mule Barn truck stop's world dilemma think tank and philosophy counter just looked at him.

Doc put it gently. "Dud, was this so he could get some inspiration on looking good?"

Duckworth was a medium-sized dog that found Dud while Dud was walking and thinking about the novel he's writing. No one answered the ad he put in the Valley Weekly Miracle, so he was henceforth known as Duckworth, for some reason Dud seemed to want to keep to himself. To be honest, Duckworth looked like he fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down.

"No, I was going to enter him in the dog show," Dud said. "Took him right up to the registration table and tried to get him in a class. The lady there looked at ol' Duck and asked to see his papers."

Dud grinned. "I told her they were back home on the floor of the laundry room. She didn't think it was funny."

Now Duckworth had been introduced to the other dogs in the group at the sale barn, as is the custom, and Dud's pals had been hesitant to ask much about him. Duckworth looked like something put together by a committee with a sense of humor. Oh, he was a dog ... no doubt about that. But what kind of dog was he? It made for interesting coffee speculation, that's for sure.

"You know," Dud said, "Anita was against me getting any kind of dog until Duckworth came along. When I explained to her that Duckworth was a bird dog ... a duck dog, actually, and that he'd help me bring more birds home, she finally gave in."

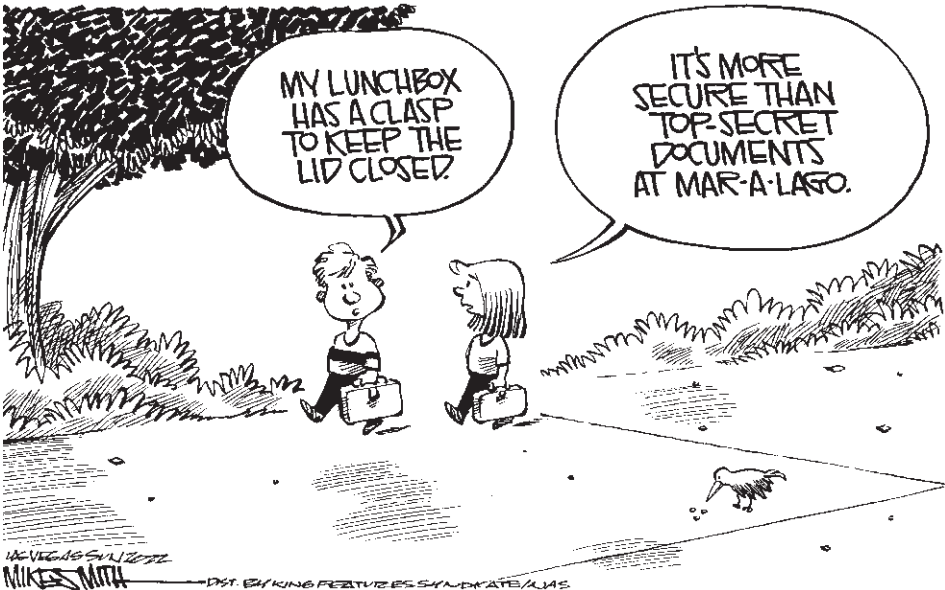
"He's a bird dog?" Steve said. "What kind?"

"Now that's what that dog show lady asked me, you know? I had to explain to her about canardly terriers, because she wasn't familiar with them."

"Canar..."

"Canardly terriers, you betcha," Dud said, grinning, "why, I'll bet you canardly tell what kind of terrier he is!"

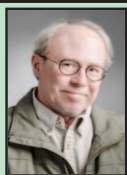
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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Early Voting Underway Across the State

Early voting in this year's midterm elections began Monday and continues through Friday, Nov. 4. Election Day is Nov. 8. Voters will pick the state's next governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner and comptroller in statewide races.

District races are also being held for U.S. representatives, state senators, state representatives and members of the State Board of Education. There are also ballot propositions to be decided, as well as county, school board and city races, depending on where you live.

The deadline to register to vote was Oct. 11. Interested voters can find out more at votetexas.gov.

