

NEWS NOTES

OCT. 25, SATURDAY. Cancer Survivor Event

The Greater Pure Light Church Health & Wellness Ministry and Harris County Public Health will host a cancer survivor celebration and free vaccine clinic on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The "Fabric of Hope" event will be held at 12330 Vickery Dr., Houston, TX 77039. Free flu, COVID-19, RSV, MMR, shingles, hepatitis A&B, and pneumonia vaccines will be available, with lite bites served after the service.

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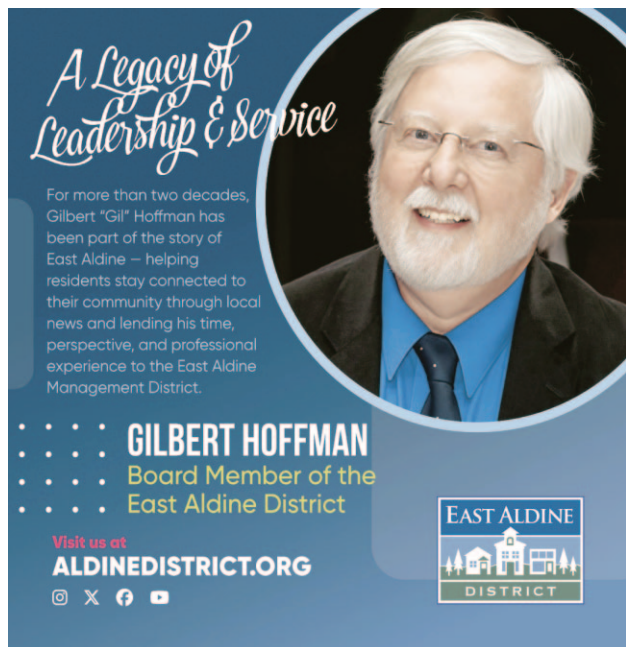
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Gilbert "Gil" Hoffman Leaves a Legacy of Service, Community, and Progress in East Aldine

For more than two decades, Gilbert "Gil" Hoffman has been part of East Aldine's story — first as a community publisher telling the stories of its residents and later as a member of the East Aldine Management District (EAMD) Board of Directors, helping shape its future.

For Hoffman, the two roles were never separate.

"My roles as a publisher and as a board member have gone hand-in-hand, because oftentimes the issues that appear on the agenda that EAMD debates and develops solutions to are the same topics being covered in the newspaper," Hoffman said. "Each one informs the other."



After 17 years of service on the EAMD Board, Hoffman recently submitted his resignation from his Position 8 seat, citing serious health concerns.

In his resignation letter, Hoffman reflected on his years of community service.

"It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of East Aldine for the past 22 years," he wrote. "I am pleased to have participated in the progress we have made in the quality of life in the district."

Although his EAMD Board service spanned 17 years, Hoffman's involvement in the community began earlier. He said serving on the EAMD Board brought

him closer to the community his newspaper, the Northeast News, represents and continued a long-held commitment to public service.

"The previous newspaper publishers [Donna and Vic Mauldin] were retiring, and in taking over for them, I was fortunate to inherit a well-established relationship with the community," Hoffman said. "Getting more and more involved was a natural extension of my work as a reporter and publisher."

From Designing Spaces to Connecting People

Hoffman's path from architecture to community

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'Where Does It Stop?': Erebia's SIL urges Texas lawmakers to strengthen court oversight

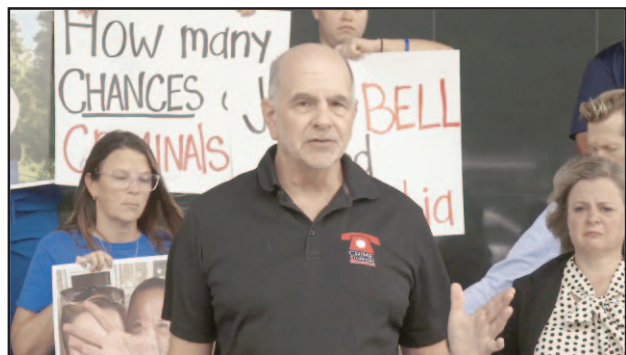
By David Taylor
Managing Editor

AUSTIN — Standing before a Texas House committee, Amber Burrough described a birthday celebration that became a painful reminder of the man her family lost.

Louis Erebia's 15-year-old daughter should have been celebrating with a quinceañera, Burrough said. Instead, this weekend she broke down as relatives sang "Happy Birthday," grieving a father who was shot and killed months earlier.

"If we were lucky, my brother would be at his daughter's birthday this weekend," Burrough told lawmakers. "We're not lucky."

Burrough, Erebia's sister-in-law, traveled to Austin on Sept. 30 to testify before the House Select



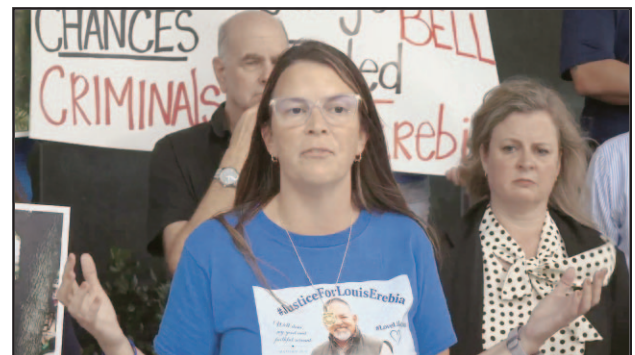
NO JUSTICE. Andy Kahn, victims' rights advocate, spoke outside the courthouse last Tuesday after a meeting with District Attorney Sean Teare on the advancement of the Erebia case and potential additional charges on other suspects in the case.

Committee on Governmental Oversight. The panel, chaired by state Rep. Cody Vasut, met at the Capitol to hear testimony on prosecutorial integrity and possible safeguards against outside influence or failures in local prosecution.

The North Channel Star identified London Hogan, Sr. as the man charged with murder in Erebia's

June 6 death. Hogan has also been charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. A judge has denied him bond.

Erebia, 56, was killed after going to help recover his son's stolen pickup, according to investigators. Authorities say Erebia and others tracked the truck by



VICTIMS PLEA. Amber Burrough, sister-in-law of Louis Erebia, who was murdered in June, says the family will continue to seek justice and the arrest of Logan Hogan's family members who allegedly assisted him in the murder of Erebia.

GPS before the encounter ended near Airline Drive and North Loop 610 in Houston. His family has described him as a devoted husband, father of five, grandfather, youth baseball coach and community volunteer.

Burrough told the committee that her family believes the killing could have been prevented if the

justice system had responded more forcefully to Hogan's previous offenses and alleged probation violations.

"London Hogan was the individual who pulled the trigger, but I blame the judicial system as well," she testified.

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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 7

Texans season could be on line in London against Jacksonville: Big games dot the college schedule this weekend, especially in SEC

Needless to say, the Texans are a desperate team. DeMeco Ryans' team fell to 0-4 two weeks ago after their 34-30 loss at home to Dallas and this week they head to London to take on Jacksonville, a team that got out of the gate with a 3-1 mark.

The Texans had high hopes prior to the start of the season, but a defense that was one of the best in 2025 has been shredded thus far this season. That unit has to get its act together, or Houston could be looking ahead to next season. The offense has been decent, but they have an inept running game, which is due to a suspect



offensive line.

