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## **NEWS** NOTES

## **KINGWOOD HOSPITAL** New Level II Trauma Center to serve Aldine & N. Harris

#### **Ojos Protest** reset for Friday Sept. 15

The East Aldine community is planning a protest against the opening of the Ojos Locos Cantina in the old Luby's building on US59 southbound freeway at Mt. Houston Road.

The Protest will be held on Friday, Sept. 15 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. You are invited to participate by meeting in the parking lot behind the Walgreen's store.

**HCSO** Deputies plan to be present to keep the protest peaceful.

#### Constitution and Citizenship Day set for Sept. 16

**BAA** (Bonding Against Adversity), BakerRipley, East Aldine District, and other sponsors will celebrate Constitution and Citizenship Day at the BakerRipley campus on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

The event will include Voter Registration, music, a costume parade, prizes, and a Historical Patriotic Show.

Meet characters from American history with the parade of historical costumes, music, registration to vote and awards. Come and enjoy with your whole family.

#### **Tejano Concert Sept** 16 at East Aldine **Amphitheatre**

You are invited to a Teiano Concert on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 5pm to 11pm. Hear Elida Reyna, Horacio Mata Cadetes, Sonora Caribe, and Ray Heker, with Music from DJ Lumbre.

Also Ballet Folklorico, Camiones de Comida Mariachis.

There will also be a Mechanical Bull to ride, and Food Trucks all evening.

This is a Free Event for the whole family. See more details on Page 8 of this issue. Come and Enjoy.

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NORTH HARRIS COUNTY - HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood has

By David Taylor

Northeast News Editor

earned Level II trauma center designation by the Texas Department of State Health Services and received verification of its trauma status by the American College of Surgeons. The designation allows Emergency Medical Services to transport patients to a closer hospital without a time-consuming trip downtown.

The Kingwood hospital received the designation in June and becomes one of only 27 facilities in the state of Texas to earn the designation and the fourth HCA hospital in the Gulf Coast area including Clear Lake, Northwest, and Conroe in Montgomery Coun-

"We are excited to receive our Level II trauma verification and designation," said John Corbeil, CEO of HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood. "We have assembled an excel-



Kingwood Hospital is now certified as a Level II Trauma Center.

lent trauma team and are proud to work with our EMS partners to offer advanced trauma care close to home for the communities we serve."

The State of Texas Department of Health Services assigns trauma designations from Level I (highest) to Level IV (lowest). Levels I and II provide the same level of care for trauma patients. Both must provide a comprehensive trauma program with a wide range of specialists and life-saving equipment available 24 hours a day. The only difference between a Level I and Level II facility is Lev-

el I facilities offer teaching and research.

To receive this designation, facilities must first achieve verification from the American College of Surgeons (ACS). ACS does not designate trauma centers but confirms that a trauma center has demonstrated its commitment to

providing the highest quality trauma care for all injured patients.

"It took incredible teamwork and dedication by the hospital staff and administration, who made a huge investment in procuring equipment and securing specialists to meet the requirements of Level II designation," says Neil Grieshop, M.D., medical director of trauma services at HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood. "With trauma care, time is critical, and North Houston area residents will greatly benefit from having a higher-level trauma center nearby."

Location strategy was key to the mission at Kingwood.

"Currently, there are no Level II Trauma centers between Kingwood and downtown and going north, nothing all the way to Tyler, Texas. That's a very large area we'll be able to serve and with the addition of AirLife helicop-

Continued. See LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTER, Page 2

## Lambert named new president at LSC-NH

NORTHEAST-BennieLambert, Ph.D., has been named Lone Star College-North Harris President. Lambert becomes the ninth president of the inaugural LSC campus and eturns after serving as LSC-CyFair Vice President for Student Success.

"Dr. Lambert's ability to connect with others and his demonstrated commitment to putting people first will have a profound effect on the students and employees at Lone Star College-North Harris as well as the community atlarge," said Mario K. Castillo, J.D., LSC Chancellor. "There are people that say they care about students and employees and then there are people that when they say those



BENNIE LAMBERT President, Lone Star College-NH

things, you feel it emanate from their hearts. Dr. Lambert is the latter in my experience working with him for many years.'

Lambert began his LSC career in 1991, where he developed a strong background in admissions, ad-

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### **SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 3**

## Texans host Colts in Ryan's' first home game: Cowboys face old nemesis when Rodgers brings Jets to town

The Texans make their home debut on Sunday when they host the Indianapolis Colts at noon in NRG Stadium. This will be the first official home game for firstyear Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans. It will also be rookie QB C.J. Stroud's first home game. This game will feature two rookie QBs goes up against the Colts firstyear quarterback Anthony Richardson, Stroud, an Ohio State product, was taken No. 2 in last April's NFL Draft, while Richardson, a Florida product, was taken fourth overall by the

This Sunday will be a busy one in the NFL for Texas' two teams. While the Texans host the Colts, the Cowboys will entertain Aaron Rodgers and the New York Jets. When Rodgers was with the Packers, he was a pain in the Cowboys' side, owning a 6-3 record over them.

Week 2 of the NFL season kicks off on Thursday Night

MIKE KEENEY Football on Prime with Minnesota visiting Philadelphia. Other key games have Kansas City visiting Jacksonville in a rematch of last year's Divisional Round game won by the Chiefs on their

way to winning the Super Bowl. The Jags are an up and coming team and if they hope to take the next step in being a legitimate SB contender, a win over the defending champs would go a long way in establishing themselves as a true contender.

Other key contest has Seattle playing at Detroit, Miami visiting New England on Sunday Night Football and Cleveland taking on Pittsburgh in a key AFC North battle as one of two Monday Night Football games. The other will pit New Orleans against No. 1 overall pick Bryce Young and Carolina. That game will be shown on ESPN, while the Cleveland-Pittsburgh game will be televised on ABC.

In college action, the University of Houston will play its first-ever Big 12 contest when it hosts TCU at TDECU Stadium on Saturday. LSU, which was routed 45-24 by Florida State in

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## Lambert new LSC-NH President,

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vising and enrollment management and served as an adjunct faculty member. Lambert has extensive experience in higher education, having also worked at Baylor University and McLennan Community College.

"I am deeply honored by the trust put in me by Chancellor Castillo," said Lambert. "I look forward to working with the faculty, staff and community to ensure our students have the necessary resources to be successful."

Lambert is a proud product of a community college, having earned his Associate of Arts degree from McLennan Community College before obtaining bachelor's and master's degrees in Business and Educational Psychology from Baylor University. He also holds a Doctor of Philosophy from Texas A&M University.

"I am confident Dr. Lambert will be able to build on the rich tradition that is Lone Star CollegeNorth Harris and look forward to all of us helping students get to where they want to go," said Castillo.

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. Mario K. Castillo, J.D., serves as Chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area. LSC has been named a 2022 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education and recognized by Fortune Magazine and Great Place To Work® as one of this year's Best Workplaces in Texas<sup>TM</sup>. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, LoneStar.edu.

## Trauma Level II at Kingwood Hospital,

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ters, which we've been able to station out north of here (in Liberty), we'll be able to extend that reach as

well," Corbeil said. Work on the Level II achievement began in 2018 when HCA Kingwood didn't have any trauma designation.

"We applied for Level III pursuit and achieved that successfully in 2020. It's been about a four-year process to achieve Level II, some of that delayed in the middle of the pandemic," he said.

In December 2022, the hospital successfully passed the American College of Surgeons rigorous survey to acquire the Level II distinction.