BUSINESS LEADERS PREDICT DACA END WILL CAUSE CRISIS

Dozens of business leaders, including several in Texas, are urging Congress to protect young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, warning that the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program would exacerbate workforce shortages.

In a report published in The Dallas Morning News (originally in CQ-Roll Call), the leaders released a letter sent to congressional leaders and published as a full-page ad in The Morning News and other newspapers. They warn of serious workforce issues if a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit gutting DACA protection holds.

The ad included the logos of about a dozen Texas-based businesses or business organizations, including private equity firm TPG, the North Texas Commission, the Texas Restaurant Association, the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association, the Texas Retailers Association and the Texas Association of Business.

If the work permits of DACA recipients expire, the business leaders said, the U.S. could lose more than half a million workers.

"The worker shortage will get worse for the United States if hundreds of thousands of critical work-



ers are stripped of their legal ability to support themselves and their families," the business leaders wrote. "That is the situation we currently face if this ruling becomes final, and it is the reason for our request today."

The U.S. House has passed a bill that would put DACA recipients and other young undocumented immigrants on a path to permanent residency, but the Senate has not taken up the measure.

PUC: NO WATER DISCONNECTS DURING EXTREME COLD

The Public Utility Commission of Texas last week adopted rules that prohibit non-municipal water and sewer utilities from cutting off service to customers during extreme cold weather emergencies.

"The new rules put the health and safety of Texans first during extreme cold weather emergencies," said PUCT Chairman Peter Lake. "This means Texans can focus on their family's safety during extreme cold and work with their water or sewer utility to make sure they pay their bills in a timely fashion."

Extreme weather in Texas is defined as "periods beginning when the previous day's highest temperature in an area did not exceed 28 degrees Fahrenheit and the temperature is predicted to remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours according to the nearest National Weather Service reports for that area."

The new rules came after passage of Senate Bill 3 in the last regular legislative session, in reaction to the disruption caused by Winter

Storm Uri in February 2021.

DROUGHT PRESENTS CHALLENGES FOR WATERFOWL HUNTERS

As waterfowl hunters prepare for the new season, drought conditions across the state are posing challenges, according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Biologists with TPWD note habitat conditions for ducks are not ideal in many parts of the state. A May survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed most duck species had substantial decreases since the last survey in 2019.

"The drought that occurred in 2020 and 2021 had a large impact on duck hunting success in Texas," said Kevin Kraai, with TPWD. "Last year, Texas observed a significant decrease in total duck harvest compared to the previous hunting season. The total estimated duck harvest was down 41 percent in 2021 compared to 2020."

Except for South Texas and parts of the Panhandle, most of the state is well below seasonal rain averages, drought conditions that are the worst since 2010.

MORE THAN 79,000 DEAD ON TEXAS ROADS SINCE 2000

It is a grim statistic. Not a single day in Texas since Nov. 7, 2000, has passed without a traffic fatality. Since that date, more than 79,000 people have died in traffic crashes, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. That is roughly equivalent to the entire population of Cedar Park. For the past several years, about 10 people die daily in crashes across the state.

Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan and others are championing T x D O T ' s # E n d T h e S t r e a k T X campaign, saying every Texan must do their part to drive safely and care about others.

"With the knowledge that, since the pandemic, people don't seem to view others around them as part of a community, and, that they care less about those around them, we are starting to identify the problem," said Ryan. "If we know there is a problem and we can identify that a big part of the problem is a lack of caring or apathy, then we also know the solution — we must care more about those around us."

COVID-19 CASES DROP SLIGHTLY

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week in Texas dropped to 11,604 with 90 deaths reported.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

The State of Illinois

A few weeks before Halloween and many years ago, when I was still married to my former husband, he and I and a couple we knew all decided we would celebrate Halloween dressed as the Midwest.

