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NEWS NOTES

Aldine Tree Giveaway Sept. 7

Trees for Houston is giving away Free Trees on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 8am to 11am at the M.O. Campbell Center, 1865 Aldine Bender Road. Available trees include Turks Cap, Crepe Myrtle, Common Persimmon, and Black Cherry. First come, First Serve. Drive Thru, stay in your vehicle and volunteers will load your trees.

Tejano Concert at East Aldine Amphitheatre Sept. 14

East Aldine District invites you to a Free Tejano Concert with Ram Herrera, Prietos de nuevo leon, Los Bye, the Hometown Boys, music from DJ Lumbré, and Ballet Folklorico. Saturday, Sept. 14 from 7pm to 10pm at the Amphitheatre, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive off Aldine Mail Route.

Mei Hoffman opens new Studio Sept. 14 Saturday

Mei Hoffman will open her new Art Studio and Gallery, Saturday Sept. 14 from 12 noon to 6pm at the Silos at Sawyer Yards, Studio #113, 1502 Sawyer Street. PUBLIC INVITED. ART ON DISPLAY. Details on Page 8.



RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW STADIUM: Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney and Board of Trustees President Dr. Kimberley Booker, center, prepare to cut the ribbon to officially open the new Thorne Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 29. They were joined by members of the Thorne family, Aldine ISD Trustees, AISD administrators and business partners. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place after the annual State of the District Breakfast, which was held in the Community Center of the new stadium.

Aldine opens new Stadium; hears State of District

Thursday, Aug. 29, was a busy day in Aldine ISD. Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney held her annual State of the District Breakfast in the new Community Center of the new Thorne Stadium, and following the breakfast, she, along with the AISD Board of Trustees, district officials, members of the Thorne family and business partners came together to officially open the new Thorne Stadium during a ribbon cutting ceremony at midfield. During the State of the District Breakfast, Dr. Goffney provided various district updates and highlighted accomplishments for the audience of more

than 200 business and community partners. Dr. Goffney also introduced the district's new strategic plan, "Accelerate." District leaders helped to introduce the new strategic plan and its core principles. Chief of Schools Dr. Javier Villarreal discussed "Students First," Chief Academic Officer Dr. Faviola Cantu discussed "Instructional Excellence," Chief Transformation Officer Dr. Adrian Bustillos discussed "Aligned Systems" and Chief Human Resources Officer Marcie Herrera discussed "Thriving Teams." Chief Operations Officer Dr. Fred Washington provided an update on projects

that are underway from the \$1.8 billion bond that Aldine voters overwhelmingly passed in November of 2023. Dr. Goffney also shared with the audience the district's new hashtag for the 2024-25 school year, which is "#AldineImpact." "This year, we are going to make an #AldineImpact," Dr. Goffney said. "Amidst change and any chaos that may attempt to throw us off, we have a job to do. Our students are depending on us to stay focused on what's important and to do our jobs so that we can make an impact. This is why you are here today – because you and your organization or business are a part of this journey and a

key part in helping us make this #AldineImpact. You know that our goals for the future of our community and organizations are impacted by one another. Again, thank you for being here to celebrate with us and for being a part of the Aldine journey." Dr. Goffney also shared student data, demographics and a history of Thorne Stadium, which opened in 1979 and is named after former superintendent W.W. "Bill" Thorne, who served as superintendent from 1959-1973. Dr. Goffney shared with the audience that Mr. Thorne's leadership, determination and dedication to Aldine's students, staff and community members directed the

district through some difficult times, which earned him the title, "Mr. Aldine." "His visionary approach to education paved the way for what Aldine ISD has become today," she said. She then introduced members of the Thorne family who attended the State of the District Breakfast. Members of the Superintendent's Student Ambassadors and district leaders provided additional support before the event. Board President Dr. Kimberley Booker provided remarks on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Chief Communications

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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 2: Texans begin their quest for bigger things in 2024: No. 4 Texas has tough road assignment at Michigan

The college and high school seasons began last week and this week, the big boys take the spotlight as the NFL begins its 105th season when the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs host the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday night in a rematch of their AFC title game from a year ago. While the national spotlight will be on the Chiefs and Ravens on NBC to kickoff the season, locally Houston Texans fans are optimistic that second-year head coach DeMeco Ryans and second-year quarterback C.J. Stroud will lead their team to bigger and better things in 2024. In their first year on the job, Ryans and Stroud were instrumental pieces in the puzzle that produced 11 wins, the AFC South title, a Wild Card blowout win over the Browns and a berth in the AFC Divisional round, where they fell at Baltimore to the Ravens. During the offseason, Texans General Manager Nick Caserio added more talent to the roster by trading for one of the league's most productive wide receivers in former Buffalo Bill Stefon Diggs (107 receptions, 1,183 yards, 8 TDs), running back Joe Mixon (1,034

KEENEY'S KORNER
 By
MIKE KEENEY

yards, 9 TDs/52 receptions, 376 yards, 3 TDs with Cincinnati) and signing free agent defensive end Danielle Hunter (16.5 sacks) from Minnesota. Caserio also drafted Georgia cornerback Kamari Lassiter with the team's first pick in the second round. Lassiter was a shutdown corner for one of the best defenses in college football a year ago. He will play opposite up-and-coming start cornerback Derek Stingley Jr. (5 interceptions in '24) to give the Texans a dynamic duo at corner. The Texans' quest for a shot at the Super Bowl begins on Sunday in Indianapolis where they face the division rival Colts. Houston finished its regular season a year ago in Indy and left with a division-clinching 23-19 victory.

While the Texans open at Indy, Texas' other team, the Dallas Cowboys head to Cleveland to take on a Browns team that may have the best defense in the NFL. Dallas owner Jerry Jones said he was "all in" during the offseason, but he did not back up his bluster with any big moves. Dallas lost starting running back Tony Pollard in free agency, and their answer was to bring back an aging Ezekiel Elliott. QB Dak Prescott is coming off a big season (he was second in voting for the league MVP) where he passed for 4,516 yards and tossed 36 touchdowns. There was some good news for Dallas fans as Jones finally

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Fatal Shooting at 9551 North Wayside

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at 9551 North Wayside Drive about 9:10 p.m. on Wednesday (August 28).

The identity of the victim, 19, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant C. Ponder and J. Meister reported:

HPD patrol officers were flagged down

regarding a shooting at a park at the above address and found an unresponsive man on the ground. He had suffered a gunshot wound and was pronounced deceased by Houston Fire Department paramedics.

A witness told officers she was walking through the park with the victim when they were confronted by an unknown male suspect. The suspect grabbed the victim, put a gun to him and said something to him. The suspect then shot the

victim and fled on foot, northbound toward Hamlet Street. The witness was uninjured.

The suspect was described only as a black male wearing a black hoodie, gray pants and a ski mask.

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

VHS/JFC 8-29-24
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Suspects arrested in attempted auto theft; shots fired by HPD

Suspects Arrested, Charged in Incident at 10314 East Freeway

Charges have been filed against two suspects arrested in an incident in which a Houston Police officer discharged his weapon at a suspect at 10314 East Freeway (East Interstate Highway 10) about 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday (August 21).

The suspect, Eric Meza, 20, is charged with theft in the 263rd State District Court. A second suspect, Nathan Ybarra, 20, is charged with felony evading arrest in a motor vehicle in the same court. Booking photos of both suspects are attached to this news release.

HPD Officer I. Sosa-Castillo, who discharged his duty weapon, was not injured in the incident. Officer Castillo is



Eric Meza, 20



Nathan Ybarra, 20

assigned to the Downtown Patrol Division and was sworn in as an officer in October 2017.

