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# NORTHEAST NEWS



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**NEWS NOTES**

**Walle Town Hall at BakerRipley Oct. 9**

State Representative Armando Walle will hold a Town Hall on Wednesday, October 9 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at BakerRipley Reunion Hall. Everyone is welcome to listen and converse with Walle.

**CERT Training starts on October 10**

East Aldine District is sponsoring CERT Training, teaching people how to better respond to hazards and emergencies in their neighborhood.

The 8 week course is every Thursday from 6pm to 9pm, at the East Aldine District Office, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive.

A Manual and Kit will be provided. Registration required: AldineDistrict.org/CERT or scan the QR code on page 8.

**Literacy Carnival Saturday Oct. 12**

A Free Literacy Carnival will be held Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10am to 2pm at the East Aldine Amphitheatre.

Free Goody Bag for Kids, register online at AldineDistrict.org/Literacy.

Free Books, Face Painting, Balloon Art, Moonwalk, DJ with music and MORE.

Sponsored by Junior League and East Aldine District.

**Jensen Jubilee Saturday Oct. 19**

10th Annual Jensen Jubilee Parade and Festival, Saturday October 19 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, Jensen Drive ending at Shady Lane Park.

Family event. Free to Everyone. Train Rides, Food, Face Painting, Resources, Scholarship winners, and more.

## Lone Star College enrollment hits record high

### East Aldine students increase by 90%

HOUSTON – Lone Star College broke its enrollment record by surpassing its 90,000-headcount goal and welcoming 91,885 students this fall, representing a 3.5% increase from fall 2023. This data is based on Official Day numbers recorded 12 academic days after a semester begins.

“While the record-breaking enrollment is an important milestone for Lone Star College, what’s equally significant is the choice our students made

to pursue their education here,” said Gerald F. Napoles, Ph.D., LSC vice chancellor, Student Success. “This year’s Official Day numbers not only show more than 90,000 students but their commitment to earning valuable credits that will build knowledge, career opportunities and critical skills.”

Locally, LSC-EAC reported to the Northeast News that the East Aldine campus had a 90% jump in enrollment for the fall.



The LSC Official Day numbers also highlight students enrolled in 608,526 credit hours, a 3% increase from fall 2023. These gains indicate the college’s quality and comprehensive programs, affordable tuition, flexible learning options and support resources are helping students complete their

education at LSC, transfer to a four-year university or enter the workforce.

“Lone Star College wants to see our students access the education they need to succeed in and out of the classroom,” said Napoles. “The college’s dedicated faculty and staff are committed to helping students stay on track and reach their educational and career goals.”

Lone Star College offers over 200 program options, including four bachelor’s degrees. Learn more at LoneStar.edu/Programs-Of-Study.

Lone Star College enrolls over 90,000 students each semester providing

high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSC is training tomorrow’s workforce today and redefining the community college experience to support student success. Mario K. Castillo, J.D., serves as Chancellor of LSC, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2023 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education. LSC consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

## East Aldine enjoys Tejano Night



TEJANO CONCERT NIGHT at East Aldine drew hundreds of persons at the Amphitheater, as seen above. Music was presented by Ram Herrera, The Home Town Boys, Los Bye, Los Prietos de nuevo leon, and more music by DJ Lumbré. Dance performances were presented by Ballet Folklorico El Potosi. Lots of food was available, too, with food trucks on site. There was also a Toy Drive by Toys In Da Hood and GS Customs.

The audience was invited to bring a chair, and spread out on the lawn

of the amphitheater, for 5 hours of music, dancing, socializing with neighbors, and more, all presented free by the East Aldine District, and sponsors Toys in dia Hood, Ballet Folklorico Beauties, JCC Promotions, GS Customs, Lone Star College East Aldine Center, and Aurodi Productions. (Photos courtesy of EV1 Pro, East Aldine District, and Monica Campos. SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 5.

## State sues to block County’s “Uplift 2.0” subsidy program

**Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee Responds to New LawsUIT Over Harris County Guaranteed Income Program**

Houston, Texas — The Office of the Attorney General of Texas has sued Harris County over the county’s Community Prosperity Program. The program provides \$500 per month via a preloaded debit card which comes with spending restrictions. Families eligible for this program live below 200% of the federal poverty line.

The program was developed after the Texas Supreme Court froze another

Harris County program, Uplift Harris, which would have provided \$500 a month to underserved County residents with fewer spending restrictions. The Community Prosperity Program incorporated guidance from the Texas Supreme Court by limiting the categories of items participants could purchase with the funds, such as housing, utilities, transportation, groceries, medical care, professional development, bill payments, clothing, and other essential needs.

Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee, who represents Harris County in all civil litigation, issued the following statement:

“After a lawsuit from Ken Paxton regarding the Uplift Harris program, Harris County created a new initiative that addresses the state’s concerns while still offering financial stability to our neighbors who need it most.

If it wasn’t clear before, it should be clear now that the opposition to this program is not about concern for the law; it’s about using people living in poverty as a means to score political points.

In Harris County, we understand the need to

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## FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 6: Texas, OU continue rivalry in SEC: Huge weekend for college football

The second week of October hopefully will bring fall-like temperatures and while we wait for that, we do know that the second week of October also features Texas versus Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl with the Texas State Fair as a backdrop.

No. 2-ranked Texas faces No. 19-ranked OU, which will be the first meeting of these two teams as members of the SEC. These two long-time rivals first met in 1900 and the game has been played annually since 1929 (Texas leads the overall series, 65-51-5). They played when OU was a member of the Big 8 and UT was a member of the SWC and the rivalry continued when both were members of the Big 12 Conference and it will continue now that they are members of the SEC.

Both teams had an extra week to prepare for this game



and Texas could use the extra week after Steve Sarkisian’s team struggled a bit against Mississippi St., one of the league’s weaker teams, two weeks ago before pulling out a 35-13 victory. OU picked up a nice road win at Auburn, rallying from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to pull out a 27-21 win.

This is the first of two tough games for UT as the ‘Horns follow this one up with a visit from No. 5-ranked Georgia on

Oct. 19. While much of the focus will be on OU-UT, especially in Texas and Oklahoma, there are a number of other big matchups this weekend.

No. 12-ranked Ole Miss visits No. 13-ranked LSU, while No. 7 Penn State heads to LA to take on No. 11-ranked USC and perhaps the game of the week will occur in Eugene, OR when

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COMMUNITY WATCH

# Gang Member Sentenced to Life in Prison for Killing Five People

A documented Houston gang member was sentenced Friday to life in prison for killing five people in three separate shootings in 2019, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg announced.