At the time, it seemed like a clever idea. I was from Minnesota, my former husband was from Wisconsin, our friend, Becky, was from Iowa, and her husband, John, was from Illinois. We were all in our early twenties, all living in Oregon, and, as we imagined ourselves dressed as our home states, it seemed like the best idea ever.

We were no longer all living in the same city. And we didn't see Becky and John again until Halloween. Honestly, I forgot all about the idea. I had time on my hands and so I designed and sewed elaborate costumes. I went as Medusa, with posable snakes bobbing up and down on my head. My former husband was Poseidon; he had a staff wrapped in fishing net and filled with seashells, and a crown on his head that lit up in the dark. Before LEDs, this was an accomplishment.

I was rather proud of our costumes, and we went to meet John and Becky. Becky was costumed as a striking geisha, and John arrived... dressed as the State of Illinois.

"I thought we were going as the Midwest!" John complained.

I had so completely forgotten about the idea that I was startled to see John outfitted in an enormous sheet of bright yellow corrugated cardboard shaped like the Land of Lincoln, his face popping out somewhere near Peoria.

I couldn't feel too guilty if his own wife had not alerted him to a change in plans. It struck me that this did not bode well for the marriage (and, in fact, they were divorced a short while later). But John was stuck as the sole representative of the Midwest, and he was mightily embarrassed as we headed out to enjoy Halloween.

You can probably guess what happened next.

John was the hit of the evening. There were an astounding number of Illinois transplants in this small Oregon town, and every single one felt a special bond with John, who was, by nature, a shy and bookish guy. Slightly inebriated women came flying at him from across the street.

"Illinois! It's Illinois!" they screamed, as if he was a visiting rock star.

They scrutinized the carefully detailed Illinois road system searching for their hometowns. I felt as if I was witnessing the reunion of long-lost siblings.

"Quincy! I found Quincy!" a woman shrieked. It looked as if she might cry. I was not sure she was going to let John go.

The snakes bouncing on my head and my former husband's illuminated crown could not hold a candle to Quincy, Illinois.

This all happened many years ago, and yet I remember John, and I feel like him on many occasions. I tend to stick to the plan. I keep working away on my little projects, and I feel foolish when I realize that, not only has everyone I know moved on to something new, they probably think I'm a little daft not to have done the same. I frequently feel a little naïve, a little embarrassed, still puttering away.

But I've learned that staying the course has benefits, even if they are not the ones I imagined.

After whatever group I was a part of has evaporated, interest disappeared, momentum vanished, I think of John, proudly representing the State of Illinois—for no obvious reason and all on his own.

Till next time,
Carrie

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

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 10:
No. 1 Georgia hosts No. 3 Tennessee in key SEC East tilt:
Texans host high-flying Eagles on Thursday Night Football

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District 14-6A season concludes this weekend, with Eisenhower and Nimitz still in contention for a playoff berth. The Eagles face Spring on Thursday night in George Stadium, while the Cougars take on Dekaney on Friday at Planet Ford Stadium.

While all eyes will be on Athens, GA this weekend, there are a number of other interesting matchups in the NCAA. Texas travels to Fort Worth to try and spoil No. 7-ranked TCU's magical season, while No. 6-ranked Alabama looks to remain in the SEC West race when it faces off against No. 18-ranked LSU in Baton Rouge. First-year Tiger head coach Brian Kelly has done a nice job this year. He inherited a team with a lot of question marks and defections, but has them winning. Two weeks ago, LSU upset previously undefeated Mississippi 45-20 and will look for another big win over the Crimson Tide on Saturday.

In the NFL, the Texans host the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday Night Football. The Eagles entered their Oct. 30 against Pittsburgh as the NFL's only undefeated team. The Texans will have their work cut out for them if they hope to pull off the upset. Dallas has the week off, while Buffalo will visit the surprising Jets on Sunday in a key AFC East contest. The Rams travel to Tampa to take on a struggling Bucs team, while the Tennessee Titans head to KC to take on the Chiefs on Sunday Night Football. Week 9 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Ravens visiting the Saints.