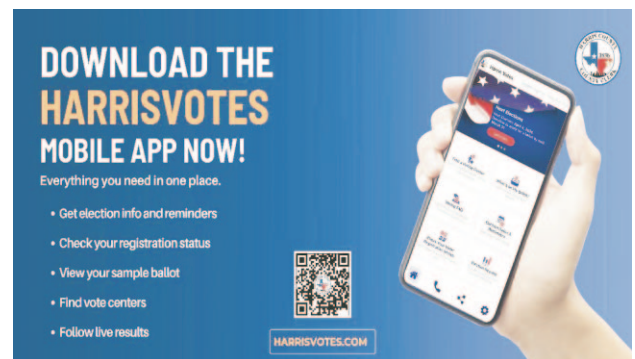
While the Texans will be playing for their season on Sunday in Jacksonville, Week 6 of the NFL season starts on Thursday Night Football with a good one as Seattle visits Denver. There's also a big one on Sunday in the AFC North as Baltimore visits one of the surprise teams thus

far, the Cleveland Browns, who won three of their first four games.

Week 6 concludes with Dallas visiting Green Bay and a rematch against their former defensive star Micha Parsons, who is expected back after

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HC voters get new app amid DPS registration snag



By David Taylor
Managing Editor

HOUSTON — Harris County voters preparing for the Nov. 3 general and special elections have a

new mobile tool for checking election information, even as state and county officials work through a

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COMMUNITY WATCH

Aldine ISD mourns Davis HS student after on-campus medical emergency



By Gerardo Hernandez
STAFF WRITER

HOUSTON, Texas — The Aldine Independent School District said it is mourning the loss of a Davis High School student following a medical emergency on campus.

School officials said the student, whose name has

not been released, fell ill during physical education class in the school’s gymnasium. The district said school staff responded quickly to help the student.

Medical personnel and the student’s parents were called. The student was taken to the hospital by ambulance but was later

pronounced dead, according to school officials.

The nature of the student’s medical episode is unclear at this time. Officials also did not say what grade the student was in.

Davis High School said additional support staff will assist students and teachers during this difficult time.

IN THE DISTRICT

Rep. Walle Joins Aldine ISD Celebration of Former Trustee, Educator Rose Avalos



On Sept. 17, Rep. Walle visited the Rose M. Avalos P-TECH School in Aldine ISD for its celebration honoring former trustee and community leader Rose Avalos. A longtime educator in the district, Rose Avalos served as the principal of MacArthur High School when Rep. Walle was in school there.

Rep. Walle Visits Child Care Center in HD 140



On Sept. 3, Rep. Walle visited Houston Kidz Academy in HD 140 for an educational site tour hosted by Greater Houston Partnership and Philanthropy Advocates of Texas. Last Session, Rep. Walle worked hard to secure an additional 100 million in funds for the Texas Child Care Scholarship program, which helps to support programs like those at Houston Kidz Academy.

Rep. Walle Joins Groundbreaking for City-Wide Parks Improvement Initiative



On Sept. 16, Rep. Walle attended the groundbreaking for Lawrence Park, alongside Mayor Whitmire and other community leaders. Through the “Let’s Play Initiative,” the City of Houston is revitalizing 25 neighborhood parks – including HD 140’s Clark Park and Warren Park during the second round of the program.

Harris voters get new app,

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voter-registration file problem tied to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Harris County Clerk’s Office has launched the free Harris Votes app, which allows users to check their registration, locate vote centers, view a sample ballot and receive election reminders on a smartphone. The app is available through the Apple App Store and Google Play and offers information in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese.

“We know voters want election information that is easy to access,” Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth said in announcing the app. She said the tool brings several voting resources together in one place to help residents prepare.

According to HarrisVotes.com, early voting runs Monday, Oct. 19, through Friday, Oct. 30. Vote centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day except Sunday, Oct. 25, when hours are noon to 7 p.m. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, with vote centers open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters casting ballots in person should bring one of seven approved forms of photo identification: a Texas driver license, Texas Election Identification Certificate, Texas personal identification card or Texas handgun license, all issued by DPS; a U.S. military identification card containing a photograph; a

U.S. citizenship certificate containing a photograph; or a U.S. passport book or card.

Except for the citizenship certificate, an ID may be expired by no more than four years for voters ages 18 through 69. Voters 70 or older may use an otherwise valid approved ID regardless of how long it has been expired. A voter who does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven forms may complete a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and present an acceptable supporting document. Harris County says library cards are not accepted as voter identification.

The election comes after officials discovered that some voter-registration records submitted through DPS online driver-license transactions had not reached counties for processing. In a Sept. 16 notice, the Texas Secretary of State’s Elections Division said counties were seeing older DPS registrations on their dashboards and that Civix, the vendor associated with the state’s TEAM voter-registration system, had been asked to remove the files temporarily while officials investigated.

State officials later said incomplete records from certain DPS transactions had not been transmitted to county registrars. The episode created an unexpected processing burden close to the registration deadline. Voters who use DPS online services should verify their status before

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voting and contact election officials if their information is not current.

Harris County voters may confirm their registration, review a sample ballot and find vote-center information through HarrisVotes.com or the Harris Votes app before heading to the polls. Instructions for residents with special needs should visit HarrisVotes.com to get information on accommodations to assist in voting.

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Gilbert Hoffman leaves lasting East Aldine legacy,

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publishing may seem like a career change. Still, for him, the two have always shared a common purpose: understanding a community and helping shape the places and connections that make it stronger.

After retiring from architecture in 1995, Hoffman turned his attention to community publishing. He believed newspapers played an important role in helping people feel connected to the place they called home.

That belief grew from a lifelong interest in community journalism.

“As a boy, I would write articles about the goings-on in my neighborhood, then print them on a small press at home, and my younger sister and brother would help me distribute them to everyone on the street,” Hoffman said. “I have a natural curiosity about how things work, which is satisfied through investigation and documentation. These are of course the foundation of journalism.”

When Hoffman eventually became publisher of the Northeast News, that curiosity became a way of life — and his involvement with East Aldine grew naturally from it.

That connection between community journalism and community development became a defining thread of Hoffman’s career in East Aldine. Through the newspaper, he helped residents stay informed about the issues, projects, and people shaping their community. Through his work with EAMD, he helped shape some of those projects himself.

His architectural training provided another important connection.

“I think that my background as an architect has lent itself well to community development,” Hoffman said. “At its core, architecture is about understanding a problem and then arriving at an elegant solution.”

He saw a similar process in the work of EAMD.

“My training allowed me to bring methodical, step-by-step thinking to each project, to help the board design a good plan of action — like a blueprint,” he said.

Helping Build East Aldine’s Future

One of Hoffman’s proudest accomplishments came through his leadership on the facilities committee responsible for designing and developing the East Aldine headquarters building.

“I am especially proud of heading the facility committee that was responsible for designing and developing the East Aldine headquarters building,” Hoffman said. “It is a keynote structure that represents the accomplishments of the community.”

His architectural expertise also played an important role in developing East Aldine Town Center.

Carlos Silva, chairman of the EAMD Board of Directors, said Hoffman’s professional experience provided a perspective that was both practical and aesthetic.

“Gil was always the consummate professional and treated everyone with respect,” Silva said. “He was fair and genuinely tried to consider all perspectives before making decisions.”

Silva said Hoffman’s years as a professional architect gave him a unique understanding of form and functionality, particularly during the planning and design of Town Center.

“Gil’s understanding of these elements ensured we were getting something not only practical, but also aesthetically pleasing and valuable,” Silva said.

As chair of the Architectural Review Committee during the Town Center project, Hoffman helped guide the development of a destination designed to serve the community for generations.