"We passed that with zero deficiencies and received the designation last

month," Corbeil said. Staffing was another significant component ad-

dressed by the hospital. "I think the biggest component and leveling up for trauma was physician staffing, ensuring that we have all the adequate specialties represented," said Joel North, chief operating

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officer for the hospital.

That includes a roundthe-clock trauma surgeon, orthopedic and neurosurgeons available.

They also have a residency program that assists

and learns the processes. "We began that process in 2019 with our first class of residents with a graduate medical education program in affiliation with the University of Houston." Corbeil said.

The first class was focused on surgery and internal medicine. They have since added emergency medicine and transitional year programs.

"We look at how those two really synergistically support each other, probably the main differences are research and residency within the Level I versus a Level 2 program," the CEO said.

Corbeil said they have aspirations of becoming a Level 1 hospital having a robust residency program including research but doesn't have a timeframe for execution of that goal.

Currently, in the Harris County area, only three hospitals are rated as Level 1-Memorial Hermann, Ben Taub, and Texas Children's-all of which are located downtown.

"I've been fairly bullish with our strategy out here and closer to the community outside of the Texas Medical Center. If we do have the ability to pursue Level 1 and as part of a plan in which we want to deploy, it would be the first of its kind here outside of the TMC," Corbeil said.

The designation has also brought increases with inpatient surgeries. The hospital is currently undergoing an expansion to increase their number of operating rooms to 14 with the ancillary services connected.



## **COMMUNITY** WATCH

## 18-wheeler crashes on Eastex, hangs over side of freeway





One person was taken to the hospital after an 18-wheeler crashed, and it ended up hanging off the Eastex Freeway Saturday morning, according to Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

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The crash happened on the southbound lanes near Lauder Road. Authorities did not mention if there were any injuries.

over the highway barrier and lying across the frontage road. The wreck may have been caused due

to water on the road, and the sheriff warned people to slow down and be cautious.

Some of the southbound lanes on the highway are still closed at Aldine Bender Road. Drivers should avoid the area.

## Fatal Crash at 2800 West Gulf Bank

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a woman and wounding of a man at 2800 West Gulf Bank Road about 2:45 a.m. today (Sept. 7).

The identity of the female victim, 34, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. The male victim, 41, was transported to an area hospital where he was undergoing surgery.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant K. Meek and Detective M. Castillo reported:

Officers were dispatched to a shooting call at the above address and observed the victims inside a crashed vehicle. The female was in the driver's seat and the male was a front passenger. Both had multiple gunshot wounds. Paramedics pronounced the woman deceased and transported the male to the hospital. The woman's son, 3

years of age, a backseat passenger, was not

According to a witness, the victims' vehicle and another vehicle were traveling eastbound on West Gulf Bank Road when a suspect(s) in that other vehicle began to shoot at the victims' vehicle. The witness stated the suspect's vehicle had a tire blow out after it hit the curb and left the scene. Officers located a vehicle nearby with matching damage and detained two people.

The two individuals were questioned and released without charges filed at this time. It is believed a third individual, the shooter, fled on foot prior to officers' arrival.

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

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## AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

**BILINGUAL TOTS** 

We'll read stories, sing songs, and use our hands (for fingerplays) to help toddlers build their early literacy skills. This program is appropriate for children ages 18 months to 3 years old. Monday, Sept. 11, 11 - 11:45am.

Leeremos historias, cantaremos canciones v usaremos nuestras manos (para juegos con los dedos) para ayudar a los niños pequeños a desarrollar sus habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa es apropiado para niños de 18 meses a 3 años.

Teens Make It - DIY Shoe Charms

Show your personality and unique style by making custom, DIY shoe charms using Shrinky Dinks! No artistic skill required! September 11th @ 4pm in the Aldine Library Meeting Room. Teens Make It! is a monthly maker program for teens ages

**ALEBRIJE ART** 

In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, the Aldine library will be converted to an immersive display of Hispanic culture and art. A big part of Mexican folk art are Alebriies. They are representations of Mexican spirit animals, typically hand-carved and painted by artisans. We will have coloring sheets for you to create your own Alebrije to add to our display. Tuesday, Sept. 12 ALL DAY.

En honor al mes de la Herencia Hispana, la biblioteca de Aldine se convertirá en una exhibición inmersiva de la cultura y el arte hispanos. Una gran parte del arte popular mexicano son los Alebrijes. Los alebrijes son representaciones de espíritus animales mexicanos, típicamente tallados a mano y pintados por artesanos. Tenemos hojas para colorear para que crees tu propio Alebrije y lo agregues a nuestra exhibición. Martes 12 de septiembre.

English Computer Class Basics Cybersecurity & Scams

\*Important- Instruction is in English.

\*Google account is required (Though we can help you make one if you don't have one already)

\*Class format: In-person, in the computer lab at the Aldine Library.

Learn about how to protect your information online and avoid common scams with Instructor Nyla! Join us for a weekly class on Tuesdays about various tech topics or bring in your own questions. Join us Tuesday, Sept. 12, 11:30am - 12:30pm.

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\* Important- Instructions are in Spanish language; Software (Windows OS, Office 365, Google) apps are all in English language.

Nivel -1 Habilidades Esenciales-Martes- 5:00 a 6:45 PM: Computer Essential Skills (Spanish computer

- Aprenderá a como obtener las habilidades esenciales sobre: Navegación con Windows, navegacion por Internet e interface, tipos de navegadores, consejos de seguridad, correo electrónico e interface, y otros temas relacionados a la tecnología con enfoque para empleos y uso personal en un nivel para pricipiantes

**TEEN THURSDAY** 

Teen Thursdays at Aldine Branch Library are a fun, safe environment for teens ages (12-18) to hang out after school! Join us as we play games, watch anime, and hang out! Thursday, Sept. 14, 3:30 -5:30pm.

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Nivel 2- Intermedio-Jueves- 5:00 a 6:45 PM: Cloud Computing-Google workspace + Office 365 (Spanish computer class)- Computación en la nube-Aprenderá sobre los servicios de Google (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms), Microsoft Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint). Además, cubriremos otras aplicaciones como: Adobe Sparks, Canva, Box y otras apps. El enfoque general de de las practicas de computación serán para su uso en empleos y uso personal.

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de google.com y outlook.com para acceder a las aplicaciones y programas gratuitos de la internet

Formato de la clase: Instrucciones son en Español y las aplicaciones (Windows, Office 365, Google apps) son todas en Inglés

TASTE OF LATIN AMERICAN HERITAGE

A Taste of Latin American Heritage brings the food Pyramid to life, exploring the major food groups of the Pyramid while learning healthy eating habits with simple, delicious recipes based in the foods and flavors of Latin American heritage. Space is limited and registration is required.

Register online or at the library.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 11am. **CRAFTY CORNER - LUCHADOR** 

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Crafty Corner! We're making Luchador Masks/Mascaras! "Mascaras" are worn by Luchadores. Luchadores are professional wrestlers who wear masks to conceal their identity. Come make your own wresting persona in Crafty Corner! This is a family event, parents must attend with their children. No registration required. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2pm.

### **ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

Would you like to be a part of making an impact on people's lives? Are you looking for a meaningful way to spend your time? We are looking for adult volunteers to help with tasks and programs at the library as well as volunteers to teach English language classes, citizenship classes, or computer classes in person and virtually. Pick up an application at the Aldine Branch Library, call 832-927-5410, or click here: https://forms.office.com/r/ qSzMSpiaTL.

PASSPORT SERVICES

Do have plans to travel out of the country for the holidays? You need to get your passport in order NOW! Current routine processing is estimated at 13 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 9 weeks. You can make an appointment for passport services at Aldine Branch - https:// www.hcpl.net/services/passport-services.

