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NORTHEAST NEWS



FOLKS TAKE A "SELFIE" WITH THE EMERGENCY CORPS AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN EAST ALDINE. SEE BELOW, AND PAGE 5.

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NEWS NOTES

Jensen Jubilee Parade & Festival 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.
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Small Business Luncheon Seminar Oct. 24

East Aldine District presents its monthly Small Business Free Luncheon Seminar, on Thursday October 24 from 12pm to 1:30pm at the District Office Building, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive.
 TOPIC: Texas Sales & Use Tax, presented by RMH Client Accounting Specialists.
 RSVP required, scan the QR code on page 8, or AldineDistrict.org/RSVP.
 Join the luncheon to learn about running a business in Texas, and the Corporate Transparency Act's mandatory requirements for all businesses due by Dec. 2024.
 For more information, contact LDean@AldineDistrict.org or call 512-658-4985.

Houston Texans award \$20,000 to MacArthur Football

HOUSTON – MacArthur High School head football coach Blake Ware received a pleasant surprise when he arrived at the Houston Texans offices on Friday, Oct. 4.

Ware thought he was going to the Texans headquarters to be part of a high school coaches meeting, but then he arrived he was greeted by Texans Chairman and CEO Cal McNair who presented Ware, the first-year Generals head coach, with a check for \$20,000 to support the MacArthur football program.

The funds can be used to purchase new equipment or provide for other needs for the Generals football program.



Houston Texans Chairman and CEO Cal McNair, center, poses with MacArthur High School head football coach Blake Ware, and Aldine ISD's Executive Director of Athletics Dre Thompson after McNair awarded Ware and the MacArthur High School football program \$20,000 as part of the Texans Grow the Game Initiative. The presentation was made at the Texans offices at NRG Stadium.

Ware said he and the MacArthur football program were grateful for the generous gift from Mr. McNair and the Texans.

The MacArthur Generals Football program, school, and community are extremely thankful to the Houston Texans, the McNair Family and their 2024 Grow the Game Initiative, Ware said. Their example of service to others is a pillar that we are instilling into our kids at MacArthur. The impact of their generosity cannot be understated and will go a long way to enhance the experience of the kids in our football program. (Go Big Red!)

This year, in honor of Founder's Day (in honor of late Texans founder Robert C. McNair's legacy to giving back to the Houston community), Texans Co-Founder and Senior Chair Janice McNair and her son Cal launched their new Grow the Game Initiative to support local high school football programs.

Ware was joined at the check presentation event by Aldine ISD Executive Director of Athletics Dre Thompson.

East Aldine celebrates National Night Out!

EAST ALDINE – The Annual National Night Out was celebrated at the Town Center Amphitheatre in East Aldine on Tuesday night, Oct. 1st starting at 6pm.

This is a partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Office and other community groups, so residents can get to know their First Responders. Participating were Sheriff's deputies, Westfield fire department, BakerRipley, Lone Star College, Precinct 2 Adrian Garcia, State Rep. Armando Walle, Harris County Emergency Corps, and REICH.

The event included rock climbing, train rides, face painting, prizes, food and games, and music from Rubenmusik, and Grupo ACE. Hundreds of families

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ALDINE ISD POLICE WERE ONE OF SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS PRESENT



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TWO LITTLE GIRLS GET TO MEET A DEPUTY

Rep. Walle holds Open House to introduce his new offices



State Representative Armando Walle has moved his District 140 offices into the East Aldine Management District office building. Walle held an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 5th. GUESTS at the Open House, above, included Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Deputy Johnny Reyes, Walle, Patti Acosta of EAMD, Melissa Gonzalez of Lone Star College, Rebecca Reyna of Northside Management District, and Art Murillo of METRO and Lone Star College Board. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 2.

FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 7:

No. 1 Texas hosts No. 5 Georgia in key SEC tilt: Texans head to Green Bay to take on the Packers

The eyes of the college football world will be on Austin on Saturday night when the No. 1 Texas Longhorns host the No. 5-ranked Georgia Bulldogs in prime time on ABC.

Kickoff is slated for 6:30 p.m. in perhaps the biggest game to date of the 2024 college season.

The winner should enhance its College Football Playoff resume, and get a leg up in the SEC race. Texas should enter this game undefeated (UT played OU last Saturday), while a loss would be Georgia's second of the year. The 'Dawgs can still probably get into the playoffs with two losses, but head coach Kirby Smart would rather not take that chance.

Georgia lost at Alabama on Sept. 28, so Smart knows there is little room for error for the rest of the season.

Speaking of Alabama, what the heck is going on in Tusca-

KEENEY'S KORNER

BY
MIKE KEENEY

loosa? Two weeks ago, the Crimson Tide, then ranked No. 1 in the country, was upset by Vanderbilt (of all people!), 40-34 in Nashville. The Tide defense has issues. In their win over Georgia, that unit gave up 34 points and followed that poor performance up by allowing a middling Commodores team to put 40 up on them. 'Bama fans know that's a very un-Saban like performance for their team. Things don't get any easier this Saturday when No. 7 Alabama plays at No. 8-ranked Tennes-

see, which saw its undefeated season come to an end two weeks ago after a 19-14 loss at Arkansas.

Speaking of the Hogs, they host No. 13-ranked LSU on Saturday, which means the SEC has three of the most interesting games on the college schedule this weekend.

In the NFL, the Texans hit the road for the second straight week when they head to Green

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Rose Avalos of Aldine ISD and Walle share a big smile at the Open House.

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Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Armando Walle, and Melissa Gonzalez of LSC enjoy the Terrace of the building.



Pastor David Smith and Randy Bates of Aldine ISD board enjoy snacks on the Terrace of the East Aldine office building.