Silva said Hoffman’s influence extended to the arts as well.

His support and vote for



Gil and his wife Mei-ing Hoffman

the Spirit of East Aldine sculpture at the Town Center roundabout helped the project move forward. Silva said Hoffman was a vocal supporter of the commission and brought an appreciation for visual arts to the discussion.

“His eye for design and broader appreciation of the visual arts allowed the EAMD to build a landmark for generations to come!” Silva said.

Silva also credited Hoffman with supporting artistic initiatives during the early days of the EAMD Arts Council.

A Newspaper and a Community

While Hoffman helped shape East Aldine through his Board service, he also helped tell the community’s story through the Northeast News.

His goal was straightforward.

“I hope that the newspaper serves the people of Aldine by keeping them informed about current events and important issues happening within the community,” he said.

Silva said the newspaper gave Hoffman another important way to stay connected to East Aldine.

“Director Hoffman spent years publishing the neighborhood paper, which allowed students, families, politicians, and community members to see their stories told in print,” Silva said.

That connection between journalism and public ser-

vice was important to Hoffman.

Through his newspaper work, Board service, and other community involvement — including serving as president of the Highlands Rotary — Hoffman said each role expanded his skills, leadership, and understanding of the people he served.

“You get what you give,” Hoffman said. “Through my involvement with the newspapers and the people they serve, I have grown immensely.”

A Thoughtful Approach to Service

Those who served alongside Hoffman remember him not only for his professional knowledge but also for the way he approached decisions.

Silva said Hoffman was willing to listen, ask questions, and reconsider his position when presented with additional information.

“I always admired his ability to ask a sincere question regarding an item up for consideration and allow a response to either inform his opinion on the spot or outright change his mind to support a cause now that he had a fuller picture and more context,” Silva said.

Silva said Hoffman was guided by what he believed was best for East Aldine.

“Director Hoffman was very fair and honest in that way,” Silva said.

Hoffman’s commitment to the community was both ambitious and practical, Silva said. He was willing to sup-

port projects he believed were needed while remaining mindful of how EAMD resources were used.

Silva described Hoffman’s commitment to East Aldine as “deep and unwavering.”

“He was guided by his polestar of serving East Aldine for the best, and if he thought it was a good idea, he would support it full stop,” Silva said.

For Hoffman, the reward was seeing plans become accomplishments.

“Like any community, East Aldine has its share of challenges, but I find it very rewarding when we set goals and then accomplish them,” he said. “To play a part in that kind of forward motion is fulfilling, and makes me want to keep going.”

Looking Back — and Ahead

When Hoffman looks back at his years of involvement in East Aldine, he said he is most proud of the progress made for residents from the time he first became involved in 2001 through 2026.

Silva said that progress will be part of Hoffman’s lasting legacy.

His contributions included support for public safety, sidewalks, water and sewer projects, community partnerships, arts initiatives, and the development of Town Center.

“The progress our community saw under Director Hoffman’s guidance while he served on the Board of Directors will be felt for decades to come,” Silva said.

Hoffman hopes the work continues.

“My hope for the future of East Aldine is that the EAMD continues to be a leader in improving the quality of life for everyone who lives here, and that they continue to gain respect from the Harris County community at large,” he said.

Away from the Board and newspaper office, Hoffman describes himself as “quiet and studious” at home. He enjoys reading, listening to

the radio and watching television. He and his wife, Mei-ing, spent weekends traveling around Texas to visit galleries and museums, and he now enjoys supporting her second career as a painter and fine artist.

And then there are the details that might surprise people who know Hoffman primarily as an architect, publisher, and Board member.

He collects model trains and nice pens. He once owned a sailboat. And, as a boy, he was already publishing his own neighborhood newspaper.

Those details offer a glimpse of the curiosity that has followed Hoffman throughout his life.

After years of asking questions, gathering information, building relationships, and helping shape the community around him, Hoffman leaves his formal role on the EAMD Board with a simple message for others considering community service.

“Serving on a board like the East Aldine Management District is a lifetime privilege, and I encourage others to get involved in whatever ways they can,” he said.

Silva echoed the sentiment on behalf of the Board.

“Thank you for your curiosity, your fairness, your expertise, and your willingness to support new and novel ideas in the service of East Aldine,” he said.

For Hoffman, building a community has always been about more than structures, projects, or newspaper stories.

It has been about understanding the community, listening to its people and helping turn ideas into something lasting.

And after more than two decades of service, East Aldine is a little more connected — and a little more shaped by his blueprint. (Source, EAMD website)

SCHOOL NEWS



The Official Newsletter of the Superintendent of Schools



Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent of Schools

A Message From The Superintendent, Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney.

Dear Aldine ISD Community,

This year, I have had the honor of serving as president of AASA, The School Superintendents Association. In that capacity, I rally champions for public education who make a difference in the lives of children every day. At the heart of this mission are our principals, courageous leaders who set the tone for excellence, inspire teachers, build strong school communities, and ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

I always say that leadership matters, and strong schools begin with strong principals. October is National Principals Month, and I want to take this opportunity to thank our principals, now more than ever, for their unwavering dedication as they navigate challenges and create opportunities for students.

Behind so much of what I see is something even more meaningful: we all believe in Aldine students.

That belief matters. It turns a classroom into a place of possibility, a performance into a source of confidence, a new opportunity into a pathway, and a simple word of encouragement into a young person’s next brave step.

When we celebrate our students, we do more than recognize what they have accomplished. We are affirming what they can become.

Celebrating What Students Can Do

Our students have given us so much to celebrate in recent weeks. Aldine students earned 351 Capstone BoardNational Recognition Awards and 135 AP Scholar and AP Capstone distinctions. Three of our middle school students swept the top three places in the MASBA art competition.

Those achievements represent more than awards, certificates, or placements. They represent students who studied late, stretched themselves, shared their perspective, and kept going. They represent educators who set high expectations, families who offered encouragement, and young people who chose to believe they were capable of more.

That is what opportunity looks like in Aldine.

As Hispanic Heritage Monthcontinues through Oct. 15, I am also proud of the ways our campuses are honoring the cultures, histories, traditions, and contributions that enrich our community. Our diversity is one of our strengths, and our students remind us every day that their stories, perspectives, and talents belong at the center of our shared Aldine story.

It is also why the spaces we create for students matter. This month, we broke ground on our new Education and Performing Arts Center. Years from now, students will walk through those doors to perform, create, learn, and share their talents in music, theater, dance, and visual arts. Some will arrive knowing exactly where their gifts may lead. Others will discover a talent they did not yet know they had.

That is one of the great promises of public education: Sometimes the opportunity that changes a child’s future begins with the chance to say, “*I can do this.*”

At Escamilla Elementary, a new Yellow Library is expanding students’

access to books, imagination, and the joy of reading. At Nimitz High School, a pharmacy technician program is helping students see a direct connection between today’s learning and tomorrow’s career. Across our district, students are being invited to imagine more, prepare more, and become more.

Great Schools Are Built by People Who Show Up

None of this happens by accident. It happens because people show up for students — day after day, often in ways that never make a headline.

It is the adult who notices when a student needs a little extra encouragement. The custodian who knows students by name. The principal who stays late to help a family. The teacher who says, “Try again. I know you can do this.” The coach who teaches a lesson that has nothing to do with the scoreboard. The family member who keeps showing up.

I want to thank our campus leaders for the many ways they lead, listen, encourage, and advocate for students and staff. I also want to recognize our custodians, whose work helps make our schools clean, safe, and welcoming places for learning. Their care is felt in every hallway and classroom.

