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# NORTHEAST NEWS

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**NEWS NOTES**

## Aldine ISD schedules community meetings on School Bond Issue

**East Aldine National Night Out set Oct. 3**

The East Aldine community is planning the 40th year of this event, a partnership with the Police, Sheriff's deputies, and the public.

Tuesday night, Oct. 3rd from 6pm - 9pm at the East Aldine Amphitheatre.

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**AISD School Board Candidates Forum Oct. 12**

BakerRipley and Green Forest Civic Club are co-hosting an ALDINE ISD SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES' FORUM Thursday evening OCTOBER 12 at BakerRipley-East Aldine Campus, 3000 Aldine-Mail Rte., 77039.

Eight (8) of the ten (10) candidates that are running for a position on the school board have already confirmed that they will participate in the forum. Please join us. Light snacks will be served.

Keep your eye out for additional information. Marina Sugg, VP, GFCC, greenforestcc1983@gmail.com

ALDINE – Aldine ISD will hold 6 School Bond Community Meetings to explain the need for the bond funding to the voters. The First Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 26 at Aldine High School, starting at 6:00pm.

The meetings are a chance for voters to hear about the proposed \$1.8 billion bond on the November 7 ballot.

During six community meetings, voters can learn about the Aldine Independent School District's proposed \$1.8 billion bond.

Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney said "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."

If the total bond package is approved with the required simple majority (50% plus one), the district plans to spend \$1.8 billion as follows:

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**ALDINE ISD BOND 2023**

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The bond package is broken down into three propositions.

**PROP A \$1,622,325,676**

- General Projects**
- 6 Campus Rebuilds
  - 2 Campus Redesign Projects
  - Facility Improvement & Maintenance Projects
  - Safety and Security Projects
  - Technology Infrastructure Projects
  - Transportation Projects

**PROP B \$67,547,500**

- Instructional Technology Projects**
- Student and staff device refreshes (e.g., iPads, laptops, and Chromebooks)
  - Classroom technology (e.g., interactive display panels)

**PROP C \$122,282,967**

- Education and Performance Center**
- The new center would feature multiple theaters to accommodate fine arts programming. It would offer state-of-the-art acoustics, isoptics (good visibility), and theatrical mechanics.

**Community Meetings**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>26</b> SEPTEMBER Aldine HS	<b>27</b> SEPTEMBER Davis HS		<b>ALL MEETINGS START AT 6 PM</b>
<b>2</b> OCTOBER Eisenhower HS		<b>4</b> OCTOBER MacArthur HS	<b>5</b> OCTOBER Nimitz HS	
		<b>25</b> OCTOBER Carver HS		

hancements, and Instructional Technology; It is divided into three propositions.

Taxpayers would not see a tax rate increase for

the next three years.

**\$1,622,325,676 Proposition A** covers campus rebuilds, campus redesigns and renovations, safety and security, facili-

ty improvements and high-priority maintenance, technology infrastructure, and transportation.

Campus rebuilds include Carver High School,

Aldine High School, Aldine Middle School, Hambrick Middle School, Orange Grove Elementary School, and Odum Elementary School.

Campus redesign projects would take place at Eisenhower High School and MacArthur High School.

Campus Facility improvements and high-priority maintenance projects would entail the installation of digital marquees, life-cycle replacements (roofs, plumbing, and HVAC), science lab improvements, and athletic improvements.

Safety and security projects would include a dedicated district police department, updated security technology systems, safety film, site fencing, and lighting and emergency generators.

Technology infrastructure projects would include wireless network system updates (enhanced WiFi).

Transportation projects would include an East Transportation facility rebuild, purchases of new buses and special education buses, and a white fleet.

**\$67,547,500 Proposition B** will cover instructional technology.

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## East Aldine community enjoys Tejano Night



Last Saturday night, Sept. 16th the East Aldine District brought Tejano Music, Dancing, Food, and fun for East Aldine families to the Town Center amphitheater.

Performers included a concert by Elida Reyna, Horacio Mata and the Cadetes, Sonora Caribe, and Ray Heker. Also the Ballet Folklorico with Mariachis, and DJ Lumbre. Lots of good music was performed to a crowd of hundreds on a balmy, warm evening.



**SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 5**

## Aggies, Razorbacks meet in SEC tilt at Jerry World; Steelers come calling against Texans at NRG Stadium

The preliminaries are over for college football teams across the country as the major conferences enter league play as they begin playing games that really matter.

Texas A&M and Arkansas meet in a key SEC contest at AT&T Stadium in Arlington on Saturday with Jimbo Fisher's team hoping to get on a roll in league play. The Aggies finished 2-1 in non-conference play and appear to have found a big-play quarterback in sophomore Conner Weigman. In his first three games of the season, Weigman has passed for 909 yards and eight touchdowns. Weigman should have another good day against a suspect Razorback defense, but it's the A&M defense that will get tested against an Arkansas offense that can throw it and run it very well.

While the Aggies and Razorbacks go at it in Jerry World, No. 9-ranked Notre Dame hits the road to take on No. 19-ranked Duke in what should be an entertaining game. This game will feature two solid QBs in ND's Sam Hartman and Duke's dual threat QB Riley Leonard.

No. 3-ranked Texas hosts the offensive-minded Kansas



**KEENEY'S KORNER**  
By **MIKE KEENEY**

Jayhawks and you had better believe that head coach Steve Sarkisian will not take the Jayhawks lightly. Two years ago, KU won in Austin, 57-56. The Longhorns know they cannot afford a slip up if they hope to get into the College Football Playoff picture.

The Colorado Buffalos and head coach Deion Sanders have been the surprise team of college football this year. After winning just one game in 2022, Coach Prime Time has led the Buffs to three straight wins to start the season, but things get decidedly more difficult from here on out. Last week CU played at No. 10-ranked Oregon and this Saturday they host No. 5-ranked USC and the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, Caleb Williams. Coach Prime's team still has to face ranked teams in Oregon State,

Washington State and Utah. Let's see how things go for him and his high-scoring Buffs from here on out. No matter what happens down the road, Colorado has been one of the best stories in college football this year. The Buffs may stumble here and there, but they've got enough firepower on offense to make things interesting for the remainder of the season.

In the NFL, the Texans host Pittsburgh on Sunday at noon at NRG Stadium. The last time these two teams met on Christmas Day in 2017, Steeler fans flooded NRG. I know, because I was there. It had to be 70 percent Pittsburgh fans, but then again, the Texans finished 4-

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**Proposition C** will call for the construction of an Education and Performing Arts Center.  
**Total Bond Recommendation: \$1,812,156,143**

**Bond 2023 Webpage**  
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Bond2023, for everything Bond. It shows 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.