Our passport hours - Mondays and Wednesdays 12pm - 5pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 12pm -7pm; Saturdays 10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm - Appointments required. 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, photos, copies, and required people present with them to be added on the list to be seen. Sign-in starts at 1pm.

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## SCHOOL NEWS PAGE

## **Aldine HS Athletic Training Staff Honored by Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine**



The Aldine High School training staff was named Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine's Staff Superstars Award winners for the first week of the 2023 Texas high school football season.

The Aldine High School athletic training staff was named Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine Staff Superstars Award winners for the first week of the 2023 high school football season.

The award goes to "the teams behind the teams" that make Friday nights special in

Aldine High's training staff, under the direction of Head Athletic Trainer Kelly Smallbeck, will receive a commemorative plaque and \$250 to buy supplies for the squad.

Texas Children's Hospital partnered with Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine to make this program possible.

Aldine High School head football coach Cirilo Ojeda said Smallbeck and her student trainers deserve the award.

"Our athletic training staff is the best in the business," Oieda said. "There is a huge balance of keeping our players safe, maintained with prehab and rehab, and ensuring they can compete to the best of their abilities. Our athletic training staff specializes in preventing, diagnosing, and treating muscle and bone injuries and illnesses at a very high level. The communication with student-athletes, parents, and administrators is phenomenal. Since coming to Aldine, we have worked collaboratively with the strength and conditioning program, and our number of seasonending injuries has decreased due to their level of knowledge and skill. We are fortunate to have this staff with Kelly Smallbeck as its lead-

The student training includes senior Victoria Ochoa, juniors Carina Castillo, Crystal Córdova, Nataly Ochoa, Keira Semien, Jocelyn Zepeda, sophomore Elennah Arce, and freshman Ariel Rodgers.

## Aldine ISD Unveils School Bond 2023 Logo

The district's bond logo captures moving forward, preparing for the future, and creating more student opportunities.

On August 15, 2023, the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees called for a \$1.8 billion bond election on November 7, 2023. The bond has three propositions that would fund targeted projects throughout the district for voters to consider. The school bond package will focus on safety and security, facility enhancements, and instructional technology.

**Bond 2023** 



Looking Toward the Future

Aldine ISD has been proudly serving students and the community since 1935. As expected, many of the district's buildings are old and weren't built for today's standards (e.g., central HVAC systems, older pipes systems). In fact, according to a recent facilities assessment, 25 of the 83 schools are over 50 years old. The facilities assessment indicated what district leaders had known — the age of the buildings has been leading to challenges now and in the foreseeable future, both from an infrastructure and security standpoint. Given the state of older school buildings' infrastructure and the amount of dollars in repairs necessary to fix them, it's a formidable task the district is facing. In several cases, efforts to modernize or revamp buildings often cost nearly as much as simply replacing them.

The district seeks to continue fostering safe and effective learning environments that inspire the next generations to lead fulfilled lives. Classrooms look vastly different today than they did 50 years ago. Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney stated that the bond is generally a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, with newer schools able to last 40 years or longer. If the community approves the Bond 2023 package in the November elections, district leaders will plan for facilities enabling staff to deliver high-quality education and enhance students' educational experiences. She emphasized that the bond would enable AISD to create safer, healthier, and inspiring facilities that improve student learning and positively impact teacher productivity and top-talent recruitment.

Long-Range Planning Committee

## District's Police Department, CTE **Students Hold Successful Paint Catalytic Converters Event**



The Aldine Independent School District's Police Department held its fourth free catalytic converter etching event of the school year. It is happy to report it was a success, with nearly 80 vehicles participating.

The AISDPD collaborated with career and technical education (CTE) students on August 26. They began at 10 a.m., etching VINs onto the catalytic converters of vehicles that showed up to the event. A total of 79 cars participated, with owners hoping thieves would be deterred from victimizing area citizens and staff and stealing their catalytic converters. The event ran until 2 p.m.

Sgt. Jeffery McGowen said Aldine and its communities are not immune to the rash of thefts happening across the country. Criminals are stealing catalytic converters and selling them for the precious metals found inside. It leaves victims paying thousands of dollars in replacement and repair fees. The AISDPD is working to make it harder for thieves to unload the stolen devices by marking them with paint and etching VINs. Salvage yards know they will face criminal penalties if they buy marked and stolen catalytic converters.

"No vehicle is safe from these thieves," said Sgt. Jeffery McGowen. "They have no regard for the time and money they're costing local vic-

One such victim is an employee from a district campus whose catalytic converters had been stolen twice from her husband's Toyota Tacoma truck. She had only recently gotten the truck out of the

shop when she saw the Stop the Hurt, Paint the Convert event posting and email.

We are grateful for the partnership with Texas Gulf Coast Crime Prevention, JED's Hardware, and CTE students, who helped the citizens by sponsoring, etching, painting, and protecting the vehicles of so many of our cit-

Since the AISDPD began to host these events, Officer Ariel Holliday has partnered with multiple AISD schools and many student volunteers to paint the catalytic converters free for citizens in the Aldine ISD area.

Hundreds of owners have painted their vehicle converters and had the last eight numbers of the vehicle's VIN etched into the catalytic con-



The Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC), comprised of dedicated stakeholders, determined the Bond 2023 package and its projects. They met to review the facilities assessment, research, plan, and, finally, present a proposal to the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees that addressed the many needs of Aldine. Click here to see a complete list of LRPC committee members.

"We are in a position to move Aldine forward because of the individuals that comprised the Long-Range Planning Committee — thank you for your time, experience, and input," said Superintendent Goffney.

The Why: #MyAldine, Your Aldine, Our Aldine

Goffney stated that the bond package would help the district move forward with increased safety and security measures and provide modern learning environments that students and staff are proud to call their own and look forward to coming to. She added that the district needs technology that supports, amplifies, and expands the impact of teaching practices so that students are future-ready in an increasingly competitive job market.

"This bond represents the next chapter in the story of #MyAldine. It is how we fulfill our vision of providing choices and opportunities for future generations.

"A bond is much more than just transforming buildings and infrastructure. It is an affirmation that, as a community, we are committed to providing our students with the learning environments they need to continue moving forward and be future-ready."

Bond 2023 Logo



This bond is the next chapter in the story of #MyAldine. It is how we fulfill our vision of providing choices and opportunities for future generations.

The Bond 2023 logo borrows elements from the Aldine ISD logo, such as the pencil pointing forward, which is also a nod to the district's five-year

strategic plan, A New Way Forward, developed to ensure all AISD students have access to high-quality schools and learning experiences that prepare them for their futures; graduating with choices and opportunities. The bold font symbolizes the community's confidence in AISD and its future.

Visit the Bond 2023 Webpage for Information and Upcoming Community Meet-

AISD launched a Bond 2023 webpage, AldineISD.org/Bond2023, showing the most current information and updates, including individual projects, renderings, a calendar of community meetings, a tax calculator, FAQs with information about voting, and a way to ask questions and receive answers.

The district urges community members to be on the lookout for dates and times for upcoming Bond 2023 Community Meetings in September and October, where AISD leaders and LRPC members will share information and receive feedback directly from the community.

Additionally, campus websites will be updated to include how each school will benefit from the bond proposals.

If voters approve Bond 2023, Aldine ISD will inform the community as the work unfolds

## Calling on the Aldine **Community: Your Voice Matters!**

Aldine ISD is in the final year of its robust 5-year strategic plan, A New Way Forward. With its eyes set on the future, the district is preparing to embark on a new chapter in its transformative journey. An invaluable part of any plan is the collective voice of the community. AISD encourages families, students. staff, and community members to provide feedback by taking a survey. All responses will remain anonymous. The deadline is Friday, September 15 by the end of day.