“So many people, so many families will never have peace because of the indiscriminate violence this man inflicted on our community,” Ogg said. “We swore an oath to see that justice is done, and in this case justice demanded that this man be sentenced to life in prison.”

Christian Ivan Cavazos, 22, was sentenced to life in prison for his role in a devastating crime spree that began on Sept. 6, 2019, and was investigated by the Harris County Sheriff's Office with assistance from the FBI.

Cavazos was riding in a car with other men when they saw another group of young men in a different car and opened fire. Cavazos fired several shots into the car, wounding the driver, who pulled over in a light industrial area north of Jersey Village. Cavazos



Christian Ivan Cavazos, 22

then got out of his car, walked to the stopped vehicle and fatally shot 19-year-old Ryan McGowan, who was in the backseat.

Later that month, Cavazos and other men were driving around late at night on Sept. 25, 2019.

They saw a purple Dodge Charger that they believed belonged to a rival gang member and started following it. In reality, the distinctive automobile belonged to 65-year-old Ramiro Reyes and his wife, Rosalva Reyes, 63.

The couple were leaving an area hospital where Mrs. Reyes' elderly mother had just died.

Cavazos and his group followed the grieving couple to their home in northwest Houston. The couple were fatally shot as they were getting out of their car in front of their house.

Almost three months later, Cavazos was again the triggerman in a drive-by shooting, this time in north Harris County. Cavazos, who was a passenger, started shooting wildly at an outdoor film set where a group of people were mak-

ing a music video on Dec. 27, 2019.

Videographer Gonzalo Andrew Gonzalez, 22, and Jonathan Jimenez, 20, were killed in the shooting, and seven other people were injured.

Cavazos was facing a charge of capital murder before opting to plead guilty to three counts of murder and have his punishment determined by a judge after a sentencing hearing. During the hearing, the judge heard details about all five killings and sentenced Cavazos to life in prison.

Assistant District Attorney Napoleon Stewart, a chief in the District Attorney's Organized Crime Division, prosecuted the case with ADA Garrett Moore.

“Christian Cavazos is a dangerous man who got what he earned, he got what he deserved when he was sentenced to life,” Stewart said. “Anybody who was unfortunate enough to cross his path got hit by bullets, and many of them died. He created a lot of innocent victims, and we're glad we were able to get justice for the victims and their families.”

After Cavazos was sentenced to life in prison, four people who knew the slain gave victim impact statements in a courtroom packed with family and friends of all five.

Although the victims were not connected before they were murdered, many of the people in court wore custom photo buttons showing all five of their faces together.

## Uplift 2.0 Program Lawsuit,

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tackle the real problems people face. Folks in Austin may not prioritize helping those in need, but they shouldn't stand in the way of much-needed support. Once again, I am ready to defend the county and this program in court.”

About the Harris County Attorney's Office

Christian D. Menefee

serves as the elected, top civil lawyer for Texas' largest county. The Harris County Attorney's Office represents the county in all civil matters including lawsuits. Menefee leads an office of 250 attorneys and staff members. He entered office at 32 years old, making him the youngest person and first African American elected as the Harris County Attorney.

## Baby formula shipped to H-E-B and CVS in Texas recalled

By David Taylor  
Managing Editor

Perrigo Company, plc is asking consumers in 12 states, including Texas, to check their baby formula before consuming due to high levels of Vitamin D above the maximum level permitted.

According to the company, the product was shipped to Texas, Florida, California, South Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, New Jersey, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Missouri. No other products or retailers are impacted by this recall.

Perrigo said three lots within one batch, or 16,500 cans, of store brand Premium Infant Formula with Iron Milk-Based Powder was recalled on August 8. They have said there have been no reports of adverse events to date attributed to the elevated levels of Vitamin D.

In a report, the company said they initiated the voluntary recall in consultation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

While the product was shipped to CVS on February 6, 2024, and to H-E-B Grocery

Company, LP on February 2, 2024, the product has a 'use by' date of 11NOV2025 so it could still be on the shelves of homeowners.

“For the vast majority of infants, short-term consumption of the affected lot codes is unlikely to cause adverse health implications,” the company statement read. “In a small subset of physiologically vulnerable infants (e.g., impaired renal function), there is the potential that consumption of the recalled product could result in health complications. Parents and caregivers who may have purchased the product should look for the lot codes below with “use by” dates, which can be found on the bottom of the package and should contact their health care provider if they have any concerns.”

Perrigo has already taken immediate action by notifying H-E-B Grocery Company, LP and CVS directly and asking them to examine their retail and warehouse inventory and isolate the product.

Here is the information listed on cans:

Product shipped to CVS beginning February 6, 2024,

being recalled:  
T11LMYC – USE BY 11NOV2025  
(Material: 975261, UPC: 050428318034)

Product shipped to H-E-B Grocery Company, LP beginning February 2, 2024, being recalled:  
T11LMXC – USE BY 11NOV2025  
T09LMXC – USE BY 09NOV2025  
(Material: 788362, UPC: 041220164578)

No other lot codes are impacted by this recall.

Perrigo said, “If infants experience any symptoms while using the product, report them to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program online at [www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm). Additionally, please contact your healthcare provider.”

For additional questions or concerns regarding the recall or adverse events associated with these lot codes can be communicated to Perrigo Consumer Affairs at 1-800-538-9543, M-F from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST.

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## AIRLINE LIBRARY NEWS

### Movement Monday: Mario Math Party

Come out and move! Use math to complete the course and reach the finish line. Come dressed up in your favorite costume that allows crawling and jumping! This program focuses on improving physical health and also enhances early literacy skills in a fun and interactive way. Encouraged to bring water. No registration required. **Monday, Oct. 7, 11 - 11:30am.**

**¡Sal y muévete!** Usa las matemáticas para completar el curso y llegar a la meta. ¡Ven disfrazado con tu disfraz favorito que te permite gatear y saltar! Este programa no solo se enfoca en mejorar la salud física sino que también mejora las habilidades de alfabetización temprana de una manera divertida e interactiva. El programa está en inglés y español. Se recomienda traer agua. No es necesario registrarse. **Lunes 7 de octubre, 11-11:30am.**

**Paint with Me**  
Paint with Me is a space for you to explore creativity and embrace the beauty of making mistakes. You'll work together with other teens to create large-scale pieces based on classic works of art! Our finished pieces will be displayed in the teen area. Each session begins with a brief introduction to the painting techniques and styles used in the classic work so that you can have a foundation to experiment with. Paint with Me is all about artistic expression, not technical perfection. Embrace your creativity, learn from your mistakes, work together, and find joy in the artistic process. **Monday, Oct. 7, 3-4:30pm.**

**Bilingual Story Time/Hora de cuentos Bilingüe**  
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, Oct. 8, 11 - 1:45am.**

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!