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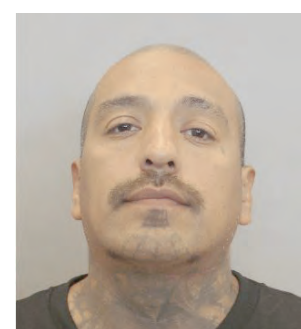
## Life In Prison for Shooting on Kowis Street

An Humble man was sentenced to life in prison for shooting another man in northeast Houston in 2019, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg announced.

“Gun violence, like domestic violence, often escalates, and in this case we see a dangerous man who believed he could kill a stranger for no reason,” Ogg said. “This victim’s family lost their loved one because a man with a gun thought he could get away with murder.”

Larry Rodriguez, 45, was sentenced Friday by the Harris County jury that convicted him of murder in the fatal shooting of 34-year-old Cedric Gordon on August 10, 2019.

Gordon had driven to a home in the 2000 block of Kowis Street late on a Friday night to see a female friend. When he arrived at



Larry Rodriguez

the semi-rural property, Rodriguez approached him and shot him. Gordon was able to get back in his car and tried to drive away. He lost control of the automobile and ended up in a roadside ditch nearby.

While Gordon was sitting in his car in the ditch, Rodriguez approached him again and shot him several more times, killing him.

Rodriguez then fled the scene. Deputies with the Harris County Sheriff’s Office responded to the incident. They later found

and arrested Rodriguez.

Assistant District Attorney Brett Batchelor, a chief in the DA’s trial bureau, prosecuted Rodriguez in a five-day trial with ADA Elizabeth Liberman.

Batchelor said jurors agreed that Rodriguez needed to be off the street for the rest of his life after hearing that he had three additional aggravated assault charges. In one case, Rodriguez hit a man with a large metal bar. In another, he used a pocket knife to stab a man in the face. He also pushed a man into a concrete pole, smashing his head.

“He doesn’t value human life and is very dangerous, scary and violent to the people around him,” Batchelor said. “He had an extensive criminal history and was absolutely terrorizing this neighborhood.”

## AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

### LUCHA SCAVENGER HUNT

Oh no! The luchadores lost their masks in the library. Can you help us find them? The scavenger hunt will be available all day for all ages starting Sept 15th through Oct 15th. Find them all to claim your prize at the desk.

### 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 Alebrijes. They are representations of Mexican spirit animals, typically hand-carved and painted by artisans.

In Mexican folklore, their role was to link the spirits and the real world and guide a person through their lives. Spiritual guides for your soul, reminders of your place in the world, and society, holders of the torch; They are meant to lead you in your path and help you become who you are supposed to be.

We have coloring sheets for you to create your own Alebrije to add to our display available any time we are open.

### 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. 25, 11 - 11:45am.

Leeremos historias, cantaremos canciones y 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 25 meses a 3 años.

### BILINGUAL STORY TIME/TIEMPO DE CUENTOS BILINGUE

You’re invited to attend Story Time every Tuesday at 11 am. Story Time is a great way for children to build early literacy skills with stories, rhymes and songs. Parents are encouraged to participate by sitting with children and singing (and learning!) new songs. Children of all ages are welcome!

¡Estás invitado a asistir a tiempo de cuentos cada martes a las 11 am. Tiempo de cuentos es una excelente manera para que los niños desarrollen habilidades de alfabetización temprana con libros, rimas y canciones. Animamos a los padres a sentarse con los niños y canten las canciones con nosotros. ¡Los niños de todas las edades son bienvenidos!

### ENGLISH COMPUTER CLASS BASICS - LIBRARY DIGITAL RESOURCES

\*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 our library’s online resources and how to use them 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. 19, 11:30am - 12:30pm.**

### Apprenda Computers & Tech

Limited space/ Espacio limitado

Pre-registrese aquí: <https://forms.office.com/r/TQyUGd1Yy>

\* 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 class)

-Aprenderá a como obtener las habilidades esenciales sobre: Navegación con Windows, navegación 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 principiantes.

### 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.**

### KIDS CLUB: KIDS CRAFTS!

Let’s get creative! Join us at 5 pm every Thursday for our weekly crafts at Aldine! (Don’t forget, this is a great opportunity for kids to work on essential life skills like sharing, reading instructions, cutting, gluing, and working in a group.)

### PODEMOS SER MEJOR-BOOKS & READING

Tocamos temas sobre vivencias personales con enfoque en la familia, la salud, y bienestar mental en base a algunos temas específicos ó libros previamente acordados.

We touch on topics about personal experiences with a focus on family, health, and mental well-being based on some specific topics or previously agreed books. **Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:30am - 12pm**

### 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. **Saturday, Sept. 30, 11am.** Space is limited and registration is required. Register online or at the library.

### CRAFTY CORNER - BANNED BOOKS T-SHIRTS

HCPL supports your freedom to read. Join us for a special edition of Crafty Corner where we’ll be designing our own t-shirts to wear for Banned Books Week! **You’ll need to bring a dark t-shirt!** This is a family event, we ask parents attend with their children. **Saturday, Sept. 30, 1-2pm**

### 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/qSzMS-piaTL>.

### 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

AUGUST 18, 2023

**ALDINE**  
Independent School District

## GOFFNEY CHRONICLES

The Official Newsletter of the Superintendent of Schools

**Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney**  
Superintendent of Schools

*With Aldine Pride!*



## Message From the Superintendent, September 15, 2023

Dear Aldine Community,  
Can you believe we finally got some much-needed rain? It seems so long since we had any. But I hope the rain doesn't discourage you from supporting our athletes in their upcoming games. The teams are on fire! Just check out a tweet from the Lady Generals and one from the Davis Falcons. Our middle and high school Open House events are also coming up later this month. Take the opportunity to talk with your child's teachers and see all the great things happening in our schools

We celebrated National School Colors Day on September 1. But we took that pride a step further. #CollegeColorsDay is every Monday in '23-'24! I loved seeing my alma mater, Sam Houston State University, this past Monday! And looking around on social media, some educators took it even further in their classrooms by showing their colors in class!

You will find dates for our Community Meetings about Bond 2023 in this issue. Our first meeting will be on September 26 at Aldine High School. Please join us to learn more about the \$1.8 billion bond package with three propositions and how these will allow the district to fulfill our vision for our students to continue moving forward and be future-ready. We are also in the final year of our 5-year strategic plan. We need to hear from you as we look toward the future and develop a new plan.