And to every member of Team Aldine — teachers, counselors, nurses, bus drivers, child nutrition teams, office professionals, police officers, para-professionals, technology professionals, maintenance staff and so many others — please know that your work matters. You are helping shape the experience our students have each day. You are helping build their confidence, their sense of belonging, and their future.

When a Community Invests, Students Rise

Supporting students is a team effort. I am grateful for the partners and families who continue to stand beside Aldine students.

Bridging For Tomorrow recently donated 360 pairs of new shoes to Aldine students. That gift met a practical need, but it also sent a powerful message to children and families: **You matter. We see you. We are here to help you walk into school feeling confident, prepared, and ready to learn.**

Honoring What We Carry — and Caring for One AnotherOctober is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year, that message is especially personal for me. Nearly one year ago, I lost my sister to breast cancer. She was only 49 years old.

I share that not to dwell on the loss, but because I hope her story will encourage someone else. Please make the appointment you have been putting off. Get your screening. Keep your appointments. Encourage the people you love to do the same.

When we wear pink on Wednesdays across Aldine this month, I hope we remember what that pink represents: those who are fighting, those who have survived, the families and friends standing beside them, and the loved ones we carry in our hearts and memories.

For me, it represents my sister.

What We Build TogetherYes, October is busy. There are games and concerts, celebrations and competitions, meetings and events. There are deadlines, lessons and a hundred things demanding our attention.

But in the middle of all that activity, I hope we pause to notice what is happening around us. People are showing up for Aldine students. They are opening doors, creating opportunities, meeting needs, encouraging dreams, and reminding young people that someone believes in them.

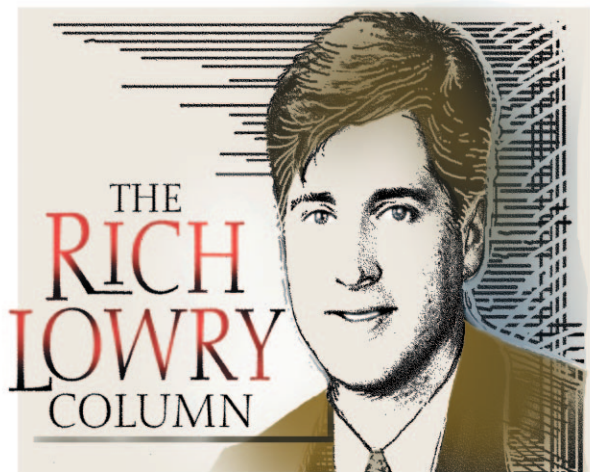
That is something worth celebrating.

To our students: Keep dreaming. Keep challenging yourselves. Keep discovering what you can do. **To our families:** Stay connected and keep partnering with our schools. **To our staff:** Take a moment to recognize the difference you are making. You may not always see the full impact of your work, but I promise you, it matters.

So much is ahead for Aldine. More students will discover talents they did not know they had. More families will find support and new ways to engage in their children’s learning. More teachers and staff members will help young people see possibilities for their future. And more doors will open for our students to learn, create, lead and thrive.

And together, we will keep choosing our students, choosing one another and choosing Aldine — because when we believe in our students, they begin to believe in what is possible for themselves.

With Aldine Pride,
Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
Superintendent of Schools
Aldine Independent School District



The system worked in the Cornell 7 case

We’ve heard it from politicians, celebrities and influencers — the system failed the accuser in the Cornell 7 case. This near-universal view is advanced with great certainty and a sense of outraged righteousness, but mistaken nonetheless. Based on the information available to them at the time, the authorities handled the matter in keeping with the facts and the law.

This isn’t to defend anything that occurred during that debauched night at the Chi Phi fraternity, which was “Lord of the Flies” meets “Eyes Wide Shut.” Nor does it foreclose the possibility that Jane Doe was the victim of crimes. But the critics of the school and the district attorney who declined to prosecute the case fail to account for a central element of the case — a sworn statement by Jane Doe herself in November 2024 that appears to fail to allege any crime.

After getting slammed for his handling of the case, Tompkins County district attorney Matthew Van Houten publicly defended his office. He quoted extensively from Jane Doe’s statement. These excerpts do indeed describe her actions that night, in the words of the DA, as “voluntary, conscious and consensual.”

By her own account, she drank heavily before heading to the fraternity. She danced flirtatiously with a friend she was interested in, and then agreed to a threesome because of “how attracted” she was to him and “drunken curiousness.” This was before she ingested any drugs. The assignation stopped when her friend dropped out because of drowsiness, while the other male began to dry heave. She periodically checked on her sleeping friend, while “consoling” the other male. This was a squalid scene, but not one where she was unconscious or refusing.

Another male entered the room, and he began making out with her, with Jane Doe apparently lodging no objection. Her friend then woke up and made another lewd proposal that she declined. More males piled into the room. It was suggested she take “more ketamine,” and vaguely recalling she had already snorted some at some point, she figured “why not do it a second time.”

When the guys, who behaved abysmally, asked if they could snort the drug off her body, she said, “Sure.”

Finally, another young man entered the room and said he was shutting down “whatever the f*** this is.”

Still, her so-called friend persisted and took her to another room with another male to begin having group sex again. She said she was tired and plaintively asked her friend, “What happened to just you and me?” But she apparently didn’t say “no.” Finally, around 5:45 a.m., she said she “was tired and needed to turn in.”

This isn’t a hostile version of events concocted by a defense attorney — it’s what she attested to weeks after the night of Oct. 19. The DA didn’t disbelieve her, or decide he couldn’t prove her allegations; he correctly determined that she described no actual crime.

It’s not the job of a DA, obviously, to get an alleged victim to change her story after she’s sworn to it in writing, or to make prosecutions based on vibes.

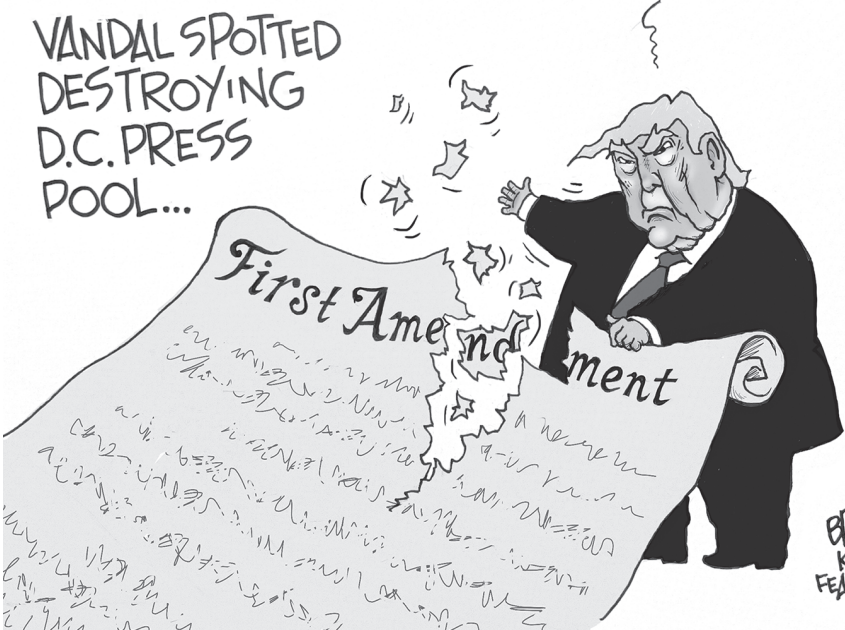
For its part, Cornell didn’t sweep the matter under the rug. The school carried out 50 interviews involving 32 witnesses. It expelled two of the students; suspended two others; banned from campus one who had already graduated; and allowed two others to remain, provided that they completed various trainings, including writing “reflective essays” (this is the source of the erroneous idea that essay-writing was the only consequence for the young men).