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AISD23 A New Way Forward ensured that Aldine ISD had a road map to follow with laserlike focus through the many challenges that came our way. Over the last few years, the district has made many improvements and gained momentum on new programs and initiatives such as the dual language campus, La Promesa, revamping the literacy program to increase students' opportu-

nities to learn, and changing

school culture by refocusing on social and emotional learning.

Like the current one, our next strategic plan will be more than a document. It's a compass that will continue to move Aldine ISD into the future. The plan will ensure that our shared vision of providing choices and opportunities to our students remains a reali-

To change the survey language to Spanish, look for the word "English" in the top right corner and change it to "es-

## ★ OPINION PAGE ★



### Aldine ISD's Eminent Domain Decision: A Heart-Wrenching Legacy Crushed by a Parking Lot

As the relentless march of bulldozers and cranes draws nearer to the very place my family has lovingly called home since 1916, my heart shatters into countless pieces, awash with a profound sense of loss and frustration. In an unforgivable act, Aldine Independent School District (AISD) has chosen to wield the cold and unfeeling weapon of eminent domain, ruthlessly seizing my 79-year-old father's home. All in the name of expanding parking spaces for a football stadium makeover. This harrowing decision hangs heavy in the air, casting an ominous shadow over our community, leaving us to ponder the agonizing question of where the line is drawn between progress and the preservation of our history and values.

Our roots in Aldine run deep spanning over a century. For generations, this humble home has stood as the cornerstone of our upbringing, a sanctuary where we laughed, loved, and where the tales of our family history unfolded like chapters in an irreplaceable book. The notion that this sacred ground will soon be paved over, swallowed by the relentless asphalt tide to accommodate more parking, is not just profoundly distressing; it's an affront to the very essence of our beloved community.

Eminent domain, a tool wielded for the common good, is not inherently evil. It has been justifiably employed to construct vital roads, schools, and other indispensable infrastructure. However, it should be handled with the utmost sensitivity and care, particularly when it entails the wrenching displacement of an elderly resident who has lived in this home for nearly five decades. What exacerbates our agony is the glaring fact that the district owns vacant fields surrounding the stadium, perfectly suitable for parking purposes, rendering the annihilation of our home utterly unjustifiable. Yet, they press on, inexplicably taking down our grandmother's home down the street, obliterating more of our shared history. With a dwindling student population and football games that rarely fill the existing parking lot, why this relentless assault on our family?

The manner in which Aldine orchestrated this cruel act of eminent domain is a slap in the face to our family. Never was there a courteous conversation preceding the cold, impersonal letter my father received in the mail, notifying him that his land was needed for a project. Subsequently, an appraiser called, demanding access to both homes to assess their value as if our history and memories could be boiled down to mere numbers. AISD even hired a third-party mediator to act as an impenetrable barrier between us and them, denying us the basic decency of direct dialogue with the school board, except for the futile moments when we address them at their meetings, met with nothing but silence. Our great grandmother, a pillar of this community, served as the first PTA president in Aldine when it was but a single school. Our grandmother diligently managed the cafeteria at Smith Elementary, while our mother served as a substitute teacher for many years. My brother and I proudly graduated from Nimitz High School. The question gnaws at us: why did they not deem it necessary to engage in a conversation with our family beforehand? Perhaps this is emblematic of a district that has lost its way, where the bonds of community and the welfare of its constituents have been abandoned to wither in the past.

But the heartache transcends the physical space AISD seeks to acquire; it resides deep within my father's very being. At 79 years of age, he stands as the last living link to a founding family of Aldine, a living testament to the values and traditions that have been passed down through generations. The cruel eviction he faces is not merely about the loss of bricks and mortar; it's about tearing apart a vital connection to our shared history, leaving a void in our hearts.

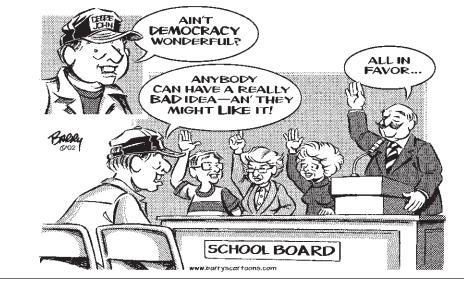
We must not turn a blind eye to the potential health consequences of this callous action. Studies consistently reveal the grave health risks the elderly endure when forcibly uprooted from their lifelong sanctuaries. The anguish and torment associated with relocation often lead to debilitating conditions like relocation stress syndrome and transfer trauma. Witnessing the toll this ordeal has already taken on my father's well-being is unbearable; since learning that his home will be torn from him, he's been taking onto blood pressure medication for a racing heart. We tragically lost my mother in 2017, and the very thought of this ordeal stealing our father from us as well is too much to bear. He is a man who clings to the comfort of the familiar, who finds solace in the routine of life on Aldine Meadows, and the prospect of relocation is an unbearable torment he should not have to endure.

The financial aspect of this decision raises more questions than it answers. AISD's budgetary woes, include currently being overbudget of \$15 million on the stadium reconstruction project and the audacious addition of a \$1.8 billion district-wide renovation plan to the November ballot, demand scrutiny. How can we justify such extravagant spending in a district where the average household income hovers at \$51,000 and the median household income is \$36,000? Are we prioritizing cosmetic enhancements over addressing pressing needs? What about the obliteration of buildings steeped in historical significance? Shouldn't we honor our community's history and revere those who contributed to its growth? Why are we so recklessly eager to incinerate every vestige of Aldine's past? It was once a beacon of community, a great place to call home!

This battle isn't just about a piece of land; it's a battle for life itself. As a devoted child, I stand resolute in my determination to shield my father from further undue suffering, especially in light of the potential health consequences my father is currently facing. I fervently request AISD to reconsider their heartless decision and open a genuine dialogue with our family and the community to explore alternative solutions that do not come at the grievous expense of our father's well-being.

Ultimately, the true legacy of a community is not etched in asphalt or new construction; it lives on in the stories and traditions of the families who have lovingly called it home for generations. Let us not obliterate that precious legacy in the relentless pursuit of progress. The Aldine school board and superintendent bear the power to right this grievous wrong, and we cling to the hope that they will experience a profound change of heart.

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# STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Gary Borders

## Hundreds of New Laws go into effect on September 1st

#### HUNDREDS OF NEW LAWS GO INTO EFFECT

A total of 774 new laws went into effect on Sept. 1, affecting Texans in many areas of their lives, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The new laws concern property taxes, registration fees and voting access, among other issues. Several have drawn court challenges from opponents.

A few examples of the new laws include:

--Book vendors must create a rating system for books deemed "sexually relevant" or "sexually explicit." House Bill 900 is currently being challenged in an Austin federal courtroom by several Texas book sellers. Other major legislation concerning schools provides nearly \$330 million over the next biennium to increase school safety infrastructure and resources.

--The cost of a new electric car goes up \$400 after Senate Bill 505 passed both chambers unanimously, adding a new registration fee. In addition, owners of existing electric cars now must pay a new \$200 annual registration fee, with the money from both fees going to the state highway fund, which is primarily financed by gasoline taxes.

--Governmental entities in Texas are now banned from implementing COVID-19 restrictions, such as vaccine mandates or requiring the wearing of masks under Senate Bill 29.