**Are Books Good**  
Help us decide once and for all whether books are good. Ms. Gage and Ms. Nicole will read the stories out loud. You eat snacks and vote on which story is the best! Great for reluctant readers ages 9-13 or for readers who need to practice their language skills! Snacks will be provided. This program is best for 2nd to 6th graders. **Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5-5:45pm**

**Computer Basics and Digital Learning**  
If you are new to computers, haven't used them for a while, are a little unsure and uncomfortable, or just need a bit of a refresher, we have the tools to help you tackle technology at your own pace and gain the confidence you need to succeed? Join us on Tuesdays at 5pm in the computer lab. Registration is required for full series. **Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5-6pm.**

**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). This week we will have a guest speaker, Felicia Pichon, a breast cancer survivor and founder of Sisters Thrive, who will talk to us about moving beyond surviving to thriving. **Wednesday, Oct. 9, 11am - 12pm.**

**October Sessions:**  
Oct. 2 - Chair Yoga & Paper Flowers  
Oct. 9 - Sisters Thrive: From Surviving to Thriving & Affirmation Coloring  
Oct. 16 - Golden Friends & Friendship Rocks

Oct. 23 - Puzzles & Podcasts  
Oct. 29 - Art & Music  
**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, Oct. 10, 3:30pm - 5:30pm.**  
**Ology: Fossils**  
How hard is it really to dig bones out of the ground? What can scientists learn from dinosaur bones they discover? Let's find out

together by having our very own cookie excavation! **Thursday, Oct. 10, 6-7pm**

**PJ Storytime**  
Join us for Pajama Story Time! Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite bedtime friend. Featuring stories, songs and yoga for better sleep. See you there! **Thursday, Oct. 10, 6-6:45pm.**

**Butterfly Buddies**  
Join a monarch butterfly and her friends to save their endangered habitat in Mexico! This program is fun, interactive, and educational for the whole family. **Friday, Oct. 11, 3-4pm.**

**Aldine Library Fall Festival**  
Aldine library invites you to take part in our Fall Festival. We'll have candy, community partners, activities, scary storytelling, black light spooky room and craft activities. We cannot wait for this family-fun event! Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes to Trick or Treat as well. No registration required. **Wednesday, Oct. 23, 4-6pm.**

**Passport Services**  
Do 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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# High Meadows Branch Library

## SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT !!

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**OCTOBER 30TH @ 5PM**

Have a hauntingly good time as we celebrate the spooky season with candy, costumes, crafts, and karaoke! \*All ages.\*

**30 DE OCTUBRE @ 5pm**

**Espantáculo de Vegas Enbrujadas**

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## Students and Families Explore Higher Education Opportunities at ALDINE ISD College Night

On Monday, September 30, Aldine ISD held its 2024 College Night, drawing hundreds of students and families eager to explore higher education opportunities. The event, hosted at the M.O. Campbell Educational Center, offered a valuable platform for students to engage directly with representatives from colleges, universities, military corps, and technical schools across the nation. The turnout was impressive, with attendees from all 10 Aldine ISD high schools and several middle schools showcasing the district's commitment to early college readiness.



"Aldine ISD prioritizes preparing students for life beyond high school," said Goffney. "Events like College Night empower our students to pursue their dreams and achieve their full potential."

### A Night of Exploration and Opportunities

The MOC Arena was buzzing with energy as students moved from table to table, gathering brochures, asking questions, and learning about admission requirements, financial aid, and campus life.

Colleges from across Texas and beyond were in attendance, including prestigious universities like Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin, and Southern Methodist University, as well as community colleges, technical schools, and military recruiters.

The night's diverse range of institutions provided options for every student. Whether interested in pursuing a four-year degree, enrolling in a two-year program, or seeking specialized training in fields such as healthcare or information technology, students had the chance to explore it all, empowering them to make informed decisions about their future.

Aldine ISD Superintendent Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney attended the event. Goffney emphasized the importance of College Night "as a crucial part of Aldine ISD's mission to prepare every student for success after graduation." The

district has been working aggressively to ensure students know that there are many pathways to success. AISD is committed to supporting them in finding the right one for them.

### Engaging Presentations and Resources

Throughout the evening, students and families had the opportunity to attend information sessions covering topics such as navigating the college application process and applying for financial aid. These presentations, led by college counselors and representatives, provided essential guidance to students who are beginning to think about their future academic plans.

Several Aldine ISD alums also returned to share their college experiences, offering students firsthand insights into life on a college campus. Their stories of perseverance, challenges, and triumphs resonated with many students, inspiring them to take the next steps in their academic

journeys. A Bright Future for Aldine ISD Students

College Night served as a valuable resource for students, showcasing Aldine ISD's dedication to ensuring its students have access to a range of postsecondary opportunities. With programs like Advanced Placement® (AP) courses, dual credit (DC), scholarship opportunities, financial aid awareness, Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI/TSIA), online credit via virtual school, and partnerships with local colleges, the district continues to provide its students with the support they need to succeed. Students can talk with their school counselor or college advisor to learn more.

### Celebrating College Readiness

College Night 2024 was a resounding success. Check out photos that capture students and their families chatting with college representatives.

Dear Aldine Community,

¡Siéntanse orgullosos de sus raíces! I learned this phrase in Spanish this week, and it rings true across all cultures. It means 'Be proud of your roots!' I am proud of my roots. My grandparents raised me in Coldspring, Texas, and taught me the value of hard work. I meet so many people connected to Aldine ISD and are proud to tell me stories about what it means to them to call Aldine home. As we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, let's share the stories of our roots — where we're from and how we can make an #AldineImpact in the lives of the students at Aldine ISD.

### School Safety

The recent hoax threats affecting local districts remind us of the importance of safety. Whether serious or not, threats are crimes and must be reported immediately, not reposted. Please speak with your children about the consequences of inappropriate online behavior. Schools nationwide are much safer than a generation or two ago due to

districtwide efforts and initiatives to increase safety and increased community awareness. Your role in this cannot be overstated. Together, we can ensure a safer environment for everyone.