Before we take a look at those games, let's review last week's record. An 11-1 week (that's two solid weeks in a row) upped the season record to 60-36 (63%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

High School

Aldine at Westfield: Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs close out what's been a tough season against District 14-6A champion Westfield on Thursday night at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring ISD. Aldine will have the task of slowing down Westfield QB Preston Hatter (2,019 yards, 31 TDs/369 rushing yards, 7 TDs) and running back Taji Atkins (666 yards, 9 TDs). Aldine will look for a big night from running back Damian Paredes (509 yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Westfield 38, Aldine 17

Eisenhower vs. Spring: Eric Jackson's Eagles finish off their District 14-6A season on Thursday night when they take on the Spring Lions at Leonard George Stadium in Spring ISD. The Eagles are vying for a playoff spot and will need a big night from quarterback Zach Henry (1,897 yards, 8 TDs) and wide receiver Ryan Niblett (46 receptions, 924 yards, 7 TDs). Spring is led by QB Clourid Johnson (989 yards, 7 TDs). My pick, Eisenhower 26, Spring 23

Davis vs. MacArthur: Scott Joseph's Falcons face Wayne Crawford's Generals in the season finale for both teams. The two will meet on Friday evening at Leonard George Stadium in Spring ISD. Davis will look to QB Josh Williams (802 yards, 5 TDs) to have a big finale, while the Generals will look for a big offensive night from QB Duriel Quinn (853 yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Davis 26, MacArthur 22

Nimitz at Dekaney: Cornelius Harmon's Cougars will take on Dekaney on Friday night at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring ISD. The Cougars likely need a win over Dekaney and an Eisenhower loss to Spring to earn a playoff spot. The Cougars will hope that QB Brayden Whitehead (1,766 yards, 22 TDs) and running back Joseph Sanders (663 yards, 4 TDs) to make plays through the air and on the



ground if they hope to subdue Dekaney. My pick, Nimitz 27, Dekaney 24

NCAA

Texas at Kansas State: Texas fans had high hopes entering the 2022 season and after their 49-0 route of Oklahoma on Oct. 8, a lot of Orangeloads probably thought second-year head coach Steve Sarkisian had righted the ship after going 5-7 in 2021. But after wins over West Virginia and Iowa State, Texas stumbled at Oklahoma State, 41-34. UT scored 31 points in the first half, but only three in the second half. What happened? Good question. Texas has one of the best running backs in the nation in Bijan Robinson (920 yards, 13 total TDs), a solid QB in Quinn Ewers (1139 yards, 11 TDs) and two big-play wide receivers in Xavier Worthy (36 receptions, 519 yards, 7 TDs) and Jordan Whittington (29 receptions, 404 yards, 1 TD). Texas' problem appears to be that they can't put together four quarters of good football and they had better bring their "A" game to Manhattan on Saturday or it's going to be another long afternoon for Sarkisian and his team. The Texas run defense must play well against a Wildcat team that has a very productive running game led by QB. Adrian Martinez (907 passing yards, 4 TDs/565 rushing yards, 9 TDs) and speedy scatback Deuce Vaughn (744 yards, 4 TDs). While KSU is a prolific running team, they have a very poor passing game. If the Texas defense can slow down Martinez and Vaughn and force Martinez to throw, the 'Horns should be able to pull out a win. Sarkisian and his team need a big road win what with No. 7-ranked TCU up next in Fort Worth. My pick, Texas 33, Kansas State 30

Alabama at LSU: After their 52-49 loss at Tennessee three weeks ago, Alabama head coach Nick Saban knew there was no room for error for the rest of the season. After his defense was embarrassed by the Vols, Saban made some tweaks to the defense and they appeared to work two weeks ago as the Tide rolled over Mississippi State, 30-6 (the score was 30-0 when MSU scored in the waning moments of the game). Offensively, Alabama is still dangerous with QB Bryce Young (1,906 yards, 19 TDs), running backs Jahmyr Gibbs (672 yards, 6 TDs) and wide big-play wide receiver JaCorey Brooks (21 receptions, 376 yards, 4 TDs). The Tide should be able to move the ball against the Tigers. The defense will need to contain dual-threat QB Jayden Daniels (1,812 passing yards, 12 TDs/524 rushing yards, 9 TDs). Look for Saban to have something extra special for Daniels in Death Valley on Saturday. My pick, Alabama 31, LSU 17

