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NOV. 16, WED. Paint Night at High Meadows Library

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Wednesday November 16 from 6 to 7:30pm. Come and relax, and follow along with a tutorial or let your creativity guide your paintbrush.

NOV. 29, TUE. Small Business Seminar at East Aldine Office

Luncheon Series of Business Seminars, sponsored by the East Aldine District.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 11:30am to 1:00pm, at 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive.

This seminar is about Financial Management, financial practices, rules, and tools commonly available to small business management. Start-ups, Working Capital, fixed assets and MORE.

ELECTION RESULTS: Democrats retain control of County Government

Beto defeated; Texas remains Republican

HARRIS COUNTY – Despite warnings of a Republican “Red Wave” sweeping the voting booths, it didn’t materialize in most of the country, and especially in Harris County.

Democrats kept their seats if incumbents, and in at least one critical race, Pct. 4 of the County Commissioners, they picked up a key vote. Lesley Briones defeated incumbent Commissioner Jack Cagle, and the County is now run by a solid 4 out of 5 votes by Democrats.

Republicans spent a record amount of \$9 million attempting to unseat Judge Lina Hidalgo, but she retained her position



Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo revels in the news that she won re-election over her Republican opponent by a margin of about 15,000 votes. She is joined in the celebration by Congresswomen Sheila Jackson Lee, left, and Sylvia Garcia, right, with County Commissioner Rodney Ellis behind. The Democrats now have four of the five votes on the County Commissioners Court.

by defeating challenger Alexandra Mealer by over 17,000 votes, 549,999 to 532,602.

In other county races, Adrian Garcia defeated Jack Morman for Pct. 2 Commissioner, 53% to 47%, and Lesley Briones had 52% and Jack Cagle 48%.

Voters approved \$1.2 billion in Bonds for the County, and \$478 million in Bonds for the City.

Republicans kept all their state offices, however, with a challenge for Governor by Beto O’Rourke defeated by a vote of 55% for Greg Abbott and 44% for Beto.

The turnout for the election was less than four years ago at midterm, in spite of greater money spent on the campaign and intense ads and personal appearances.

Griner moved to Penal Colony as President Biden protests

RUSSIA – Houston native and one-time Aldine Nimitz basketball star center Brittney Griner has lost her last appeal to a drug sentence, and authorities say she has been moved to a Penal Colony to serve out her nine-year term.

Russian officials did not indicate where the prison was located, but it is most likely in Siberia, US officials say.

Although US officials indicate they have been negotiating for her release or prisoner exchange, there is no indication the Russians are currently interested in that move.

President Biden on Wednesday of last week said at a press conference that he is “determined” to bring her home, and that he is hopeful that Putin is willing to negotiate “more seriously” now that US elections are over.

Biden indicated he had been in touch with Griner’s wife, and the White House



Brittney Griner seen in a prison cell at her trial in Russia. She was found guilty of possession of drugs, and she lost her appeal. She is now sentenced to 8 years in a Russian Penal Colony, which was reduced from 9 for time held.

indicated they had made a “significant offer” and additional proposals to Russia to secure the release of Griner and other Americans held by the Russians. Biden also asked the Russians to improve her treatment and the conditions she may be forced to endure in a penal colony. These are known for harsh living conditions and forced labor.

Griner’s agent Lindsay Colas said in a statement “we ask for the public’s support in continuing to write letters and express their love and care for her.”

Griner was in Russia playing basketball, in the off-season from her US team the Phoenix Mercury. She was detained at a Russian airport last February with vials of cannabis oil in her luggage.

Lone Star College alum reflects as system celebrates 50th anniversary

HOUSTON (Oct. 24, 2022) – Lone Star College is celebrating 50 years of providing quality, affordable and competitive educational opportunities to families in the greater north Houston area.

“The story of Lone Star College is one of leaders in the community who possessed extraordinary vision and dedication that live to this day,” said Stephen C. Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. “Over the past 50 years, the college has witnessed remarkable growth in enrollment and student success.”

LSC’s commitment to student success are one of the many principles that inspired Aldine ISD Police Chief Paul Cordova to pursue a college education. Cordova attended LSC-North Harris and graduated in 2002 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He also earned transfer credit



AISD POLICE CHIEF PAUL CORDOVA

toward a bachelor’s degree.

“I attended Lone Star College because it was close, convenient and affordable,” said Cordova. “As a student, I found the professors knowledgeable and very supportive of students who worked full time like me. I also enjoyed interacting with other students, using available services and receiving a great education.”

Cordova continued

his academic journey at Sam Houston State University, earning a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and a master’s degree in Leadership and Management in Criminal Justice. He is also certified as a master peace officer, master jailer, crime prevention specialist and

police instructor. Cordova credits his higher education achievement to his time at LSC.

“Earning my associate degree gave me the confidence I needed to pursue a bachelor’s and master’s degrees,” said Cordova. “I encourage anyone to strongly consider attending Lone Star College because they will

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HIGH MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWS

DINOVEMBER IS HERE!

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. Join us for special crafts, story times, games and more! Stop by today to pick up a calendar of events.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:

The library will be closing at 5pm on Wednesday, November 23rd and will remain closed for the weekend in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen Monday, November 28th at 11am.

ROBLOX TOURNAMENT:

Our next Roblox tournament will be on Friday, November 18th at 3:15pm and we will have two tournaments; one for teens and one for tweens. Call us to register today!

FRIENDS OF HIGH MEADOWS MEETING:

Interested in helping out with your local library but not sure how? Join our Friends group and find ways that you can serve the community. Inquire in the library.

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.

PINT-SIZED SCIENTIST:

Explore the world of science in this new program. Every Tuesday at 4:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are in search of volunteers to help us with a variety of projects from

shelving to teaching literacy classes. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jennifer at jennifer.nandlal@hcpl.net.

GRADCAFÉ:

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.

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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High Meadows Library
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"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

North Houston District installs 10 crime fighting cameras

NORTH HARRIS COUNTY – The North Houston District commissioned the installation of 10 automated license plate reading (ALPR) cameras in strategic areas within the North Houston District's boundaries to solve and reduce crime. The cameras were built by Flock Safety, a public safety technology company that helps neighborhoods, communities, and law enforcement work together to fight crime. The cameras use enhanced technology to capture individual license plates and vehicle description details upon passing by the camera system.

Tracy Harrison, North Houston District's Vice President of Public Safety, spearheaded the project in the North Houston District, oversees the installation, and will manage the implementation of this new crime prevention tool in partnership with Harris County Sheriff's Office and Houston Police Department. According to Harrison, nine of the 10 planned cameras are installed and are already being utilized by our local task force and patrol officers.

"The cameras solved a burglary case on the first day they went up," said Harrison. "Our cameras will be used by local law enforcement agencies adding a new layer of crime prevention in the North Houston District."

Flock Safety cameras are used in more than 2,000 cities across 40 states. In August of 2022, the City of Houston approved installation of 300 additional Flock Safety cameras, and the crime prevention network is quickly expanding.

Flock Safety ALPR cameras help law enforcement investigate crime by providing objective evidence, including license plates and vehicle characteristics. The cameras send real-time alerts when a stolen car or wanted suspect from state and national crime database enters the jurisdiction and if a license plate is associated with kidnapping, homicide, robbery or other serious crimes. Flock Safety



Automated license plate recognition software is gaining popularity nationwide as law enforcement agencies find new ways to collaborate across jurisdictional boundaries to keep families safe.



Cameras are strategically placed around the District. The locations considered factors like traffic counts, but more so, were chosen based on recommendations from local law enforcement.

also alerts if a vehicle associated with a missing person or AMBER or Silver Alert is detected.

The cameras will be used to solve and reduce property and violent crime and are not intended for minor traffic or parking violations. Only peace officers and public safety personnel will have access to the North Houston District data. Please follow @NHDistrict on social media for updates.