Both the DA and Cornell did their job. It’s not that the system failed Jane Doe but, rather, that she changed her version of events two years after the fact in a civil lawsuit against the men and the university, among others.

The risk now is that the system, with New York Attorney General Letitia James leading a politicized investigation, will be perverted to produce a predetermined outcome.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Gary Borders

Voter snafu highlights difficulty in registering

A Texas backlog of at least 200,000 voter registration applications and updates was caused by a state error. Now election officials are scrambling to respond before voting begins.

Texas is one of only eight state that doesn’t have universal online voter registration. The state Department of Public Safety’s web portal is the only option for registering online or update a voter registration. That option was ordered by a judge after a six-year legal battle.

Votebeat and The Tribune recently reported a flaw in the system where DPS failed to send counties thousands of voter applications and updates submitted through its web portal, dating back to October 2025. There have been bipartisan calls for an investigation into what went awry. State officials so far have provided few details.

“We live in a system that has been designed to make things harder for voters,” said Sarah Chen, the senior supervising attorney at Texas Civil Rights Project. “We don’t have online voter registration, except for this teeny little carveout, and because of the teeny little carveout, now we have these technical glitches resulting in this backlog.”

CRUZ SCORES WIN ON COLLEGE SPORTS BILL

The U.S. Senate passed a major bipartisan bill last week that would overhaul the college sports industry — a bill heavily backed by Senate Commerce Chair Ted Cruz, Politico reported.

The bill was backed by members of both parties and President Trump. It would replace a patchwork of state laws governing student-athlete pay, transfers and eligi-



bility with a single federal set of rules.

“Today the Senate has the opportunity to protect the half-million college athletes and the millions more who follow in their footsteps,” Cruz said in a floor speech last week. “Students are transferring three or four times. Pros are trying to play ball against college kids. Conflicting court decisions have created a fragmented system — one that no one intended.”

The measure passed 77-22 but faces an uncertain future in the House, where Republicans oppose some of its provisions.

ABBOTT LIFTS RESTRICTIONS ON DYED DIESEL

Gov. Greg Abbott has lifted restrictions on dyed diesel usually allowed only in off-road and industrial equipment in order to lower diesel prices, the Houston Chronicle reported.

He issued a disaster proclamation last week expanding its use. Dyed diesel is exempt from fuel taxes. Abbott also requested a waiver to the Clean Air Act from the Environment Protection Agency to get around federal limits on which diesel can be sold.

“Texas agriculture and freight run on diesel,” Abbott said in a statement. “Record prices put both industries at risk and raise costs for

every Texas family. Farmers and truckers can now use dyed diesel on Texas roads, and fuel, crop, and timber loads can move at a higher weight.”

The three-term governor is locked in a close reelection contest in a midterm election dominated by cost-of-living concerns. His Democratic opponent, state Rep. Gina Hinojosa, had earlier called for suspending all diesel taxes, which Abbott said is not in his power to unilaterally do.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS COULD LOSE \$227M TO STUDENT VOUCHER EXODUS

Rural school districts in Texas could lose millions of dollars in funding this year after thousands of students turn to using vouchers to leave for private and home schools, the Houston Chronicle reported. A new analysis of state data indicates at least 28,200 public school students took a voucher instead, resulting in a loss of at least \$227 million in state funding for their public schools.

While large urban school districts have seen the most students leave, the loss could be felt more acutely by smaller school districts, where losing a handful of students can dramatically affect their budgets.

Of the 725 school districts that saw at least one student take a voucher and leave, 514 — or 70% — have fewer than 2,000 students. Most of those districts don’t have a private school within their boundaries, meaning the children are either being homeschooled or are attending a virtual private school.

Public schools are state funded based on student attendance. The average loss for each student is \$8,200 on average, though it varies depending on the students and where they live.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

A Letter in the Mail



We had a family reunion this past week.

My mother and uncle were the only representatives from the older generation. Everyone else was a cousin of mine—except Grace. Grace is the daughter of my cousin, Mary.

Grace is getting married in Ireland soon, but she took time off work to be with relatives, telling family stories and building puzzles at the dining room table. I don’t think I’d have driven across the country when I was her age to spend time with people so much older than myself. But Grace is a special person, and somehow Grace and I got to talking about the round-robin.

The round-robin was a circulating letter that began when my mother was still in college. Before email, when long-distance telephone calls were still expensive, my family would read the letters from everyone on the list, take out their old letter, and send the robin on with a new letter. This went on for years and years, and the list grew longer and longer as more of my cousins joined the list.

Then email became commonplace, and the family started a private Facebook page, and everyone knew what was going on pretty much when it happened. The robin seemed to have outlived its usefulness. It was lost on several occasions, only to be discovered months later in a pile of mail or under a bed. Finally, it disappeared for good. No one knew who had the final batch of letters in their possession. The round-robin never resurfaced, and that was several years ago.

“Why don’t we start it again?” Grace asked.

“Do you think people would want to write?” I said.

“I would.”

And I realized that a person Grace’s age may never have received a letter in the mail. Bills and birthday greetings and news and gossip are all delivered digitally.

“The news was always so old by the time it arrived,” my cousin Jill complained.

“I don’t think it’s about news,” I tried to explain.

“I think it’s about getting to know each other better,” my cousin Susan said.

I think she nailed it. Because we are good about letting one another know about the big stuff—the births and deaths and weddings and moves. What the robin did was provide an excuse to simply share what we were doing that day. It was always a little late and incomplete. But somehow, because it was, it made more of an impression.

“Should we ask if people would like to restart it?” I asked Grace. And Grace said we should.

So that night after dinner, Grace stood up and asked if anyone would like to write in the round-robin again. A few people said no, they didn’t want the stress of having that pile of letters show up. A couple said they already knew what was going on and didn’t need it. But a surprising number raised their hands and said yes, they’d like to have the old bird flying again.

I wrote a letter, put it in a big envelope and sent it to Grace. We will see what happens. There are no guarantees that this old form of correspondence will survive.

But I am hopeful. I am hopeful—not because my remaining aunts and uncles will enjoy it (although I’m sure they will) and not because all my cousins will participate (I’m sure many of them won’t). I am hopeful because there are now a lot of us who, once again, believe it is a very special thing to get a letter in the mail.

Till next time,
Carrie

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SEASON FOOTBALL WEEK 7

Texans season could be on line in London against Jacksonville: Big games dot the college schedule this weekend, especially in SEC

missing his team's first five games recovering from an ACL injury sustained in December of last year.

This weekend's college schedule is loaded with big games, especially in the SEC as No. 1 Texas hosts No. 16 Florida, while No. 6-ranked Alabama visits No. 15-ranked Tennessee and No. 14-ranked Mississippi State visits No. 10-ranked LSU.

There's also a big one in the Big 10 as No. 5-ranked Ohio State travels to No. 7-ranked Indiana, in a meeting of last year's conference championship game. I witnessed the Buckeyes up close and personal two weeks ago in their 31-14 win at Iowa and let me tell you, Ryan Day's team is very good, especially super star wide receiver Jeremiah Smith.

The No. 22-ranked Houston Cougars have a tough test at home against No. 18-ranked Oklahoma State and their explosive offense. Willie Fritz's defense will get tested by OSU QB Drew Mestemaker.