HPD Special Investigations Unit Sergeant M. Glover and Detectives J. Windham and A. Henderson reported:

HPD patrol officers observed an auto theft in progress and attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect(s). The suspect (Meza) drove toward an officer and Officer Sosa-Castillo discharged his duty weapon at the suspect

vehicle, causing it to become disabled. Meza was not struck, then fled on foot across the freeway. Ybarra fled in the stolen vehicle. Both suspects were detained a short time later by responding HPD patrol officers.

As is customary in HPD officer-involved shooting incidents in the Houston city limits, this case is being investigated by the HPD Special Investigations Unit and the Internal Affairs Division.

Aldine Ribbon Cutting,

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Officer Shelia Adams delivered welcoming remarks.

Student Ambassador Martha Canan-Melchor of Eisenhower High School introduced elected officials and the Board of Trustees, while fellow Student Ambassador Caleb Davis delivered closing remarks.

The Aldine ISD Police Color Guard presented the colors.

Following the State of the District Breakfast, attendees joined Dr. Goffney, the Board, members of the Executive Leadership Team and business partners at midfield for the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new Thorne Stadium. The first game was played Thursday evening when Aldine High School hosted

Fort Bend Kempner.

Drill teams from Aldine High School, Davis High School, Eisenhower High School, MacArthur High School and Nimitz High School, along with the Aldine High School Band, performed during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

--By Mike Keeney

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FEMA opens Disaster Recovery Center at BakerRipley

EAST ALDINE — FEMA is opening a Disaster Recovery Center in Harris County Aug. 22 to provide one-on-one help to Texans affected by Hurricane Beryl.

Center location: BakerRipley East Aldine Campus 3000 Aldine Mail Route Rd. (Building C, Rooms 115 and 116) Houston, TX 77039

Disaster Recovery Centers operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday. Any DRC can help with both Hurricane Beryl and the April 26-June 5 storms and flooding. To find a center location near you, go to fema.gov/drc.

All centers are accessible to people with disabilities or access and functional needs and are equipped with assistive technology.

Residents in Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jasper, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Walker, Waller and Wharton counties can visit any open center to meet with representatives of FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. No appointment is needed.

To shorten wait times at Disaster Recovery Centers, Texans are encouraged to apply to FEMA online, by phone or using the FEMA App before going to a center for follow-up help. To apply, homeowners and renters can:

- Go online to disasterassistance.gov.
- Download the FEMA App for mobile devices.
- Call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362 be-

tween 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

—Visit any Disaster Recovery Center.

To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube.

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit: fema.gov/disaster/4798. Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at x.com/FEMARegion6 and on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6/.

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High Meadows Branch Library

UPCOMING EVENTS Sep 2 - Sep 10

3 Sep	1 PM GAME CHANGERS	ESL GAMES: COME PLAY GAMES THAT FOCUS ON IMPROVING YOUR ENGLISH SKILLS	JUST COLOR: ENJOY A RELAXING AFTERNOON WITH COLORING AND COFFEE
5 Sep	12 PM COMPUTER BASICS 1 PM ESL GAMES 6 PM CRAFT & CHILL	CRAFT & CHILL: AN ADULT PROGRAM WHERE YOU CREATE ART/CRAFTS	GAME CHANGERS: ADULT SOCIAL GATHERING WITH GAMES
6 Sep	11 AM CITIZENSHIP	CITIZENSHIP CLASS: AN ON GOING CLASS TO LEARN THE STEPS ON BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN.	
9 Sep	1 PM CONVERSATIONAL ESL 4:15 PM CAPOERIA PERFORMANCE 5 PM CLASES DE COMPUTACION	POKEMON CLUB: Gotta catch 'em all! Do it with us as we play games, do crafts, and more!	FUTURE U: College Career service that helps navigate your college journey, ensuring you have the support you need every step of the way.
10 Sep	1 PM JUST COLOR 2:30 PM FUTURE U 3PM POKEMON CLUB	CAPOERIA PERFORMANCE: Brazilian Cultural Institute Embark on a journey to Brazil and experience the vibrant culture through dance, music, and acrobatics, with a focus on Capoeira.	

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AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

WE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 2. WE WILL OPEN TUESDAY, SEPT. 3, AT 10AM.

Bilingual Storytime
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! **Tuesday, Sept. 3, 11am - 12pm.**

Self-Care Sessions
Join us weekly and make yourself a priority. Take some time to focus on yourself. It's not selfish. It's time just for you. This program is for adults only (ages 18 and up). **Wednesday, Sept. 4, 11am - 12pm.**

September Sessions:
 Sept. 4 - Gratitude Journals
 Sept. 11 - Puzzles & Podcasts
 Sept. 18 - Art & Music
 Sept. 25 - Guided Meditation
Tween Spark: Wordbuilding — Journals
 Learn the basics of making a journal! We'll go over different binding techniques from staples to Japanese waxed thread binding. You'll walk away with a new journal and the knowledge to make another when this one fills up! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 6th-9th graders. **Wednesday, Sept. 4, 4:30 - 5:30pm.**

Teen Thursdays
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. 5, 3:30pm - 5:30pm.**

PJ Story Time
Snuggle up to a good book at YOUR library. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite bedtime friend. Featuring stories, songs and yoga for better sleep. See you there! **Thursday, Sept. 5, 6-7pm.**

Passport Services
Do you have plans to travel out of the country? You need to get your passport in order! Current routine processing is estimated at 6-8 weeks and expedited processing time is estimated at 2-3 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 most Fridays on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to get a passport executed must have all necessary documents, check/money order, 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



State Bilingual Organization Names 2 Aldine ISD Educators 2024 Teachers of the Year



Dear Aldine Community,

We have had a great start to the 2024-2025 school year! I have visited campuses at least once a week, if not twice. These visits bring me joy and remind me why I love serving as your superintendent. They remind me why the work we do in our schools is so important. My why lies in seeing students' excitement about learning, underscored by hearing their dreams and aspirations.

Aldine ISD educators Ana Cuevas Nicasio, who teaches at Stehlik Elementary School, and Bailey Steffek, who teaches at La Promesa, the newcomer and dual language experience campus, are both outstanding teachers who were selected for the prestigious Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) awards this year after a rigorous statewide selection process.

"Being named the 2024 TABE Elementary Bilingual Teacher of the Year is the biggest honor in my educational career," said Cuevas Nicasio. "Never in a million years did I think the quiet, timid girl who struggled to speak English would be teaching in a classroom, let alone receiving this recognition. This award shows me that one can accomplish one's goals with perseverance and dedication."

is in her third year teaching at La Promesa, a campus for newcomers and students who desire a dual language learning experience.

"It's an incredible honor to have been chosen for this award. I love being a teacher to ESL students because they remind me every day that there is no limit to what you can achieve with passion, determination, and the right support."

Accelerate

Since serving as superintendent, we have been striving to meet our goals and creating new choices and opportunities. We will continue our journey forward grounded in Accelerate, our new five-year strategic plan, by building on the strong foundations we created. The district's four strategic priorities for Accelerate are Students First, Instructional Excellence, Thriving Teams, and Aligned Systems. Our Portrait of a Graduate is at the heart of the strategic plan, which underlines each priority. The guiding model sets forth the qualities that every Aldine ISD student should embody before walking across the stage to accept their diploma. I am excited about our new set of priorities to guide our work. They will ensure we always keep sight of what we have promised in our mission: Aldine ISD will provide a rigorous and enriching educational experience that prepares every student for college, career, and life. Our students will continue to graduate with choices and opportunities.