About the North Houston District

Created in 1991 by the Texas Legislature, the North Houston District is a business improvement district that leverages public and private partnerships to provide enhanced services in transportation mobility, public safety, beautification and recreational development, marketing and strategic planning and development. Minutes from Bush IAH, the District's

12-square-mile service area stands at the intersection of I45 North and Beltway 8 and has 20 million square feet of office, retail and industrial properties. The District area includes more than 3,800 businesses, 68,000 employees and 118,500 residents. For more information, visit www.northhouston.org.

About Flock Safety

Flock Safety is a public safety operating system that helps communities and law enforcement in thousands of cities work together to eliminate crime, protect privacy, and mitigate bias. We build devices that capture objective evidence and use machine learning to detect and deliver unbiased investigative leads to law enforcement. Flock Safety communities have reported crime reductions of up to 70 percent.

COMMUNITY WATCH

City worker electrocuted at Melrose Park

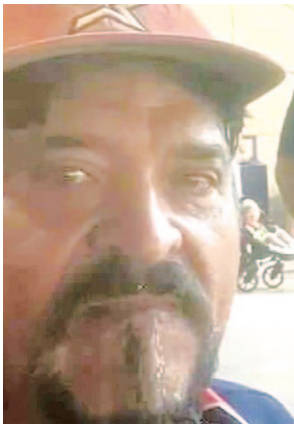
On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at approximately 11:20 am, an electrocution incident involving a Houston Parks and Recreation Department employee occurred. The Houston Fire Department responded to an EMS call to Melrose Park, 1001 Canino Road. Upon arrival HFD found the employee to be deceased. An investigation regarding the incident is still underway.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department employee, Jorge Osorio, was 64 years of age. He was a licensed electrician and had been with the department for two years.

"My prayers are with Jorge Osorio's family and co-workers, and I ask all Houstonians to keep them in your prayers. The City of Houston will always remember his service and dedication to our community," said Mayor Sylvester Turner.

"Our hearts are heavy today at the parks department we mourn the loss of our co-worker, Jorge Osorio. Words cannot express the sadness and grief we are all feeling at this time," said Kenneth Allen, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "Jorge was a skilled and hard-working person who worked in our Facilities Management and Development division. He was committed to making the City better for everyone who visits Houston parks. I offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends for their loss."

Osorio is survived by his mother and sister.



JORGE OSORIO

Fatal Chase and Crash at 10600 Hirsch Road

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred following a vehicle pursuit with HPD officers and ended at 10600 Hirsch Road about 3:40 a.m. today (November 7).

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

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Hall and Officer C. Sartor reported:

HPD Northeast Patrol officers were involved in a vehicle pursuit with a reported stolen gray Honda Accord. During the course of the pursuit, the Honda was traveling northbound near the above address, left the roadway and then struck a metal fence of a business on the east side of the street.

Both the suspect driver and his male passenger were transported by Houston Fire Department paramedics to an area hospital where the driver was pronounced deceased.

The investigation is ongoing.

AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

GROWING READERS

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

VETERANS BURIAL BENEFITS

Providing information on the process of planning final arrangements for veterans provided by Dignity Memorial. Free and open to the public. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2-4pm.

BILINGUAL STORY TIME

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

KID'S CLUB

It's the club for kids where there is always a fun activity just for them. **Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 4:30pm.**

TEEN THURSDAYS

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

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** - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm - 7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm. We also have walk-in service from 2-4pm on Fridays 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.**

E-NEWSLETTER

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

We will close at 5pm Wednesday, Nov. 23 and be closed Nov. 24 - 26. We will re-open Monday, Nov. 28 at 11am.

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SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

Message From the Superintendent,
November 15, 2022

Dear Aldine Community,

I hope everyone enjoyed having Monday off to celebrate our Houston Astros winning their second World Series! Whether you were downtown or at home watching the parade on television, it was a memorable moment for everyone. I know it was for my family and me!

The semester is going by quickly and has been full of opportunities for our students and families. At our inaugural HOPE (High School Opportunities Provide Empowerment) Summit, over 1,000 eighth-grade emergent bilingual students were engaged and eager to learn about high school choices and opportunities. Thanks to Grace Delgado, our executive director of multilingual programs, our partner Dr. José Zelaya, and everyone that made this event possible.

Leadership within our district is essential for the work we do every day. Vital to that work is your engagement and input to guide us forward. We recently held our first DEAC (District Educational Advisory Committee) meeting of the school year. We had a record turnout of teachers, parents, and community members. Thank you for the great discussions and for being a part of our decision-making process.

In addition to leadership, the community is integral to expanding student opportunities. I thank the Acres Home Chamber for hosting the Carver HS student art auction in October. Seventeen student artworks were sold for a total of \$3,325. Thank you for supporting our young artists! A big thank you goes out to our faith-based community leaders who attended the Partners of Excellence meeting last month. We shared the district's successes and challenges as well as discussed ways they can collaborate as mentors and volunteers to support students academically. I can never say enough that we cannot do this work alone. It takes a community working together to expand opportunities for students and support them to reach their fullest potential.

In late October, we hosted our annual Choice Schools Festival. During this event, families were able to discover additional options for their students for the 2023-2024 school year. Each Choice School will host its Showcase Event throughout November, where families can tour our schools, learn more about our programs and meet with staff members. In addition to our Choice School options, we offer many opportunities at our traditional schools, like the pilot program



at Davis High School. High school senior Sergio Avilés-Aguirre is the first in the district to obtain an official certified private pilot license. Congratulations Sergio!

Time is precious and seems to go faster and faster each year. Just think that we will celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and friends in a couple of weeks. I have many things to be grateful for, like my family, a daughter in college, and good friends. However, I also count my colleagues and partners supporting our work for all students among my favorite things to be grateful for. With gratitude in mind, I would love to hear what you are thankful for or why gratitude is essential to you. Click here to share your thoughts with me.

Kicking off the spirit of gratitude this month was a celebration of life. Our Donaldson Administrative Building staff members created an *altar* for Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) on November 2. This festive social occasion focuses on remembering family members and friends who have passed away. I enjoyed eating *pan de muertos* and seeing pictures the staff provided to form part of the *altar*. We remembered their lives and the impact and love they gave us in ours.

This month we also are celebrating the future. Our schools will observe Generation Texas Week from November 14 to November 18. The weeklong observance motivates students to pursue higher education and training after graduating from high school. Students and staff will have a daily theme like College Spirit Day and Dress for Success. Click here to view the calendar.

All The Things: The Aldine ISD

Podcast released a new episode. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Todd Davis talks about what it takes to improve the lives of students and teachers, as well as some of the things he has learned in his 30 years in Aldine.

One way to improve students' lives is to be aware of all the programs and resources available to students and families. Hundreds of families joined us at our Fall Family Conference at Davis High School this past Saturday. Each session helped families learn more about the various programs we offer in our school district and the services provided by organizations in the Aldine community. Our Family and Community Engagement Department staff created an excellent program.

Another way to support students is through college scholarships and teacher grants that help enhance the classroom learning experience. The 2022 M. B. 'Sonny' Donaldson Golf Tournament on October 27 benefited the Aldine Education Foundation (AEF) and was exceptional! It was such a wonderful, joyful day. The foundation grossed a record \$118,800 for student scholarships — an impressive feat as we celebrate AEF's 10th anniversary. I am *super thankful* to our AEF Board, the golf committee, volunteers, sponsors, and participants for their hard work and the money raised.

AEF isn't done working to give our students opportunities for college. The foundation's employee giving program, Your Dollar Makes a Difference Campaign, will kick off on Monday, November 28, and will run for three weeks. Staff members are invited to give \$5 per paycheck, month, year, or whatever amount they feel comfortable with to support the 2023 graduating high school seniors in May. I urge every Aldine ISD employee to help our deserving high school student seniors. No donation is too small. Every dollar makes a difference. Be on the lookout for more details and information. Please get in touch with AEF Director Linda Flores Olson if you have questions or for further information at lfolson@aldineisd.org or 281-924-6088.

I want you to save the date! Our 64th Annual Livestock Show Buyers Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center — West Concessions Area. The show and auction of FFA animals and projects and students' artworks each year fund future projects and their post-secondary education. In the 2022 event, students earned \$202,000 thanks to our community and staff members. For questions and details, email AldineLivestockShow@aldineisd.org.