I encourage you to read the issue to see which teachers received an award from Yale University, learn about a nutrition educational program to grow healthy kids, discover an exclusive literary event AISD has been selected for, read how students and staff will be seen and heard by the masses, and see how district administrators will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month — ¡celebremos el mes de la hispanidad!

With Aldine Pride!

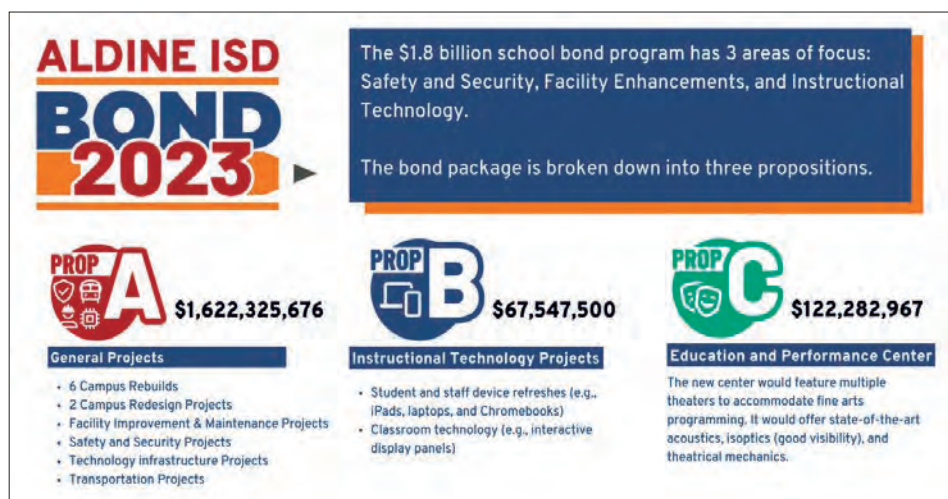


Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendent of Schools Aldine ISD

## District Shares Bond 2023 Life-Cycle and Priority Maintenance Data

An independent Educational Suitability Assessment (ESA) conducted by PBK Architects, Inc. showed for each school the degree to which the building's physical and educational environments support student engagement and learning as well as staff instruction. The findings showed that:

- 5% of schools are over 50 years old
- \$1.02 billion in current repair needs for all campuses
- \$2.7 billion in total repair needs over the next 10 years
- 39% of schools scored below 70% for the ESA
- Delaying further will worsen current infrastructure challenges and only add to the cost of necessary repairs and upgrades.
- The 2023 \$1.8 billion school bond would allow Aldine ISD to address critical safety and maintenance needs in our schools:



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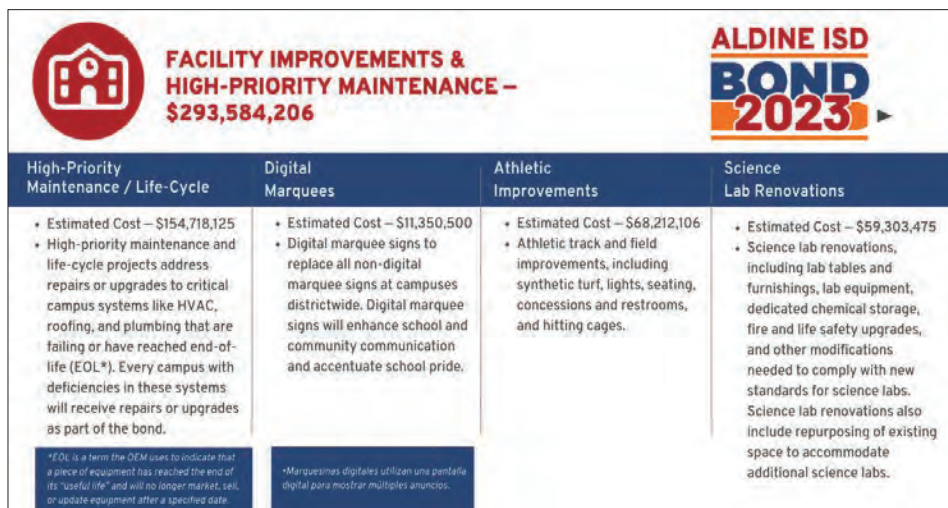
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### Life-Cycle and Priority Maintenance Projects

Regular maintenance and repairs are essential for maintaining buildings, requiring materials and labor. The district aims to maintain good shape and avoid negative environmental impacts. Engineers use a life-cycle analysis process to predict maintenance needs and invest time and money in building maintenance.

In short, Bond 2023 would help AISD provide major repairs to additional schools with failing roofs, heat, air conditioning, and plumbing, providing safer and healthier learning environments for Aldine ISD students.

### Bond 2023 Package Would Impact Every AISD Campus



**ALDINE ISD BOND 2023**

**FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS & HIGH-PRIORITY MAINTENANCE - \$293,584,206**

<p><b>High-Priority Maintenance / Life-Cycle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimated Cost — \$154,718,125</li> <li>High-priority maintenance and life-cycle projects address repairs or upgrades to critical campus systems like HVAC, roofing, and plumbing that are failing or have reached end-of-life (EOL*). Every campus with deficiencies in these systems will receive repairs or upgrades as part of the bond.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Digital Marquees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimated Cost — \$11,350,500</li> <li>Digital marquee signs to replace all non-digital marquee signs at campuses districtwide. Digital marquee signs will enhance school and community communication and accentuate school pride.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Athletic Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimated Cost — \$68,212,106</li> <li>Athletic track and field improvements, including synthetic turf, lights, seating, concessions and restrooms, and hitting cages.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Science Lab Renovations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimated Cost — \$59,303,475</li> <li>Science lab renovations, including lab tables and furnishings, lab equipment, dedicated chemical storage, fire and life safety upgrades, and other modifications needed to comply with new standards for science labs. Science lab renovations also include repurposing of existing space to accommodate additional science labs.</li> </ul>
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\*EOL is a term the OEM uses to indicate that a piece of equipment has reached the end of its useful life and no longer meets, or will not meet, the requirements for its intended use.

\*Marquees displays citizen and parents digital and mobile multiple messages.

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## It's Never Too Early to Start Looking Into Scholarship Deadlines



**APPLYING FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS IN HIGH SCHOOL**

ALDINE ISD SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

Do you have a high school student? Do you have a student who is a senior in high school? Then this is for you?

Scholarship deadlines occur year-round but are more prevalent during certain times of the year. Parents and students should plan their application process accordingly to avoid potential deadlines.

Fall Semester Deadline Scholarship deadlines are typically set in the fall to ensure award availability before the start of the school year. There are no strict rules about when they occur, but understanding these periods is beneficial.