Staff kicked off the new school year at our convocation, where astronaut José Hernández inspired us all and showed us how one teacher can impact a child's life. We have incredible teachers, like Ana Cuevas Nicasio and Bailey Steffek, who have been named TABE's 2024 Elementary Bilingual Teacher of the Year and Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year. Congratulations!

Our students and staff have already set the bar high for the new school year with remarkable achievements. Thanks to the talent and dedication of our teachers, we have 88 students who have earned the College Board National Recognition, a 76% increase from last year. Over 75 students have earned nearly 100 AP Scholar Awards, a 46% increase from the previous year. The Class of 2024 has also shown outstanding performance, with 86% earning a CCMR (College, Career, and Military Ready) designation, 92% submitting college applications, 63% completing FAFSA/TASFA applications, and the class earning over \$50 million in scholarships. These achievements are a testament to our students and staff members' hard work and commitment, and we will continue to focus on CCMR initiatives to further enhance college and career readiness.

New Initiatives/Bond 2023 Projects As we continue to innovate, I am proud of our ongoing initiatives, like the HEAL program at Nimitz High School (the CTE initiative is in partnership with Memorial Hermann) and the upgraded W.W. Thorne Stadium, which exemplifies our commitment to providing state-of-the-art resources and opportunities for our students. I look forward to seeing you at the season's first game.

There is much to be excited about in Aldine ISD, from the new partnership between United Flight System and the Aviation Program at Davis High School, a midpoint salary increase of 1.5% for all employees as well as an increase in the starting teacher salary (a big shout-out to our Board of Trustees for their support of staff), and the start of the first three projects from our \$1.8 billion-dollar Bond 2023 (the construction of the Education and Performing Arts Center, and the rebuilding of two of six of our oldest campuses: Aldine Middle School and Carver High School), to name a few.

"We are incredibly proud of the work that Ms. Cuevas and Ms. Steffek have achieved with our emergent bilingual students in Aldine," said Altigracia 'Grace' Delgado, executive director of multilingual services. "Their advocacy and high standards ensure our students receive high quality instruction that is appropriately differentiated for their needs. They are nuestro orgullo multilingue and the embodiment of our #AldineImpact."

"Growing up, I saw how being bilingual was not always accepted in school. I was singled out for being different by my teachers and my classmates. Later in life, I saw my 'difference' as something positive. This change in my attitude helped me develop a genuine appreciation for bilingualism. I love teaching my students that being bilingual and biliterate is priceless. One that we need to cherish and show off to the entire world. As they say, 'being different makes us unique,' which is what I teach my students. I help them believe that their dreams are possible."

Karina E. Chapa, executive director of the TABE, praised the Aldine teachers and the district for their commitment to excellence in bilingual education.

"We are incredibly proud of these educators and their significant accomplishments," said Chapa. "Their work reflects the highest ideals of bilingual education. Their efforts are making a lasting impact on their students, school, and community."

"To Aldine ISD, We look forward to honoring your district's commitment to excellence in bilingual education. Thank you for fostering an environment where educators like Ms. Cuevas and Ms. Steffek can thrive and continue to inspire the next generation of bilingual leaders."

Class of 2024 Summer Graduation

Before I close, I want to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our Class of 2024 summer graduates once again. We celebrated their achievements last week at commencement, and I am excited to see all the great things they will accomplish. I also want to thank all the families who came out to support our students. Your unwavering support is crucial to our students' success, and we are excited about your child's future.

Celebrate With Us — Stay Engaged

I encourage you to dive into this issue to learn more about Aldine and to join us in celebrating the great things happening in our school district. You can stay updated by visiting our website, AldineISD.org, or following us on social media. Read about our students' achievements at the National Thespian Festival and The Jimmy Awards, learn which campus had a student earn a top award at the 2024 National History Day Contest, and discover why AISD was named a TAEA District of Distinction for a sixth consecutive year for Outstanding Visual Arts Program! Your engagement and support are vital to our community, and we look forward to sharing more success stories with you.

Thank You

Again, to all our families, thank you for entrusting us and letting us serve you and your students. It is truly an honor to work for you. I encourage all families and staff to stay involved by attending our upcoming events, participating in community meetings, and sharing your feedback as we strive to make Aldine ISD an even better place for our students to learn and grow.

To our staff, know I couldn't be prouder — thank you for your contributions and for making it happen for all our students each and every day. Together, we are making an #AldineImpact in our students' lives now and in their future.

Have a great school year!
With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney Superintendent

Cuevas Nicasio has been named the 2024 TABE Elementary Bilingual Teacher of the Year, a recognition that highlights her exceptional dedication, innovation, and impact in the field of bilingual education. Her commitment to nurturing bilingual learners has set a remarkable standard in our community, and we are honored to celebrate her contributions. Cuevas Nicasio is an 11-year teaching veteran. All those years have been with Aldine ISD; she's taught for six years at Stehlik Elementary.

Steffek has been selected as the 2024 TABE Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year, further showcasing Aldine ISD's incredible talent and commitment. This award is a testament to Steffek's passion for education and the profound difference she makes in her bilingual students' lives. Steffek is an 8-year teaching veteran with five years in Aldine ISD. She

The two AISD educators will be honored on October 18 at the 52nd Annual TABE Conference Awards Luncheon in Round Rock, TX. Aldine ISD will also recognize them at the Board meeting on November 19.

Aldine ISD Students Earn Nearly 100 AP Scholar Awards From College Board

CollegeBoard					
AP Capstone Diploma	AP Seminar & Research	AP Scholar	AP Scholar With Honor	AP Scholar With Distinction	Grand Total
6	16	62	5	4	93

Why Student ID Badges Are Important

As a reminder, the Aldine Independent School District requires all students to wear their student ID badges visibly at school. This helps the safety and security of all students and staff. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Additionally, staff members wear CrisisAlert badges. CrisisAlert is a safety and security solution that provides precise alert location, immediate audio and visual incident notifications, simple activation via a CrisisAlert badge, and 100% full school coverage. It allows teachers and staff to call for help with a simple press of a button on a wearable badge. The solution provides first responders with accurate location information, enabling faster response times. The badges have two settings: three clicks for lower-level emergencies and eight or more clicks for serious emergencies. CrisisAlert can also activate an emergency lockdown, triggering audio and visual notifications and allowing remote alerts for single schools or districtwide incidents.

ID and CrisisAlert badges should be visible and worn above the waist.

ID and CrisisAlert badges should be continuously worn on the person while they are in an AISD facility; they should not be placed on or in a bag, etc. Do not place stickers on either badge's front or back. Stickers can block the transmitters in the badges.

School Visitors
Students and all adults — this includes staff members not assigned to the school/building/facility — visiting an AISD school must enter through the main entrance. They will be asked to sign in and provide an ID. All school visitors and volunteers will be screened using the Raptor system, a security software that alerts the school administration to potential threats. Once checked in and approved to pass through, they will be given a visitor's sticker to wear visibly.

Reminders for All Staff Regarding ID and CrisisAlert Badges

Identifying Staff Members Distinguishing Outside School Students and Visitors

The multipurpose badges are critical in keeping our students safe and accounted for. They are not just for show. These badges are used for bus transportation to and from school and within the schools. They also help staff identify possible intruders more easily, ensuring a secure environment for everyone.

The multipurpose badges enable school staff to efficiently check students in when they visit the nurse's or counselor's office, ensuring that staff quickly know where students are in the event of an emergency. This system is a testament to AISD's unwavering commitment to your safety and security, ensuring that students and staff are always our top priority.