It has been a great few weeks. Recent

visits took me to Bussey Elementary school, Stovall Middle School, and Carroll Elementary School. I loved seeing so much positivity and everyone exuded excellence. That it all matters, and it showed that it impacts learning. In each classroom, students were engaged. In sports, Congratulations to Davis, MacArthur, and Nimitz volleyball teams that earned playoff spots in volleyball during the 2022 season. Thank you to every staff member for everything you do for our students every day.

Please remember that today Tuesday, November 8, is a student holiday. All campuses are closed to observe Election Day; many campuses are also serving as polling locations. If you haven't had a chance to exercise your civic right, I encourage each of you to make your voice heard by casting your vote today.

We might be seeing changes in the weather but not changes in the priority of keeping students and staff members healthy. I urge you to get all the appropriate vaccines and ensure you and your loved one stay healthy when gathering together. Let's all wash our hands frequently and cover our noses and mouths when we sneeze and cough. Stay home and see your doctor if necessary. With everyone doing their part, our staff will be in classrooms teaching, and our students will be in school learning and growing.

With two months left in 2022, let's root ourselves in gratitude toward one another and let that energy propel us into 2023.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendent

- MONTHLY OBSERVATIONS**
- NovemberNative American Heritage MonthNational Scholarship Month
 - Nov. 15: [America Recycles Day](#)
 - Nov. 17: [Education Support Professionals Day](#)
 - Nov. 18: Substitute Educators Day
 - Nov. 21-25: Thanksgiving Break
 - [Click here to view the 2022-2023 school year calendars — traditional and Additional Days School Year \(ADSY\).](#)

REMINDERS

Aldine ISD's top priorities are students' safety and academic success. The district posts information related to protocols along with any updates at www.aldineisd.org/healthalerts.

Stay connected by visiting AldineISD.org. Check out our District News and Aldine ISD Podcast pages to stay updated on all the great things happening in our district. You can also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Thank You Military Veterans for Your Service



To Our Military Veterans and Aldine Community,

Today, on Veterans Day, I ask each of you to remember the sacrifices of the men and women who have served in the United States armed forces.

The service members we honor are ordinary people who have responded in extraordinary ways. They share fundamental qualities like courage, pride, integrity, determination, selflessness, as well as dedication to duty. These qualities allow these individuals to serve a cause larger than themselves. Thanks to their sacrifices, the American Dream is possible.

To our staff whose spouse, partner, or child is a veteran or is currently serving our country: thank you for supporting them in their decision to serve our country. You have my respect and my gratitude.

And to our educators, leaders, parents and community members, volunteers, and supporters who have served: thank you for your service and sacrifice.

We owe each of these men and women a debt of gratitude for their service in defense of our freedoms. Because of them and their families, we can enjoy the freedoms we often take for granted.

As we salute all veterans and active military

personnel, we are highlighting the many veterans working in our district. They help our students grow and guide them to succeed in school, college, career, and life. Please take a moment to view the slide show of veterans working in AISD.

Again, we #CelebrateAldineISDVeterans and honor all of America's veterans for their patriotism, bravery, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. GoffneySuperintendent

Aldine ISD Schools Continue to ‘Make A Difference’ in Our Communities



Over the years, our school communities have supported many organizations. Every fall, all the schools in Aldine ISD collaborate with other campuses or organize their campus-wide community service project for Make a Difference in late October. This year, Aldine ISD schools will Make a Difference in November.

Last year, due to COVID precautions, there was no in-person component to the event. Instead, each school collected non-perishable food items or raised funds to donate to an organization. Most importantly, they made it a memorable event in their school buildings by celebrating how much

they collected as a team.

Stacey Smith, director of special programs at Aldine ISD, shared that “Make a Difference Day projects at schools are amazing events. They teach students the value and importance of helping neighbors in need.”

Be on the Lookout or Contact Your Child's School for Details

November is National Gratitude Month and is the perfect time to think about how your staff and students can help your community. Reach out to local organizations to see how you can help. The event is also an excellent opportunity to collaborate with business partners.

This year, Smith en-

courages families to be on the lookout for their child's school to send information home about their Make a Difference project or event. Most schools will complete their Make a Difference project on November 12. If you would like to donate or would like to sign up to volunteer, contact your child's school.

Share on Social Media How You are Making a Difference

Let creativity inspire you to Make a Difference truly. I can't wait to hear about your projects! Additionally, don't forget to share on social media using the hashtags #AldineISD-MakesADifference and #AldineConnected.

You can read the Northeast News current and back issues on our website: www.nenewsroom.com

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TX-29 MATTERS

By U.S. Representative SYLVIA GARCIA



Casework Clinics: Help with your Paperwork

My office can help you get solutions when you're having problems with Social Security, Medicare, federal employee retirement, veterans' services, or other federal programs.

This is called casework, and it is one of the most important things I do as your Congresswoman.

I'll be hosting casework clinics across the district to help residents. Staff will be available to assist in English and Spanish. If you need help with a federal agency, please stop by one of the following clinics:

- **East Harris County Activity Center** (7340 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505) on Thursday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.
- **Leonel J Castillo Community Center** (2101 South St, Houston, TX 77009) on Monday, November 14, from 11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.
- **Northeast Harris County Community Center** (10918 1/2 Bentley St, Houston, TX 77093) on Tuesday, November 15, from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.
- **Hardy Community Center** (11901 West Hardy Rd, Houston, TX 77076) on Wednesday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.
- **Pep Mueller Activity Center** (14750 Henry Rd, Houston, TX 77060) on Wednesday, November 30, from 9:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m.
- **Mangum-Howell Community Center** (2500 Frick Rd, Houston, TX 77038) on Tuesday, December 13, from 12:00 p.m. through 2:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

P.S. Unable to join one of my clinics? No worries. You can always call my office at (832) 325-3150 and set an appointment with a member of my staff.

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COUNTY MATTERS

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo

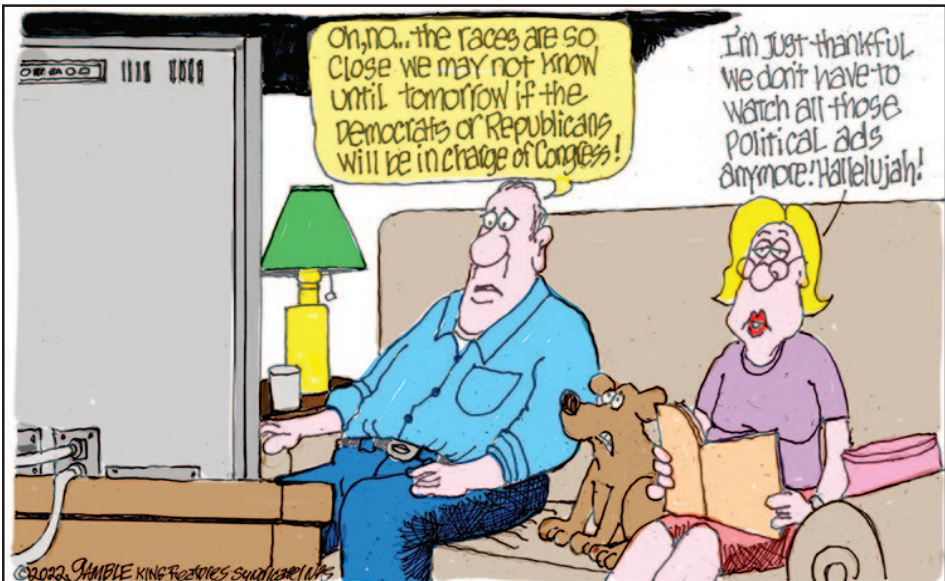


Growing Harris County's Access to Mental Health Support

Mental health is an issue we can no longer put on the back burner. During the pandemic, about four in ten adults in the U.S. reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, four times as many as in 2019. According to CDC data, in 2021 more than a third (37%) of high school students reported experiencing poor mental health. Disturbingly, Texas ranks last among all other states when it comes to access to mental health support services and, in the last year, the state has cut \$117 million in mental health funding, further increasing the gap between support services and the individuals who depend on them. For the least fortunate folks, interaction with the police, arrest and/or jail is often the only way to access mental health services. The largest mental health provider in Texas is the Harris County Jail.