### New Tax Rate

As a reminder, our 2024-2025 budget stands at \$723.7 million, a 10.73% decrease from last year, reflecting the challenges of declining enrollment and reduced funding. Despite this, we've managed to offer additional compensation to full-time employees and incoming teachers without any position cuts. Recently, the AISD Board of Trustees set the 2024-2025 tax rate at \$1.034 per \$100 valuation, which is lower than the 2023-2024, yet it will cover bond payments and ensure continued operations. This resilience and careful planning ensure that Aldine ISD students receive a dynamic and unparalleled education that guarantees choices and opportunities today and in the future.

### Gratitude

Before I close, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my Superintendent's Student Ambassadors and Superintendent's Parent

Advisory Committee. I am inspired by all of our student and parent leaders and look forward to their #AldineImpact! In addition to schools promoting School Attendance Month, September celebrates IT professionals for keeping us engaged and connected, teachers' assistants fostering inclusivity, providing targeted support, and enriching the learning experience; and payroll staff ensuring we get paid. Your contributions are invaluable and greatly appreciated.

As always, follow us on our website and online to learn about the achievements of our board members, educators, and students, as well as upcoming events. You'll also discover how our district administrators are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Let's all join in and celebrate our community's rich Hispanic heritage and continue making an #AldineImpact for all students each and every day!

With Aldine Pride!

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney  
Superintendent of Schools  
Aldine ISD

## Celebrating School Leadership: National Principals Month

October marks National Principals Month, a time dedicated to honoring the leaders at the heart of every school — our principals. This observance recognizes the tireless efforts of principals across the country, whose commitment to creating a supportive and thriving learning environment touches the lives of students, teachers, and communities.

### Principals' Role

At Aldine ISD, our principals serve as the foundation of our schools. They guide their campuses with passion, purpose, and dedication, ensuring that every student receives the opportunity to succeed. From managing day-to-day operations to leading long-term educational initiatives, principals play a critical role in shaping our students' academic journeys.

The responsibilities of a school principal extend far beyond what many may realize. They are staunch advocates for students, mentors for teachers, and liaisons to the community. As instructional leaders, principals drive academic success by fostering collaboration among staff and ensuring that the curriculum aligns with appropriate instructional practices. They create a positive school culture where students feel safe, respected, and motivated to achieve their full potential.

Principals also play a crucial role in teacher professional development, ensuring they have the tools and support they need to grow their craft. Whether organizing professional learning communities or providing feedback to improve instruction, Aldine ISD principals inspire excellence at every level. Their leadership empowers teachers, helping them create engaging, inclusive classrooms where all students can

thrive. Perhaps most importantly, principals are champions for students. They build relationships with students, providing guidance and support when needed. Whether greeting students at the door, attending school events, or simply being visible in the hallways, our principals serve as role models who embody the values of hard work, integrity, and resilience. They work diligently to ensure that every child has the chance to succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances.

### Help Us Celebrate Our Principals

Throughout October, we invite the entire Aldine ISD community to celebrate National Principals Month. This is the perfect time to express gratitude for our principals' hard work and dedication. Whether through a note, a picture, a short video on a social media post, or a simple "thank you," your words of appreciation mean the world to these incredible leaders.

### Share Your Appreciation on Social Media — #AldineImpact

Let's take this opportunity to show our principals how much they are valued. Share your appreciation on social media using the hashtag #AldineImpact. Let's celebrate the difference they make every day, ensuring our schools are places where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

Happy National Principals Month to all our Aldine ISD principals! We thank you for your leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to making a difference. Your impact is felt far and wide, and we are grateful for all you do to shape the future of our students and our community.





OPINION PAGE

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By BILL KING



A Future with Fewer Children

As my regular readers know, I have been calling your attention to the dramatic decline in the fertility rate across the world, for some time now.

However, some countries have fallen well below the replacement rate and their populations have already begun to decline.

I recently travelled to Italy and Greece and saw firsthand what this future looks like. During my time there, the paucity of children was not only noticeable; it was almost eerie.

Today there are about 1.9 million Greeks under the age of 20, making up about 19% of the total population. In 1990, there were 2.8 million Greeks under the age of 20 making up 28% of the population.

The decline was evident as I traveled in these two countries. Particularly poignant were the number of shuttered schools. Several of our guides had gone to school to become teachers or professors but were unable to find a job when they completed their education.

The low birth rates have already caused both countries to start losing population. Greece is down about 5% from its peak in 2003 and Italy about 4% since its peak in 2010.

In the U.S., the fertility rate has been below the replacement rate since the early 1970s. Earlier this year, the National Center for Health Statistics announced that the fertility rate for the U.S. dropped in 2023 to an all-time low.

I call this new demographic reality to your attention not to suggest that it is inherently a good or bad thing or that we should do something to try to reverse it.

It is noteworthy because we need to be making policy decisions based on this new reality and not the misplaced belief or hope that population growth will continue at the pace of the last century.

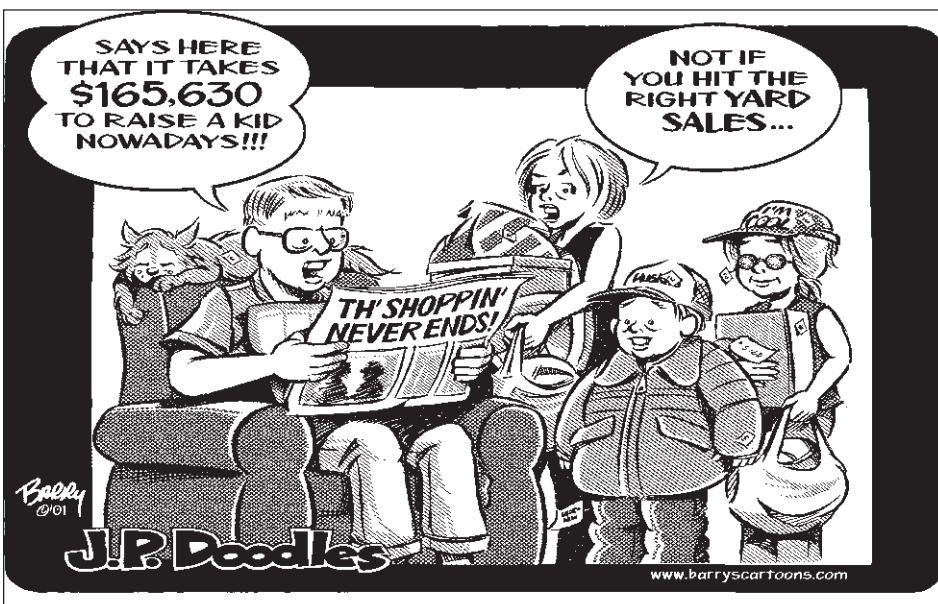
For example, does HISD really need to spend \$4.4 billion on its elementary schools when its enrollment has already dropped by a quarter over the last decade?