AP Seminar and Research: Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams

AP Scholar with Honor: Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

Staff Members Also Wear ID and Centegix CrisisAlert Badges
Staff members across the district wear ID badges, identifying them as school- or district-level staff. Staff IDs enable students to identify a trusted staff member who can promptly enforce the appropriate protocol, such as reporting suspicious activity or seeking help in an emergency.

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Identifying Staff Members Distinguishing Outside School Students and Visitors

Every fall, the College Board's AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievement through their performance on multiple Advanced Placement Exams. Students can include these significant academic distinctions on college and scholarship applications, among other things.

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DISTRICT AP SCHOLARS OF 2024

Aldine ISD is proud to announce that 77 students across the district earned one or more remarkable distinctions as AP Scholars of 2024 for their exemplary achievement on AP exams during the 2023-2024 school year. The students earned nearly 100 AP awards, a 46% increase from the previous year.

"We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication and achievement in advanced academics," said Dr. Susan Pelozo, executive director of advanced academics. "The significant increase in AP awards this year reflects their hard work, our teachers' commitment, and our community's support. These distinctions are not just accolades; they represent our students' readiness for the challenges of higher education and beyond. Aldine ISD remains committed to our CCMR (College, Career, and Military Readiness) goals in providing every student with the opportunities and resources they need to excel."

OPINION PAGE

OPINION
HC Pct. 2 Commissioner
Adrian Garcia



Register with the State's STEAR Program for Assistance in an Emergency

Three months into the hurricane season and the Houston area has suffered two storms—the Derecho and Hurricane Beryl—that brought massive damage. Both also brought power outages that prompted evacuations for some to escape the summer heat. Some of those evacuations were hampered for First Responders who didn't have information on those who needed evacuation.

A text with a recorded message from Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia to residents reminds them to register with STEAR—the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry.

"It is a free registry created by the State of Texas for residents with disabilities and or residents that are medically fragile, such as those with limited mobility, those who may require personal care assistance, have communication barriers or that require transportation during a county emergency such as a severe weather event," Garcia said in the recording.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) coordinates the state emergency management program which ensures the state and local governments respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters. They implement plans and programs to help prevent or lessen the impact of emergencies and disasters by increasing public awareness about threats and hazards, coordinate emergency planning, and provides extensive specialized training for emergency responders and local officials, according to their website.

"By registering, you're helping emergency responders understand and plan for the assistance you may need in a crisis," the recording continued.

Registering does not guarantee that residents will receive a specific service during an emergency since those services vary by community. To know precisely how your community will use the STEAR information, contact your local emergency management office.

Who should register?

The state of Texas offered a list of those who should register including those with disabilities, medically fragile, those with access and functional needs such as limited mobility, communication barriers, any wo might require additional medical assistance during an emergency event, and those who require personal care assistance.

How to Register

To register online go to <https://stear.tdem.texas.gov/Login.aspx>. Residents may also dial 2-1-1 or use your video telephone relay option of choice to contact 211 at 877-541-7905 (Texas Information Referral Network). Forms for nursing homes and assisted living centers are available online as well as individual registration forms.

Registration forms

Nursing Home & Assisted Living STEAR Registration Form (PDF)

STEAR Individual Registration Form (2024) (PDF)

Required Information to Register

Only basic information is required for registration such as name, address, phone number, primary language and some additional questions to capture vital information for local emergency planners and responders. Emergency contact information is requested along with caregiver information, any pets, transportation assistance for home evacuation, and whether there is a communication barrier, disability, functional or medical needs.

Garcia also reminds residents that registration is required every year to keep the list up-to-date. For more information, visit www.stear.tdem.texas.gov.

--Article By David Taylor

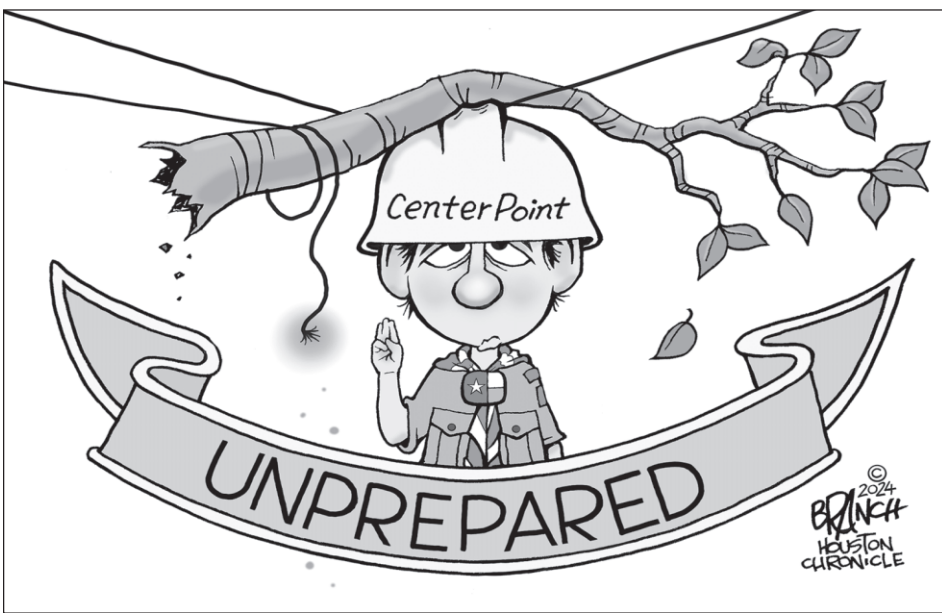
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Americanisms



"The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on."
 — Julia Alvarez

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
 By Gary Borders



Power Grid Again Reaches Record Demand

The dog-day heat wave has sent power demands to new records, the Austin American-Statesman reported. With much of the state enduring an excessive heat warning, power demand peaked at 85,559 megawatts last week, breaking a record set last August.

While searing outside temperatures certainly boost demand, other factors are in play as well — the state's growing population and increased expansion by large-scale industrial users such as data centers and cryptocurrency miners.

Texas is the only state that operates its own power grid. In June, the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas predicted the grid would face challenges this month and increased likelihood for emergency alerts during peak times of the day.

"Reserve shortage risks are the highest during the evening hours ... when daily loads are typically near their highest levels and solar production is ramping down," the report from June says. While power throughout the state remained largely untouched, around 8,500 customers in Harris County last week experienced outages believed to be related to demand.

CENTERPOINT TO PUSH BERYL DAMAGE COSTS TO RATEPAYERS

CenterPoint plans to pass costs for electricity infrastructure damages caused by Hurricane Beryl on to its customers. It plans to pass bonds that will ultimately be paid through rate increases, the Texas Standard reported. The company testified last week before the Public Utility Commission.

In its latest quarterly report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the company estimated recovery costs related to Beryl and an earlier May windstorm — a derecho — will approach \$2 billion for both events. As is customary, ratepayers will be on the hook.

"In my almost 35 years of experience in this utility business, the customers end up paying. They always end up paying," said energy consultant Karl Rábago, who served on the PUC under Governors Ann Richards and George W. Bush.



"That's because electricity is essential for modern life, and you can't just go around bankrupting or allowing utilities to go bankrupt by forcing shareholders to bear what some people might say is the fair consequences of mismanagement."

TRANSGENDER TEXANS CAN'T CHANGE SEX ON DL

Texans will no longer be allowed to change the gender on their driver's license even if they have obtained a court order, the Houston Chronicle reported. In a statement, the Texas Department of Public Safety said that as of Aug. 20, the agency will no longer comply with court orders mandating a change to a driver's license. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has raised questions about the validity of such court orders.