## LAW ERODING LOCAL POWER RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

A Travis County judge last week declared unconstitutional a new state law stopping cities and counties from passing ordinances that go beyond what is allowed under state law. The ruling came just before the so-called "Death Star" bill went into effect, the Texas Tribune reported.

The state has appealed the ruling by State District Judge Maya Guerra Gamble. Local officials across the state's urban areas blasted the law as an overreach that prevents them from meeting local needs, such as providing water breaks to construction workers. That municipal requirement is now banned under state law.

Houston Mayor Sylvester

Turner hailed the ruling. "The Governor's and Leg-



islature's ongoing war on such home-rule cities hurts the state and its economy, discourages new transplants from other states, and thwarts the will of Texas voters who endowed these cities in the Texas Constitution with full rights to self-government and local innovation," Turner said in a statement. "This self-defeating war on cities needs to end."

Gov. Gregg Abbott defended the bill, saying, "Texas small businesses are the backbone of our economy. Burdensome regulations are an obstacle to their success."

### PAXTON TRIAL COMPLETES FIRST WEEK

The first week of suspended Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's impeachment trial in the Senate ended with his former lead law enforcement officer testifying an Austin developer alleged to have bribed Paxton constructed a "conspiracy theory" that federal officials altered a search warrant for his property, the Austin American-Statesman report-

David Maxwell, the former AG official, said real estate developer Nate Paul pushed Paxton to investigate federal law enforcement agencies probing his business. Paul has since been indicted for inflating his assets on loan applications. Paxton aides looked into Paul's allegations at Paxton's request but concluded they were meritless.

"My feeling was Nate Paul was a criminal and we should not be associating with Nate Paul," Maxwell testified.

Maxwell was ultimately fired by Paxton for insubordination after he resisted investigating Paul's allegations.

Paxton blames the impeachment on his political

opponents. He appeared on the first day of the trial but has not been in the Senate chamber since then.

## APPEALS COURT: BUOYS CAN STAY FOR NOW

A federal appeals court last week stayed a federal district judge's ruling that the floating barrier installed by the state in the Rio Grande to stem illegal entry by migrants violated federal law and treaties.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily halted U.S. District Judge David Ezra's order that the 1,000-foot barrier near Eagle Pass be removed by Sept. 15, pending an as-yet unscheduled hearing.

The U.S. Department of Justice filed the lawsuit, saying the buoys violated an 1899 federal law that forbids unauthorized construction in navigable waterways, The Dallas Morning News reported. Gov. Greg Abbott argued the river is too shallow to be navigable and that an "invasion" of migrants and drug smugglers made it necessary for the state to defend itself.

"Texas has clear constitutional authority to defend its territory against the invasion that Governor Abbott has declared," the state told the lower court last week. Ezra rejected that argument, saying by that reasoning the state could declare an invasion and wage war at will.

Mexican authorities have lodged formal diplomatic complaints, and critics of the buoys in the United States called them inhumane.

## ERCOT CALLS FOR POWER CONSERVATION; BREAK IN HEAT PREDICTED

For the first time this summer, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas last week declared an emergency, introducing the possibility of rolling blackouts to stabilize the state's power grid.

A sudden drop in power reserves last Wednesday night caused the system to lose more power than expected, prompting the first emergency alert since Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, according to kut.org.

The emergency lasted about two hours, though the next day, for the 11th time, ERCOT asked Texans to conserve power as continued extreme heat pushed electric usage close to its capacity.

Texans have experienced the second-hottest summer on record, the Texas Tribune reported, with an average temperature of 85.3 degrees between June and the end of August. That average is just behind the record set in 2011, when blistering heat and dry conditions pushed the average temperature to 86.8 degrees, and wildfires swept the state.

The good news is that the heat wave is expected to finally break this week, with rain expected and temperatures dropping down well below the triple digits that much of the state has weathered since June.



### Circumstantial Evicence

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Apparently, Stubby got into some trouble."

<u>The Postscript by Carrie Classon</u>
<u>"Circumstantial Evidence"</u>

It was time to come back from Mexico.

It wasn't because of the weather. The weather was wonderful. The nights up in the mountains were cool, and the days were warm, and sometimes, in the afternoons, a thunderstorm would roll in, and a refreshing rain would fall, leaving the air clean and sweet. No. It wasn't the weather.

And it wasn't really my family—although, I do miss them. My parents have been in the thick of summer activities at their cabin by the lake. They had lots to do and lots of visitors, and I knew they were doing well. No. It wasn't my family.

The truth is, I heard some concerning news about Stubby, my mother's pet red squirrel, and I thought it was time I went to visit him to make sure everything was OK.

My mother reluctantly adopted Stubby after the tragic loss of half his tail last year. He went from her archenemy to her best friend, and now my mother feeds him every day. He spent the winter under their deck, digging tunnels through the snow to get to the treats my mother left under the bird feeder. He has become quite tame and is clearly devoted to my mother and so, naturally, every time I chat with my mom, I ask how Stubby is doing.

Apparently, Stubby got into some trouble.

According to my mother, their neighbor, Rod, painted his deck recently. I can picture Rod's deck. It is a cheerful blue and has bright yellow flowerpots and patio furniture on it. It's a beautiful deck, but keeping it that color requires a bit of upkeep. So I'm assuming that when there was no rain in the forecast, Rod got out there to paint the deck.

At this point, I would like to emphasize that there is no proof whatsoever of Stubby's guilt.

According to Rod, whose house is next door, his work was spoiled with little squirrel tracks all over his newly painted deck. Rod was not happy. He told his wife that he was going to get some squirrel traps and catch whoever ruined his paint job and deposit them far away.

Rod would never kill a red squirrel, but I can imagine he was pretty angry about the deck and would be willing to drive quite a long way to relocate whoever had left paw prints all over it.

Char, Rod's wife, was chatting with my mother last week, and she told Mom about Rod's plan.

"Oh, no!" my mother said. She told Char she wished Rod wouldn't do that, but she never heard back, and she hadn't seen Rod or Char since.

"I haven't seen Stubby all day," my mother wrote me. "Should I be worried?" And she signed her note, "Stubby's friend and protector."

And that was how the story was left.

There is a lot I don't know. First—and most importantly—there is no evidence that it was Stubby who ruined Rod's deck. Stubby is missing his tail, not a paw, and his tracks would look like any other red squirrel's—including the very wicked squirrel who ran across that fresh blue paint.

And I never heard back from my mother. Surely, she would have called me in Mexico if Stubby had gone missing for more than 24 hours. So now I am planning a visit to check up on my mom and my dad—and Stubby.

But I will tell you right now, if I happen to notice a slightly blueish tint on Stubby's feet, I do not plan to say a word.

Till next time, Carrie



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## SPORTS PAGE

#### **SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 3**

## Texans host Colts in Ryan's' first home game: Cowboys face old nemesis when Rodgers brings Jets to town

their opener, will open SEC play with a trip to Starkville, MS to face Mississippi State. Texas will host a Wyoming squad that upset Texas Tech in their season opener, while Washington faces a tough test at Michigan State and Tennessee will open SEC play against Florida.

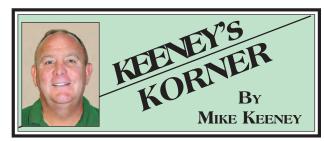
Aldine ISD's five varsity programs will all have byes this weekend as they prepare for District 14-6A play the following week

Before we take a look at this weekend's schedule, Aldine High School head football coach Cirilo Ojedga, his staff and players deserve huge kudos for ending a 36-game losing streak with a 17-0 win over Northbrook two weeks ago. Way to go Mustangs! Nimitz High, under the direction of head coach Cornelius, improved to 2-0 with a 54-0 thumping of Cy-Ridge.