Tennessee at Georgia: The Game of the Week in the SEC and country pits No. 3-ranked Tennessee against No. 1-ranked Georgia on Saturday. As stated earlier, the Vols high octane offense will test Georgia's stingy and stifling defense. It's going to be an interesting matchup. Tennessee is led by QB Hendon Hooker (2,093 passing yards, 18 TDs/315 rushing yards, 3 TDs), running back Jalin Wright (403 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Jalin Hyatt (40 receptions, 769 yards, 12 TDs). That trio lit up Bama, but they will be facing a much better defense (Georgia only allows 8 points per game) that is well coached and loaded with speed. Georgia should be able to move the ball against a so-so Vol defense. Look for QB Stetson Bennett (2,033 yards, 7 TDs) to take what the Tennessee defense gives him. He will

make plays to tight end Brock Bowers (26 receptions, 393 yards, 6 total TDs). Bowers is perhaps the best tight end in the country. The Dawgs' pedigree will show up for this one as Georgia looks to send a message to the rest of the country that they are serious about winning another national title. My pick, Georgia 33, Tennessee 16

NFL

Philadelphia at Houston: Al Michaels and the gang from Amazon head to Houston for Thursday Night Football as the Philadelphia Eagles take on the Houston Texans. The Eagles could very well enter this game with a 7-0 record (they took on the struggling Steelers last Sunday) and should leave at 8-0 when they face a struggling Texans team. Two weeks ago, the Texans turned a 20-17 third-quarter lead at Las Vegas into a 38-20 loss because they couldn't contain Raider running back Josh Jacobs (143 yards, 3 TDs). If the Houston defense doesn't play better this week, Philly QB Jalen Hurts (1,514 passing yards, 6 TDs/293 rushing yards, 6 TDs) and running back Miles Davis (485 yards, 4 TDs) could have big nights on the ground. When Hurts turns to the air, he has two good receivers in A.J. Brown (33 receptions, 503 yards, 2 TDs) and Devonta Smith (33 receptions, 397 yards, 2 TDs) to throw to. The Texans will need another big rushing game from rookie running back Dameon Pierce (504 yards, 3 TDs) to take some pressure off QB Davis Mills (1,350 yards, 7 TDs/5 interceptions). Look for the Eagles defense to force a couple miscues from Mills as the Eagles roll on Thursday night. My pick, Philadelphia 33, Houston 20

Buffalo at New York Jets: The Jets have been one of THE surprise teams (along with the Giants) thus far in the NFL. They were winners of four straight games heading into last weeks contest against New England. One of those wins was a convincing 27-10 victory over Aaron Rodgers and the Packers in Green Bay. New York has a lot of talented young players, but they will get a true measure of where they are in the NFL's pecking order when they host Josh Allen (1,980 passing yards, 17 TDs/257 rushing yards, 2 TDs), big-play wide receiver Stefon Diggs (49 receptions, 656 yards, 6 TDs) and a very good Bills defense. The Jets' offense took a huge hit in its win at Denver two weeks ago when rookie running back Breece Hall (463 yards, 4 TDs) was lost for the year with a knee injury. Second-year QB Zach Wilson (693 yards, 1 TD in four games) will need to step up in this one is the Jets are to shock the world and upset the Bills, which they won't. My pick, Buffalo 26, New York Jets 16