To combat this impending mental health crisis in Harris County, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioners Court last month passed a \$14.3 million initiative. Through a multi-million dollar allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Behavioral and Mental Health Program will increase the quantity of trained mental health providers so they are better able to retain and hire more trained staff. The initiative will also recruit more high school and college students into the mental health profession, add school counselors, and will help connect residents with mental health and substance abuse resources that will aid in their recovery.

This is just another way Harris County is working to help improve lives for our residents. In August Harris County established The Brighter Futures for Harris County Kids program, which has invested more than \$80 million dollars in early childhood education, childcare, and maternal health (read more below). Commissioner's Court has also invested over \$1 billion in crime prevention and justice programs including the HART (Holistic Assistance Response Teams) program, which dispatches trained behavioral and mental health responders, instead of busy police officers, to calls involving mental health and substance abuse issues, allowing police officers to focus on violent crime.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Panic Buttons, Locked Doors for Texas Schools

Texas public schools would have to install panic buttons in classrooms and ensure all doors and windows are locked and monitored under new proposed safety standards released last week by the Texas Education Agency.

The proposal is the latest effort to strengthen school safety after 19 children and two teachers were killed at Robb Elementary in Uvalde last May in the state's deadliest school shooting.

The Dallas Morning News reported that school districts in coming weeks can apply for grants from TEA to cover spending on security-related items, including installment of silent panic buttons this year. Each district will receive at least \$200,000, with funds awarded on a per-student count.

Districts would also be required to undergo twice-annual maintenance checks to make sure that two-way radio equipment used by law enforcement and first responders works inside their school buildings. Previous reports indicate poor radio communication was one reason law enforcement didn't confront the gunman for more than an hour in Uvalde.

20% INCREASE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS IN OIL AND GAS REGIONS

More than 79,000 traffic crashes were recorded in 2021 in the state's five main energy sectors — the Permian Basin, Eagle Ford Shale, Barnett Shale, Anadarko Basin and the Haynesville/Bossier Shale — resulting in 1,119 fatalities. The Texas Department of Transportation launched its "Be Safe. Drive Smart" fall campaign to remind drivers to slow down, stay alert and be extra cautious when driving in high-traffic oil- and gas-producing areas.

Drivers are urged to follow the posted speed limit and adjust driving to road conditions; don't text or talk when behind the wheel; give large trucks plenty of space; pass only



when it's safe to do so; and always buckle up.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart" is a key part of #EndTheStreakTX, which is attempting to end the streak of daily traffic deaths in Texas. On Nov. 7, the state marked 22 years since the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

WILDFIRE SAFETY URGED DURING HUNTING SEASON

Deer season is underway, and the Texas A&M Forest Service urges hunters to be careful with activities that may cause a wildfire this hunting season. From 2017 to 2021 the forest service responded to 3,682 wildfires that burned 1.4 million acres. During that period, 42% of wildfires occurred during the major hunting season months of September through January.

"Texas A&M Forest Service wants all hunters to be safe this upcoming season," said Karen Stafford of the forest service. "We all have a role to play in protecting our state from wildfires, so remember to do your part and don't let a wildfire start."

Hunters are urged to avoid driving over and parking on dry grass, which could spark a fire; to check for burn bans in effect; never leave a campfire unattended; and to always carry a fire extinguisher, shovel and water to camp.

EMERGENCY SNAP BENEFITS AGAIN EXTENDED

Once again, emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits have been extended through the U.S. De-

partment of Agriculture and distributed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. More than \$334.5 million in emergency benefits are going to about 1.6 million Texas households.

"As we head into the holiday season, we hope these additional allotments provide nourishing meals to Texans in need," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

All SNAP households will receive a minimum of \$95 in emergency benefits by Nov. 30. Since April 2020, more than \$8.7 billion in federal food benefits have been provided to eligible Texans.

TEXAS AGAIN LEADS NATION IN JOBS ADDED

The latest statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission and the Bureau of Labor Statistics show Texas led the nation in jobs added over the past 12 months and broke the state's record for total jobs for the 11th consecutive month.

The state economy has added 721,800 positions since September 2021. The state's unemployment rate was 4.0%

"More people in Texas are working today than ever before. In fact, more people in Texas are working than the entire population of the state of Pennsylvania," said TWC Commissioner Julian Alvarez. "TWC offers an array of free services to Texans to ensure their success — everything from free online learning courses to occupational training and hiring events. We're here to help."

BIGGEST-EVER BUC-EE'S COMING TO LULING

Buc-ee's is planning to bring the title of largest of its travel centers back to Texas by building a 75,000-squa re-foot facility in Luling, about 50 miles south of Austin. The new facility will be 1,000 square feet larger than the current title holder in Tennessee, according to The Dallas Morning News.

The new building in Luling will have 120 fueling stations and is expected to open next year. Buc-ee's began 40 years ago in Lake Jackson and now operates more than 30 travel centers in Texas and nine in other states. The company plans to expand to Colorado and Missouri.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

Stubby's Chance

I am delighted to report that my mother has come around.

I have been lobbying my mother for months to take pity on a little red squirrel who had acquired a great fondness for her, demonstrating his devotion by digging up all her flowerpots and gazing at her for minutes at a time through the window. My mother spent the summer shooing him off the deck and telling him to "scram" when she saw him through the window.

"He loves you, Mom."

"I don't love him!"

The little squirrel persisted. He would stare through the window, standing on his hind legs with his little fingers knit together, as if he was about to make a speech. I suspected I knew what his speech would be about. He wanted to be my mom's pet.

"He's not my pet!" my mother insisted.

A couple of weeks ago, I sent her a video of a squirrel that had been allowed to live in someone's house.

"Never inside!" she texted back.

The fact that she said "never inside" instead of simply "never!" indicated to me that she was softening on the subject. I suspected I knew the reason. Sometime early this fall, the poor squirrel lost half his tail.

"He was too preoccupied looking in the window at you!" I told her.

"I don't know how he lost it," my mother said. "Maybe a fox."

I could tell this recent bit of bad fortune had tipped the scale in favor of my little furry friend.

"Squirrels need their tails," my mother said. "They use them for balance. He might not be able to climb trees anymore!" As if to reassure my mother, the little squirrel nimbly scrambled up the nearest pine tree with a cone in its mouth.

But now all the other red squirrels had disappeared for the season, and this one fellow was still there, with half a tail, hanging out on the deck and acting as if he desperately wanted to be part of the family.

"Well, I've decided to start feeding him," my mother told me.

This is a big concession for my mom. Squirrels are the never-ending adversary, always looking for ways to get into the bird feeders. My parents have put considerable effort into thwarting their attempts. The red squirrels in particular are mischievous, dropping things onto the deck, stealing birdseed every chance they get and chattering loudly when they have some complaint—and they are always complaining about something. This fellow is as bad as any of them. But he won't go away. And now he only has half a tail.

"So I guess he needs a name," my mom continued. "Your sister suggested Richard, but that sounds too dignified to me. I suggested Ricky." Obviously, things had progressed significantly if my mother was christening the wicked little red squirrel.

"But Beau pointed out that we don't know if it's male or female, so maybe we should pick a name that would work either way." Beau is my nephew, and he is very concerned about inclusive language.

"Beau suggested Ray," my mom continued, which did not sound very squirrel-like to me. "It's missing half its tail," I reminded my mother. "Why not call it Stubby? That would work for either gender."

"Stubby!" my mom laughed.

Whatever his (or her) name, I feel a lot better about Stubby's chance of making it through the winter with half a tail now that there is a daily serving of seeds on the deck railing.

And I am pleased that my mother has finally acquired a new pet.