Speaking of records, I went 7-5 (58%) in Week One. Now, onto this weekend's games.

#### **NCAA**

LSU at Mississippi State: Brian Kelly's Tigers entered their season opener against Florida State ranked No. 5 in the country. They aren't No. 5 anymore. The Tigers dropped a 45-24 decision to the Seminoles and now have another tough road assignment when they take on the Mississippi State Bulldogs on Saturday afternoon in Starkville. LSU will need a big day from QB Jayden Daniels (347 passing yards, 1 TD/64 rushing yards in loss to FSU) if they hope to win their first league game. The Bulldogs rolled to a 48-7 win in their season opener against Southeast Louisiana. Veteran QB Will Rodgers (227 yards, 2 TDs) and running back Jo'Quavious (127 yards, 2 TDs) will face a ticked off LSU defense on Saturday. Look for the Tigers to rebound and pick up a big road, conference win. My pick, LSU 33, Mississippi State 23



Tennessee at Florida: Another key SEC tilt has the Vols traveling to Gainesville to take on the Gators. Tennessee got their season off to a nice start with a 49-13 win over Virginia, while Florida dropped a 24-11 decision at Utah. The Vols are led by QB Joe Milton III, who passed for 201 yards and two scores in the season-opening win. Running back Jaylon Wright had a nice day with 115 rushing yards. Florida is led by QB Graham Mertz (333 yards, 1 TD, 1 interception), but the Gators looked disorganized against Utah and made too many silly mistakes. Look for the Vols to roll over a suspect Florida team. My pick, Tennessee 34, Florida 21

Washington at Michigan **State**: Washington quarterback Michael Penix, Jr. made a strong case as being part of the Heisman Trophy conversation as he threw for 450 yards and five TDs in the Huskie's 56-19 route of Boise State in their season opener. Penix received help from wide receiver Rome Odunze who chipped in with seven receptions for 133 yards and one TD. If Washington wants to get in the College Football Playoff convo, they will need to win on the road, and playing at Michigan State will be a good test on Saturday. The Spartans opened the season with a 31-7 thumping of Central Michigan. Sparty will need big days from QB Noah Kim (279 yards, 2 TDs) and running back Nathan Carter (113 yards, 1 TD). Penix will get tested by a solid MSU defense but should be the difference maker as the Huskies pick up a big road win. My pick, Washington 27, Michigan State 20

Wyoming at Texas: The Cowboys take on their second Big 12 school when they travel to Austin to take on 11th-ranked Texas. Two weeks ago, Wyoming shocked Texas Tech 35-33 in overtime (as a Tech grad and fan, I'm still fuming about that loss). This week, the Pokes have a much tougher test when they play on the road against a talented UT team. Texas opened the season with a 37-10 win over Rice as QB Quinn Ewers passed for 260 yards and three TDs. Wide receiver Xavier Worthy had a nice day with seven catches for 90 yards. Look for the Longhorns defense to take care of Wyoming QB Andrew Peasley (149 passing yards, 2 TDs/68 rushing yards in the win over Tech. UT should use this as a tune-up for

Big 12 play. My pick, Texas 38,

Wyoming 12 TCU at Houston: When the old Southwest Conference disbanded in 1996, the University of Houston was not invited to join the Big 12. It's been a 27-year wait, but the Cougars are now part of the Big 12 and will make their conference debut on Saturday against TCU at TDECU Stadium. UH opened the season with a lessthan stellar 17-14 win at home against UTSA, while TCU (which played in the CFP title game a year ago) lost at home to Coach Prime and Colorado, 45-42. TCU lost a ton of talent on both sides of the ball to the NFL and graduation after producing 13 wins a year ago, so this year's team is a work in progress for head coach Sonny Dykes. The Horned Frogs can score and are led by QB Chandler Morris (277

yards, 2 TDs) and running back Emani Bailey 164 yards). UH got two passing TDs from new starting QB Donovan Smith (and 233 yards passing) and six receptions and 106 receiving yards from Samuel Brown. Fellow wideouts Matthew Golden and Joseph Manjack IV caught TD passes in the UTSA win. Something tells me the Coogs will be sky high for this game as they want to let the Big 12 know they are better than some think (writers picked UH to finish 12th in the 14 team conference). My pick, UH 30, TCU 27

#### NFI

Minnesota at Philadelphia: Week 2 of the 2023 NFL season begins on Thursday night with Al and Kirk calling the action for Prime TV. These two teams met a year ago on Monday Night Football and Jalen Hurts and Co. ran all over the Vikings enroute to a 24-7 win. The Eagles suffered some key losses on defense to free agency, but they still have Hurts and big-play wide receivers A.J. Brown and Devonta Smith. They've also added former Lions running back D'Andre Swift. The Vikings will go as far as QB Kirk Cousins and phenomenal wide receiver Justin Jefferson take them. This should be another long prime-time contest for the Vikings. My pick, Philadelphia 30, Minnesota 13

Indianapolis at Houston: These are the types of games Ryan's' team needs to win. While the Texans won but three games a year ago, this year's squad appears to be more talented and much better coached. This game will pit rookie QB's as C.J. Stroud starts for the Texans and Anthony Richardson starts for the Colts. Indy will be without the services of star running back Jonathan Taylor, who has been placed on the PUP list and could face further suspension due to conduct detrimental to the team (he's seeking a trade, but the Colts have not received an offer they are happy with). Look for Texans RB Dameon Pierce to have a big day against a suspect Indy defense as Stroud does just enough to earn his, and Ryan's', first NFL win. My pick, Houston 23, Indianapolis 17

Kansas City at Jacksonville: The Master meets the Pupil as Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs travel to Jacksonville to take on Trevor Lawrence and the upstart Jags on Sunday in the Florida heat. Last year, these two teams met in the Division Round of the AFC playoffs with the Chiefs earning a hard-fought 27-20 victory. In that game, Mahomes sustained an ankle injury, but returned in the second half to throw the game-clinching touchdown pass. If the Jags are going to join the AFC's elite, they need to take down the king of the hill. Look for a big day from Lawrence against a suspect KC secondary as the Jags pick up perhaps the biggest victory in franchise history. My pick, Jacksonville 26, Kansas City 24

Seattle at Detroit: A year ago, these two played a 48-45 offensive shootout with the surprising Seahawks coming out on top. Look for another offensive contest this year as Seattle QB Geno Smith and bigplay wide receivers D.K. Metcalf and Tyler Lockett put up big numbers once again. The Lions will counter with QB Jared Goff and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown and running backs David Montgomery and Jahmyr Gibbs. This should be a fun game to watch, but this year, Dan Campbell's team extracts revenge against their visitors from the Pacific Northwest. My pick, Detroit 34, Seattle 31

New York Jets at Dallas: The Cowboys host the Jets and their new QB. Cowbov killer Aaron Rodgers in the late window of games on Sunday. Rodgers owned the Cowboys when he was the Packers starting QB, with a 6-3 record, including two playoff wins. It's a new year and a new team for one of the league's top QBs of all time. The Jets have surrounded Rodgers with a lot of talent at the skill positions led by outstanding second-year wide receiver Garrett Wilson. But their offensive line is suspect, so look for Dallas to unleash linebacker Micha Parsons after Rodgers. Parsons recorded 13.5 sacks a year ago and is poised for even more this year. Dallas QB Dak Prescott will have his hands full