The department said that was because "neither DPS nor other government agencies are parties to the proceedings and because officials have questions about the legal basis for courts to issue the orders."

Brad Pritchett, interim CEO of the advocacy group Equality Texas, said the new policy "denies trans people the minimum respect of having a state ID that reflects their identity" and will hurt more than 92,000 transgender adults in Texas.

BUSING OF MIGRANTS IS IN IDLE MODE

After sending thousands of migrants to northern cities run by Democrats, Gov. Greg Abbott's bus trips have largely ended after the number of migrants apprehended at the border plunged, The Texas Tribune reported.

The state has not sent any buses north since late June, according to a report in The

New York Times.

"Texas has decreased illegal crossings into the state by over 85% thanks to our historic border mission," Abbott spokesperson Andrew Mahaleris said in a statement.

Abbott plans to continue the busing program, which only takes migrants who voluntarily get on board.

An executive order by President Joe Biden in June effectively stopped granting asylum to migrants. In the first month the order was in place, 32% fewer migrants were apprehended, a sharp drop that continued into July.

Since the busing program began in 2022, nearly 120,000 migrants have been transported to other states, according to Abbott's office.

PEAK OF HURRICANE SEASON ARRIVES

As the peak of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season arrives, forecasters have their eyes on four tropical waves with the potential to turn into something more menacing, the Statesman reported. All four systems are moving westward across the Atlantic.

We have entered the traditional peak of hurricane season, with the most activity occurring between now and mid-October, according to the National Hurricane Center. To date, five named hurricanes have been noted this season.

Hurricane season ends officially on Nov. 30.

TEAMING UP TO PREVENT DWIS

With the Labor Day holiday coming up, the Texas Department of Transportation is teaming up with law enforcement officers to remind motorists about the dangers of drunk driving. The "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign reminds motorists of the consequences of driving drunk.

"Every drunk driving fatality is preventable, plain and simple," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "If you plan to celebrate Labor Day by drinking, make sure you arrange a sober ride using a ride share, taxi, public transit or a designated driver."

In 2023, there were 334 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes over the Labor Day holiday weekend, resulting in 14 fatalities and 35 serious injuries. TxDOT is working with law enforcement agencies across Texas to identify and arrest drunk drivers through the Labor Day holiday, ending Sept. 2.

The state continues to work to end the streak of daily traffic deaths, now approaching 24 years. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was Nov. 7, 2000.

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THE POSTSCRIPT
 By Carrie Classon

Dog Days



It's the best time of year for dogs.

I don't have a dog. I have a cat—as of this year. His name is Felix, and he came from Mexico. When we adopted him, he was skinny and timid after living on the streets for two years. Now, he is plump and playful, with a luxurious coat and an entitled attitude that seems to imply that, since he had it rough for a couple of years, he now expects things to operate according to his plans. Things usually do.

But every day on my walk, I see dogs. And this time of year—when the hydrangeas have started to turn pink around the edges and the berries are turning red on the trees—this time of year is called the dog days of summer, and I believe the dogs know it.

I see them in the distance, and I usually catch up, because the dog stops to inspect something, and the owner has to wait while the dog dutifully catches up on all the news that has transpired since he last passed this particular electric pole.

"It's dogs' Facebook, you know," I told a man who was impatiently shifting from one foot to the other while his dog did a close reading of the area beneath the pole.

"Uh-huh."

"There's probably been a lot of posts since your last visit."

The dog finally satisfied himself that he had caught up on all the latest news, lifted his leg, added his contribution to the post and was ready to go.

Even I can tell there's a lot more to smell this time of year, when it is humid, and things are starting to ripen. An elderly dog appears fixated on a spot beside the sidewalk. Her owner stands motionless beside her.

"You're not trying to rush her, are you?" I ask.

The owner rolls her eyes. "As if I could."

I watch the arthritic old dog, smelling something invisible in the grass. Her eyes are cloudy, and I suspect she is hard of hearing, but her nose appears to be working perfectly well.

Yesterday, I saw one of my favorite dogs. He's a very large, fierce-looking short-haired German shepherd, and he always carries a toy. Yesterday, it was a ball that seemed to be wrapped up in a hand-knitted bright blue sock. It was wagging back and forth as he walked.

"You have a new toy!" I exclaimed.

His two people were with him. His female person sighed. "He always has to bring his toy."

"But last time I saw him, it was a different toy."

"He lost that one! He always loses his toy. He has to bring it along, then he gets distracted and he loses it!" The German shepherd's female person did not sound entirely happy about this. "I am no longer the toy minder!" she added, shooting a glance at her husband. "I think he is a little spoiled!"

I assumed she was talking about the dog.

"That's not possible," I said. "Dogs can't be spoiled."

The German shepherd and his male person seemed to agree that this was the case, and they went on their way, the blue knitted toy swinging from the happy German shepherd's mouth.

It is a good time for dogs and it's a good time for their people, and the people like me, who enjoy their company. Dogs get us to slow down and remind us that this warmth won't last forever, and maybe it's a good idea to enjoy it while it lasts.

Till next time,
 Carrie

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Texans begin their quest for bigger things in 2024: No. 4 Texas has tough road assignment at Michigan

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signed superstar wide receiver CeeDee Lamb 135 receptions, 1,749 yards, 12 TDs to a four-year, \$136 million contract (\$38 million guaranteed). The Cowboys will rely heavily on Prescott and Lamb until they find a viable running game.

Week 1 will also feature the Eagles against the Packers in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Friday night.

The Sunday Night game will feature a rematch of last year's NFC Wild Card game when the Rams visit the Lions. Detroit won 12 games a year ago and reached the NFC title game and Lions fans are hoping head coach Dan Campbell takes his team one step further this year.

Week 1 concludes with Monday Night Football as a healthy Aaron Rodgers leads the Jets into San Francisco to take on the NFC champs the 49ers.

The big game on the college schedule pits No. 4-ranked Texas visiting the Big House in Ann Arbor to take on defending national champion Michigan (ranked No. 9) at noon on FOX. This will be a good road test for Steve Sarkisian's team as it plays its first year in the SEC.

Now, onto this weekend's game.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine at North Forest - Coach Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs visit North Forest on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. North Forest made the Class 4A playoffs a year ago and finished 7-4. NF returns six offensive and four defensive starters. My pick, Aldine 17, North Forest 14

Stake Jesuit at Davis - Coach Kelvin Chatham's Falcons host Stake Jesuit out of District 23-6A on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Thorne Stadium. Jesuit finished 3-8 a year ago and return eight offensive and six defensive starters. The Davis secondary could have its hands full with 6-8 tight end Heger Davis (16 receptions, 149 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Luke Omanga (23 receptions, 337 yards, 4 TDs). Look for the Davis running game to be the difference in this one as the Falcons come out on top. My pick, Davis 23, Jesuit 20

Clear Brook at Eisenhower - Coach Odell James' Eagles hosts Clear Brook at 7 p.m. Friday evening at Thorne Stadium. Clear Brook finished 3-7 a year ago and plays out of District 24-6A and returns four offensive and three defensive starters. Look for the Eagles to out play Clear Brook on Friday night. My pick, Eisenhower 26, Clear Brook 14

Channelview at MacArthur - Coach Blake Ware's Generals host Channelview on Saturday at 6 p.m. at Thorne Stadium. Channelview is coached by former MacArthur assistant Averion Hurts, the father of Philadelphia Eagles QB Jalen Hurts. Channelview finished 5-6 a year ago and returns five offensive and six defensive starters. My pick, MacArthur 20, Channelview 17