Till next time,
Carrie

Photos from the column and other fun stuff can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

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Mensaje de la Superintendente, 15 de Noviembre de 2022

Estimada Comunidad Aldine: ¡Espero que todos hayan disfrutado de tener el lunes libre para celebrar que nuestros Astros de Houston ganaron su segunda Serie Mundial! Ya sea que estuvieran en el centro de la ciudad o en casa viendo el desfile por la televisión, fue un momento memorable para todos. ¡Sé que fue para mi familia y para mí!

El semestre está pasando tan rápido y hemos brindado muchas oportunidades para nuestros alumnos y familias. En nuestra Cumbre Inaugural de HOPE (el acrónimo en inglés significa la esperanza; el acrónimo es para oportunidades de la escuela secundaria que empoderan a los alumnos) inaugural reciente, más de mil alumnos bilingües emergentes de octavo grado estaban profundamente comprometidos y ansiosos por aprender sobre las opciones y oportunidades de nuestras escuelas secundarias. Muchas gracias a Grace Delgado, nuestra directora ejecutiva del departamento de programas multilingües, el Dr. José Zelaya, y a todos los que hicieron posible este evento para nuestros alumnos.

El liderazgo dentro de nuestro distrito es esencial para el trabajo que hacemos todos los días. Vital para ese trabajo es su compromiso y sus aportes para guiarnos hacia adelante. Recientemente llevamos a cabo nuestra primera reunión del DEAC (siglas en inglés del comité asesor educativo del distrito) del ciclo académico y tuvimos una participación récord de maestros, padres y miembros de la comunidad. No solo tuvimos una gran asistencia, sino que también tuvimos excelentes discusiones y tiempo de planificación. Sus pensamientos y comentarios



son realmente apreciados. Su compromiso y aporte nos guían en cómo avanzamos en las iniciativas para nuestros alumnos, nuestras familias y nuestro personal. Gracias por las excelentes discusiones y por ser parte de nuestro proceso de toma de decisiones.

La comunidad es una parte integral de la expansión de oportunidades para los alumnos. Quiero agradecer a la Cámara de Comercio de Acres Home que organizó la subasta de arte estudiantil de Carver High School en octubre. De las 50 obras en exhibición, 17 obras se vendieron por un total de \$3,325. ¡Gracias por apoyar a nuestros jóvenes artistas! Un gran agradecimiento a nuestro Departamento de Relaciones Familiares y Comunitarias (FACE, por sus siglas en inglés) por organizar la reunión de Socios de Excelencia. Nos reunimos con líderes comunitarios basados en la fe y compartimos los éxitos y desafíos del distrito y hablamos sobre formas de colaborar como mentores y voluntarios para apoyar a los alumnos académicamente. Nunca puedo decir lo suficiente que no podemos hacer este trabajo solos.

Además del liderazgo, la comunidad es integral para expandir las oportunidades de los estudiantes. Agradezco a la Cámara de Acres Home por organizar la subasta de arte estudiantil de Carver High School en octubre. Diecisiete obras de arte

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A finales de octubre, organizamos nuestro festival anual de Escuelas de Opción (Choice Schools). Durante el evento, las familias pudieron descubrir opciones adicionales para sus hijos para el año escolar 2023-2024. Cada escuela de opción organizará su evento de exhibición durante noviembre, donde las familias pueden recorrer nuestras escuelas, aprender más sobre nuestros programas y reunirse con los miembros del personal. Además de nuestras opciones de Choice School, ofrecemos muchas oportunidades en nuestras escuelas tradicionales, como el programa para pilotos en Davis High School. El alumno de último año de secundaria, Sergio Avilés-Aguirre, es el primero en el distrito en obtener una licencia oficial de piloto privado certificado. ¡Felicidades, Sergio!

El tiempo es precioso y parece ir más y más rápido cada año. Solo piense que celebraremos el Día de Acción de Gracias con nuestras familias y amigos en un par de semanas. Tengo muchas cosas por las que estar agradecida,

como mi familia, una hija en la universidad y buenos amigos. Sin embargo, también cuento a mis colegas y socios que apoyan nuestro trabajo para todos los alumno entre mis cosas favoritas por las que estar agradecidos. Con la gratitud en mente, me encantaría escuchar por qué estás agradecido o por qué la gratitud es esencial para ti. Hagan clic aquí para compartir sus pensamientos conmigo.

Iniciando el espíritu de gratitud, este mes fue una celebración de la vida. Los miembros de nuestro personal del Edificio Administrativo Donaldson crearon un altar para el Día de los Muertos el 2 de noviembre. Esta ocasión social festiva se centra en recordar a los familiares y amigos que han fallecido. Disfruté comiendo pan de muertos y viendo fotos que el personal proporcionó para formar parte del altar. Recordamos sus vidas y el impacto y el amor que nos dieron en la nuestra.

Este mes también estamos celebrando el futuro. Nuestras escuelas observarán la Semana de la Generación Texas del 14 al 18 de noviembre. La celebración motiva a los alumnos a seguir una educación superior y capacitación después de graduarse de la escuela secundaria. Los alumnos y el personal tendrán un tema diario como el día del espíritu universitario y día de vestirse para el éxito. Hagan clic aquí para ver el calendario.

Una forma de mejorar la vida de los alumnos es estar al tanto de todos los programas y recursos disponibles para ellos y nuestras familias. Cientos de familias se unieron a nosotros en nuestra Conferencia Familiar de Otoño en Davis High School el sábado pasado. Cada sesión ayudó a las familias a aprender más sobre los programas diversos que ofrecemos en nuestro distrito escolar y los servicios proporcionados por las organizaciones en la comunidad de

Aldine. Nuestro personal del Departamento de Relaciones Familiares y Comunitarias elaboró un programa excelente.

Otra forma de apoyar a los alumnos es a través de becas universitarias y subvenciones para maestros que ayudan a mejorar la experiencia de aprendizaje en el aula. ¡El Torneo de Golf M. B. 'Sonny' Donaldson de 2022 el 27 de octubre benefició a la Fundación de Educación Aldine (AEF, por sus siglas en inglés) y fue excepcional! Fue un día maravilloso y alegre. La fundación recaudó un récord de \$ 118,800 para becas estudiantiles, una hazaña impresionante mientras celebramos el décimo aniversario de AEF. Estoy muy agradecida con nuestra Junta de AEF, el comité de golf, voluntarios, patrocinadores y participantes por su arduo trabajo y el dinero recaudado.

AEF está ocupada trabajando para dar a nuestros alumnos oportunidades para la universidad. El programa de donaciones para empleados de la fundación, Your Dollar Makes a Difference Campaign, comenzará el lunes 28 de noviembre y durará tres semanas. Los miembros del personal están invitados a dar \$ 5 por cheque de pago cada mes, una vez al año, o cualquier cantidad para ayudar a los alumnos de último año de secundaria que se gradúan en 2023 de mayo. Insto a todos los empleados de Aldine ISD a participar en ayudar a nuestros alumnos. Cada dólar hace la diferencia. Estén atentos a más detalles e información. Póngase en contacto con la Directora de AEF, Linda Flores Olson, si tiene preguntas o para obtener más información, llame a lfolson@aldineisd.org o al 281-924-6088.

¡Quiero que guardes la fecha! Nuestro 64° Almuerzo Anual de Compradores de la Exposición Ganadera se llevará a cabo el jueves 17 de noviembre a las 11:30 a.m. en el Centro Educativo M.O.

Campbell – Área de Concesiones Oeste. La exposición y subasta de animales y proyectos de los alumnos del programa FFA (Future Farmers of America/Futuros Granjeros de América) y las obras de arte de los alumnos cada año financian proyectos futuros y su educación post-secundaria. En el evento de 2022, los alumnos ganaron \$202,000 gracias a nuestra comunidad y miembros del personal. Para preguntas y detalles, envíe un correo electrónico a AldineLivestockShow@aldineisd.org.