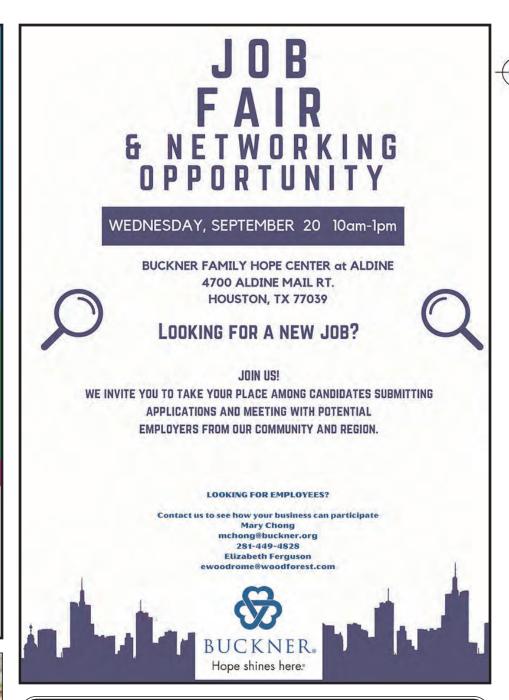
with a solid NY defense, especially its secondary led by Defensive Rookie of the Year Sauce Gardner, one of the best young cornerbacks in the league. This should be a defensive game, so go with the home team as the Cowboys pick up a big early-season win. My pick, Dallas 23, New York Jets

Miami at New England: Sunday Night Football features a key, early-season AFC East contest as the Dolphins travel to Foxborough to take on Bill Belichick's Patriots. Miami will bring its high-powered offense led by QB Tua Tagovailoa and speedy and big-play wide receivers Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle. Belichick's teams are always solid on defense and that should be the case once again this season. The key for a Patriots win will be how much third-year QB Mac Jones has advanced under the tutelage of new offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien (remember him, Texans fans?). The Dolphins have an underrated defense and they will be the difference maker in this game as the Dolphins pick up a big road win. My pick, Miami 23, New England 20

Cleveland at Pittsburgh: One of two Monday Night Football games (the other features No. 1 pick Bryce Young hosting the Saints) pits these two-longtime rivals from the days of the AFC Central. Now in the AFC North, this is an important game for both teams. The Browns are hoping QB Deshaun Watson returns to his old form when he was making plays for the Texans. Barring an injury, he should be the man under center all season for the Browns. He has one of the league's best running backs in Nick Chubb to take some pressure off of him. Watson and Chubb will get tested by a good Steeler defense. The key to the Steelers season will be how much second-year QB Kenny Pickett has progressed. Running back Najee Harris could be the key to the Pittsburgh offense this year. Look for him to have a big night as the Steelers pick up the win. My pick, Pittsburgh 20, Cleveland 17







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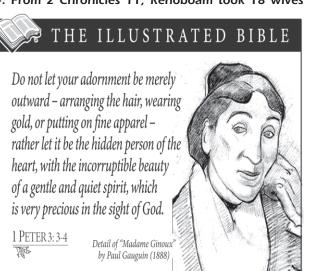
By Wilson Casey -

1. Is the book of Jehoshaphat (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Revelation 8, what's the falling star called when the third angel sounded? Armageddon, Wormwood, Rapture, Zabulon

3. Who carried a letter from the king of Syria to the king of Israel? Stephen, Naaman, John the Baptist, Delilah

4. From 2 Chronicles 11, Rehoboam took 18 wives



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and how many "score" of concubines? One, Two, Three, Four

5. What name did the apostles give to Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus? Barnabas, Cephas, Amos, Gideon 6. In 2 Corinthians, who traveled to Corinth to help pick up an offering for needy saints? Vitas, Timothy, Philemon, Titus

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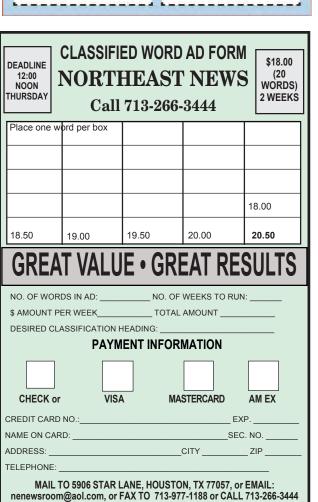


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Willem Dafoe leads this

psychological thriller

where he plays an art thief

named Nemo. Nemo dis-

guises himself as a handy-

man to steal three art

pieces by Egon Schiele

from an art collector's

New York penthouse, but

as he attempts to leave, he

sets off the apartment's

alarm system and acci-

dentally locks himself in-

side. Weeks pass with no

food or water as Nemo re-

peatedly tries to escape

from the apartment, re-

sorting to an array of

crazed methods to get out

before his body and mind

give up on him. More than

anything, this film serves

as a reminder of Dafoe's

incredible acting prowess;

he's one of the only actors

captivating enough to take

over the screen by himself

for 105 minutes. Pre-

mieres Sept. 12. (Amazon

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"INSIDE" (R) — Basi-

(Netflix)





Sinclair Daniel, left, and Ashleigh Murray star in "The Other Black Girl."

### "The Other Black Girl"

"THE **OTHER** BLACK GIRL" (TV-14) – Based on the 2021 novel by Zakiya Dalila Harris, this new series cleverly takes on the challenging topic of racism in the workplace through a comedy-thriller lens. Being the only Black woman who works at Wagner Books, editorial assistant Nella becomes delighted when she finds out another Black woman, Hazel, was hired by her company. The two quickly build a friendship, until Nella starts receiving haunting messages to leave the company. As the workplace gains an increasingly sinister feel, Nella starts to suspect Hazel is attempting to sabotage her. Sinclair Daniel and Ashleigh Murray ("Riverdale") lead the series, with supporting roles played by Bellamy Young ("Scandal") and "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills"

star Garcelle Beauvais. The 10-episode series drops Sept. 13. (Hulu)

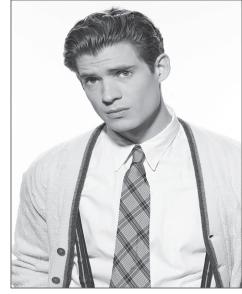
"FAST X" (PG-13) -The 10th main installment in the "Fast & Furious" franchise hits streaming on Sept. 15 after bringing home \$719 million from the box office this summer. Jason Momoa makes his grand entrance into the franchise by playing Dante, son of Hernan Reyes (aka the central villain in the 2011 film "Fast Five"). Momoa's performance has been praised by critics as one of the strongest points of the film, along with the film's extravagant action sequences, of course. With the film ending on a cliffhanger (and two more films already slated for 2025 and on), the culmination of this longtime franchise is nowhere in sight. (Peacock)

"LOVE AT FIRST

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD - Can you believe the stink made over Bradley Cooper wearing a prosthetic nose to play musical genius Leonard Bernstein? Critics went as far as to say it was antisemitic. Actually, the record has been set straight by Bernstein's children who said, "Dad used to wear his gigantic prosthetic nose practically 24/7; he had his day nose and his night nose that he would sleep in." Bernstein even told his children, "If anyone is ever to portray me, they absolutely must wear a fat honkin' fake schnoz." The corker is Cooper wore one of Bernstein's actual "honkers" while filming "Maestro," which had its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival on Sept. 2 and will be shown in theaters starting Nov. 22 before dropping via Netflix on Dec. 20.