Nimitz at Cy-Ridge - Coach Cornelius Harmon's Cougars visit



Cy-Ridge on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. Cy-Ridge finished 2-8 a year ago and returns seven offensive and seven defensive starters. Look for Nimitz QB Albert Brown to have a big night as the Cougars begin preparations for their District 14-6A season. My pick, Nimitz 34, Cy-Ridge 20

NCAA

Texas at Michigan - This will be a good road test for Sarkisian's team as the Longhorns visit the No. 9-ranked Wolverines. Michigan lost a ton of talent from its national championship team, and its head coach as Jim Harbaugh left to take over the Los Angeles Chargers. Harbaugh left first-year head coach Sherrone Moore with talent, especially on defense with pre-season All American defensive tackle Mason Graham and cornerback Will Johnson. It's the offense that might take some time to come around. Michigan lost starting QB J.J. McCarthy to the NFL draft, which means backups Jack Tuttle (6 games, 130 passing yards, 1 TD) and Davis Warren (3 games) will get a chance to run the offense. If the Texas defense can limit running back Donovan Edwards (497 yards, 5 TDs), then it can attack whichever QB is in the game. Look for Texas to run at the Wolverines early to soften up the defense for Quinn Ewers to take some shots downfield. Texas is the more talented team, but playing in the Big House will be tough, but if UT survives this game, it might pay off handsomely once SEC play begins. My pick, Texas 26, Michigan 23

NFL

Baltimore at Kansas City - A good one to start the 2024 NFL season as the last two teams standing in the AFC a year ago kickoff a new season. The Ravens had the Chiefs right where they wanted them in last year's AFC title game. They had them at home and were facing a KC team that was struggling on offense. But once again, KC QB Pat Mahomes (4,183 yards, 27 TDs) and tight end Travis Kelce (93 receptions, 984 yards, 5 TDs) rose to the occasion to lift the Chiefs to the win. Baltimore should have another solid team and with the addition of running back Derick Henry (1,167 yards, 12 TDs), Ravens QB Lamar Jackson (3,678 passing yards, 24 TDs/821 rushing yards, 5 TDs) should finally have a running game that opposing defenses will have to honor. Jackson, the league MVP a year ago, will be out to prove he can win the big one and while it would be

nice to open with a win over the defending Super Bowl champs, I think he'd rather win in January than in September. Look for the Chiefs to be focused this time around, unlike last year when they lost to Detroit at home in the season opener. The Chiefs are looking to be the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and a season-opening win over the Ravens should make the rest of the AFC shudder. My pick, Kansas City 26, Baltimore 23

Green Bay vs. Philadelphia - The NFL plays its first game in Brazil when the Packers and Eagles meet on Friday night. Green Bay and first-year starting QB Jordan Love struggled early last year, but got hot winning four of their last six and embarrassed the Cowboys in the Wild Card round before falling to SF in the Divisional round. Love (4,159 yards, 32 TDs) proved he can play at this level, and with the addition of running back Josh Jacobs (805 yards, 6 TDs), the GB offense should flourish this year. The Eagles, on the other hand, started hot, but lost six of their last seven games. Head coach Nick Sirianni might be coaching for his job if the Eagles falter again. Sirianni is hoping QB Jalen Hurts (3,858 yards, 23 TDs/605 rushing yards, 15 TDs) plays like he did in 2022 when the Eagles won the NFC title. The addition of former Giants running back Saquon Barkley (962 yards, 10 total TDs) should help the offense. Philly has two solid receivers in A.J. Brown (106 receptions, 1,456 yards, 7 TDs) and DeVonta Smith (81 receptions, 1,006 yards, 7 TDs). This should be a high-scoring, fun game to watch. Look for the Eagles to make one or two more plays on offense than will the Packers as they get off to a good start in '24. My pick, Philadelphia 31, Green Bay 28

Houston at Indianapolis - The Texans start their season where they ended the regular season with hopes of similar results in Week 1 of the 2024 season. Stroud has a year under his belt and with the addition of Diggs and Mixon to go along with Nise Collins (80 receptions, 1,297 yards, 8 TDs) and Tank Dell (47 receptions, 709 yards, 7 TDs in 11 games), Houston could have one of the most explosive offenses in the NFL. They should be solid on defense with the addition of Hunter to pair with Defensive Rookie of the Year Will Anderson Jr. (7 sacks). Indy is hoping QB Anthony Richardson (577 passing yards, 3 TDs/136 rushing yards, 4 TDs in just four games) is fully healthy after missing most of the season with an injury. In the one game he played against the Texans in Houston, Richardson scored two rushing TDs before leaving with the season-ending injury. The Colts return running back Jonathan Taylor (741 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver

Michael Pittman Jr. (109 receptions, 1,152 yards, 4 TDs). This will be a good test for the Houston defense, which I think makes the plays down the stretch to help pull out a season-opening win. My pick, Houston 27, Indianapolis 23

Dallas at Cleveland - This should be a defensive game when the Cowboys and Browns hook up in Cleveland on Sunday. This game will also mark the debut of seven-time Super Bowl winning QB Tom Brady in the FOX broadcast booth as he begins his career as the lead color commentator for FOX NFL coverage. This game will pit two of the top defensive players with Micah Parsons (14 sacks) and Miles Garrett (14 sacks) trying to out do one another. Prescott will need a running game to slow down Garrett and his mates, but that might be asking a lot in Week 1. The Browns are hoping QB Deshaun Watson (1,115 yards, 7 TDs in 6 games) is fully recovered from a shoulder injury that limited him a year ago. He will be looking to wide receiver Amari Cooper (72 receptions, 1,250 yards, 5 TDs) to attack the Dallas secondary, that gets big-player corner Trevon Diggs back. That's huge considering Dallas will be without corner DaRon Bland (nine interceptions, five returned for TDs) for six to seven weeks as he recovers from a fractured foot. I think the Browns win a tight, defensive battle as the Cowboys begin to look for answers in the running game. My pick, Cleveland 18, Dallas 14

Los Angeles Rams at Detroit - A good one to start the season for the Sunday Night Football crew as the air should be filled with footballs when these two offensive powers meet in the Motor City. A year ago, the Lions held on to beat the Rams, 24-23 in the NFC Wild Card round, then followed that up with a Division Round win over the Bucs before losing in the NFC title game at SF. The Lions are loaded on offense with QB Jared Goff (4,575 yards, 30 TDs), running backs David Montgomery (1,015 yards, 13 TDs) and Jahmyr Gibbs (945 yards, 10 TDs), wide receiver Amon-Ra St.