Han sido unas semanas increíbles. Las visitas recientes me llevaron a la escuela primaria Bussey, la escuela intermedia Stovall y la escuela primaria Carroll. En deportes, Felicitaciones a los equipos de voleibol de Davis, MacArthur y Nimitz que ganaron lugares de play-offs en voleibol durante la temporada 2022. Gracias a cada miembro del personal por todo lo que hacen por nuestros alumnos todos los días.

Es posible que estemos viendo cambios en el clima pero no cambios en la prioridad de mantener saludables a los alumnos y al personal. Los insto a que obtengan todas las vacunas apropiadas y se asegure de que usted y su ser querido se mantengan saludables. Lavémonos las manos con frecuencia y cubramos la nariz y la boca cuando estornudamos y tosemos. Quédense en casa y consulten a su médico si es necesario. Con todos haciendo su parte, nuestro personal estará en las aulas enseñando y nuestros alumnos estarán en la escuela aprendiendo y creciendo.

Con dos meses restantes en 2022, enraícenos en la gratitud mutua y dejemos que esa energía nos impulse hacia 2023.

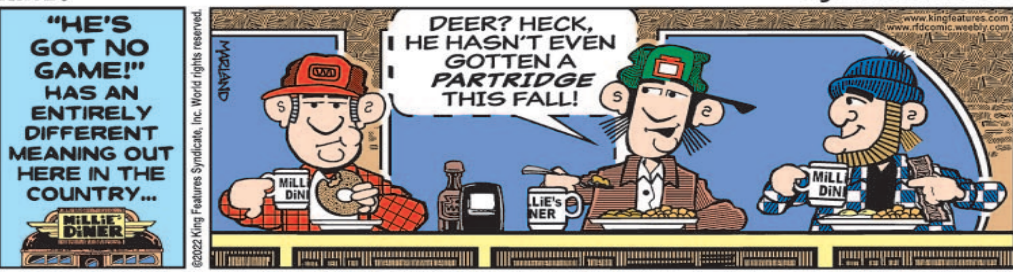
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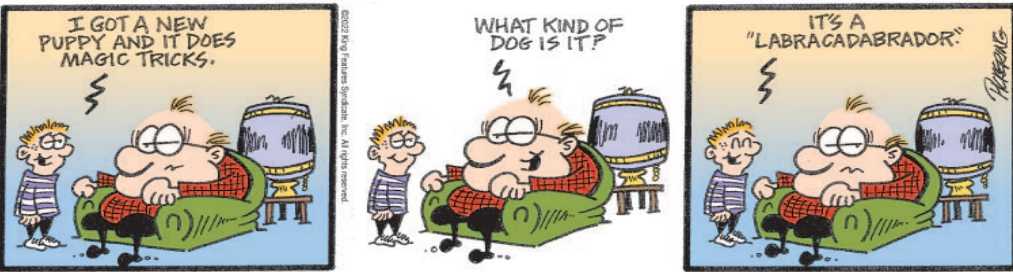
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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Ears are different. 3. Dog is moved. 4. Helmet stripe is different. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Armbands are missing.

November 14, 2022 Posting Date
King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stitched
 - 5 Bol. neighbor
 - 8 Urban haze
 - 12 Rue the run
 - 13 Six, in Sicily
 - 14 "I did it!"
 - 15 Corp. VIP
 - 16 Not on
 - 17 Goals
 - 18 Summer goal
 - 20 See to
 - 22 Coffee variety
 - 26 Macadamized
 - 29 Galley item
 - 30 Old
 - Oldsmobile
 - 31 "Sad to say ..."
 - 32 Director Lee
 - 33 Tarzan's transport
 - 34 Dress
 - 35 Author Umberto
 - 36 Wedding rings
 - 37 Rich coffee
 - lightener
 - 40 Coffin support
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- DOWN**
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 - 4 Gets comfy
 - 5 For — (cheaply)
 - 6 Ump
 - 7 Present
 - attachment
 - 8 Shorthand pro
 - 9 Variety of orange
 - 10 Peculiar
 - 11 Helium, for one
 - 19 Succor
 - 21 Mess up
 - 23 Esteem
 - 24 Transmit
 - 25 Low digits
 - 26 Walkway
 - 27 Lotion additive
 - 28 Wanderer
 - 32 Amasses
 - "Twilight"
 - 35 Needle hole
 - 36 Sheep call
 - 38 Feelings, informally
 - 39 Put into law
 - 42 Shoelace snarl
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 - 48 Away from NNW

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers

1. Nathan Lane; 2. A pandemonium; 3. Green, white and red; 4. Anemometer; 5. John Green; 6. Montana; 7. Meteorology; 8. Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 9. Portugal and Spain; 10. Herbert Hoover.

CHURCH PAGE

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey —

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

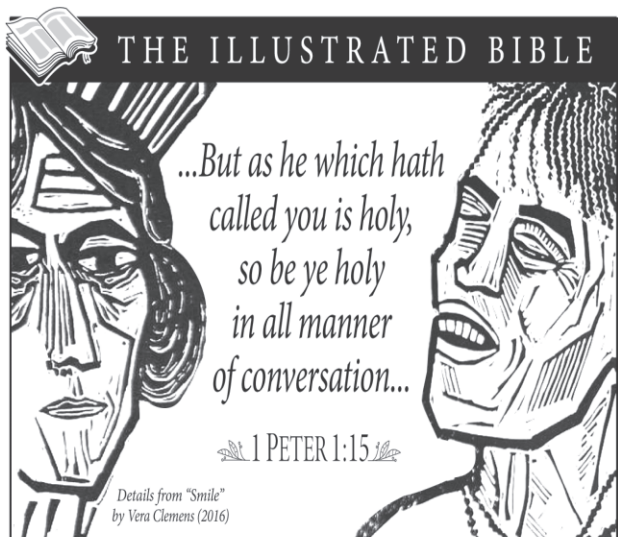
2. How many churches does Jesus address in Revelation, also known as the Churches of the Apocalypse? 2, 7, 21, 30

3. Upon which mountain did Deborah defeat the forces of Sisera? Tabor, Zeus, Sinai, Olives

4. From James 3, what part of the body is like a fire? Eyes, Legs, Tongue, Nose
5. In John 13, who denied Jesus three times? John, James, Luke, Peter
6. Who was the mate of Sapphira? Moses, Ananias, Potiphar, Zimri

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 7, 3) Tabor, 4) Tongue, 5) Peter, 6) Ananias

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 12:

No. 4-ranked TCU faces tough road test at Baylor: Cowboys face tall task with trip to Minnesota

Before we talk football, let's talk Astros! What an amazing job our boys in Orange and Blue did this year as they brought a second World Series title back to H-Town. As a life-long Astros fan (I started going to games in the mid-60s, so yes, I'm old), you don't know how happy our team's title-clinching win on Saturday night was to me and so, so many Astros fans. So happy that Dusty Baker finally got a Series title as a manager. He was the right man for the job after owner Jim Crane fired GM Jeff Luhnow and manager A.J. Hinch following the sign stealing scandal. Hats off as well to a loaded pitching staff, and a clutch-hitting lineup. Jordan Alvarez's blast in the bottom of the sixth will live in the annals of Astros history. What a shot!

This is a solid team that can win it again. We are witnessing the greatest era of Astros baseball and it's been a fun ride. Congrats boys. You made a city very, very happy.

Now, onto football. It's getting close to crunch time for college football teams and their hopes of landing a spot in the College Football Playoffs (CFP).

Defending national champion Georgia appears to be a lock to defend its title, but a handful of other teams need impressive wins in the final three weeks of the season to join the Bulldogs in the four-team tournament.

Tennessee is on the outside looking in after its 27-13 loss at Georgia two weeks ago, and Nick Saban's Alabama Crimson Tide's national title hopes are pretty much done after dropping a 32-31 decision at LSU two weeks ago. That leaves No. 2-ranked Ohio State, No. 3-ranked Michigan and No. 4-ranked TCU as viable contenders to play for a national title.

And No. 7-ranked USC is still in the hunt. They face crosstown rival UCLA, which is ranked No. 12 in the country, in a key game for both teams this Saturday in the Rose Bowl.