Has ageism struck Superman? Henry Cavill (40) began playing Superman/ Clark Kent in "Man of Steel" (2013), then "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016), "Justice League" (2017) and "Black Adam" (2022). But the new powers that be, led by James Gunn, have decided to go with a younger Superman/Clark Kent. They've cast David Corenswet (30), best known for several Netflix series, including "House of Cards," "The Politician" and "Hollywood." Corenswet also has an upcoming role in Apple TV+'s "Lady in the Lake," with Natalie Portman. Gunn offered, "Our story will be focusing on an earlier part of Superman's life." Lois Lane, formerly played by six-time Oscar nominee Amy Adams (49), will now be played by Rachel Brosnahan (33), "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" herself (for five seasons). Many think they've made a big mistake by cutting Cavill, who is still the star of the Netflix series "The Witcher" (for three seasons). He is also the first-billed star of "Argylle," starring Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, John Cena, Dua Lipa, Ariana DeBose, Bryan Cranston, Catherine O'Hara and Samuel L. Jackson. The film is scheduled to release in theaters on Feb. 2,



David Corenswet ("Hollywood")

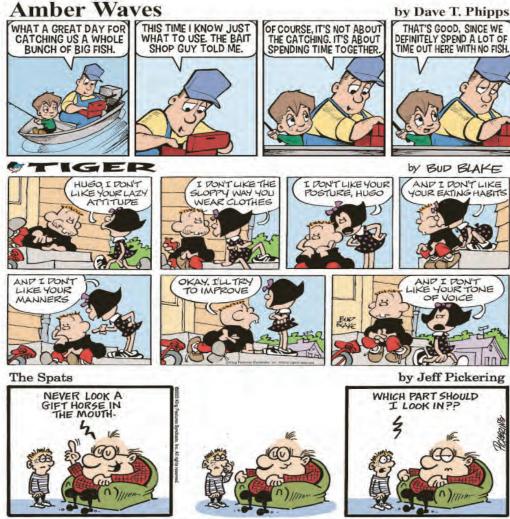
2024, and then on Apple TV+ at a later date. Finally, Cavill has one more action film coming up — "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare," directed by Guy

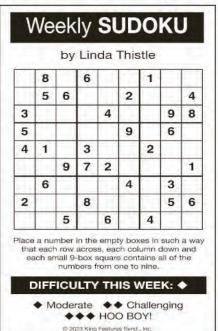
Do we really need a reboot of "Frasier"? Paramount+ is resurrecting the series, which ran for 11 seasons from 1993-2004 and won 37 out of its 108 Emmy nominations. Dr. Frasier Crane (Kelsey Grammer) returns to Boston with new challenges, new relationships to forge and an old dream or two to finally fulfill. So far, Bebe Neuwirth (Lilith Sternin) and Peri Gilpin (Roz Doyle) are the only cast members returning. David Hyde Pierce (Niles Crane) and Jane Leaves (Daphne Moon) are not returning. However, Jack Cutmore-Scott ("Deception") has been cast to play Frasier's son. Paramount+ begins airing the new show on Oct. 12, with episodes dropping every Thursday. But has too much time passed since "Frasier" ended? Most resurrection reboots don't last more than one season. We've got just two words to offer them: "Murphy Brown!"

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## ENTERTAINMENT







8. Gross domestic product.; 9. Grimalkin.; 10. J. Robert Oppenheimer. 4. "Dr. No."; 5. Bulova watch.; 6. Coco Chanel.; 7. Cut into short, thin strips.; 1. California, Sequoia National Park.; 2. An herbivore, a plant eater.; 3. Agra.; Trivia Test Answerst

### September 11, 2023 Posting Date King Crossword

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Answer

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Solution time: 26 mins.

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## test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to a giant sequoia tree named General Sherman? 2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Is a rhinoceros an

herbivore, omnivore or carnivore? 3. GEOGRAPHY: Which city in India is home to the Taj Mahal?

4. MOVIES: What is the title of the first James

Bond movie? 5. TELEVISION: What was the product fea-

tured in the first TV advertisement?

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which French fashion designer is credited with inventing the Little Black Dress?

7. FOOD & DRINK: What does it mean to julienne vegetables?

8. GOVERNMENT: What does the acronym GDP stand for in economic terms?

9. LITERATURE: What is the cat's name in Shakespeare's "Macbeth"?

10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of the atomic bomb?

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## YOU'RE INVITED! **Virtual Public Meeting** with In-Person Open Houses **I-45N Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study from Beltway 8 North to** Loop 336 South (Conroe)

#### **Virtual Public Meeting**

Available starting on September 26, 2023, by 5 p.m.

Scan the OR code or visit the website below to view materials at your convenience.

#### **In-Person Open Houses**

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 | 5 - 7 p.m.

Oak Ridge High School 9th Grade Campus Cafeteria 27310 Oak Ridge School Road

Conroe, Texas 77385

Thursday, September 28, 2023 | 5 - 7 p.m.

Hochzeit Hall

427 Gentry Street Spring, Texas 77373

## TxDOT.gov | Keywords: "I-45 PEL"

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District is holding a virtual public meeting with two in-person Open Houses for the I-45N PEL Study in Harris and Montgomery Counties. The purpose of this fourth and final Public Meeting is to provide an opportunity for the community to review and comment on the latest study updates and the recommended alternatives that resulted from the second level of alternative screening and evaluation. The virtual and in-person meetings will cover the same content. If you need interpretation or translation services, please contact Gabriel Adame, NEPA Public Engagement Coordinator, at (713) 802-5199 or Gabriel.Adame@txdot.gov no later than 4 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2023.

Comments on the TxDOT I-45N PEL Study may be submitted in the following ways:

Online: www.txdot.gov Keywords: "I-45N PEL" Email: hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov

To be included in the public meeting's official record, comments must be received or postmarked by: Friday, October 13, 2023.

Mail: TxDOT Houston District Office Advanced Project Development Director PO Box 1386 Houston, Texas 77251

#### 713.802.5374

**Questions or Comments** 

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## Lone Star College offers educational opportunities for all ages

HOUSTON (Aug. 10, 2023) - The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) encourages people aged 50 and older to continue their education despite their life status. Lone Star College's Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) Program has free and low-cost classes for retired, semi-retired and working adults to help them continue to learn and grow.

"The Academy for Lifelong Learning program offers non-credit courses, lectures and activities that will expand our members' knowledge and develop their social connections," said Linda Leto Head, LSC Senior Associate Vice Chancellor External and Employer Relations.

ALL will host several Open House events for current and prospective members. The program offers various courses and opportunities that enhance lives like arts and crafts, community service projects, financial planning, genealogy, health and wellness, history, literacy discussion groups and technology.

LSC ALL Fall Open House Schedule:

LSC-Tomball: Tuesday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m.- noon LSC-Montgomery: Wednesday, Aug. 16, 1-3 p.m. LSC-Houston North: Thursday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



Lone Star College Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) will host several Open House events for current and prospective members. Visit I oneStar.edu/ALL for more information

LSC-North Harris: Thursday, Aug. 17, 1-3 p.m. LSC-Kingwood: Friday, Aug. 18, 1-3 p.m. LSC-University Park: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 11a.m.-1 p.m. LSC-CyFair: Thursday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

At LSC-North Harris's Open House, ALL will host an "Oops, We Missed It" party to celebrate the first ALL courses housed on campus in fall 2002. The celebration will include a 2002 Texas trivia game, prizes and treats.

The Lone Star College ALL program offers over 100 classes (spanning 19 topics) each semester with no educational requirements. Annual membership (Sept. 1-Aug. 31) is \$25 for access to all programming. For more details on ALL's Open House events or general information on the program, visit LoneStar.edu/ALL.

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. LSC is 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 and recognized by Fortune Magazine and Great Place To Work® as one of this year's Best Workplaces in Texas<sup>TM</sup>. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