SCORES & SCHEDULES WEEK 7

THIS WEEK'S GAMES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
 Aldine Davis at Nimitz, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston
 C. E. King at Humble, 7 p.m., Turner Stadium in Humble
 Channelview at North Shore, 7 p.m., Galena Park ISD Stadium, in Houston
 Summer Creek at Goose Creek Memorial, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18
 Aldine Eisenhower at Dekaney, 7 p.m., Planet Ford Stadium in Spring
 Baytown Sterling at Lufkin, 7 p.m., Abe Martin Stadium in Lufkin
 Beaumont United at Barbers Hill, 7 p.m., Eagle Stadium in Mont Belvieu
 Fort Bend Kempner at Crosby, 7 p.m., Cougar Stadium in Crosby
 Hardin Jefferson at Huffman Hargrave, 7:30 p.m., Falcon Stadium in Huffman
 Randle at Baytown Lee, 7 p.m., Stallworth Stadium in Baytown
 Spring at Aldine MacArthur, 7 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
 Aldine MacArthur 35, Aldine 0
 Beaumont West Brook 26, Baytown Sterling 9
 Houston Waltrip 42, Galena Park 27
 Huffman Hargrave 65, Vidor 38
 Humble Kingwood 41, Channelview 19
 Humble Summer Creek 53, Sheldon C. E. King 7
 Port Arthur Memorial 20, Barbers Hill 17
 Spring Dekaney 24, Aldine Davis 14
 Spring Westfield 42, Aldine Nimitz 15

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
 Spring 27, Aldine Eisenhower 0

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
 Galena Park at Sharpstown, 12 p.m., Butler Stadium in Houston
 Spring Westfield at Aldine, 2 p.m., W. W. Thorne Stadium in Houston

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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
- 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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Movement Mondays
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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. 21, 3-4:30pm.**

Bilingual Story Time/Hora de cuentos Bilingue
 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. 15, 11 - 1:45am.**

Escape Room: CARNIVAL OF HORRORS
 OCTUBRE 25 & 26
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SALA DE ESCAPE: FERIA DE HORRORES
 OCTUBRE 25 & 26
 RESUELVA LAS ROMPECABEZAS ANTES QUE SE TERMINE EL TIEMPO! ¡PONGA A PRUEBA SUS HABILIDADES CON AMIGOS Y FAMILIA! FRANJAS HORARIAS LIMITADAS DISPONIBLES. *SE REQUIERE INSCRIBIRSE, PARA EDADES 13+*

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. 22, 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. 22, 5-6pm.**

Self-Care Sessions
 Adulting is hard and exhausting. It's time to take it easy and focus on yourself. Join us on Wednesdays at 11am for Self-Care Sessions and take some time just for you. Adults 18 and over only. **Wednesday, Oct. 23, 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
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.**

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. 24, 3:30pm - 5:30pm.**

PJ Story Time
 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!

Are Books Good
 Help us decide once and for all

Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-6:45pm.
 ¡Únase a nosotros para la hora del cuento de pijamas! Ponte el pijama y trae a tu amigo favorito a la hora de dormir. Con cuentos, canciones y movimientos de yoga para dormir mejor.
 ¡Nos vemos allí!
The Write Track - Youth Writer's Circle
 Explore your passion for writing in The Write Track! We'll discuss and share our work and break down creative barriers through exercises designed to spark your creativity. Experiment with genres and techniques, discover new inspiration, and develop your writing skills in a fun, low-pressure setting. No experience required! All young writers are welcome, but this program is best for ages 12 - 18. **Saturday, Oct. 26, 2-3:15pm.**

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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Business, Industry Partners Help HCC Fulfill its Mission

By Margaret Ford Fisher, Ed.D.
Chancellor, Houston Community College

HOUSTON (Sept. 25, 2024) – Ask any college president in America and the answer will very likely be the same: colleges need the support of business, industry and private partners if they are to successfully achieve their mission.

Houston Community College (HCC) is no exception. These external partners provide guidance in developing curriculum for new courses, for advising curriculum for existing courses, for providing internships and apprenticeships to students, for providing state-of-the-industry equipment and software, for contributing to student scholarships, and more.

While funds from the Texas Legislature, tuition, and local taxes cover a college's operating expenses, often it is the support and involvement of willing partners outside the college that help it thrive.

In recent months, for example,



Margaret Ford Fisher, Ed.D. Chancellor, HCC

HCC received a grant from Johnson Controls to educate workers in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning, fire and security fields, and joined forces with Harris Health System to establish a comprehensive apprenticeship program to train and produce skilled patient-care technicians.

With the support from the Fracht

Group based in Switzerland, the college is opening an apprenticeship program to address the growing demand for skilled professionals in the global, freight-forwarding sector. HCC also partners with the City of Houston to provide training in solar photovoltaic installation, to train firefighters, police and other first responders. Recently, the college began a partnership with Qualcomm, one of the world's wireless technology leaders, to support and foster an inclusive patent ecosystem for inventors and innovators, and began working with the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a comprehensive aviation technician program that will address the growing demand for skilled aviation technicians in the region.

Along with Miami Dade College and the Maricopa Community College District, HCC is partnering with the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education program to create a national applied artificial intelligence (AI) consortium,

a groundbreaking initiative that aims to foster the growth of technician-level AI professionals across the nation.

And, who can overlook the contributions of hundreds of individuals and businesses who gave more than \$7 million in scholarships and grants for HCC students this past fiscal year? In a community where 937,000 adults—61 percent in the HCC service area—do not hold a college degree, and from that group, 300,000 have not graduated from high school, this support is critical. Research shows that, as of 2021, the median income of 22-to-34-year-olds who earned an associate degree at HCC increased from \$28,000 to \$48,000 annually within five years after completion. Meanwhile, the median income of 35-to-44-year-olds increased from \$39,000 to \$54,000. Certificate earners showed similar gains.

Truly, education has the power to change our community—and our partners help open the door.

Forest Brook: an HISD School that Improved from F to B Grade under Mike Miles' Changes

By Asher Lehrer-Small
Houston Landing (excerpted)

NORTH FOREST – Forest Brook Middle School made an incredible jump from an F to a B rating in just one year. The Houston Landing spent two days at the campus to see first-hand how the New Education System's reforms are making an impact inside classrooms—speaking to campus leaders, teachers, students, and parents about their experience.

Forest Brook Middle School math teacher Tyrone Greaves presides over his class with a warm, loose manner that makes him seem almost like a favorite uncle, rather than students' first period instructor.

On a Thursday morning in mid-September, Greaves sports a yellow and black baseball jersey adorned with the Houston ISD school's name. When his hip bumps into a tablet computer hooked up to a projector screen, he draws a laugh by muttering "big back," a Gen Z term for a large upper body or backside.

But when it comes to educating kids at the long-struggling campus, the fun and games end.

Over a 45-minute period, he pushes students to tackle four complicated math problems without pausing, blitzing through questions about college savings, scholarships and accrued interest. He rotates between assigning individual work, partner collaboration and full-class discussion, ensuring students have the chance to try to solve, then review, each problem.