What if my Student is Starting College in the Spring?

Scholarship awards are typically available to students starting in the fall. Still, some may provide funds at different times of the year. Knowing when these awards will be applied to expenses is crucial to help plan budgets.

October is Filled With Opportunities (and Scholarship Deadlines)

The fall scholarship season, from August to December, awards college

expenses for the following school year. Scholarships that close in December are typically dispersed in late summer or early fall.

October is a popular deadline month.

March is Also Popular

Spring, another primary scholarship season, is from January to May, with March being crucial for scholarship deadlines. Students can work on applications before deadlines during winter holidays and spring break. Awards with spring deadlines usually fund fall semesters of the following school year.

What About Summer?

Summer scholarship deadlines between June and July offer limited opportunities, and competition may be higher due to students' summer break and those looking for additional funds. Despite the challenges, it's still worth trying for scholarships, which can be harder to secure.

Local Scholarship Deadlines

Local scholarships often have deadlines in early spring, making it crucial to search for them in the fall to avoid missed deadlines in January or February.

With less competition, the time required to review applications may also influence deadlines. Local scholarships can be an excellent way to secure funds for students planning for college.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities, visit Aldine ISD's Scholarship Opportunities webpage (click here).

You can also click here to contact the Scholarship Office for great tips on getting started and where to look for opportunities.

It's Never too Late!

Scholarship deadlines occur throughout the year, so there is always time to start the process. Starting as soon as possible increases your child's chances of finding funds to graduate debt-free from college.

Even if students miss a deadline, they should remember the opportunity and try again when it opens up. Most scholarships are regularly offered, with annual awards being the most common. Re-checking the website when opportunities open up again increases their chances of submitting applications before deadlines pass.

## David HS Aviation Students Attend a United Airlines Event



The airline event, Designed to Attract More Women to the Field, was held in observance of Girls in Aviation Day.

Captions

Davis High School junior Aaliya Edwards Hunter attended the United Airlines Girls in Aviation Day event.

The Ninth Annual Girls in Aviation Day was Saturday, September 23. In observance of the day, United Airlines held an event on Sept. 19 at Bush Intercontinental Airport. About 30 young women from several Houston-area schools participated, including two from Davis High School's aviation program.

Davis junior Aaliya Edwards Hunter missed her flight lesson on Tuesday to attend the United

event. The 16-year-old has already logged seven hours of flight time behind the controls of small planes with an instructor by her side.

The junior at Davis High School in the Aldine Independent School District is learning to fly at the Texas Flight as part of her regular school day.

She and the other girls attended several presentations, giving them information about all the jobs available in the aviation industry — from flight attendants to airplane maintenance, airport gate work, and other positions.

But for Hunter, there's only one aviation job on her radar screen — piloting.

"Going forward career-wise," she said, "I see my-

self flying private jets for people who'd like to do that. I would love to fly private jets. And then I'd probably do helicopters too if I have the opportunity and seaplanes."

She's trying to crack into a male-dominated field.

The U.S. Civil Airmen organization reports that, of the more than 600,000 pilots nationwide, only 10% are women.

Hunter says it's time for that to change, and events like Girls in Aviation Day could help.

"There's actually two (female) pilots in my school (Davis High School)," she said. "It's me and this other girl. And I'm trying to get more because we need more women. We need way more women."

## EXCLUSIVE LITERARY EVENT ON OCTOBER 6

Aldine ISD has been offered an exclusive literary event featuring the authors and illustrators of the book "There Was a Party for Langston." The event will take place on October 6 and will celebrate diversity and inclusion in literature.

The event will discuss reading and writing and the history and culture of the Harlem Renaissance.

AISD will purchase books for attendees to share the story with their families. One of the authors is Jason Reynolds, an award-winning author and former National Ambassador of Children's Literature. Be on the lookout for details!



★ OPINION PAGE ★

✉ UPDATES FROM ✉  
**WALLE WORLD**

### How to send \$1 Billion to Texas State Parks

Now that summer's worst heat is waning, Texans' thoughts turn to the outdoors — to escaping the pressures of everyday life and sharing an adventure together as a family. But that can be expensive.

For a family of four, the cost of a vacation out of state or far from home is often too high to justify. As I was growing up in Houston, my family couldn't possibly afford plane tickets for all of us to travel for leisure.

We were, however, able to load up our car and drive the 300 miles to Garner State Park, near my *abuela's* hometown of Sabinal. There, my *abuela* waded into the river, my uncles fished until the sun went down, and we kids ran around until the summer heat wore us out and we fell asleep under the stars.



State Representative Armando Walle with his family enjoying an outing at Garner State Park.

Now, I have a family of my own and am fortunate enough to have the means to take my kids on vacation about once a year.

But we still treasure the weekends where we pack the car with sleeping bags and coolers and head to Lake Livingston State Park or Stephen F. Austin State Park — places where my family and I can disconnect from the everyday and reconnect to each other.

We aren't the only ones. Between our state's booming population and the increasing use of public parks in the last few years, Texans desperately need more places to get outside.

During the 88th Legislative Session, I authored bipartisan legislation with Sen. Tan Parker to invest \$1 billion in the newly created Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, which would support the expansion and development of state parks across Texas. We worked hard to pass the bill with a broad coalition of bipartisan support.

Now, the Legislature has earmarked the money for it already. We just need Texans to give us the final stamp of approval.

This November, during the Nov. 6 general election, voters will make decisions on 14 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. **Proposition 14, the last one on the ballot, supports the creation of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund.**

State parks aren't only about recreation. The 89 sites in Texas' state parks system have been an economic boon for surrounding communities. Recent studies estimate that for every \$1 in public money spent on parks, the state sees between \$4 and \$12 in economic return. These impacts are particularly felt in rural areas, where counties with state parks see higher GDP and population growth than those without.

With \$1 billion, the possibilities for state parks are nearly limitless. The fund grants the Parks and Wildlife Department the ability to acquire and preserve acres and acres of new land, but it is also designed to reinvest interest earned on the initial capital.