There may be good reasons to do some of these things. HISD had not renovated its elementary schools in decades. The freeway system around downtown is, and has been for some time, well beyond its original design capacity.

But the critical point is that we need to be sure that our policy choices are based on realistic population projections. I can promise you this: there are not many schools being built in Greece or Italy these days.

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Americanisms
'It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.' - Frederick Douglass



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Phelan's GOP Foes Back one Challenger

Texas House Republicans who want to oust Speaker Dade Phelan have coalesced behind a single opponent: state Rep. David Cook, R-Mansfield.

Phelan's opponents, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, claim he has given too much power to Democrats by naming some to lead legislative committees.

"This vote highlights the growing momentum for change within the Texas House, as members rally behind a shared vision of a decentralized leadership model that empowers all members," Cook said in a statement.

Phelan is seeking his third term as speaker after narrowly surviving a challenge for re-election to represent his district in the GOP primary, winning a runoff election.

"Not only are their actions disappointing and unacceptable, they are futile, as I proudly have the clear majority votes needed to be the Speaker today and will have the clear majority support needed to become Speaker again come January," Phelan said in a statement.

POLLS SHOW NEAR TIE IN CRUZ-ALLRED RACE

The U.S. Senate race in Texas has tightened, with a poll last week showing Democratic challenger Colin Allred nearly within the margin of error in his race against incumbent Republican Ted Cruz.

Cruz is seeking his third term in the Senate. He won his last race against challenger Beto O'Rourke by just 2.6 points.

The tightening race prompted the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee to announce last week that it is sending millions of advertising dollars to Texas to boost his campaign.



ward airing more Allred campaign ads. Committee chair Gary Peters said the Democratic candidate needs more funding to get his message out.

"But it is his message," Peters said. "He knows Texas inside and out."

TEXAS SUPREME COURT RULES ON GUN BAN AT STATE FAIR

The State Fair of Texas opened last week with its newly enacted ban on weapons intact after the Texas Supreme Court rejected a challenge by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton just 13 hours earlier.

Two lower courts also rejected Paxton's attempt to lift the ban, enacted after three fairgoers were injured in a shooting incident last year.

The state fair runs through Sunday, Oct. 20.

PARTY GAME COMPANY SUES SPACE FOR TRESPASSING

Cards Against Humanity, makers of a humorous adult party game, is suing Elon Musk's SpaceX company for trespassing and damaging land the company purchased in Cameron County.

KUT reported that the company raised money to purchase the land by soliciting \$15 donations from 150,000 people. It says the land has been kept in its

pristine state, but SpaceX has dumped gravel, tractors, and space garbage on it.

A website maintained by the company announced it is seeking \$15 million in damages and displayed photos purportedly showing "before and after" images of its land.

GOING LIGHTS OUT FOR MIGRATING BIRDS

Audubon Texas is asking residents to not leave the porch lights on this fall, during peak migration season for millions of birds.

Up to 1 billion birds are killed each year due to collisions with buildings. Peak migration runs through Oct. 29, with fall migration ending around Nov. 30.

Building owners, businesses, developers and homeowners can help protect migrating birds by turning off all nonessential lighting from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night.

LOOKING BACK ON LAST SUMMER'S WEATHER

The summer of 2024 is in the books, and Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, says it ended up in the middle of the pack when compared to the last 25 summers.

The amount of the state in drought declined to 28 percent from a high of 88 percent during the summer of 2022, Wentzel wrote. Last summer certainly was an improvement over the two previous, which were considered the second and third most miserable in the past quarter century.

Relatively plentiful rain made last summer seem more tolerable, but records indicate it was the fourth-hottest summer of the past 25 years.

Thank goodness for autumn. Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span.

THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Future Me



I'm usually pretty good about doing things I don't want to do. I've been alive long enough to know that getting starting is always the hardest part.

I say "doing" weights because I don't actually lift anything other than myself. I started out with push-ups because a friend suggested a "100-push-up challenge."

But I did them almost every day, and I went from 30 to 50 (where I stayed for a full year) to 75, and, finally, to 100. Then I discovered I could do 110 and, by the end, I was able to do 200 push-ups at a time.

Was my form perfect? It was not. I couldn't care less. I did them fast and sloppy and got them over with. But my arms got a lot stronger, and I hoped my genetic inclination toward osteoporosis might be helped.

But I finally got to a point where I absolutely dreaded push-ups. I stopped doing them for days at a time. It takes a while to do 200 push-ups, and I hated every moment of it.

So, I decided to do something different. There is a small gym in the building where I live, and it has machines in it. I'd never used any of these machines. They terrified me.

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"All you need is this machine," he said, pointing to the scariest one. He sounded sure of himself, and Beau is a fellow who does a lot of research before he comes out with pronouncements.

"Just this machine?" "Yup. If you want to work upper body, this will do it."

Beau showed me three exercises I could do on the one machine, and I became determined to use this machine every day. And I did. For a while. Then I began to hate it almost as much as push-ups.

I had to get dressed to go to the gym (even if it was just downstairs). I had to put on my shoes (and we all know how hard that can be). Sometimes I had to do my exercises in front of other people.

And I started avoiding it, just as I had the push-ups.

"Maybe I don't have to do weights at all," I told myself. "Maybe I've done enough!" But I didn't feel good.

So, I've started up again. I'm not pretending I love doing weights, but I'm not complaining as much, either.

Because even if I only do one short set, I feel better afterward. I feel stronger and more confident—but not really because my arms are stronger. I feel stronger when I do something I truly detest, even for a short time, because I decided to do it and did it.

I remind myself that I'm doing a favor for Future Me. I sure hope she appreciates it. Till next time, Carrie

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# East Aldine enjoys Tejano Night

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A large crowd gathered on the lawn of the East Aldine Amphitheater in anticipation of the music concerts, and to watch the Ballet Folklorico.