"It is a threading of the needle," Greaves said in an interview. "I think,



Forest Brook Middle School math teacher Steven Bobino delivers instruction Sept. 18 at the campus in northeast Houston. (Antranik Tavitian / Houston Landing)

with the level of camaraderie, but focus on education that I try to provide, it decreases that anxiety (some students have around math) and allows kids to speak freely."

The friendly but disciplined approach has helped Greaves and his colleagues make a remarkable turnaround at the northeast Houston school. Forest Brook Middle unofficially notched a B grade in 2023-24 after scoring at an F level the prior year under Texas' A-through-F academic accountability system. (State officials have not released official ratings due to an ongoing lawsuit.)

The rare reversal — only 2 of 87 F-rated Texas middle schools made the same leap in 2019, the last time the state released accountability ratings in back-to-back years — came in the first year of state-appointed Superintendent Mike Miles' sweeping overhaul of the district. While many of Miles' critics have blasted his tactics, arguing they take too much authority away from teachers and put too much emphasis on test scores, the ratings



Forest Brook Middle School Principal Alicia Lewis walks to various classrooms to observe teachers Sept. 18 at the campus in northeast Houston. (Antranik Tavitian / Houston Landing)

at schools like Forest Brook Middle mark a key win for the superintendent and his supporters.

To better understand what has fueled the improvement at Forest Brook Middle, one of 28 schools that saw the biggest overhaul in 2023-24, the Houston Landing spent two full school days inside its halls in mid-September. The visit represented some of the most extensive media access granted under Miles' administration. School leadership gave the Landing virtually unrestricted access to classrooms and staff meetings, with no set schedule or guide.

Over the two days, the Landing saw a strict but deeply invested school staff that has largely embraced the overhaul model, thanks to the leadership of a popular principal, Alicia Lewis. Families interviewed by the Landing, as well as several students hand-picked by school leadership, said they largely appreciate, and have adapted to, the approach.

"Last year, when we started this process, scholars went home tired," Lewis

said. "The parents call me. 'Ms. Lewis,' they say, 'it's too much work.' It's not. It's not too much work. They need it. And look at what happened. They grew."

The Landing saw several on-the-ground practices that emphasize strict behavior standards and performance on standardized tests — common criticisms of Miles' model. But the Landing also witnessed strong relationships between students and staff, as well as teachers infusing their personality into lessons, contradicting the depiction of overhauled schools as cold and joyless.

After observing 16 classes, sitting in on several staff meetings and conducting over two dozen interviews with staff, families and students, here's what stood out.

Bobino moved through the problems following a repeated pattern: Students puzzled on the questions on their own, held their answers up on a whiteboard, discussed them with a partner, then worked them out as a full class. Bobino mixed up the routine by adding a personal anecdote about how measurements had baffled him during a school trip to London as a 19-year-old University of Houston student.

Across the hall, Dancer relied largely on a call-and-response tactic to draw students into the lesson. Some children stood at their desks, leaning onto their tiptoes when they shouted answers.

"They wanted us to go from centimeters to meters," Dancer said after reading a math problem aloud. "That means we're moving up, which means we're..." She paused to let her class complete the sentence with her. "Dividing," they finished.

-- See complete story, with quotes and charts, at houstonlanding.com.

Three Suspects Arrested, Charged in Fatal Shooting at 4901 Laura Koppe Road

HOUSTON – Charges have been filed against three suspects arrested in the fatal shooting of three men and wounding of eight other persons at 4901 Laura Koppe Road about 2:25 a.m. on September 14.

The suspects - Javion Tyrus Noel, 21, Jakalyn Willis, 20, and Markielo Jamal Reynolds, 20 - are charged with capital murder in the 495th State District Court. Recent booking photos of all three males are attached to this news release.

The victims are identified as Jarvis Faultry, 24, Breon Stuard, 23, and Marlon Jackson, 24.

HPD Homicide Division Sergeant A. Dudley and Detective K. Heaverlo reported:

HPD patrol officers responded to a shooting call at the above address and found multiple individuals suffering from gunshot wounds. Paramedics pronounced two men, later identified as Mr. Faultry and Mr. Stuard, deceased at the scene. A third man, Mr. Jackson, was transported to an area hospital where doctors later pronounced him deceased.

Seven other men, ages 49, 45, 43, 30, 25, 22 and 24 and one woman, 43,



suffered gunshot wounds and were transported to area hospitals either by paramedics or by private vehicles. All are expected to survive their injuries.

Investigators learned a large group of people was attending a block party when a vehicle approached and occupants fired

shots toward the crowd. The vehicle, with at least three unknown suspects inside, fled the scene. Multiple people attending the party also fled the scene.

Further investigation led to the identities of the suspects as Noel, Willis and Reynolds. On Tuesday (Oct. 8), each was

charged for his role in the shooting.

It was determined all three suspects were already in custody. Noel is in the Harris County Jail on an unrelated charge, while Willis and Reynolds are in jail in Los Angeles, California, on unrelated charges.

OPINION PAGE

PET MATTERS

In Memory of Susan Hoffman



BARC Houston to Host Family Friendly "BARC-O-Ween" Adoption Event October 19 with Free Adoptions

HOUSTON – BARC, the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, invites Houstonians to the inaugural "BARC-O-Ween" family friendly adoption event on Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3300 Carr Street. At this spook-tacular shelter event, all adoption fees will be waived, so it is the perfect time for families to welcome a new pet into their homes while enjoying a day of fall-themed fun.

At BARC-O-Ween, BARC is offering waived adoption fees for all pets, providing a great opportunity to save a life and give an animal a loving home. With hundreds of pets looking for families, BARC is calling on the community to help make a difference by adopting.

In addition to adoptions, this family-friendly event will feature exciting trunk-or-treating, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and booths with information and giveaways from local vendors! Food trucks from popular Houston vendors, as well as adult beverages and root beer from St. Arnold's Brewing company, will be on site, offering a variety of delicious treats for purchase and give-away. Entry to the event is free, and the first 75 adopters will receive a free swag bag!

"We are thrilled to host our first ever BARC-O-Ween event this year as a way to engage the community, raise awareness for pet adoption, and celebrate our pets," said BARC Shelter Director Jarrad Mears. "Adoption events like this are critical for our shelter, especially during high-intake seasons. It's a chance for us to connect with the public and find forever homes for our animals, while also providing a fun, safe environment for families to enjoy the Halloween spirit."