It's going to be an interesting close to the regular season and then the conference title games to see who will be left standing for the four CFP berths.

TCU is the Big 12's best chance to land a playoff spot, and they face a huge test this Saturday when they travel to Waco to take on a tough Baylor team. The Bears are the defending Big 12 champs and would like nothing more than to spoil TCU's undefeated season. Two weeks ago, the Frogs trailed Texas Tech 20-17 in the third quarter before ripping off 17 straight points to ease to a 34-24 win. They played at Texas last Saturday, which will be no easy feat.

Speaking of Texas, the Longhorns got a big boost two weeks ago with their 34-27 win at Kansas State. UT is still in the hunt to earn a spot in the Big 12 title game, but they need to win out and get help from others on the Big 12. Even if Steve Sarkisian's team does not make it to AT&T Stadium for the Big 12 title game, they are now bowl eligible and things could be looking up for the 'Horns after last year's 5-7 season.

In the Big 10, No. 3-ranked Michigan hosts No. 16-ranked Illinois, one of the surprise teams of the 2022 season, while in the Pac 10, No. 7-ranked USC takes on No. 12-ranked UCLA in the Rose Bowl. The winner of that game will probably earn a spot in the Pac 10 title game.

In the NFL, the hapless Texans host the Washington Commanders on Sunday, while the Cowboys head to Minneapolis to take on a very good Vikings team. This will be the Cowboys second straight week of playing an NFC North team as they played at struggling Green Bay last Sunday. Wow, Packer fans are suffering through a rough season as QB Aaron Rodgers has had an un-Rodgers like season. Two weeks ago, the Pack hit rock bottom when they lost at Detroit, which entered the game with just one win. Rodgers was intercepted three times



in the 15-9 setback.

There's a big game in the AFC East as the surprising New York Jets (6-3) visit Foxborough to take on the defense-minded Patriots. Kansas City travels to Los Angeles to take on the Chargers in a key AFC West game on Sunday Night Football. Week 10 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Bengals visiting the struggling Steelers.

Before we take a look at those games and some others, let's review last week's record. An 8-4 week brought the season record to 78-42 (65%). Now, onto this weekend's game.

NCAA

Georgia at Kentucky: No. 1-ranked Georgia has a tricky trip to Lexington to take on a dangerous Kentucky team, but it appears after their domination of previously undefeated Tennessee two weeks ago (27-13) the Bulldogs are focused on a second straight national title. Georgia was methodical in its 14-point win over the Vols and this week the defense will have to deal with an NFL-style QB in Kentucky's Will Levis (1,903 yards, 16 TDs) and a strong runner in running back Chris Rodriguez (571 yards, 4 TDs). Look for Georgia QB Stetson Bennett (2,606 yards, 11 passing TDs/6 rushing TDs) to be his steady self. He'll look to make plays in the passing game to perhaps the nation's best tight end in sophomore Brock Bowers (34 receptions, 574 yards, 6 total TDs), while running back Daijun Edwards (488 yards, 7 TDs) takes care of things on the ground. Head coach Kirby Smart knows the Wildcats are dangerous and he will have his troops ready come Saturday. My pick, Georgia 31, Kentucky 13

Illinois at Michigan: The Illini have been one of the surprise teams of the 2022 season winning seven of their first nine games and are bowl eligible. Two weeks ago, they were upset at home by a mediocre Michigan State team and this week they face the No. 3-ranked Wolverines, who are looking to their annual encounter against arch rival Ohio State (ranked No. 2 in the nation) on Nov. 26. I don't expect Jim Harbaugh's team to look past Illinois. Illinois has the nation's leading rusher in Chase Brown (1,344 yards, 5 TDs) and a decent QB in Tommy DeVito (1,882 yards, 14 TDs). But those two will be facing a Michigan defense that is allowing just 12 points per game this season. The Wolverines will be led by QB J.J. McCarthy (1,617 yards, 12 TDs) and running back Blake Carum (1,187 yards, 16 TDs). Harbaugh will have his team ready and then it's onto the Buckeyes on Thanksgiving weekend. My pick, Michigan 34, Illinois 14

Texas at Kansas: No. 24-ranked Texas has another tough road test when they travel to Lawrence to take on another surprise team, the Kansas Jayhawks. Two weeks ago, KU became bowl eligible with its 37-16 home win over Oklahoma State. Texas picked up a nice road win at Kansas State to also become bowl eligible. The 'Horns will be seeking to avenge last year's home loss to Kansas. Look for running back Bijan Robinson (1,129 yards, 14 total TDs) to have another big day, along with QB Quinn Ewers (1,336 yards, 13 TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Worthy (40 receptions, 552 yards, 9 TDs). Kansas has a potent offense as well led by backup QB Jason Bean (986 yards, 11 TDs) and running back Devin Neal (761 yards, 7 TDs). Texas must win out if it hopes to make it to the Big 12 title game so look for another solid effort on the road on Saturday. My pick, Texas 34, Kansas 30

TCU at Baylor: If the

Horned Frogs win at Baylor on Saturday, they can pretty much assure themselves a trip to Arlington and the Big 12 title game on Dec. 3. TCU has been the best team in the conference so far this season, but they face a real challenge against a good Baylor team on Saturday. TCU is led by QB Max Duggan (2,407 yards, 24 TDs/4 rushing TDs), running back Kendre Miller (1,009 yards, 12 TDs) and wide receiver Quinton Johnson (42 receptions, 650 yards, 4 TDs). Johnson injured his ankle in the win over Texas Tech, but should be back for the Baylor game. Baylor will look to running back Richard Reese (798 yards, 13 TDs) and QB Blake Shapen (1,951 yards, 13 TDs) to move the ball on offense, but I don't think they have the firepower to keep up with the Frogs. The Baylor defense will be severely tested on Saturday. My pick, TCU 31, Baylor 20

USC at UCLA: These two crosstown rivals are relevant again and are playing for much more than bragging rights in the City of Angels. First-year Trojan head coach Lincoln Riley has done an amazing job in putting 'SC back in the national conversation, while his counterpart at UCLA, Chip Kelly, has also done a good job of making the Bruins competitive and in the hunt for a shot at the Pac 10 title. USC is led by former OU QB Caleb Williams (2,742 yards, 28 TDs), running back Travis Dye (858 yards, 9 TDs) and wide receiver Jordan Addison (39 receptions, 585 yards, 7 TDs). Addison transferred in from Pittsburgh and will be a first round pick in the 2023 NFL draft. The Bruins have one of the best dual QB threats in Dorian Thompson-Robinson (2,140 passing yards, 19 TDs/439 rushing yards, 7 TDs). UCLA also has a solid running back in Zach Charbonnet (964 yards, 10 TDs). This should be an offensive shootout, but I'm going with the Trojans in this one because I think they have more offensive weapons than the Bruins do. My pick, USC 41, UCLA 39

NFL

Tennessee at Green Bay: Week 11 of the NFL season kicks off with Thursday Night Football as the Tennessee Titans visit the Packers at Lambeau Field. Two weeks ago, the Titans lost in overtime at Kansas City, 20-17. The Titans are a tough team that loves to run the football which makes sense since they have one of the top running backs in the league in Derrick Henry (1,097 yards, 6 TDs). Tennessee hope to have starting QB Ryan Tannehill back for this game after he missed two games with an ankle injury. If Tannehill is unable to go, look for head coach Mike Vrabel to give Henry a heavy workload against a beat up GB defense. Two weeks ago, the Packers dropped their fifth straight game to fall to 3-6 when they suffered a humiliating loss to a then one-win Detroit team. GB QB Aaron Rodgers (2,091 yards, 14 TDs) threw three interceptions in the Detroit game and has yet to get untracked this season. Look for it to be another long night when they take on the Titans. My pick, Tennessee 26, Green Bay 23