Ballet Folklorico presented dance numbers at the Amphitheater, for an appreciative crowd.



As the evening wore on, there were opportunities for the crowd to join in with their own dance numbers.



TOYS IN DA HOOD toy drive was organized by GS Customs, with lots of donations.



A Car Show included these street modified Hot Rods on display during the evening. Also notice the crowds and tents with food and displays and games, in the background.



HCSO Deputies were on hand, to help keep the event safe, and to enjoy the music.

## FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 6:

# Texas, OU continue rivalry in SEC: Huge weekend for college football

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

No. 3-ranked Ohio State visits No. 6-ranked Oregon in a big Big 10 contest.

In the NFL, the Texans head to Foxborough to take on a struggling New England team, while Detroit heads to Jerry World to take on the Cowboys in a rematch of last year's Week 17 meeting where the Cowboys survived the Lions' win at home. In that game, the officials took away a two-point conversion from the Lions that could have been the winning points when it was determined offensive lineman Taylor Decker was called for an illegal touching penalty for not reporting as eligible, which wiped out what might have been the game-winning play of the game with 23 seconds left. The Cowboys ultimately denied the Lions' 2-point retry and won 20-19. You'd better believe Detroit head coach Dan Campbell won't let his team forget about that play.

Week 6 starts with a key NFC West meeting when San Francisco visits Seattle. Week 6 concludes with Monday Night Football with a big AFC East contest as the Buffalo visits the New York Jets.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week got things back on track and upped the season record to 40-20 (66%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

### HIGH SCHOOL

**Dekaney at Davis** – Kelvin Chatham's Falcons host Dekaney on Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Thorne Stadium. The Falcons got off to a good start in District 14-6A play with a 29-13 win over Eisenhower, while Dekaney defeated Aldine, 55-0. Davis is led by running back Nicholas Tramble (251 yards, 2

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

TDs) and quarterback Andre Salazar (522 yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Davis 24, Dekaney 20

**Nimitz at Westfield** – Cornelius Harmon's Cougars face their toughest test to date this season when they take on defending district champion Westfield on Friday night at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring. Two weeks ago, the Cougars opened District 14-6A play with a 58-21 win over MacArthur. Nimitz's high-powered offense is led by QB Albert Brown (737 yards, 11 TDs), running back Augustus Miles (263 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receivers Ke'Lyn Washom (15 receptions, 282 yards, 4 TDs) and Malachi Augustus (12 receptions, 253 yards, 6 TDs). Westfield returns four offensive and six defensive starters from a team that finished 11-3 and reached the Region II finals. The Mustangs are led by QB Miles Dent). My pick, Nimitz 26, Westfield 23

**MacArthur vs. Aldine** – Aldine ISD's oldest football rivalry renews on Friday night at 7 p.m. in Thorne Stadium as Blake Ware's Generals take on Cirilo Ojeda's Mustangs. Two weeks ago, the Generals lost to Nimitz, while Aldine fell to Dekaney. QB Lance Nero (295 yards, 2 TDs) leads the Generals. My pick, MacArthur 23, Aldine 17

**Spring at Eisenhower** – Odell James' Eagles host Spring on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. in Thorne Stadium. The Eagles lost a tough one in their district opener to Davis, while Spring lost to Westfield, 42-7. Eisenhower is led by running back Elijah Dixon (347 yards, 5 TDs) and QB EJ Durst (226 yards, 1 TD). My pick, Eisenhow-

er 31, Spring 23

### NCAA

**Ole Miss at LSU** – The Ole Miss Rebels were rolling after their first four games of the season, averaging a whopping 55 points per contest, but then Lane Kiffin's team dropped an unexplainable 20-17 loss at home to a two-win Kentucky team. If the Rebels are going to remain alive in the College Football Playoff picture, they will need a big win at LSU on Saturday. Good luck with that. Ole Miss has a potent offense led by QB Jaxon Dart (1,815 passing yards, 13 TDs/12 rushing yards, 1 TD), running back Henry Parrish Jr. (489 yards, 8 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Tre Harris (49 receptions, 804 yards, 5 TDs). The Tigers can light it up on offense as well behind QB Garrett Nussmeier (1,652 yards, 15 TDs), running back Caden Durham (244 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Aaron Anderson (27 receptions, 371 yards, 2 TDs) and Kyren Lacy (25 receptions, 352 yards, 2 TDs). The Tigers are tough at home, which Mississippi will discover come Saturday. My pick, LSU 33, Mississippi 31

**Penn State at USC** – No. 7 Penn State visits No. 11 USC in an important Big 10 game for both teams. The Nittany Lions have a balanced offense led by QB Dew Allar (864 yards, 8 TDs), running back Nicholas Singleton (408 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Tyler Warren (20 receptions, 260 yards, 2 TDs). USC has offensive weapons as well led by QB Miller Moss

(1,198 yards, 8 TDs), running back Woody Marks (334 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Ja'Kobi Lane (19 receptions, 221 yards, 5 TDs). This will be a good road test for PSU and I think they have the better defense, which should be the difference maker in this one. My pick, Penn State 26, USC 23

**Ohio State at Oregon** – A big one in the Big 10 as No. 3 Ohio State heads to the Pacific Northwest to take on No. 6 Oregon. The winner of this one will get a huge CFP resume enhancer, while the loser will probably need to win out to be considered for an at-large bid. The Buckeyes offense has averaged 48.7 points in their first four games (all wins), while the defense has been outstanding allowing just 27 points (6 points per game). Oregon has struggled a big, but did win its first four games heading into last Friday's game against Michigan State. The Oregon defense will have its hands full with a potent OSU offense, led by QB Will Howard (1,039 yards, 8 TDs), running back Quinshon Judkins (390 yards, 5 TDs) and TreVeyon Henderson (276 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receivers Jeremiah Smith (19 receptions, 364 yards, 5 TDs) and Emeke Egbuka (21 receptions, 362 yards, 2 TDs). Oregon can move the ball as well behind QB Dillon Gabriel (1,192 yards, 9 TDs), running back Jordan James (386 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receiver Tez Johnson (33 receptions, 311 yards, 4 TDs). This will be a tough, and long trip, for the Buckeyes, but I think they pull out a wild, high-scoring game on Saturday in Eugene. My pick, Ohio State 34, Oregon 31