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay: The Rams travel to Tampa to face a Bucs team that is not playing good football and that includes future Hall of Fame QB Tom Brady (1,942 yards 8 TDs). Two weeks ago, the TB offense hit rock bottom in its 21-3 loss at Carolina (which before that win had all of one victory for the season). Wide receiver Mike Evans (33 receptions, 458 yards, 3 TDs) dropped what would have been a sure long TD pass and it was all downhill from there. The OL has issues and they had better work out those kinks before Aaron Donald and Co. come calling. The Rams split their first six games before their bye and the rest should have helped QB Matthew Stafford (1,576 yards, 6 TDs), Cooper Kupp (56 receptions, 607 yards, 4 TDs) and the rest of

the offense to get things going. My pick, Los Angeles 26, Tampa Bay 20

Tennessee at Kansas City: A good one for Sunday Night Football pits the Titans and their strong run game against Patrick Mahomes and the pass-happy Chiefs. Two weeks ago, the Titans took care of the Colts, 19-10 as Derrick Henry (536 yards, 5 TDs) and Ryan Tannehill (1,097 yards, 6 TDs) led the way offensively. The Chiefs picked up a huge road win as they pummelled the 49ers, 44-23 as Mahomes (2,159 yards, 20 TDs) threw for more than 400 yards and three TDs. Look for Mahomes to have another big day tossing the rock around to tight end

Travis Kelce (47 receptions, 552 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver JuJu Smith Schuster (34 receptions, 494 yards, 2 TDs). If the Titans have a chance to win this one, they will need Henry to have a big night so they can control the clock and keep Mahomes off the field. It won't matter how big of a night Henry has because Mahomes does not need much time to come up with game-changing plays. My pick, Kansas City 33, Tennessee 23

Baltimore at New Orleans: Week 9 concludes with Monday Night Football as the Ravens travel to the Big Easy to take on the struggling Saints. Baltimore will once again look to QB Lamar Jack-

son (1,397 passing yards, 13 TDs/510 rushing yards, 2 TDs) to make plays with his arm and legs to subdue a New Orleans team that has been decimated with injuries. If Jameis Winston is unable to go, Andy Dalton (946 yards, 7 TDs) will get the call at QB. Two weeks ago in the Saints 42-34 loss at Arizona, Dalton tossed three TD passes, but also threw two pick sixes. NO needs running back Alvin Kamara (351 yards) and rookie wide receiver Chris Olave (32 receptions, 495 yards, 2 TDs) to get untracked, but that will be easier said than done against a solid Baltimore defense. Look for the Ravens to dispatch the Saints, as their bad season continues. My pick, Baltimore 26, New Orleans 18

Judge race very close,

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ty, but overall, her support has softened," Cross said.

Mark P. Jones, senior research associate at the Hobby School and political science fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, said the local races reflect many of the same passions driving midterm elections across the country.

"Republicans and independent voters told us they are concerned about crime and immigration and border security," he said. "Democratic voters listed voting rights and abortion rights as their top concerns, with crime and public safety issues ranking lower.

Overall, Jones said, concerns about crime and public safety appear to be boosting Republican candidates, even in a county that has seen a steady growth in Democratic voters. A plurality of likely voters said they believe Mealer would do a better job than Hidalgo on issues involving crime, immigration and border security and government corruption.

Among the poll's findings:

—Overall, 81% of likely voters said crime and public safety will be "very important" in choosing a candidate. That rose to 98% of likely Mealer voters and 99% of Cagle voters. 64% of likely Hidalgo voters agreed, with voting rights (95%), racial equity & equality (89%), abortion (87%), election administration (77%), flooding (75%) and government corruption (70%) all ranking higher.

—49% of voters have an unfavorable opinion of Hidalgo, compared with 28% who have an unfavorable opinion of Mealer. Almost one-third (29%) said they didn't know enough about Mealer to have an opinion, compared to only 8% for Hidalgo.

—The battle for Latino voters remains tight, with 47% supporting Mealer and 44% backing Hidalgo; 9% are undecided. Mealer holds a 19 point advantage among white voters (56% to 37%), while Hidalgo holds a 56 point advantage among Black voters (73% to 17%).

—There is a clear gender gap — 56% of men favor Mealer, while 52% of women favor Hidalgo.