In District 14-6A play, Aldine visits Dekaney on Thursday night at Randall Reed Stadium, while MacArthur hosts Spring on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Thorne Stadium. On Friday, Eisenhower takes on Nimitz at Thorne Stadium in a key game for both teams' playoff chances. The biggest game of the league schedule this weekend will take place on Saturday at 2 p.m. as Westfield visits Davis. Both teams have won their first two league games and both have a good chance of earning playoff berths.

Before we take a look at this weekend's games, let's review last week's record. A 9-3 week brought the season record to 44-14 (76%).

Now, onto this week-end's games.

HIGH SCHOOL
Aldine at Dekaney -



Charles Black's Mustangs head to Randall Reed Stadium in Spring on Thursday night to take on Dekaney at 7 p.m. These two teams have combined for one win between them. It's been a tough year for both squads. Aldine has struggled on offense this season. My pick, Dekaney 7, Aldine 6

Spring at MacArthur - Blake Ware's Generals hosts the Spring Lions on Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Thorne Stadium. MacArthur dropped its first two league games and will look to bounce back against a one-win Lions team. The Generals will look for a big night from QB Lance Nero (1,244 yards, 9 TDs) and running back Korey Fisher (695 yards, 6 TDs) to get them back in the District 14-6A race. My pick, MacArthur 30, Spring 20

Eisenhower vs. Nimitz - Padriac McGinnis' Eagles will take on Cornelius Harmon's Cougars on Friday night at 7 in Thorne Stadium. Two weeks ago, the Eagles defeated MacArthur 37-16, while Nimitz took care of Dekaney, 31-14. Ike was 1-1 in league play, while Nimitz was 2-0. The Eagles will look from a big night from running back Elijah Dixon (307 yards, 5 TDs), while the Cougars will look for QB Je Preston Johnson to make plays for them. My pick, Nimitz 24, Eisenhower 20

Westfield at Davis - Kelvin Chatman's Falcons will host Westfield on Saturday afternoon at 2 at Thorne Stadium in the District 14-6A Game of the Week. Both teams have

explosive offenses as Westfield has averaged 45.5 points in its first two league games, while Davis has averaged a whopping 49 points in its first two league contests. Two weeks ago, Davis defeated Aldine 49-0, while Westfield defeated Spring, 42-6. Westfield is led by running back Demonte Ford (225 yards, 3 TDS), while the Falcons are led by QB Kobe Miles (684 yards, 10 TDs) and wide receivers David Richardson (298 yards, 8 TDs) and Cortland Lee-Pugh (7 receptions, 153 yards, 1 TD). My pick, Davis 31, Westfield 30

NCAA
Alabama at Tennessee - No. 6-ranked Alabama heads to Knoxville to take on No.14-ranked Tennessee with a key SEC contest for both teams. Two weeks ago, the Crimson Tide put up 56 points in its blowout win over previously undefeated Mississippi St. Bama is led by sophomore QB Keelon Russell (1,414 passing yards, 11 TDs/184 rushing yards, 4 TDs), running back Daniel Hill (247 yards, 4 TDs) and wideouts Ryan Coleman-Williams (20 receptions, 376 yards, 4 TDs) and Lotzeir Brooks (21 receptions, 352 yards, 1 TD). The Vols are led by freshman QB Faizon Brandon (697 yards, 7 TDs) and wide receiver Mike Matthews (18 receptions, 318 yards, 3 TDs). Look for the Bama defense to rattle the freshman QB as the Tide picks up a big road win. My pick, Alabama 31, Tennessee 18

Ohio State at Indiana - No. 4-ranked Ohio State visits No. 7-ranked, and defending national champion, Indiana is a huge Big 10 game. Two weeks ago, the Buckeyes took care of business against No. 14-ranked Iowa as wide receiver Jeremiah Smith (44 receptions, 823 yards, 9 TDs) had a monster day with 11 catches for 206 yards and two TDs. Smith is not a one-man offense as OSU has a solid QB in Julian Sayin (1,530 yards, 13 TDs) and productive running backs Bo Jackson (353 yards, 2 TDs) and Ja'Kobe Jackson (278 yards, 6 TDs). The Hoosiers have a pretty fair signal caller as well in Josh Hoover (1,101 yards, 15 TDS), two solids runners in Turbo Richards (587 yards, 5 TDs) and Lee Beebe Jr. (520 yards, 4 TDS) and wideout Charles Becker (27 receptions, 477 yards, 8 TDs). This one will come down to the wire and I'm going with the Buckeyes who know they are on a mission after losing in Week 2 at Texas. My pick, Ohio State 27, Indiana 24

Mississippi St. at LSU - No. 17 Mississippi State heads to Baton Rouge to take on No. 10-ranked LSU in a key SEC contest for both teams. Each squad has one league loss and can't afford another if either hopes to earn a spot in the SEC title game. Two weeks ago, the Bulldogs saw their undefeated season come to an end with a 56-23 home loss to Alabama, while Lane Kiffin's team had the week off. MSU has one of the top dual-threat QBs in the country in Kamario Taylor (1,450 passing yards, 17 TDs/159 rushing yards, 1 TD). He also has some other weapons in running back Fluff Bothwell (403 yards, 3 TDs) and wide receiver Anthony Evans III (40 receptions, 574 yards, 5 TDs). The Tigers have a pretty solid dual-threat QB in Sam Leavitt (1,220 passing yards, 8 TDs/220 rushing yards, 6 TDs). He also has help from running back Dilin Jones (437 yards, 5 TDs) and wideout Winston Watkins Jr. (23 receptions, 354 yards, 2 TDs). I think LSU has the better defense, which will be the difference maker in this game. My pick, LSU 26, Mississippi St. 220

Florida at Texas - No. 16-Florida heads to Austin to take on No. 1-ranked Texas in another big SEC contest. The Gators won their first four games before getting curb stomped at Missouri, 45-17, two weeks ago. Florida will look for a big day from QB Aaron Philo (1,114 yards, 8 TDs), running back Jadan Baugh (613 yards, 11 TDs) and wide receivers Dallas Wilson (18 receptions, 302 yards, 3 TDs) and Vernell Brown III (17 receptions, 271 yards, 2 TDs). They will be facing a stout UT defense led by defensive end Collin Simmons (7.5 sacks). The Horns will look for a big day from QB Arch Manning (862 passing yards, 7 TDs), running backs

Hollywood Smothers (198 yards, 2 TDs) and Ralek Brown (196 yards, 4 TDs) and wide receivers Ryan Wingo (19 receptions, 239 yards, 2 TDs) and Cam Coleman (12 receptions, 208 yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Texas 30, Florida 22

Oklahoma St. at Houston - No. 18 Oklahoma State visits No. 22-ranked Houston in prime time on Saturday night on FOX (6:30 p.m.). After losing their season-opener to Tulsa, Eric Morris' team won its next three games, while UH won four of its first five games. This is a big game for both team's Big 12 title game chances. The Cowboys are led by gunslinging QB Drew Mestemaker (1,271 yards, 11 TDs), running back Caleb Hawkins (441 yards, 2 TDs) and wideouts Wyatt Young (22 receptions, 410 yards, 3 TDs) and Justin Bowick (20 receptions, 344 yards, 4 TDs). The Coogs have a good dual-threat QB in Conner Wegman (1,185 passing yards, 11 TDs/156 rushing yards, 6 TDs). But Wegman is not a one-man offense. He gets help from running backs Re'Shaun Sanford II (314 yards, 2 TDs) and Makhi Hughes (310 yards, 2 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Amare Thomas (27 receptions, 330 yards, 4 TDs). UH needs this game to remain in the Big 12 race and with a trip to No. 12-ranked Utah looming next week, look for Willie Fritz's team to get a nice home win on Saturday night. My pick, Houston 34, OSU 30