The event is made possible thanks to generous support from our sponsors, including Houston Pets Alive!, Saint Arnold Brewing Company, Petco Love, the Houston BARC Foundation, and Friends of BARC. Attendees can also participate in raffles and win fun giveaways while learning more about local pet resources and responsible pet ownership. Visitors and potential adopters of all ages are welcome to attend in family friendly costumes; no outside pets are permitted, excluding service animals.

About BARC

BARC, the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, takes in more than 20,000 animals annually regardless of behavior, breed, or medical condition. BARC works each day to improve Houstonians and their pets' health and safety by pioneering programs such as low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter services, mobile adoptions, transfer/rescue partnerships, and pet registration and microchipping. BARC is also committed to public safety through animal enforcement, which answers calls for service from the community and investigates cases of animal cruelty.

Visit www.houstonbarc.com for more information.



THE POSTSCRIPT By Carrie Classon

Late Corn



The corn was planted late. We knew that at the time. Because their house is located so deep in the woods, my mother has had no luck getting vegetables to grow. When my parents heard there were garden plots available in town, they signed up for one, and have had a garden in town for several years.

The rhubarb was already up when they were told there was a garden plot next to theirs that was not being used.

"Use it!" the manager of the community garden told them. I'm not sure where the idea came from, but my dad decided to plant corn.

It was late for corn, that far north. But my dad got three different kinds of seeds, and he soaked them overnight to give them a head start, and when I was visiting last spring, we stuck them in the ground and hoped for the best.

My mom sent a photo mid-summer. "The corn is up!" she wrote, with a photo of the little green stalks in three neat rows. "How's the corn?" I'd ask when I called.

"It's coming, but we still don't have any cobs ready."

The stalks grew tall, and they tassled out, and there were ears clinging to the stalks. A raccoon or similar invader knocked a cob off the stalk and my dad peeled it open. "Still not ready to eat," he reported.

I visited this past weekend and, late in September, the weather was still warm, although the days were shorter, that far north. I took the garden hose at the community garden and gave the corn a good watering, and I wondered if my parents would get any corn to eat.

While I had the hose out, I also watered the rhubarb. My mother told me that folks said harvesting rhubarb late in the season prevented a good crop from being produced in the spring. But I could tell my mother was skeptical. She has been growing rhubarb almost all her life and knows a thing or two about rhubarb by now. She had given the last of her rhubarb to a friend and wanted to make one last batch of sauce, so we pulled out a pile of big, healthy stems, late in September, and brought them home.

"I don't think it hurts them a bit!" my mother said.

But the corn was not yet ready.

There was still corn at the corn stand. The farmers know what they're doing, planting the corn very early and very late and keeping the sweet corn season going as long as possible. It made me hopeful that those cobs, even if they were a little small, might turn into something edible before the first frost.

On this last visit to the garden, I saw that most of the gardeners have packed up for the summer. They had pulled out the last of the beans and tomatoes and raked out their beds. They had piled cow manure on the top of their beds and taken off for Florida or Arizona. One of them was there while I was watering the corn.

"See you next year!" he told my parents.

My parents are still watering the corn. And I'm glad we planted it, no matter what happens.

Maybe nothing will come of it. Probably nothing will. But planting late corn has given us something to hope for. It's like rooting for a losing team. It's like starting a new dream late in life. I admire my parents for planting corn after the rhubarb was up and hoping for the best.

Till next time,
Carrie

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders



Lawmakers to Tackle Soaring Home Insurance Rates

Top state lawmakers plan to address soaring homeowners insurance premiums when they return to Austin in January for the next legislative session, according to the Houston Chronicle.

The state's insurance commissioner, Cassie Brown, told a Senate committee that home insurance rates increased last year by more than 21% statewide, twice the average increase in 2022.

More severe and frequent disasters are blamed for the spike in rates. In addition to more severe and more frequent storms, higher home values and higher costs for construction and labor are also factors. The median home price in Texas has risen 40% in the past five years.

"All this new value needs coverage, which results in bigger bills for consumers," Brown said.

Lawmakers reportedly will consider changes to the state's file-and-use system, which allows insurance companies to raise rates and then seek regulatory approval. Brown said the Texas Department of Insurance reviews all rate filings but "rarely" disapproves any of them.

"If we tighten up the criteria that you have to look at in order to approve their rates — I would expect that if it's harder to get a rate increase approval, that would help Texans with their premiums on their insurance," state Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, said.

ALARM SOUNDED OVER LANGUISHING FARM BILL

Texas farmers, ranchers and lawmakers are voicing concerns that an economic catastrophe is in the works if Congress doesn't approve a new farm bill by the end of the year. The 2018 version — good for five years — has finally expired, The Texas Tribune reported, after being extended until Sept. 30.

In a letter to the House Republican leadership signed by 140 members of Congress, the signers warned that waiting until next year to pass a bill will have a nationwide effect.

"The negative impacts of failing to act will not just stop at the farm gate," the letter said, "but will (affect) Main Street businesses, rural communities, and the national economy."

The Farm, Food, and National Security act is considered a "must-pass" piece of federal legislation. The bill supports more than 230,000 farmers and



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ranchers in Texas, and the state's food and agriculture sectors reportedly contribute more than \$860.8 billion in economic activity while employing more than 4.5 million people.

The farm bill also funds the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides more than 3.4 million low-income Texans with food benefits.

"We need our members of Congress and leadership in Congress to recognize there's no room for delay anymore," said Laramie Adams of the Texas Farm Bureau, said. "It's time to actually work together to get something done."

TEXAS HAS MORE THAN 18 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS

Texas has hit a high-water mark with more than 18 million registered voters. The voter registration rolls are growing at a faster pace than the population's growth, indicating increased interest in signing up to vote. The Chronicle reported the state has added nearly 2.6 million voters since 2018.

Most of the growth has come in Harris County and along the I-35 corridor, areas that tend to vote more Democratic. While Republicans have not lost a statewide race in 30 years, results are getting tighter.

"We are in a competitive state and we are not going to win just sitting on our laurels," said Dave Carney, a veteran Republican strategist who has been a key political adviser to Gov. Greg Abbott and former Gov. Rick Perry.