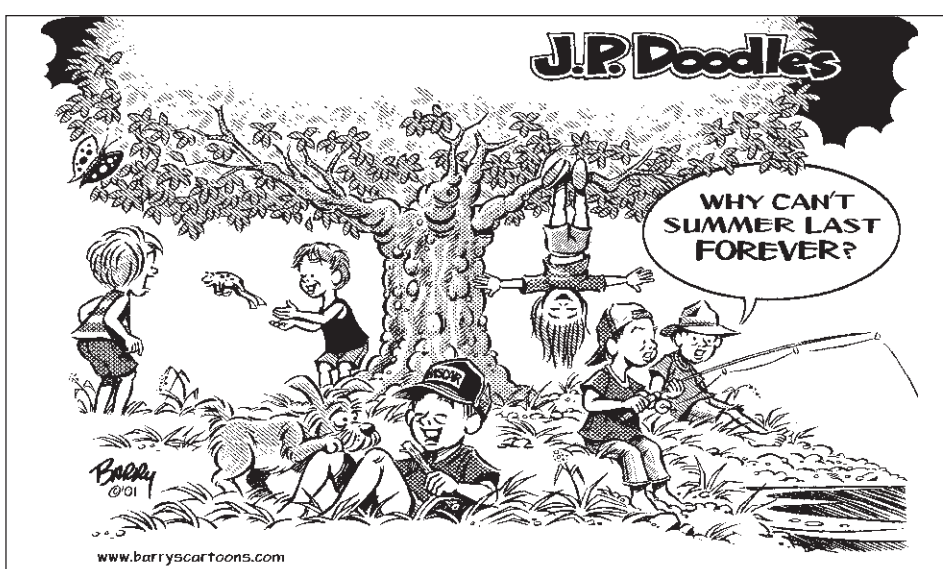
A transformational investment like this in our parks system is a promise to preserve our state's natural heritage for generations to come. But it is also a promise to all Texans that everyone — no matter who they are or where they live — deserves a place to explore and to play.

*Rep. Armando Walle is serving his eighth term in the Texas House representing District 140, which includes northern portions of the city of Houston and unincorporated Harris County.*

## Americanisms

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."  
— Cynthia Ozick

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**THE POSTSCRIPT**  
By  
Carrie Classon

### Talking to Strangers

I got anxious again today. I think I am getting better at leaving anxiety behind, and then anxiety says, "Not so fast! We have more work to do."

Usually, this has to do with my writing: "Is it good enough? Does she hate it?" But not always. Sometimes I will post something on Facebook, and someone will take offense. Since I make an effort to never post anything controversial or unkind, this always shocks me and makes me wonder if I have any idea how I sound when I write. Since writing is pretty much all I do, this concern starts to bang around in my brain like a kitten knocking things off the shelf.

"What was I thinking?" I wonder. But I don't actually remember thinking anything at all. I will make comments I imagine are helpful or clarifying, and end up offending someone and wondering why I did not just remain silent.

The best thing to do at this point is to take a walk.

On my walk, I usually encounter a few homeless people. The Catholic Church nearby feeds them and provides other services, so there are usually a handful of folks, who have some kind of problem that I have never had to deal with, waiting in the summer heat or the winter cold for the doors to open so they can get the help they need. I talk to these folks as I walk by. Some of them ignore me. Most of them smile and return the greeting.

But occasionally, I meet someone who just stares at me, like, "What is her story?"

And the funny thing about this is that they assume I have one.

"It's going to be cooler tomorrow!" I announced yesterday to a gentleman sitting on the steps. Only as I got closer did I notice he had his head under his T-shirt. He pulled it out when he heard me.

"It's going to be really cool," I repeated to the confused-looking fellow. "Much cooler than normal!"

He stared at me as if I was speaking in code. I could tell that—whatever he thought of me—he assumed I knew what I was talking about. He thought I had it together. He had no way of knowing how many days I wondered if hiding under my own T-shirt might not be the best strategy.

I realized by then that he had some cognitive problem, but I felt I needed to wrap up the conversation anyway—just for the sake of politeness.

"So, you take care, OK?" I waved and headed off, realizing I had just embarrassed myself in front of a man who was hiding under his own T-shirt.

We are all making up stories for one another without knowing what the real story is.

The story I make up for myself when I am anxious is that I am failing—somehow, somewhere—and no one has told me how or why. But I have no idea why that man was hiding under his T-shirt, and I'm betting his reasons were a lot better than mine.

By now I know that my anxiety is a mood, that it will pass. As uncomfortable and demanding as it is in the moment, it is almost impossible to remember after the fact. Walking helps. And talking to people—even folks who seem a little confused—helps as well.

It is cooler today—just as I promised the fellow on the steps it would be. I am going to put on my shoes right now and talk to some strangers.

Till next time,  
Carrie

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**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Gary Borders



### Another Special Session Slated for October

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special session, this time about school choice, for next month. He is promising retribution for lawmakers who oppose his move to enact school vouchers in Texas, the Texas Tribune reported.

"There's an easy way to get it done, and there's a hard way," Abbott said on a tele-town hall about the issue. "We will take it either way — in a special session or after an election." Abbott essentially threatened to find primary opponents for legislators who oppose his initiative, which failed to gain traction during the regular session as a coalition of Democrats and Republicans representing rural districts opposed it.

His proposal would give parents taxpayer dollars to send their children to private schools. Opponents say this would harm public school systems, particularly in rural areas where choices for private schools are limited.

#### PAXTON HINTS AT RUN AGAINST CORNYN IN 2026

Just days after being acquitted on impeachment charges by the Texas Senate, reinstated Attorney General Ken Paxton hit the airwaves of several conservative media outlets and hinted of a possible run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in 2026.

The Houston Chronicle reported on a Paxton interview with Tucker Carlson on X, formerly known as Twitter. Paxton said that "somebody needs to step up and run against this guy that will do the job."

"To me, he's been in Washington too long. He's been there, what, for 14 years or so? And I can't think of a single thing he's accomplished for our state or even for the country," Paxton said.

In a separate interview, Paxton said he will be "on the campaign trail" to back GOP primary opponents of three House members who were key to his impeachment: House Speaker Dade Phelan and Reps. Andrew Murr of Junction and Jeff Leach of Plano.

"I'm highly motivated," the Austin American-Statesman quoted Paxton as saying.



Paxton still faces state security fraud charges filed in 2015. He is due to go to trial next March and is also under federal investigation.

#### DEADLINE NEARS FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE ON NOV. 7

Texans will decide the fate of 14 proposed constitutional amendments on Nov. 7. The deadline to register to vote in that election is Oct. 10 for those who are not already registered. The proposed amendments include measures to increase the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000, with homeowners 65 and older getting an additional \$40,000 exemption. Other proposals would cap increased in appraised value and expand exemptions for small businesses from the franchise tax.

Abbott and other backers of the bills passed in a summer special session called these measures the largest property tax cut in Texas history.

Early voting begins on Oct. 23 and ends Nov. 3, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office.