New York Jets at New England: Don't look now, but the Jets are a bonafide playoff contender. Two weeks ago, NY upset Buffalo 20-17 as the defense intercepted Josh Allen twice and forced a fumble from the supposed MVP. The offense has issues, especially at QB as Zach Wilson (1,202 yards, 4 TDs) isn't getting it done in the passing game. Wilson needs to step up or he could be in for a long day against a New England defense that recorded nine sacks and had a pick six two weeks ago during its 26-3 route of the Colts. Head coach bill Belichick has his team in

the playoff hunt, despite an offense that is limited with Mac Jones (1,140 yards, 4 TDs) at quarterback. The Pats can run the ball, so look for Belichick to give the Jets defense a steady dose of running back Rhamedre Stevenson (618 yards, 4 TDs). This should be a defensive battle and, in that case, go with the home team. My pick, New England 17, New York Jets 13

Washington at Houston: What an exciting matchup, NOT! This game features two challenged offenses as the Commanders visit NRG Stadium to take on the Texans on Sunday afternoon. Washington has turned to back up QB Taylor Heinicke (629 yards, 5 TDs) as starter Carson Wentz recovers from a hand injury. Heinicke is a battler and can make plays with his legs. He has a solid WR to throw to in Terry McLaurin (38 receptions, 605 yards, 2 TDs). The Texans need to give the Washington defense a steady dose of rookie running back Dameon Pierce (678 yards, 4 total TDs) because quarterback Davis Mills (1,656 yards, 10 TDs/8 interceptions) just isn't getting it done in the passing game. Yes, the Texans played hard two weeks ago in their 29-17 loss to the Eagles, so maybe there's hope they can win one at home on Sunday. My pick, Houston 20, Washington 17

Dallas at Minnesota: One of the better games of Week 11 has the Cowboys taking on the NFC North leading Minnesota Vikings in Minneapolis. This will be the second week Dallas plays an NFC North team as they played at Green Bay last Sunday. The Cowboys bring one of the league's best defenses into this game (33 sacks, 17 turnovers in their first 8 games) and now that Dak Prescott (591 yards, 3 TDs) is back at QB, the offense is starting to hum. Dallas has a one-two punch at running back with Ezekiel Elliott (443 yards, 4 TDs) and speedy Tony Pollard

(506 yards, 5 TDs) and a big-play wideout in CeeDee Lamb (42 receptions, 556 yards, 3 TDs). Minnesota has a solid offense as well led by QB Kirk Cousins (1,999 yards, 13 TDs), running back Dalvin Cook (608 yards, 6 total TDs) and wide receiver Justin Jefferson (59 receptions, 867 yards, 3 TDs). I think the Cowboys hang around in this one, but look for Cousins to outduel Prescott as the Vikings march on to an NFC North title. My pick, Minnesota 30, Dallas 27

Kansas City at Los Angeles Chargers: A big one in the AFC West as the Chiefs visit the Chargers in one of the better games on the Week 11 schedule. Two weeks ago, Justin Herbert (2,254 yards, 13 TDs) and Austin Ekeler (427 rushing yards, 6 TDs/60 receptions, 351 yards, 4 TDs) earned a hard-fought win against a feisty Atlanta team on the road. This week, they face a Chiefs team that is grinding out wins. Two weeks ago, Patrick Mahomes (2,605 yards, 21 TDs) used his arms and legs (63 rushing yards, 1 TD) to lead his team to a 20-17 overtime win against the Titans. Look for Mahomes to once again key in on tight end Travis Kelce (57 receptions, 659 yards, 7 TDs) and JuJu Smith-Schuster (44 receptions, 582 yards, 2 TDs) to make plays against a suspect LA secondary. The Chiefs and Chargers always play entertaining games, and I expect another offensive shootout come Sunday. My pick, Kansas City 33, Los Angeles Chargers 31

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh: The Bengals visit the Steelers on Sunday Night Football with one team seeking a second straight playoff appearance, while the other may be looking at its first losing season under the direction of head coach Mike Tomlin. The Bengals are battling the Ravens for the top spot in the AFC North, while the Steelers appear to be in rebuild mode. Pittsburgh is a

proud team and look for their defense to play hard against Cincinnati QB Joe Burrow (2,535 yards, 18 TDs) on Sunday Night Football. Two weeks ago, Bengals running back Joe Mixon (585 yards, 8 total TDs) had a field day against Carolina scoring five touchdowns in a 42-21 route. Look for Burrow to rely on Tee Higgins (41 receptions, 564 yards, 3 TDs) and others to pick up the slack while Ja'Marr Chase recovers from a hip injury. The Steeler offense has been dormant this year as rookie QB Kenny Pickett (962 yards, 2 TDs) is in the process of learning on the job. He needs help from running back Najee Harris (361 yards, 1 TD) to step up. I think the Steelers play hard in this game, but look for Burrow and Mixon to make plays late to send the Bengals home with a big road win. My pick, Cincinnati 26, Pittsburgh 17

San Francisco at Arizona: Week 11 concludes on Monday Night Football in Mexico as the 49ers face the Cardinals in an NFC West contest. The 49ers are looking to get on a roll after acquiring running back Christian McCaffrey from the Panthers. McCaffrey gives the 49ers another weapon to go with QB Jimmy Garoppolo (1,691 yards, 11 TDs) and wide receiver Deebo Samuel (32 receptions, 387 yards, 2 TDs/135 rushing yards, 1 TD). SF also has a solid defense and should make things difficult for Arizona QB Kyler Murray (2,168 passing yards, 12 TDs/359 rushing yards, 2 TDs). The Cardinals are struggling, but have gotten back All Pro wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (26 receptions, 298 yards, 2 TDs in 3 games). Arizona head coach Kliff Kingsbury's job may be on the line, so look for the Cardinals to play hard in this game, but McCaffrey and Samuel will be the difference makers as the 49ers begin to assert themselves in the NFC West. My pick, San Francisco 30, Arizona 22

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Congratulations to Varderman primary for winning the 38th annual district turkey trot in Aldine ISD.

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Cordova has worked in law enforcement for 40 years. He spent 32 years with the Harris County Sheriff’s Office in various roles and retired in 2014 as the senior captain assigned to the Homeland Security Bureau. Cordova also served as police captain at Rice University and police chief at Houston ISD. He is now the chief of police at Aldine ISD.

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NORTH HOUSTON (Nov. 10, 2022) – Veterans Day is a time to pay our respects to those who bravely served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Lone Star College is proud to be the higher education institution choice for more than 4,000 veterans, helping them transition from military to civilian life.

LSC will host several special events on Veterans Day to recognize students who served in the military with appreciation breakfasts, luncheons, speaker series and more. Veterans Day is celebrated every year on Nov. 11.

“Lone Star College is proud to welcome veteran students and hire veteran employees,” said Stephen C Head, Ph.D., LSC Chancellor. “We owe them and all veterans our deepest respect and gratitude for their selfless sacrifice, dedication and commitment to our country.”

Lone Star College employs 346 veterans and welcomed 4,133 former military personnel students in fall 2022. LSC has partnered with the Texas Workforce Commission to offer the College Credit for Heroes grant. This grant helped Lone Star College crosswalk military experience to associate degree courses in more than 15 degree programs.

Lavarion Bolling, a United States Marine Corps Sergeant in the reserves and active duty, enrolled at LSC-Montgomery in summer 2021. He earned an associate of arts degree and is currently pursuing an associate of science degree in Nursing. Bolling is the current president of the Student Veterans Association at LSC-Montgomery.

“As a married father of



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two active daughters, I needed a college that offered quality education close to home,” said Bolling. “Lone Star College-Montgomery has an excellent academic reputation with affordable tuition. My experience there has shaped my future in ways I never imagined.”

Bolling joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 2000 and spent several years in the Surveillance and Target Acquisition Platoon, the home of the Marine Scout Snipers. He also served as the Coxswain (navigator) of multiple vessels, a scout swimmer, a swim instructor and the team leader of other special operation units. After LSC-Montgomery, Bolling plans to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and ultimately return to LSC as a nursing professor.

“I have had so many excellent professors, which made me want to become one within the system,” Bolling said. “I encourage all veterans and depen-

dents to get involved in programs and services that will improve their academic, professional and personal development while at Lone Star College.”

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