JUDGE ENDS PROBE INTO ALLEGED VOTE HARVESTING

A federal judge has stopped the state's ability to investigate alleged cases of vote harvesting, such as the probe into the League of United Latin American Citizens by Attorney General Ken Paxton, The Tribune reported.

The probe was being conducted under a provision of a

law passed in 2021 that targeted voter outreach groups suspected of offering vote-harvesting services. Voter outreach groups have complained of overreach by Paxton's office and widespread confusion over the law's implications.

Paxton last week vowed to appeal.

"A ruling — weeks prior to an election — preventing my office from investigating potential election violations is deeply troubling and risks undermining public trust in our political process," he said.

Voter outreach groups hailed the ruling, saying the restrictions violated the U.S. Constitution by being vague and restricting free speech.

Texas leads nation in road rage shootings

A newsroom dedicated to reporting on gun violence reports Texas is leading the country in road rage shootings, according to data from 2014 through 2023.

The Austin American-Statesman reported on the findings by The Trace, which concluded the number of people shot in road rage incidents surged over 400% during that time period, with 456 shooting incidents reported last year.

Two Texas cities topped the list of road rage shootings during that 10-year period. Houston reported 215 total incidents with 192 shootings and 207 victims shot, while San Antonio reported 107 total incidents with 83 shootings and 94 victims shot.

During that 10-year period in Texas, 146 people were shot and killed in road rage incidents, while 435 were wounded. In addition, 26 suspects were killed and 14 wounded.

SHORTER DAYS BRING HIGHER RISKS FOR PEDESTRIANS

The change in seasons brings fewer daylight hours and higher risks for pedestrian safety, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. Last October was the deadliest month for pedestrians, with 80 dying in Texas traffic crashes.

"As the fall and winter months usher in shorter days and less light, pedestrians are at increased risk on our roads," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Drivers may struggle to see pedestrians in lower-light conditions and must stay alert to avoid preventable collisions."

Motorists are urged to stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks; yield while turning to pedestrians; put phones away; and observe the posted speed limit. Pedestrians are reminded to cross streets only at intersections and crosswalks; make eye contact with drivers before crossing; wear reflective material at night; and also put away all electronic devices.

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East Aldine celebrates National Night Out!

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participated and had a great time.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez had the following to say about National Night Out:

On October 1, 2024, the Harris County Sheriff's Office proudly participated in the annual National Night Out (NNO). Thousands of communities nationwide joined in this initiative to build stronger relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

This year's event was held in multiple neighborhoods throughout Harris County, where deputies and community members came together for an evening of fun, safety awareness, and connection. NNO fosters a unique opportunity for residents to meet their local law enforcement officers in a casual, friendly setting, promoting partnerships that enhance public safety.

From meet-and-greets with deputies to showcasing some of HCSO's impressive vehicles and even bringing out the mounted patrol, each NNO celebration offered something unique. HCSO leadership and teammates made their way through various neighborhoods, greeting residents, answering questions, and participating in community festivities.

Community engagement is at the heart of what we do at the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and NNO allows us to strengthen the ties that keep our neighborhoods safe and united. We extend our gratitude to all the residents who participated, and we look forward to building even more connections during next year's NNO events.

Thank you to everyone who made this year's National Night Out a success. Together, we are making Harris County a safer, more connected community.



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FOOTBALL SEASON WEEK 7:

No. 1 Texas hosts No. 5 Georgia in key SEC tilt: Texans head to Green Bay to take on the Packers

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Bay to take on the Packers at Lambeau Field. Houston fans hope star wide receiver Nico Collins will be available for this game after he tweaked his hamstring in the Texans' 23-20 win over Buffalo two weeks ago. The injury came as Collins hauled in a 67-yard TD pass from C.J. Stroud to put Houston up 14-3.

There's a big one in the NFC North as the 5-0 Minnesota Vikings host Detroit. In other action in Week 7, the Kansas City Chiefs visit the struggling San Francisco 49ers in a rematch of last year's Super Bowl game, while the New York Jets visit Pittsburgh on Sunday Night Football. For the second time this season, we get two Monday Night Football games. The best of the duo pits a hot Baltimore team visiting Tampa Bay and the nightcap will have Jim Harbaugh's Chargers visiting Arizona.

In District 14-6A play, Aldine plays at Westfield. MacArthur hosts Spring, Eisenhower plays at Dekaney and the biggest game of the week pits the high-scoring Nimitz Cougars against a tough Davis Falcons team.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week upped the season record to 50-22 (69%). Not too shabby. Now, onto this weekend's games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Aldine at Westfield - Coach Cirilo Ojeda's team will have its work cut out for it when it takes on a surging Westfield team on Thursday at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring. After going 1-2 in non-district play, Westfield won three straight games heading into last weekend's showdown with slow down Westfield running back Miles Dent (525 yards, 3 TDs) if it hopes to pull off the upset. My pick, Westfield 31, Aldine 17

Davis vs. Nimitz - Kelvin Chatham's Falcons take on Cornelius Harmon's Cougars in a



key league game for both teams on Thursday night at Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, Davis defeated Spring 10-6, while Nimitz defeated Aldine, 65-0. The Cougars have the most explosive offense in the league led by QB Albert Brown (1,253 yards, 15 TDs) and wide receivers Malachi Augustus (21 receptions, 412 yards, 8 TDs) and Ke'Lyn Washom (10 receptions, 376 yards, 4 TDs). Davis will rely on big plays from running back Nick Tramble (418 yards, 3 TDs) and QB Ander Salazar (761 yards, 6 TDs). My pick, Nimitz 33, Davis 30

Spring at MacArthur - Blake Ware's Generals host the Spring Lions on Friday night at Thorne Stadium. The Generals will look for a big game from QB Lance Ner (88 passing yards, 2 TDs/423 rushing yards, 4 TDs) and running back Nick Macias (292 yards, 1 TD). Spring is struggling this year, so look for the Generals to pick up a big win on Friday night. My pick, MacArthur 23, Spring 14

Eisenhower at Dekaney - Odell James' Eagles take on Dekaney on Friday night at Planet Ford Stadium in Spring. Two weeks ago, the Eagles improved to 2-0 in league play with a 24-0 shutout of MacArthur. The Eagles will look for another big night from running back Elijah Dixon (347 yards, 6 TDs). My pick, Eisenhower 26, Dekaney 23