#### TEXAS CALLED 'HOTBED OF HATE' IN RECENT REPORT

A report issued last week by the Anti-Defamation League labels Texas a hotbed for extremism and antisemitism, with a heavy presence of white supremacist and anti-LGBTQ+ groups, according to the Texas Tribune. The report examines three years of "alarming levels of extremist ideology and activity" in the state. Antisemitic incidents in the state rose by 89% and six "terrorist plots" were discovered, along with 28 "extremist events" such as training

and rallies, according to the report.

The ADL suggested some nonpartisan policies to stem growing extremism, such as creating a commission to study domestic violent extremism and providing clear statistics on hate crimes.

"Elected officials in Texas have an opportunity to confront this issue to significantly curtail the negative impact that extremism has on the people they represent," Oren Segal, vice president of the ADL's Center on Extremism, said in a statement.

#### FINANCIAL LOSSES FROM OPIOID CRISIS ARE STAGGERING

In a monthlong series of stories about the fentanyl crisis, The Dallas Morning News determined through an analysis by The Perryman Group that the economic toll of the opioid crisis in Texas includes \$50.1 billion in economic output each year and more than a half-million jobs.

"As large as these numbers are, they likely underestimate the true impact," economist Ray Perryman said. "It's widely acknowledged that drug addiction is underreported."

His group pulled data from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and prevention and other health agencies for its analysis.

A new law requires all emergency medical responders to report drug overdoses to health authorities in an effort to map overdoses and hopefully identify overdose hotspots. All Texas law enforcement officers are being given NARCAN, which quickly reverses opioid overdoses, according to Abbott's office.

#### COWTOWN NAMED CITY WITH THE WORST WEATHER

A newsroom meteorologist with the San Antonio Express-News is not likely to win the keys to the city of Fort Worth after completing a study to determine which major city in Texas has the worst weather. The "winner" was Fort Worth, according to Anthony Franze.

Franze looked at hail, tornado, flash flood and wind data since 2000 for the five most populous counties.

"Based on all the different categories we looked at, the major city with the most consistent destructive severe weather is Fort Worth," Franze wrote. "Since 2000, Tarrant County has had the most hail reports and it's in an area most prone to destructive tornadoes. Tarrant County has also had 121 destructive wind reports during that time, the most of any major Texas city."

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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

12 that season and lost rookie QB Deshaun Watson to a knee injury in November. Let's hope there's better representation from the local fans come Sunday.

It could be another long day for the Texans if they don't shore up the offensive line. Injuries have decimated the line and the Steelers pass rush should be licking its chops heading into this one.

In other interesting games in Week 4, Detroit visits Green Bay on Thursday Night Football in a key NFC North contest, while the Cowboys host a struggling New England team (Bill Belichick's team lost its first two games), Kansas City visits the Jets on Sunday Night Football and Seattle visits the Giants on Monday Night Football.

The District 14-6A schedule will have longtime rivals Aldine and MacArthur meeting on Thursday night, while Davis High plays at Spring also on Thursday and Nimitz faces off against Eisenhower on Friday night.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. A 7-5 week brought the season record to 14-12 (54%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**Aldine vs. MacArthur:** Coach Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs take on Wayne Crawford's Generals on Thursday evening at George Stadium in Spring ISD. The Mustangs will be counting on running back Charles Taylor (249 yards, 3 TDs) to lead the way against the Generals, who went winless in their non-district games, while the Mustangs went 2-1. My pick, Aldine 24, MacArthur 21

**Davis at Spring:** Kelvin Chatham's Falcons will take on Spring on Thursday evening at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring ISD. Davis will look to running backs Nicholas Tramble (228 yards, 3 TDs), Treveon Bossier (203 yards, 2 TDs) and Kamryn Jackson (157 yards, 2 TDs) to counter Spring's Ahran Ogbar (259 yards, 1 TD) and Delonte



Henderson (239 yards, 1 TD). The Falcons will also be looking for another big day from wide receiver Marcus Hopes (15 receptions, 282 yards, 4 TDs), who led the district in receiving yards in non-district games. My pick, Davis 31, Spring 30

**Nimitz vs. Eisenhower:** Cornelius Harmon's Cougars will take on Odell James's Eagles on Friday night at George Stadium in Spring ISD. Nimitz won its first three games of the season thanks to a potent offense led by quarterback Albert Brown (664 passing yards, 8 TDs) and running backs Landon Jenkins (147 yards), Miles Brashard (142 yards, 1 TD), Malachi Augustus (278 yards, 1 TD/16 receptions, 278 yards, 4 TDs) and Kaden Phillips (202 yards, 2 TDs/10 receptions, 202 yards, 4 TDs). The Eagles are led on offense by running back Ulysses Thibodeaux (137 yards), quarterback Jared Guter (237 passing yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Daylan McHenry (7 receptions, 101 yards). My pick, Nimitz 34, Eisenhower 30

#### NCAA

**Notre Dame at Duke:** Notre Dame travels to Durham, N.C. to take on a feisty Duke team that already owns an upset win over Clemson. The Blue Devils are going hunting for another big win when they take on the No. 9-ranked Fighting Irish on Saturday. The Duke defense will get a real test against an explosive ND offense, led by quarterback Sam Hartman (1,061 yards, 13 TDs/0 interceptions), running back Audric Estime (521 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receivers Chris Tyree (8 receptions, 216 yards, 5 TDs) and Jayden Thomas (12 receptions, 188 yards, 1 TD). Duke has one of the better dual threat QBs in the country in Riley Leonard (530

passing yards, 1 TD/208 rushing yards, 3 TDs). Riley has some weapons of his own in running back Jordan Waters (240 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Jalon Calhoun (14 receptions, 142 yards, 1 TD). This should be a fun game to watch, but look for ND's overall speed on both sides of the ball to wear down Duke as ND pulls it out late. My pick, Notre Dame 38, Duke 24

**Kansas at Texas:** No. 3-ranked Texas hosts the explosive Kansas Jayhawks in a key Big 12 game for both teams. Two years ago, Kansas shocked the Longhorns and first-year head coach Steve Sarkisian, 57-56 in Austin. Two years later, Sark has built a CFP contender and he knows his Longhorns cannot afford to look past any team from here on out. Two weeks ago, UT scored 21 fourth-quarter points to pull away from a game Wyoming team on the way to a 31-10 win in Austin. UT has gotten solid play out of QB Quinn Ewers (740 yards, 8 TDs) and running back Jonathon Banks (273 yards, 1 TD). But it's the receiving corps that has made the Texas offense a beast, led by wide receivers Xavier Worthy (16 receptions, 221 yards, 2 TDs) and Adonai Mitchell (9 receptions, 134 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Ja Tavion Sanders (7 receptions, 158 yards, 1 TD). Kansas has some weapons of its own in veteran QB Jalon Daniels (575 yards, 2 TDs), running back Devin Neal (303 yards, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Lawrence Arnold (14 receptions, 212 yards). Look for the Jayhawks to give Texas a game, but the UT defense will be the difference maker in this one as Texas continues to roll. My pick, Texas 36, Kansas 23