**Texas vs. Oklahoma** – No. 2 Texas and No. 19 OU meet up in the Red River Rivalry and there's a lot more at stake than just bragging rights. Texas wants to keep its undefeated season going, while the Sooners would like nothing more than to throw a monkey wrench in those plans, just as it did a year ago when it upset them No. 3-ranked Texas 34-30. Sarkisian can't let that happen again this year, not with Georgia on tap the following week in Austin. Texas should have starting QB Quinn Ewers (691 yards, 8 TDs in 3 games) back for this one after he missed two games with an abdominal injury. If Ewers is sidelined, UT

will be in good shape with backup Arch Manning (900 yards, 9 TDs) under center. Texas needs a big game from running back Jayden Blue (239 yards, 4 TDs) to open up the passing game for wide receivers Isaiah Bond (20 receptions, 364 yards, 3 TDs), Ryan Wingo (11 receptions, 247 yards, 2 TDs) and Matthew Golden (18 receptions, 223 yards, 3 TDs). OU head coach Brent Venables benched starting QB Jackson Arnold (538 yards, 7 TDs) after OU's home loss to Tennessee and turned the offense over to true freshman Michael Hawkins (310 yards, 1 TD). We shall see if Hawkins can handle the big stage of the Cotton Bowl and the rivalry come Saturday. My pick, Texas 36, Oklahoma 24

### NFL

**San Francisco at Seattle** – A good one to start Week 6 in the NFL on Thursday Night Football pits the 49ers against the Seahawks. These two teams do not like one another, so expect a physical game on Thursday. Two weeks ago, the 49ers got back on the winning track with an easy win over New England, while Seattle fell to Detroit on Monday Night Football, 42-29. The 49ers should still be without starting running back Christian McCaffrey, but backup Jordan Mason (447 yards, 3 TDs) has filled in well. QB Brock Purdy (1,130 yards, 5 TDs), will be looking to make plays in the passing game to Deebo Samuel (16 receptions, 222 yards), while Seattle will look for QB Geno Smith (1,182 yards, 4 TDs), running back Kenneth Walker III (183 yards, 4 TDs, 3 coming in the Detroit loss) and DK Metcalf (24 receptions, 366 yards, 2 TDs) to be their usual consistent self. Seattle is tough to beat at home, which the 49ers will discover come Thursday. My pick, Seattle 26, San Francisco 20

**Houston at New England** – The Texans need to take care of business early against a bad Patriots team. Look for QB C.J. Stroud (1,054 yards, 6 TDs) to come out firing to wide receiver Nico Collins (30 receptions, 489 yards, 2 TDs) and Stefan Diggs (25 receptions, 233 yards, 2 TDs) and Houston hopes running

back Joe Mixon (184 yards, 1 TD in 2 games) is back for this one. New England is not good on offense, so look for the Houston defense to take the starch out of them early as the Texans pick up a nice road win. My pick, Houston 30, New England 13

**Detroit at Dallas** – The Lions will be out for revenge after last year's controversial loss to the Cowboys in Week 17. The Dallas defense has trouble stopping the run, so look for the Lions to give the Cowboys 'D' a steady dose of running back Jahmyr Gibbs (285 yards, 3 TDs) and David Montgomery, which should open up things for QB Jared Goff (1,015 yards, 5 TDs) to make plays downfield to wide outs Jameson Williams (13 receptions, 289 yards, 22.2 yards per catch, 2 TDs) and Amon-Ra St. Brown (27 receptions, 252 yards, 2 TDs). Dallas will need a big game from QB Dak Prescott (1,072 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (20 receptions, 316 yards, 2 TDs). The Dallas defense might be without defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence (foot injury) and linebacker Micah Parsons (high ankle sprain). If those two are out, it could be a long day for Cowboy fans. My pick, Detroit 31, Dallas 18

**Buffalo at New York Jets** – Week 6 concludes on Monday Night Football with a key AFC East contest pitting Buffalo against the Jets. Two weeks ago, both teams suffered tough losses, as the Bills lost 35-10 at Baltimore, and the Jets were embarrassed at home by Denver, 10-9. NY QB Aaron Rodgers (849 yards, 5 TDs) needs to get things going and he could use a big night from running back Breece Hall (174 rushing yards, 2 TDs/18 receptions, 134 yards, 1 TD) and wide receiver Garrett Wilson (20 receptions, 191 yards, 1 TD). The Bills will hope QB Josh Allen (814 passing yards, 7 TDs/106 rushing yards, 2 TDs), running back James Cook (227 yards, 4 total TDs), wide receiver Khalil Shakir (18 receptions, 230 yards, 2 TDs) and tight end Dalton Kincaid (13 receptions, 132 yards, 1 TD) bounce back after a subpar performance against the Ravens. It says here they will and if the Jets lose at home, head coach Robert Salah's seat will begin to get warm. My pick, Buffalo 26, New York Jets 23



# CHURCH PAGE

## BIBLE TRIVIA


By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jeremiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In a vision that convinced Peter to share the gospel, what were the creatures let down to earth in? Great sheet, Cloud, Well, Wind
3. Who was instructed to eat bread while he lay for 390 days on his side? Moses, Ezekiel, Methuselah, Samson

4. From Matthew 5, what did Jesus tell His disciples they were the salt of? His glory, Mankind, The earth, Conversation
5. Who survived the bite of a viper as described in Acts 28? Paul, Matthew, John the Baptist, Stephen
6. From Genesis 35, who died in giving birth to Benjamin? Anna, Leah, Martha, Rachel

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Great sheet, 3) Ezekiel, 4) The earth, 5) Paul, 6) Rachel Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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"Lonely Planet"

"LONELY PLANET" (R) — A current theme in romantic films during 2024 seems to be the concept of older women being drawn to and falling in love with younger men...

shackles so that it can grace our screens at home! After pulling in \$1.3 billion at the box office, the third "Deadpool" movie — a buddy film that adds Hugh Jackman's Wolverine into the mix — is now available to rent.

"DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE" (R) — The second highest-grossing film of the year has finally been freed from its movie-theater

"SPEAK NO EVIL" (R) — In this psychological horror film,

Scot McNairy ("Narcos: Mexico") and Mackenzie Davis ("Black Mirror") portray Louise and Ben, who are on vacation with their daughter, Agnes, in Italy. While there, they meet another couple, Paddy and Ciara, who also have an only child, and form a friendship.

"American Music Awards 50th Anniversary Special" (TV-14) — The American Music Awards celebrates 50 years since its inception, even though it hasn't held its annual award ceremony since November 2022.