Brown (119 receptions, 1,515 yards, 10 TDs) and tight end Sam LaPorta (86 receptions, 889 yards, 10 TDs). The Rams are no slouches either with QB Matthew Stafford (3,965 yards, 24 TDs), running back Kyren Williams (1,144 yards, 12 TDs) and wide receivers Puka Nacua (105 receptions, 1,486 yards, 6 TDs) and Cooper Kupp (59 receptions, 737 yards, 5 TDs in 12 games). Look for Kupp to have a big year after he was hobbled the last two years with various leg injuries. Detroit will be rocking on Sunday night, so look for Goff and Co. to have the home-town fans leaving the stadium with smiles on their faces. My pick, Detroit 34, Los Angeles Rams 31

New York Jets at San Francisco - Week 1 concludes on Monday Night Football with the Jets traveling cross country to take on the 49ers. A year ago, Jets fans were full of optimism with the prospects of Aaron Rodgers leading them to the promise land, but that optimism was dashed four plays into the season when Rodgers sustained a season-ending Achilles injury. He's back to health now and ready to lead the Jets to the playoffs. He has some weapons in running back Breece Hall (994 rushing yards, 5 TDs/76 receptions, 591 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Garrett Wilson (95 receptions, 1,042 yards, 3 TDs). A lot of folks believe Hall could have a breakout season, and with Rodgers at QB, that could very well happen. The 49ers are looking for a return to the Super Bowl and have a team loaded with talent, led by QB Brock Purdy (4,289 yards, 31 TDs), running back Christian McCaffrey (1,459 rushing yards, 14 TDs/67 receptions, 564 yards, 7 TDs), wide receiver Deebo Samuel (225 rushing yards, 5 TDs/60 receptions, 564 yards, 7 TDs) and tight end George Kittle (65 receptions, 1,020 yards, 6 TDs). If disgruntled wide receiver Brando Aiyuk (75 receptions, 1,342 yards, 7 TDs) ends his holdout and returns to the team, the 49ers could be lights out on offense. Look for SF to make a statement on Monday night and send the Jets back home in a sour mood. My pick, San Francisco 26, New York Jets 16



SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 1

LAST WEEK'S SCORES Thursday, August 29 Aldine Eisenhower 27, Beaumont Westbrook 17, Fort Bend Kempner 19, Aldine 3, Porter 37, Galena Park 13, Baytown Lee 14, South Houston 10

Friday, August 30 Willis 30, Aldine Davis 23, Pasadena Memorial 43, Channelview 42, Dayton 19, Crosby 14, North Shore 38, Dallas South Oak Cliff 0, Baytown Sterling 42, Goose Creek Memorial 20, Huffman Hargrave 49, La Marque 16, Aldine Nimitz 34, Katy Morton Ranch 14, Barbers Hill 54, New Caney 8, Spring Westfield 34, C. E. King 28

Saturday, August 31 Cypress Ridge 17, Aldine MacArthur 16

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 5 Aldine at North Forest, 7 p.m., Jones-Cowart Stadium in Houston, Strake Jesuit at Aldine Davis, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

Friday, September 6 Baytown Lee at Goose Creek Memorial, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown, Baytown Sgterling at Galena Park, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium in Houston

Clear Brook at Aldine Eisenhower, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston, Dickinson at C. E. King, 7 p.m., Sheldon ISD Panther Stadium in Houston

Huffman Hargrave at Furr, 7:30 p.m., Jones-Cowart Stadium in Houston, Iowa Colony at Crosby, 7 p.m., Freedom Field at the Heritage Complex in Iowa Colony

Manvel at Barbers Hill, 7 p.m., Eagle Stadium in Mont Belvieu, North Shore at Crowley, 7 p.m., Crowley ISD Stadium in Fort Worth

Saturday, September 7 Channelview at Aldine MacArthur, 6 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

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Aldine ISD 2024 6A Football Schedule

Aldine High School

Table with 5 columns: Date, Opponent, Stadium, Home/Away, Time. Rows include Kempner, North Forest, North Brook, BYE, Dekaney, Nimitz, MacArthur (HC), Westfield, Davis, Eisenhower (SN), Spring.

Davis High School

Table with 5 columns: Date, Opponent, Stadium, Home/Away, Time. Rows include Willis, Strait Jesuit, Cy Lakes, BYE, Eisenhower (HC), Spring, Dekaney, Nimitz, Aldine, Westfield, MacArthur (SN).

Eisenhower High School

Table with 5 columns: Date, Opponent, Stadium, Home/Away, Time. Rows include Westfield, Clearbrook, West Fork, BYE, Davis, MacArthur (HC), Spring, Dekaney, Nimitz, Aldine, Westfield (SN).

MacArthur High School

Table with 5 columns: Date, Opponent, Stadium, Home/Away, Time. Rows include Cy-Ridge (SN), Channelview, Westbrook, BYE, Nimitz, Eisenhower, Aldine, Spring (HC), Westfield, Planet Ford, Dekaney, Davis.

Nimitz High School

Table with 5 columns: Date, Opponent, Stadium, Home/Away, Time. Rows include Morton Ranch, Cy Ridge, Bmt. United, BYE, MacArthur, Aldine (HC), Westfield, Planet Ford, Davis, Eisenhower, Spring (SN), Dekaney, Planet Ford.

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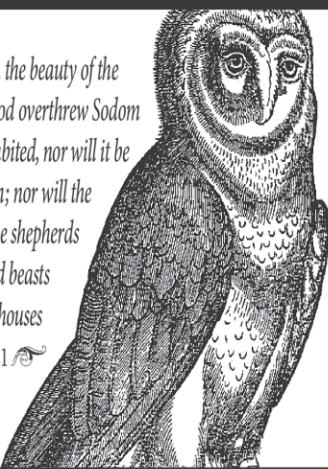
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labour (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? Two, Three, Five, Seven
3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? One, Five, Ten, Thirty

4. What son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David's kingdom? Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul
5. From Exodus 20, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven
6. Proverbs 14:23 states, "In all labor there is ..." Love, Hope, Light, Profit

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Two, 3) Thirty, 4) Adoniram, 5) Six, 6) Profit
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Ryan Gosling, left, and Emily Blunt star in 'The Fall Guy.'

'The Fall Guy'

'THE FALL GUY' (PG-13) — Let's move on to a film that actually underperformed at the box office, even with its two notable stars. This action comedy loosely based on the 1980s TV series of the same name gave us another 'Barbenheimer' moment by putting 'Barbie's' Ryan Gosling opposite 'Oppenheimer's' Emily Blunt. Gosling plays stuntman Colt Seavers, who is tasked by his film's producer to find the missing lead actor, Tom Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), and stop his ex-girlfriend's (Blunt) film from being ruined. Turning into somewhat of a bounty hunter, Colt starts to track Tom's whereabouts, but the closer Colt gets to finding him, the more Colt realizes that he's been seriously misled as to what's really going on with Tom. Premieres Aug. 30. (Peacock)

(2015) has become the second highest-grossing animated film of all time after bringing in a whopping \$1.597 billion, and it's well deserving of its immense success. The film boasts a star-studded cast, with new additions Maya Hawke ('Stranger Things') and Ayo Edebiri ('The Bear') joining Amy Poehler, Diane Lane, and Kyle MacLachlan, who reprise their roles from the first film. Taking place two years after she first moved to San Francisco, Riley is now officially a teenager and faces a new learning curve in life as she hits puberty. Insert four new emotions for her to deal with: anxiety, envy, embarrassment and ennui — oh, my! To keep their storytelling as authentic as possible, the film's production team even consulted psychologists so that teenage viewers could truly relate to Riley's pestilent pubescent problems. Rent it now! (Apple TV+)

'TWISTERS' (PG-13) — Almost three decades

'SIMONE BILES RISING' (TV-MA) — If you didn't get enough of the talented Simone Biles during the recent Paris Olympics, you should definitely give this two-part documentary series a try. Viewers can follow along as Biles prepares to make her return to the Olympic stage after withdrawing from the 2020 Tokyo Games due to her struggles with mental health. Starting from the point where Biles felt herself coming apart in Tokyo and leading up to moments before she would snag four medals in Paris, the series gives fans an intimate, up-close portrait of the world-renowned gymnast in all aspects of her life — as a daughter, a sister, a teammate, a friend and a wife. Two more episodes of the series are planned to be released later in the fall for a total of four episodes, but you can check out the first two now. (Out now, Netflix) (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

Q: My mom loves watching Drew Carey host 'The Price Is Right.' I told her that there used to be a funny sitcom he starred in, but I couldn't find it on streaming or cable. Is there a way to watch it? — K.L.