**Texas A&M vs. Arkansas:** The Aggies and Razorbacks meeting at AT&T Stadium in

Arlington in a key SEC West game for both teams. Two weeks ago, the Aggies took care of business at Kyle Field with a 44-3 thumping of Louisiana-Monroe, while the Hogs lost at home to BYU. A&M has a strong passing game led by QB Connor Weigman (909 yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wide receivers Evan Stewart (19 receptions, 257 yards, 2 TDs) and Anias Smith (13 receptions, 194 yards). Arkansas is led by QB KJ Jefferson (629 yards, 6 TDs), running back AJ Green (190 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Andrew Armstrong (18 receptions, 197 yards, 3 TDs). A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher knows he needs to be competitive in the SEC West this year or his seat could get warm. Look for the Aggies to pull this one out as they pick up a big league win. My pick, Texas A&M 33, Arkansas 20

**USC at Colorado:** No. 5-ranked USC travels to Boulder to take on No. 19-ranked Colorado in a key Pac 12 contest for both teams. The Buffs have been the darlings of college football this year led by first-year head coach Deion Sanders. Two weeks ago, Colorado pulled out a 43-35 double overtime win over state rival Colorado State, while USC breezed to their third straight blowout win with a 56-10 thrashing of Stanford. The Trojans are led by 2022 Heisman Trophy winner Caleb Williams (878 passing yards, 12 TDs), running back Marshawn Lloyd (195 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Tahj Washington (9 receptions, 233 yards, 3 TDs). USC is averaging an eye-popping 59 points per game, which means the CU defense will have its hands full come Saturday. The Buffs have a powerful offense led by Deion's son, Shedeur Sanders (1,251 passing yards, 10 TDs), running back Dylan Edwards (136 rushing yards, 1 TD/14 receptions, 160 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Xavier Weaver (25 receptions, 386 yards, 2 TDs). This will be USC's first real test and I think CU hangs with them for a while, but look for Williams to be the difference maker in this one as the Trojans pick up a big road win. My pick, USC 42, Colorado 31

#### NFL

**Detroit at Green Bay:** Week 4 kicks off on Thursday Night Football with a key NFC North contest pitting the Lions against

the Packers at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Two weeks ago, both teams lost their first games of the year as the Lions fell at home in overtime to Seattle, 37-31, while the Packers fell at Atlanta, 25-24. Packer fans were wondering how Jordan Love would handle stepping into for Packer QB great Aaron Rodgers' shoes and taking over at QB. So far, so good. In his first two games, Love has passed for 394 yards and six TDs. The Lions opened the season by upsetting the Chiefs in KC, but then had their home opener spoiled by the Seahawks. Detroit has a potent offense led by QB Jared Goff (576 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (13 receptions, 173 yards, 1 TD). Detroit eliminated the Packers from the playoffs by winning at Lambeau in the final game of the season and Rodgers' final game as a Packer. Green Bay will get pay back come Thursday night. My pick, Green Bay 31, Detroit 24

**Pittsburgh at Houston:** The Steelers and their loyal fans come calling at NRG Stadium on Sunday and the Texans had better hope their offensive line plays better or it could be a long day for rookie QB C.J. Stroud. In their first two games, the Steeler defense has nine sacks, with six coming in their 26-22 win over Cleveland two weeks ago. The Steeler "D" also forced four turnovers in the win over the Browns. Their offense is so-so, led by second-year QB Kenny Pickett (454 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver George Pickens (9 receptions, 163 yards, 1 TD). Stroud (626 yards, 2 TDs) did pass for 384 yards and two TDs in the 31-20 loss at home against the Colts, and while the passing game did well, the running game was once again stymied. Houston must get running back Dameon Pierce untracked to take pressure off of Stroud. It could be another long day for the young QB on Sunday. My pick, Pittsburgh 26, Houston 17

**New England at Dallas:** Bill Belichick's Patriots visit AT&T Stadium on Sunday to take on a Dallas defense that has gotten off to an amazing start. In their first two games, the Cowboys defense has allowed just 10 points, recorded 10 sacks and has forced nine turnovers. The Patriots dropped their first two games, but QB Mac Jones (547 yards, 4 TDs) appears to be playing better after

a sophomore slump. The Dallas offense is led by QB Dak Prescott (398 yards, 2 TDs), running back Tony Pollard (142 yards, 1 TD) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (15 receptions, 220 yards). Look for the Dallas defense to have another big day as the Patriots suffer another early-season loss. My pick, Dallas 33, New England 13

**Kansas City at New York Jets:** The Chiefs take on the Jets on Sunday Night Football in what many had hoped would be a meeting between two of the best QBs in the league in Patrick Mahomes (531 yards, 4 Yds) and Aaron Rodgers. But Rodgers suffered a season-ending Achilles injury on the fourth play as a Jet in Week 1, to spoil what could have been a very special night. Instead, Mahomes and the Chiefs will now face Zac Wilson, who threw three interceptions two weeks ago in a 30-10 loss at Dallas. While the Jets were losing, the Chiefs picked up their first win with a hard-fought 17-9 win over Jacksonville. Look for Mahomes to roll on national TV as the Chiefs make it a long night for Wilson and the Jets. My pick, Kansas City 34, New York Jets 16

**Seattle at New York Giants:** Week 4 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Seahawks making the cross country trip to New Jersey to face a Giants team that might have saved its season in Week 2 by overcoming a 21-point deficit at Arizona to win 31-28. That victory was a costly one as star running back Saquon Barkley (114 yards, 1 TD) sustained a sprained ankle and will be out at least three weeks. That means QB Daniel Jones (321 yards, 2 TDs) will need to step up and take over the offense. Seattle put up 37 points at Detroit behind QB Geno Smith (440 yards, 3 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (107 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receivers D.K. Metcalf (9 receptions, 92 yards) and Tyler Lockett (10 receptions, 69 yards, 2 TDs). Look for the Seattle offense to be too much for a porous New York defense as the 'Hawks pick up a big road win. My pick, Seattle 31, New York Jets 24

## WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The PINEVILLAGE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on October 11, 2023 at 4:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Bowden Education Bldg, 3000 Aldine Mail Route Rd., Houston, Texas 77039. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