NFL
Seattle at Denver - Week 6 begins with a good one on Thursday Night Football as Seattle visits Denver. The Seahawks have starting QB Sam Darnold (560 yards, 6 TDs), but have lost rookie running back Jadarian Price. Darnold will look to make plays down field to star wideout Jaxon Smith-Njigba (32 receptions, 481 yards, 6 TDs). The Hawks offense will be challenged by a solid Denver defense, but so will the Broncos offense when it takes on Seattle's stifling defense. Denver QB Bo Nix (819 yards, 5 TDs/3 interceptions) has struggled thus far. He will look to make plays to wide receiver Jaylen Waddle (16 receptions, 185 yards, 1 TD). I think the Seattle defense will make one or two more plays than will Denver's defense as the Seahawks pick up a big road win. My pick, Seattle 23, Denver 17

Houston vs. Jacksonville - DeMeco Ryan's Texans head across the pond to take on AFC South rival Jacksonville in London. Houston's season got off to a disastrous start with four straight losses, while the Jags have looked like one of the top teams in AFC by winning three of their first four games. The Texans defense must play better than it has thus far and that unit will get a stern test from Jags QB Trevor Lawrence (843 yards, 8 TDs), running

back Bhayshu Tuten (277 yards, 2 TDs) and wide receiver Parker Washington (16 receptions, 228 yards, 2 TDs). Houston QB C.J. Stroud (1,141 yards, 5 TDs) has played well thus far and now has big-play wideout Nico Collins (14 receptions, 193 yards, 3 TDs in two games) back. That's huge for this offense, which still struggles to run the football. It could be another long day for the Texans, this time over in Europe. My pick, Jacksonville 26, Houston 23

Baltimore at Cleveland - This is a big one in the AFC North as the Ravens visit the surprising Browns on Sunday in Cleveland. Two weeks ago, the Browns improved to 3-1 with a division win over the Steelers, while the Ravens defeated the Titans at home. In that game, star QB Lamar Jackson (967 passing yards, 6 TDs/144 rushing yards, 1 TD) sustained an ankle injury, but should be ready for this one. He will get help from running back Derrick Henry (374 yards, 7 TDs) and big-play wideout Zay Flowers (18 receptions, 352 yards, 2 TDs). The Browns have gotten a decent start from maligned QB Deshaun Watson (855 yards, 6 TDs), running back Quinshon Judkins (177 yards, 1 TD) and wide receiver Denzel Boston (13 receptions, 284 yards, 4 TDs). I think the Ravens send the Browns a message that they are the team to beat in the division and will escape with a tough road win on Sunday. My pick, Baltimore 27, Cleveland 23

Dallas at Green Bay - The Cowboys head to Green Bay for a meeting on Sunday Night Football. This game should feature the return of Packers star pass rusher Micah Parsons, a former Cowboys. Parsons sustained an ACL injury last December and has penciled in this game as his return date. The GB defense will need him back when it takes on a high-powered Cowboys offense led by QB Dak Prescott (1,065 yards, 8 TDs), running back Javonte Williams (231 yards, 6 total TDs) and big-play wide receivers CeeDee Lamb (37 receptions, 498 yards, 4 TDs) and George Pickens (18 receptions, 225 yards). While the Dallas offense has been humming, the defense is still an issue, as it was a year ago. That might be good news for the Packers offense, while has struggled thus far due to a porous offensive line. QB Jordan Love (1,041 yards, 8 TDs) to look to attack a suspect Cowboys secondary with strikes to wide receivers Christian Watkins (26 receptions, 331 yards, 4 TDs) and Matthew Golden (18 receptions, 274 yards, 2 TDs) and tight end Tucker Kraft (15 receptions, 148 yards, 1 TD). This should be a fun game to watch, but look for Prescott to outduel Love come Sunday night. My pick, Dallas 31, Green Bay 27

Family of slain Houston father demands lawmakers crack down on judicial failures,

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Hogan received five years of deferred-adjudication probation in 2024 after pleading guilty in an aggravated-assault case involving strangulation, according to court records cited in published reports. He was later arrested in Louisiana while on probation.

"Within less than a year, he was crossing state lines in Louisiana trying to smuggle \$20,000 worth of dope into a correctional facility. And still, he was allowed to walk free in Harris County. Eight months later, they finally filed the motion to adjudicate, but nothing. He was given two days, two days for multiple attempts, multiple violations of probation, and within seven months he took my brother-in-law's life," she said. Burrough contended that authorities had repeated opportunities to hold him in custody before Erebia was killed.

Burrough invoked an earlier question from committee member Richard Peña Raymond about the consequences of repeated government failures.

"If things keep happening and people die, where does it stop?" she asked. "I am here as a representative of my family that is in mourning, my brother who can no longer speak and the citizens of Harris County."

Her testimony extended beyond her family's case. Burrough urged lawmakers to impose greater oversight on district attorneys, prosecutors and judges, arguing that accountability problems affect communities throughout Texas.

"We need oversight for our DAs. We need oversight for our judges," she



Louis Erebia, 56 and his wife Amanda Erebia

said. "It's not just a Travis County situation. It's a situation that is universal across Texas."

Burrough also cited dismissal figures she attributed to Harris County's 339th District Court and questioned how many defendants whose cases were dismissed later committed new crimes. The figures and her interpretation of them were presented as part of her testimony.

"When you talk about the failures of just the 339th Court, Judge Bell, since 2021," she said "5,407 cases filed. She's dismissed 2,173 of those dismissals that our DA had to sign off on. There were 128 aggravated assaults on a family member, 116 aggravated assaults with a deadly weapon, 93 possessions of a firearm felony, 93 family violent assault cases felony and 40 aggravated assaults," Burrough listed. All dismissed.

"How many of those re-offended?" she asked. "How many of those have also had family members lose their lives? At what point does my brother-in-law's voice count for something?"

Burrough told lawmakers that Erebia spent Saturdays visiting the homes of students who had left school and encouraging them to return. Since his death, she said, a Little

League field has been named in his honor and Woodland Acres Elementary School has dedicated a bench to him.

"But yet he's not here," she said. "He doesn't get a second chance."

The family is also seeking scrutiny of another person it believes assisted in the events surrounding Erebia's death. No additional murder charge had been announced at the time of Burrough's testimony, and the family's claims about another person's involvement remain allegations.

Burrough said the family had met with Harris County District Attorney Sean Teare a day before the Austin hearing to seek answers about the prosecution and possible additional accountability.

Outside the committee room, she said the family's advocacy would continue. "All I can tell you is that we're not done," Burrough said in an interview. "We're going to continue fighting and advocating, not just because it was a preventable murder of Louis, but because there are so many citizens in Harris County that are still unprotected."

She closed her testimony by acknowledging that no change in law could return Erebia to his wife, children and grandchildren. But she told committee members that they could prevent another family from suffering the same loss.

"We're never going to get my brother-in-law back," Burrough said. "But you have the power to keep his voice going and make changes that stop other families from living through what we're living through."