NCAA

LSU at Arkansas - The Tigers have a tough road trip to take on an Arkansas team that is potent on offense. LSU has some weapons on that side of the ball as well in QB Garrett

Nussmeir (1,652 yards, 15 TDs), running back Caden Daniels (244 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receivers Aaron Anderson (27 receptions, 371 yards, 2 TDs) and Kyren Lacy (25 receptions, 352 yards, 5 TDs). The Hogs have a dangerous dual threat QB in Taylor Green (1,502 passing yards, 5 TDs/326 rushing yards, 4 TDs) and a solid running back in Ja/Quinden Jackson (566 yards, 10 TDs). The Hogs proved in their 19-14 win over a high-powered Tennessee offense that they can play defense as well. Look for the Hogs to pull off the upset over LSU on Saturday. My pick, Arkansas 23, LSU 20

Alabama at Tennessee - This is a big game for both team's CFP chances and the loser will have two losses in the SEC, and with Texas A&M playing as well as they are, and UT and Georgia still in the playoff hunt, the loser of this game could be on the outside looking for their CFP hopes. First-year Alabama head coach Kalen DeBoer is taking some heat for his team's 40-34 loss at Vanderbilt as well he should. Many experts said the team was not prepared and it showed in the outcome. Vandy dominated the Tide on both lines and that's unheard of for 'Bama fans. Perhaps that loss will serve as a wakeup call, and 'Bama had better be focused for a dangerous Tennessee team that is tough to beat at home. The Crimson Tide need a big game from QB Jalen Milroe (1,274 passing yards, 11 TDs/283 rushing yards, 9 TDs) and sensational freshman wideout Ryan Williams (19 receptions, 544 yards, 6 TDs, 28.6 yards per catch). The Vols have a pretty

fair signal caller as well in Nico Iamaleava (1,048 yards, 7 TDs). They can also run the ball behind running back Dylan Sampson (589 yards, 12 TDs) and have a solid wideout in Dont'e Thompson (8 receptions, 254 yards, 3 TDs, 35.6 yards per catch). I think the 'Bama defense rises to the occasion in this one to help the Tide win a huge road game. My pick, Alabama 26, Tennessee 23

Georgia at Texas - This should be a good one to watch on Saturday evening as the No. 5 Bulldogs visit Austin to take on the No. 1 Longhorns. UT's high-powered offense will get a big test against a Georgia defense that allows just 14.4 points per game. UT should have QB Quinn Ewers (691 yards, 8 TDs) back for this one after he missed two and a half games with an abdomen injury (he was set to return against OU last Saturday). If Ewers falters, head coach Steve Sarkisian can turn to a very capable backup in Arch Manning (901 yards, 9 TDs). UT needs to get running back Jayden Blue (239 yards, 4 TDs) going against the 'Dawgs, but that might be easier said than done against their quick and aggressive defense. Look for Ewers or Manning to look to make plays to their trio of talented wide receivers in Isaiah Bond (20 receptions, 364 yards, 3 TDs), Ryan Wingo (11 receptions, 247 yards, 2 TDs) and UH transfer Matthew Golden (18 receptions, 223 yards, 3 TDs). A solid UT defense will have its hands full with Georgia QB Carson Beck (1,359 yards, 12 TDs), running back Travis Etienne (300 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Arian Smith (18 receptions, 278 yards, 2 TDs). If Texas wants to be considered one of the big boys in the SEC, they must prove they can beat the biggest Dog in the league. It says here they get the job done. My pick, Texas 31, Georgia 27

NFL

Detroit at Minnesota - This could be the best game as the NFL schedule in Week 7 as the Lions visit the Vikings in a key NFC North contest. Detroit played at Dallas last week, while the Vikings had the week off after beating the Jets in London. Detroit's potent offense will go up against one of the top defenses in the league. The

Lions are loaded on offense led by QB Jared Goff (1,015 yards, 5 TDs), running back Jahmyr Gibbs (285 yards, 4 total TDs), David Montgomery (271 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wideouts Jameson Williams (13 receptions, 289 yards, 2 TDs) and Amon-Ra St.Brown (27 receptions, 252 yards, 2 TDs). The Detroit defense has some issues in the secondary, so look for Viking QB Sam Darnold (1,111 yards, 11 TDs) to look to make plays to big-lay wide receiver Justin Jefferson (26 receptions, 450 yards, 4 TDs) early to soften up the Lions defense. Minnesota is tough to beat at home this year, which will be the difference maker on Sunday. My pick, Minnesota 24, Detroit 20

Houston at Green Bay - The Texans head to historic Lambeau Field to take on a Packers team that is still trying to find itself. Two weeks ago, the Texans survived against the Bills to eek out a last-second 23=20 home win over the Bills. GB picked up a 24-19 road win over the Rams as QB Jordan Love (873 yards, 8 TDs) is starting to play better after missing two games. His wide receiver corps is injured, so look for GB to give the Houston defense a steady dose of running back Josh Jacobs (402 yards, 1 TD). The Texans will look for another solid game from QB C.J. Stroud (1,385 yards, 7 TDs), Collins (if he's available) and Stefan Diggs (31 receptions, 315 yards, 2 TDs). The Packers are tough at home, which the Texans will discover on Sunday. My pick, Green Bay 30, Houston 27

Kansas City at San Francisco - These two teams are heading in opposite directions. The Chiefs won their first five games of the season, while the 49ers went 2-3 in their first five and have had trouble putting even subpar teams away as evidenced by their 24-24 home loss to Arizona two weeks ago. There will be a lot of hype leading up to this one as these two met in the Super Bowl a year ago. KC is doing enough on offense behind QB Patrick Mahomes (1,235 yards, 6 TDs) to keep winning. Mahomes lost his big-play wide receiver when Rashee Rice was placed on injured reserve due to a knee injury he sustained in Week 3. After a slow start to the season, tight end Travis Kelce (24

receptions, 228 yards) has picked up his game over the last couple of weeks. KC is also getting production from running back Kareem Hunt (171 yards in 2 games) who was signed to replace injured starting running back Isiah Pacheco. The 49ers have weapons on offense in QB Brock Purdy (1,374 yards, 7 TDs), running back Jordan Mason (536 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Brandon Aiyuk (21 receptions, 314 yards). This might be a good week for the 49ers to turn their season around. My pick, San Francisco 23, Kansas City 20