**FOR** the proposal: Jacqueline Joseph-Howard, Violet Allen, Emma Hall, Augustine Rodriguez and W. Clyde Lemon

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.85 /\$100	\$0.77 /\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.0800 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-9.4118%
Average appraised value	\$48,147	\$56,900
General Exemptions Available		
(Excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$9,629	\$11,380
Average taxable value	\$38,518	\$45,520
Tax on average residence homestead	\$327.40	\$350.50
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$23.10
and percentage of increase (+/-)		7.0556%

#### NOTICE OF VOTE OF TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23601, Water Code. 50-858

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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## Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 74 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on October 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at 4901 Sandydale Lane, Houston, Texas 77039. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

**FOR** the proposal: Ray Griggs, Ramiro Vasquez, Jose Reyna, Homero Campos & Sonia Gomez

**AGAINST** the proposal: None

**PRESENT** and not voting: None

**ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2022 Last Year Adopted	2023 This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.7817/\$100	\$0.7330/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.0487/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.23%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 139,540	\$ 154,001
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	20%	20%
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 111,632	\$ 123,200
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 872.62	\$ 903.06
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$ 30.44 3.49%

#### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code. An election is not required if the adopted tax rate is less than or equal to the voter-approval tax rate.

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# CHURCH PAGE

## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Esther (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who killed 69 of his brethren, but spared Jotham for he hid himself? Abimelech, Jeroboam, Uzziah, Horam
3. From Proverbs 25, "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without \_\_\_\_." Meaning, Hope, Breeze, Rain


4. Who was the wife of Ananias, who died along with her husband after lying about an offering? Jezebel, Anna, Sapphira, Jael
5. Which two foods were said to flow in the land of Canaan? Peaches/Cream, Figs/Apples, Milk/Honey, Manna/Bison
6. What were the Israelites, as slaves of Egypt, mainly forced to make? Bread, Bricks, Staffs, Spears

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abimelech, 3) Rain, 4) Sapphira, 5) Milk/Honey, 6) Bricks  
 "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.  
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They took the ornate robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days.

GENESIS 37: 32-34



Detail of "Jacob Weeping for Joseph" by Marc Chagall, 1956

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**FOR** the proposal: Wade Landry, Larry W. Allen, Leslie Brown & Cecilia Casas  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2022 Last Year Adopted	2023 This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.50/\$100	\$1.40/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.10/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.67%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 96,405	\$ 110,717
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	20%	20%
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 77,124	\$ 88,573
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,156.86	\$ 1,240.02
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$83.16 7.19%

#### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

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**FOR** the proposal: Mark Ivy, Thomas L. Brummett, R. Shawn Emerick & Randy Thibodeaux  
**AGAINST** the proposal: None  
**PRESENT** and not voting: None  
**ABSENT:** Stephanie Rush

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	2022 Last Year Adopted	2023 This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.28/\$100	\$0.27/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.01/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-3.57%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ -	\$ -
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ -	\$ -
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ -	\$ -
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$0.00 0.00%

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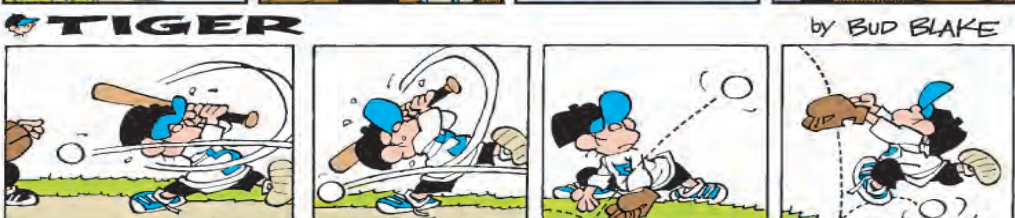
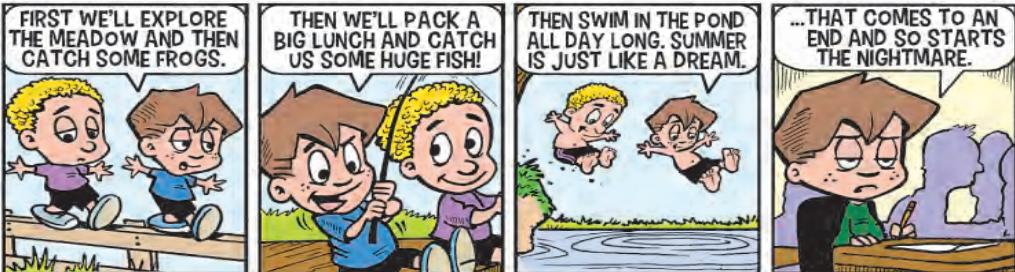
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### Amber Waves



#### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

#### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

1. Pennywise; 2. On average, every 76 years; 3. California (54); 4. A canister that looks like a Barbasol Shaving Cream can; 5. Surrealism; 6. Ford Motor Company; 7. "All in the Family"; 8. Chickpeas; 9. Roe River; Montana; 10. Chelae.

#### Trivia Test Answers

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**ACROSS**

- Filly's brother
- Group of seals
- Old U.S. gas brand
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- Sailor's "yes"
- "Pygmalion" writer
- Nevada city
- Tropical fruit
- Nebraska river
- Demons
- Towel word
- Bol. neighbor
- Engages in make-believe
- Tibia's place
- PC key
- Hotel offering
- Bond rating
- Brusque
- Tormenting
- Spanish gold
- IRS agent
- Rustic homes
- TV type
- Table protector
- Inky stain
- Italian wine region
- Notable time
- Booty
- Slugger Sammy
- Letter sealer

**DOWN**

- Business abbr.
- Hurler Hersher
- Sultry Horne
- Like some grins
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- Baton Rouge sch.
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**Answers**

**King Crossword**

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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**Answers**

**King Crossword**

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel "It"?
- ASTRONOMY: How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?
- MOVIES: In "Jurassic Park," what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur embryos?
- ART: Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?
- AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?
- TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff comedy/drama "Maude"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in falafel?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's shortest river?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are a crab's pincers called?

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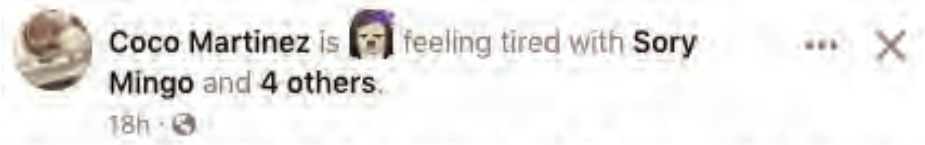
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