—One in four likely voters remain undecided in the Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 race, with 48% saying they do not know enough about Cagle to have an opinion of him, and 71% saying the same of Briones.

—Two of the three Harris County bond propositions appear to have majority support, including 63% for Proposition B authorizing up to \$900,000,000 in spending for roads and 52% for Proposition C, authorizing up to \$200,000,000 for parks.

—Proposition A, which would authorize up to

\$100,000,000 in public safety spending, drew support from just 38% of likely voters, with 31% opposed and another 31% undecided.

The full report is available here. The poll was conducted Oct. 10-15, with 625 likely voters in Harris County completing an online survey in either English or Spanish, with a margin of error of +/- 3.92.

Candidates & Propositions on Ballot,

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clude District 2 Dan Crenshaw, D-18 Sylvia Jackson Lee, D-29 Sylvia Garcia, and D-36 Brian Babin.

ESD#14 has a Proposition that would extend Highlands Fire Protection to McNair.

Large bond packages will be on the ballot, with Harris County seeking \$1.2 Billion for Improvements, Crosby MUD \$42 Million, Newport DA2 MUD seeking \$73.35 Million, and Sheldon ISD \$247.7 Million.

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D - Lina Hidalgo
County Commissioner Pct. 2
R - Jack Morman
D - Adrian Garcia
Justice of Peace Pct. 3 Place 2
R - Denise Graves
D - Lucia Bates
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R - Jack Cagle
D - Lesley Briones
District Clerk
R - Chris Daniel
D - Marilyn Burgess
County Clerk
R - Stan Stanart
D-Teneshia Hudspeth
County Treasurer
R - Kyle Scott
D - Carla L. Wyatt

Harris County Prop. A
- \$100 Million Public Safety Bonds
Harris County Prop. B
- \$900 Million Roads & Drainage
Harris County Prop. C
- \$200 Million Parks & Recreation

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D - Mike Collier
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R - Ken Paxton
D - Rochelle Mercedes Garza
L - Mark Ash
Comptroller
R - Glenn Hegar
D - Janet T. Dudding
L - V. Alonzo Echevarria-Garza
General Land Office
R - Dawn Buckingham
D - Jay Kleberg
G - Alfred Molison, Jr
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R - Sid Miller
D - Susan Hays
Railroad Commissioner
R - Wayne Christian
D - Luke Warford
L - Jaime Andres Diez
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D - John Whitmire

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became the Lone Star College System in fall 2008. In 2009, LSC purchased the former world headquarters of Compaq Computer Corporation to create LSC-University Park which opened its doors in 2010.

“When we organized the college, the other junior college presidents in the area said we were really not thinking big enough,” said W. W. Thorne Founder and first President. “Not even they could conceive of what happened to the college.”

As the college grew, several student success initiatives were developed including the building of world-class workforce programs, the creation of The Honors College at Lone Star College, launching LSC-Houston North to address an underserved area of Houston, the addition of bachelor’s degrees for students looking to advance their education and developing LSC-Online as the eighth campus in the system.

In celebration of this historic event, LSC received a proclamation from Texas Gov. Greg Abbott reading in part, “unrelenting in your focus and commitment to providing a rigorous, well-rounded education, you have established a legacy of success that will long highlight the best of our great state.” LSC was also honored by city of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner declaring Oct. 7, 2022 as Lone Star College Day for “going above and beyond in its efforts to provide affordable and quality edu-

cation.”

“What started as an idea to bring higher education to an underserved community has now grown into an institution that has become one of the leading community colleges in the nation,” said Head. “Lone Star College is a living testament of what can happen when communities join together and work toward providing a better way of life for all people.”

Visit LoneStar.edu/50Years to learn more about the remarkable Lone Star College story.

Lone Star College enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow’s workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., serves as chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2022 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education, ranked 35th in Texas in the Forbes ‘America’s Best Employers By State’ list and recognized by Fortune Magazine and Great Place To Work® as one of this year’s Best Workplaces in Texas™. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

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