New York Jets at Pittsburgh - The Jets take on the Steelers on Sunday Night Football and will have a new head coach at Robert Saleh was fired on Oct. 8 after his team got off to a 2-3 start. Let's see if that move inspires QB Aaron Rodgers (1,093 yards, 7 TDs). The Jets could use a big night from running back Breece Hall (197 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Garrett Wilson (33 receptions, 292 yards, 2 TDs). The Steelers dropped their second straight game two weeks ago when they fell at home on Sunday night to Dallas, 20-17. It might be time for QB Justin Fields (961 passing yards, 5 TDs/172 rushing yards, 3 TDs) to be replaced by Russell Wilson. This should be a low-scoring, defensive game. My pick, Pittsburgh 16, New York Jets 13

Baltimore at Tampa Bay - Don't look now, but the Ravens are getting on a roll and that might be bad news for the rest of the AFC. After losing their first two games, Baltimore ran off three straight wins as QB Lamar Jackson (1,206 passing yards, 9 TDs/363 rushing yards, 2 TDs) is playing like his MVP-self. Running back Derrick Henry (572 yards, 6 TDs) has been a pleasant surprise as he's given the Ravens a big-time running back. The Bucs have been up and down thus far, but are tough to beat at home thanks to the play of QB Baker Mayfield (1,164 yards, 11 TDs) and big-play wideouts Chris Godwin (32 receptions, 386 yards, 3 TDs) and Mike Evans (23 receptions, 276 yards, 5 TDs). This should be an emotional game for the Bucs who will be rallying the community after Hurricane Milton struck the area a week prior. Look for the Bucs to pull off the upset on Monday night. My pick, Tampa Bay 26, Baltimore 23

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Leviticus (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who found an Ethiopian eunuch sitting in a chariot reading the words of Esaias (Isaiah)? Ahaz, Philip, Jotham, Uzziah
3. In John 3, what does Jesus say that everyone practicing evil hates? The light, Truth, The Lord, Believers

4. From Joshua 2, where did Rahab hide Israelite spies? Under table, In cave, On roof, With oxen
5. What did Jesus send into a herd of swine? Unclean spirits, Justice, Breath of life, Mighty wind
6. Who was the father of Solomon? Nathan, Uriah, Judas, David

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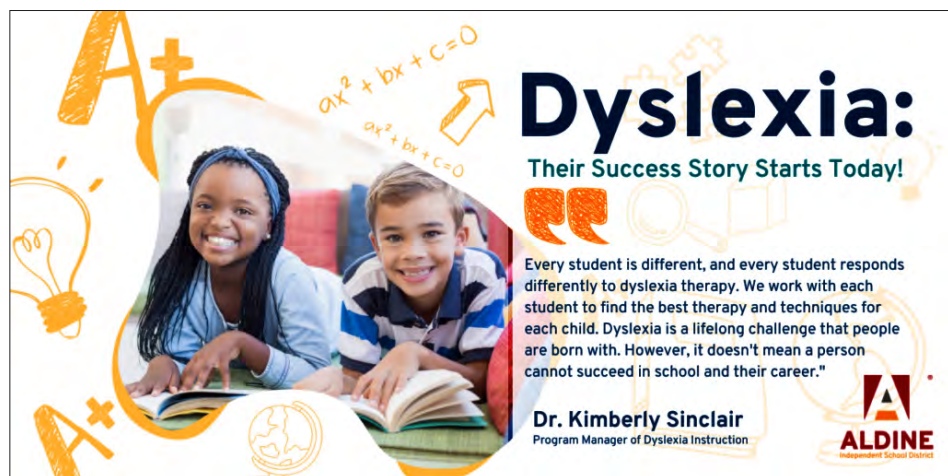
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Celebrating School Leadership: National Principals Month



District to Go Red for World Dyslexia Day



World Dyslexia Day, October 8, raises awareness of this learning difficulty and celebrates the unique experiences of the dyslexic community. It challenges common misconceptions and showcases the diversity within the community. By understanding and appreciating these unique experiences, we can ensure that every student with dyslexia receives the early identification and intervention they need to flourish.

About Dyslexia
Dyslexia is very common, affecting 20% of the population and 80% to 90% of all those with learning disabilities—about 1 in 5 people. Most students have dyslexia, but most don't know they have it. Dyslexia can't be "cured"—it is lifelong. However, with the proper support, dyslexic individuals can become highly successful students and adults.

Early identification of dyslexia is crucial. This language processing disorder can hinder reading, writing, spelling, and speaking, and it might manifest differently for speakers of different languages. However, if identified early, students can excel. This underscores the urgency and significance of early identification in ensuring student success.

- 5 Clues to Recognizing Dyslexia**
- Difficulty Rhyming
 - Consistently Inconsistent Reading
 - Writing and Spelling Are Hard

Struggles With Word Retrieval
Challenges Memorizing Information
Strengths of Individuals With Dyslexia
Creative • Intuitive • Empathetic • Critical Thinkers • Big Picture Thinkers • Strong Reasoning Skills • Excellent Problem-Solvers • Excellent Oral Comprehension

Dr. Kimberly Sinclair, program manager of dyslexia instruction, stated that her office and schools can share tools that aid dyslexic students at home and in school. They can learn about the following:
*Support
*Accommodations
*Technology
*Emergent bilingual learners
*Library resources
*Visual stress/Irlen syndrome

Aldine ISD and its campuses have a great program to support students with dyslexia. Every student is different and responds differently to dyslexia therapy. Sinclair added that staff members work with each student to find the techniques that work for them.
"Dyslexia is a complex, lifelong learning disorder," said Sinclair. "It can be frustrating for parents to know how best to support their child with dyslexia. Schools are responsible for ensuring children learn to read and write and access the curriculum to maximize the stu-

dent's potential. However, parents have an important role too. The best outcomes result when parents, teachers, and specialists coordinate support for students with dyslexia."

Some Pretty Famous People With Dyslexia — You CAN Be Anything!

Some famous people with dyslexia or who had dyslexia include Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Leonardo da Vinci, Walt Disney, Tom Cruise, Johnny Depp, Keira Knightly, Whoopi Goldberg, Jamie Oliver, Tommy Hilfiger, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol, Muhammad Ali, Steve Jobs, Charles Schwab, William Hewlett, Steven Spielberg, Ludwig van Beethoven, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Winston Churchill, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Nelson Rockefeller, John Irving, Agatha Christie, Edgar Allan Poe, George Washington, W.B. Yeats, Richard Branson, Stephen Hawking, Ann Bancroft, Octavia Spencer, Abraham Lincoln, William F. Kennedy, Daymond Garfield, Nolan Ryan, Magic Johnson, Salma Hayek, and John Lennon.