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HOLLYWOOD by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Dwayne Johnson, aka the Rock, has played everything from "The Scorpion King" to the "Tooth Fairy." Now he's taking on the action-adventure Christmas comedy "Red One," with Chris Evans, Lucy Liu, J.K. Simmons, Nick Kroll and Bonnie Hunt, which ho-ho-hoes into theaters on Nov. 15.

In addition to his voice role in "Moana 2" (due Nov. 27), he's working on the sports drama "The Smashing Machine," with Emily Blunt, which will be released in 2025.

At 52, he's moved from wrestling to movies to philanthropy by starting the Dwayne Johnson Rock Foundation for at-risk and terminally ill children. He also gave a \$1 million donation to the University of Miami and \$25,000 to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.



Dwayne Johnson in "Red One"

Secret Wars." The sixth "Avengers" film will star Vanessa Kirby, Pedro Pascal, Robert Downey Jr., and Anthony Mackie. It's set to release in May 2027.

Robert Pattinson has chosen to lead the sci-fi comedy film "Mickey 17" for three-time-Oscar-winning director/producer/screenwriter Bong Joon-ho ("Parasite").

Then Pattinson takes on Jennifer Lawrence, Sissy Spacek and Nick Nolte in the dark comedy "Die, My Love," which centers around a woman having mental health issues as her marriage breaks up.

Michael Keaton hits screens on Oct. 18 in the comedy "Goodrich," alongside Mila Kunis and Andie MacDowell. It took 35 years to make the sequel "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice," which has already grossed \$375.2 million.

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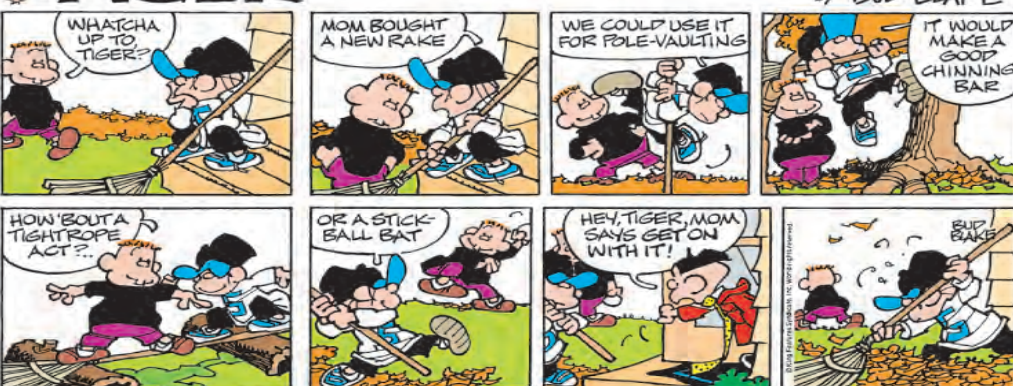
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by Bud Blake

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9. Includes difficulty level: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS by Henry Boltinoff. Two panels of a man and a woman. Includes a list of differences to find between the panels.

October 7, 2024 Posting Date King Crossword

King Crossword grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a list of answers at the bottom.

Trivia Test by Fifi Rodriguez. A list of 10 trivia questions with answers provided at the bottom.



# Green Forest Civic Club hears Victor Beserra on Community Safety issues



ABOVE: Last month's meeting of the Green Forest Civic Club included a talk by East Aldine District Safety Director Victor Beserra.

AT RIGHT, Victor Beserra speaks at the meeting.



Good meeting last night. All board members were present, as were several of our members. Guest speaker was Victor Beserra, Public Safety Coordinator for East Aldine Management District. A highlight of his presentation was that the East Aldine District had recently installed over 50 flock cameras in the district. The cameras are already working in helping deter crime in our community. Myriam Saldivar of State Representative Armando Walle's office dropped by to invite everyone to Representative Walle's open house on Saturday, October 5th. Much more was discussed at our meeting including receiving an update from new member Catherine Plasencia about issues she'd been having with neighbors. At the meeting, she received information about an agency she can contact for crime victim assistance. Catherine also agreed to help with the placement of a crime prevention camera in her neighborhood. As I said, we had a good meeting. Please contact me if you would like to be added to our email contact list. Marina, Board Member, GFCC (of East Aldine) greenforestcc1983@gmail.com

## House District 140 Town Hall with State Rep. Armando Walle



Wednesday October 9, 2024  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

Baker Ripley East Aldine Campus  
Reunion Hall



### 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
- Oct. 25: Mail ballot application deadline
- Oct. 21 - Nov. 1: Early voting



For more information about voting in Harris County, visit [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com)



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CERT is a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative that teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect their communities.

# Reflections on Suicide Prevention

By Allan Jamail

September 6, 2024 ~ September was National Suicide Prevention Month—a time to remember the lives lost to suicide, acknowledge the millions more who have experienced suicidal thoughts, and the many individuals, families and communities that have been impacted by suicide. It's also a time to raise awareness about suicide prevention and share messages of hope.

More than 49,000 people in the United States died by suicide in 2022—that's one death every 11 minutes, and more than any other year dating to back at least 1941, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. On top of that, 13.2 million people seriously considered suicide, 3.8 million planned it and 1.6 million attempted suicide. It's the third leading cause of death among 15- to 29-year-olds.

One never knows what they could have done to prevent a family member or friend from taking their own life, but here's some suggestions.

Being educated about suicide can help you be more supportive for your loved ones. Being informed about suicide and knowing that you don't need to be a mental health provider to lower your risk of suicide or support your loved ones is as important as ever.

Sometimes but not always those who commit

suicide do so after some event in their life made them depressed. These individuals may need someone (POSSIBLY YOU) to talk to and express themselves to as to what's causing their depression.

“Any time you notice a family member, friend or anyone acting and or speaking unusual give notice of it and inquire as best you can what the reason for their unusual behavior.”

It's possible if a depressed person discusses what's causing their depression this by-itself can be a relief to where they can get over it and move on with their life in a positive way.

Here are two ways you can help:

If your love one seems to be at risk of suicide, be supportive and intentional about asking them what's going on, experts said. Here's an example: “Hey, I've noticed life's gotten overwhelming these past couple days. Do you want to tell me about it?”

Listen to them, express appreciation for their openness and offer to help figure it out together, encourage them about all the wonderful reasons they should stay alive.

Don't wait... encourage them or even you should call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

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