A: 'The Drew Carey Show' is one of those series that hasn't been released on modern streaming services because there's so much licensed music in it that hasn't been cleared yet. However, a free streaming service (with ads) called Plex recently released all nine seasons with some changes to the music. For example, in one episode, some generic rock music was added to a scene that previously played Van Halen's 'Panama.'

The show was created by Carey and Bruce Helford ('Roseanne') and aired on ABC from 1995-2004. It's hilarious ensemble cast included Diedrich Bader ('Veep'), Ryan Stiles ('Whose Line Is It Anyway?'), and former 'Late Late Show' host Craig Ferguson.

Hopefully, they'll eventually be able to get all the music rights cleared, and the show will eventually end up on an ad-free platform like Netflix. But in the meantime, Plex is a great app with a library of various popular TV shows and films. You just have to be patient and sit through some commercials.

Q: Is it true that the Disney series 'Wizards of Waverly Place' is being rebooted? Is Selena Gomez starring in it, or is it a new, young cast? — D.W.

A: Selena Gomez and David Henrie, who played siblings in the hit Disney series 'Wizards of Waverly Place,' are producing a sequel series called 'Wizards Beyond Waverly Place.' Gomez will star in the first episode, and Henrie will lead a new cast of youngsters through the rest of the season, including Billie, who is played by Janice LeAnn Brown ('Euphoria') and has special powers.

The original series ended 12 years ago, and the new spin-off will begin airing later this year on both Disney Channel and the streaming platform Disney+.

You can also catch Gomez in the upcoming fourth season of 'Only Murders in the Building,' which



Drew Carey ('The Price Is Right')

premieres on Hulu on Aug. 27.

Q: Which cast members from 'Young Sheldon' will be on the first season of the new spin-off about his older brother? I really miss the show and hope it includes some of them. — P.T.

A: 'Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage' will premiere this fall on CBS, beginning Thursday, Oct. 17. It'll be filmed in a traditional sitcom style known as the multi-camera format, and it's produced by Chuck Lorre, who also produced 'Young Sheldon' and its prequel series 'The Big Bang Theory.' Will Sasso ('Mom') and Rachel Bay Jones ('The Good Doctor') will reprise their 'Sheldon' roles as Mandy's (Emily Osment) parents.

The young couple will be living in the same town where 'Young Sheldon' took place, so expect to see guest appearances by some of the cast you miss. For example, Georgie's mom, grandma and sister (Zoe Perry, Annie Potts and Raegan Revord) are all expected to pop up at least once during the first season.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

ENTERTAINMENT

Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. Grid with numbers and instructions. Difficulty: Moderate.

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a man and a woman. Find at least six differences in details between panels.

September 2, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword. Grid with clues for Across and Down.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez. 10 questions on geography, movies, television, literature, U.S. cities, anatomy, science, history, astronomy, and entertainers.

Answers for King Crossword and Trivia Test. 1. Five; 2. Wormwood; 3. Ms. Frizzle; 4. 1890s Klondike Gold Rush; 5. San Francisco, California; 6. About 60%; 7. Scientific study of the Sun; 8. Pope Francis; 9. 1969; 10. Ryan Gosling.

HCDE grant to AEF will support completion of studies

The Aldine Education Foundation (AEF) is excited to announce a new collaboration with the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) and the Education Foundation of Harris County. AEF has been awarded a generous grant of \$30,000 to support HCDE's Partners in Education Project. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive scholarships and mentorship opportunities for 60 young alumni of Aldine Independent School District (AISD) who are attending Lone Star Community College or the University of Houston-Downtown (UH-Downtown).

Raj Salhotra, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Momentum Education, will spearhead this expansion project, focusing on increasing post-secondary completion rates among young AISD alumni. Momentum's signature Fellowship Program will offer students peer mentors, professional mentors, scholarships, and access to on-campus resources, ensuring young AISD Alumni have the support needed to achieve their educational and career goals.

The Fellowship Program includes the following stages:

Post-Secondary Persistence (Freshmen and Sophomore Years): Participants will be paired with upperclassmen mentors on campus, connected to essential resources, and receive an annual stipend of \$350 to support their academic journey.

Career Success (Junior and Senior Years): Students will benefit from mentorship by young professionals, gain connections to internships and job opportunities, receive feedback on resumes, and an annual stipend of \$350.

Alumni Support (Post-Secondary Graduates): The program will offer quarterly coaching calls to ensure graduates are thriving in their careers, along with opportunities to volunteer with Momentum Education.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant and partner with HCDE to enhance the educational and career opportunities for Aldine ISD alumni," said Linda Flores Olson, Director of Aldine Education Foundation. "This collaboration with HCDE and Momentum Education aligns perfectly with our mission to support students through every stage of their educational journey, from high school to career success."

This grant will enable AEF to extend its impact, empowering AISD alumni to not only succeed in their post-secondary education but also to thrive in their future careers.

For more information, please contact: Linda Flores Olson, Director, Aldine Education Foundation, AEF@AldineISD.org, 281-985-6078

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Tip of the month: Check your voter registration status

November 5 is Election Day and now is the time to know your voter registration status. You can check it by clicking [here](#).



Additionally, here are some important dates:

- Oct. 7: Last day to register to vote for Nov. 5 election
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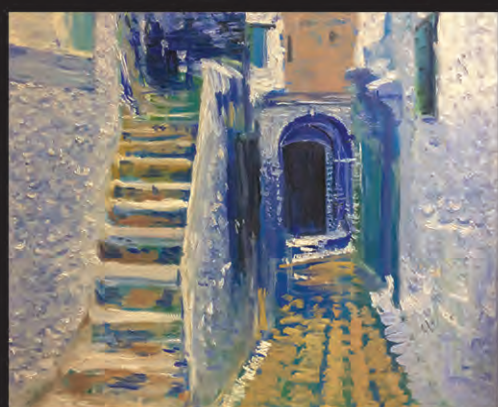
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A Studio of My Own

Hello, I'm Mei Hoffman, who you might know as the co-owner of this newspaper. Did you also know that I am a painter?

At the beginning of this year, I was invited to share a studio at Houston's premier art community at Sawyer Yards. Over these months I have become friends with many talented artists there. I like their work, and they like mine and encourage me tremendously. We are each other's cheerleaders.

Now I decided to have a studio all by myself, starting September 1. I am so excited! It was a big decision, a big leap of faith in myself. But with time, and with the support of this community, I have become more confident in producing my work, and more eager to show people my paintings. I want to be brave enough to pursue this as my dream.

So please **SAVE the DATE** for the first Open House in my new studio!

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I hope you will come visit me, and visit my friends in their studios too. Bring your kids, your grandkids, your friends, their friends... I am sure everybody will have a lot of fun at the studios! Every "Second Saturday and third Saturday" of the month, many artists open their doors and welcome visitors with drinks, cookies, and other treats. And don't worry, it is indoors with cool air conditioning too!

It is free to come, and you could spend hours there and still not see everything. Kind of like going to a museum, but even better, because the artists are right there, so you can talk to them directly. And if you find a piece of art that really speaks to you, you can walk out the door with it! No matter what your budget -- from affordable mementos to expensive masterpieces -- you can buy your favorite art piece and take it home.

Thanks to everyone who supports me and my art, and I hope to see you there soon!