- Dyslexia-friendly Books:**
The Griffin Gate Series
Book Riot List
The Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity: Young People's Books About Dyslexia
Teaching Expertise: 23 Incredible Kids' Books About Dyslexia
Brightly: 9 Children's Books About Dyslexia

Aldine ISD Trustee Rose Avalos Reelected to State Association Board

Aldine ISD Trustee Rose Avalos has been reelected to a three-year term on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors, representing TASB Region 4, Position A. The election was held during the Association's 2024 Delegate Assembly on Sept. 28 in San Antonio.

Ms. Avalos is the assistant secretary of the Aldine ISD Board of Trustees, where she has served since 2006.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Education from Sam Houston State University. Ms. Avalos began her educational career in 1972 as a teacher in Aldine ISD and re-



mained with the district for 33 years. During her tenure, she also served as a counselor, program director, assistant principal, and principal at Escamilla Intermediate School. In 1994, she returned to her alma mater and served as MacArthur Senior High's principal for 11 years before retiring in 2005. She

was named the district's Principal of the Year in 2002 and 2003.

She is a member of the Aldine Education Foundation, Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards, Mexican American School Boards Association, and North Harris County Retired Teachers Association.

TASB is a nonprofit organization established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.5 million public school students. For more information on TASB, visit tasb.org.

District Receives Donation to Support Reading and Bedtime Routines at 8 Participating Primary Schools

The initiative was made possible by the generous donation of the Powell Foundation.

The Aldine Independent School District's Early Learning Department is thrilled to announce a generous donation of 1,886 Bedtime in a Box containers from the Powell Foundation. The boxes will be distributed to students in the prekindergarten (PreK4) program at eight Aldine ISD primary schools, ensuring young learners can access resources that promote literacy, establish bedtime routines, and strengthen the connection between home and school.

Each PreK4 campus at participating students receives a Bedtime in a Box, which includes:

- *Four age-appropriate books
- *A bath wash, towel, and bath toys
- *A toothbrush and toothpaste
- *Pajamas



- *A stuffed animal
 - *An alarm clock
 - *A Teach My Learning Kit
 - *A kid-friendly routine log
- Bedtime in a Box is designed to help families establish nightly routines, contributing to improved literacy outcomes and reinforcing habits that last a lifetime. These events also feature activities designed to engage families and support early learning.
"We are incredibly grateful to the Powell Foundation for

this impactful donation," said Ray A. Mondragón, school assistant superintendent for primary schools. "By providing families with the tools they need to create a consistent bedtime routine, we are setting our students up for success both in the classroom and beyond."

The distribution of Bedtime began this week at De Santiago EC/PreK/K, Reece Academy EC/PreK/K, and Jones EC/PreK/K.



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'Spring' into your future at Lone Star College System

HOUSTON – The Lone Star College System (LSCS) spring 2025 registration season opens Monday, Oct. 14, and classes start Monday, Jan. 13. Courses are structured to help students complete a degree, transfer to a four-year university, or enter the workforce.

“Lone Star College System is committed to being the community college that helps students achieve their career goals through educational attainment,” said Valerie Jones, Ed.D., LSC-CyFair president. “The college’s state-of-the-art programs, wraparound support resources and close alignment with university and industry partners ensure every student is better prepared to thrive in tomorrow’s economy due to their investment with us.”

LSCS is a top educational institution that offers over 200 degrees and certificates and 30+ online degrees for individuals looking to start their journey, advance their careers or explore new passions. Offerings are available in person, online and hybrid.

“I am grateful to Lone Star College System for providing life-changing



Spring 2025 registration for Lone Star College System begins Monday, Oct. 14. Learn more at LoneStar.edu/Start.

opportunities, thankful for my friends who supported my community college career and appreciative to everyone who believed in me,” said Mark Garcia, LSC-Tomball alumni. “After completing my master’s degree, I would love to return to Lone Star College System as a professor to give back to the community that helped me.”

LSCS programs include accounting, anthropology, arts, biology, business, chemistry, criminal justice, communications, economics, drama, government, EDUC 1300, English, foreign languages, health care programs, history, humanities, math, speech and various workforce programs. Learn more at LoneStar.edu/Start.

Lone Star College System enrolls over 80,000 students each semester providing high-quality, low-cost academic transfer and career training education. LSCS 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 LSCS, the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and has been named a 2024 Great Colleges to Work For® institution by the Chronicle of Higher Education. LSCS consists of eight colleges, seven centers, eight Workforce Centers of Excellence and Lone Star Corporate College. To learn more, visit LoneStar.edu.

Teach at Lone Star College; Job Fair on October 15

HOUSTON (Oct. 9, 2024) – Lone Star College System (LSCS) adjunct professors like David Boettcher have a wealth of knowledge to shape the next generation of workers. LSCS invites individuals interested in teaching part-time to attend the Workforce Instructor and Adjunct Faculty Career Fair Oct. 15 from 3:30-7 p.m.

“My goal is to create a dynamic and inclusive educational experience that

supports the growth of each student,” said Boettcher, LSC-CyFair kinesiology adjunct professor. “There is something special about seeing the light-bulb moment in students’ faces when a topic resonates with them - and that further drives my passion for teaching.”

LSCS will hold the Workforce Instructor and Adjunct Faculty Career Fair at the LSC-System Office, The Woodlands, in the Lone Star Community


Building. Department chairs from various disciplines across the college system will assist job seekers with applications. Candidates should bring copies of their resume, unofficial transcripts, certifications and licenses. They can save time by printing and filling out a candidate information sheet for each interested location and position.

“Lone Star College System values workforce instructors and adjunct faculty who make a difference in students’ lives by giving them a first-hand look into their chosen professions,” said Patricia Woods, LSCS senior associate vice chancellor, Human Resources. “The college system is looking for more experts to join us as we continue to set students up for success.”

The LSCS Workforce Instructor and Adjunct Faculty Career Fair represents part-time teaching positions for in-person and hybrid classes starting in spring 2025. Learn more at LoneStar.edu/AFCF. View LoneStar.edu/Employment for other part-time and full-time employment opportunities at Lone Star College System.

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