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1 JOHN 2:1-2

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Zechariah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 17, who asked, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old?" Adam, Abraham, Aaron, Agrippa
3. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers
4. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? Burned the ark, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains
5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? Joash, Jehoash, Jehu, Jeremiah
6. Whose biblical name meant "eagle"? Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abraham, 3) Soldiers, 4) Built an altar, 5) Jehu, 6) Aquila

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Paul Bettany stars in "VisionQuest." (Photo Courtesy of MovieStillsDB)

VisionQuest

"VisionQuest" (TV-14) — The second spin-off series from 2021's "WandaVision," which followed former Avengers members Wanda Maximoff (aka Scarlet Witch) and Vision, is set to premiere its first two episodes on Oct. 14! "VisionQuest" follows the resurrected White Vision from "WandaVision," who has all of the original Vision's memories but lacks "his virtue." Vision spends his time in the "Mind-space," where Tony Stark's past creations live, including the main villain in the second "Avengers" film - Ultron, played by James Spader ("The Blacklist"). It isn't long, however, before a bounty is placed on Vision's head, forcing him to go on the run alongside a peculiar teenager named Thomas Shepherd (Ruaridh Mollica). The remaining six episodes will be released every Wednesday following its premiere. (Disney+)

"Coyote vs. Acme"

(PG) — This comedy film takes us back to the universe of "Looney Tunes" to get reacquainted with a long-beloved villain: Wile E. Coyote. But this time around, Wile E. gets to tell his story! After failing to catch his nemesis the Road Runner for the umpteenth time, Wile E. decides to speak with a personal injury attorney about his issues with Acme and its faulty products. (He could've thought of this sooner.) He teams up with a meek lawyer named Kevin Avery (Will Forte), who quickly realizes that this will be quite a memorable case for him when Wile E. refuses to settle. Not to mention, Kevin's rival from law school, Buddy Crane (John Cena), is the acting lawyer for Acme and determined to shut them up with money. After a successful run in theaters, it's out now to rent! (Fandango at Home)

"Masterplan" (PG-13) — Stanley Tucci ("The

Devil Wears Prada 2") leads this heist film co-starring Simona Tabasco ("The White Lotus") and Victor Belmondo ("Bastion 36"). In the film, Tucci portrays a former master thief named Roger who's decided to come out of retirement for the job of a lifetime. (Where have I heard this before? Maybe every heist film ever?) But this job, which isn't your average heist, requires the expertise of two specific people: an Italian cyber-crime expert named Chiara and a French explosives specialist named Jay. Why them? Chiara and Jay are also Roger's children — long-lost siblings who have never met before. Now they get to reunite with their father and bond as thieves in a family dynamic that they've never experienced. Should be easy enough! Did I happen to mention that they're stealing the Mona Lisa? Check it out on Oct. 16. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Below" (TV-MA) — This supernatural thriller miniseries is the only spooky pick for this week's titles, but trust me, the hair-raising vibes are real with this one! Led by a trio who are used to horror — Josh Hartnett ("Trap"), Mackenzie Davis ("Speak No Evil"), and Charlie Heaton ("Stranger Things") — this six-episode series takes place in Snook's Arm, Canada, a remote town by the sea. When a large iceberg suddenly appears by the town's harbor, mysterious things begin occurring throughout the town, with signs pointing toward a sea creature in the water. But one fisherman, Calvin (Hartnett), is unwavering in his resolve to protect his family and his town. All episodes are out now to binge! (Netflix)

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Q: Who's the new judge on "The Voice" with the mustache? I've never seen him before. — D.D.

A: That's country music singer-songwriter Riley Green, who is the newest member of the panel on the NBC singing-competition series "The Voice." He joins Kelly Clarkson, Adam Levine and Queen Latifah as a coach. Green knows exactly what the contenders and their nerves are going through. He won the reality competition show "Redneck Island" back in 2014. He later played small venues while working in construction, before hitting it big a few years later.

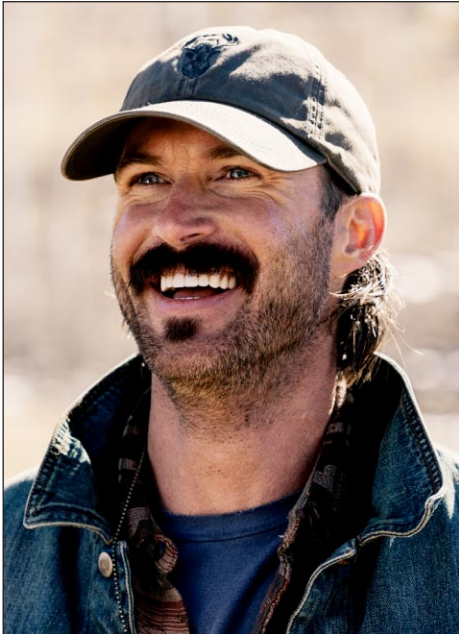
Green credits his grandfather for introducing him to classic country artists at a young age. His first single to hit the charts was titled "There Was This Girl," and he followed this with "I Wish Grandpas Never Died." He would go on to win an Academy of Country Music Award for Single of the Year for his duet "You Look Like You Love Me" with Ella Langley.

He released his fourth studio album "That's Just Me" this past September. You might also recognize him in his recurring acting role as a former Navy SEAL in the "Yellowstone" spin-off "Marshals," which airs on CBS.

Q: When's the TV show "Landman" coming back? Have they started filming yet? — W.C.

A: According to Entertainment Weekly, after multiple delays, production is currently underway for season three of "Landman." The season two finale left Billy Bob Thornton's character heading in a new direction. Off camera, there's been some concern about the show's future after its creator, Taylor Sheridan, secured a new deal with NBCUniversal. Fortunately, "Landman" will live to see another season on its current home of Paramount+. (Sheridan's deal with Paramount doesn't end until late 2028.)

New episodes of "Landman" likely won't be available until at least mid-2027, but the majority of the cast will be returning, including Thornton, Ali Larter, Demi Moore, Sam Elliott and Michelle Randolph. Several recurring characters have also been upped to series regulars, and character-actor ex-



Riley Green as Garrett in "Marshals"

traordinaire Michael Kelly ("Lioness" and "House of Cards") will join season three to play the "leader of the largest oil management firm in the world."

Q: Now that there's one less late-night host (Stephen Colbert) who's leading in the ratings now? — J.B.

A: Before its cancellation, CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" held the top spot for almost a decade against his peers Jimmy Kimmel on ABC and Jimmy Fallon on NBC. According to TV Insider, "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" has shown "the largest year-over-year growth among late-night shows for the 2025-26 season," while "The Tonight Show" with Fallon has achieved "moderate growth." "Late Night with Seth Meyers," which airs at 12:30 a.m. on NBC, is up 2% in total viewers.

If you turn to cable, Fox News' "Gutfeld!" is the highest on the ratings leaderboard with 3.01 million total viewers, but it airs earlier at 10 p.m. ET and is down 13% when compared to where it ranked last year.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Saw blade is longer. 3. Pie is different. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Log is moved. 6. Pie is different.

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ACROSS

- 1 Havana's land
- 5 High tennis shot
- 8 Pitt of "Moneyball"
- 12 Spoken
- 13 Shock partner
- 14 Shakespearean villain
- 15 Military groups
- 17 Bar fight souvenir
- 18 Order by classes
- 19 Vehement protest
- 21 High school subj.
- 22 Poi base
- 23 Likely
- 26 Small battery
- 28 Cowboy in "Toy Story"
- 31 Indy winner A.J.
- 33 Away from SSW
- 35 Peevish fit
- 36 Seized vehicles
- 38 Business mag
- 40 Punker
- 41 Shacks
- 43 Cyclades Isle
- 45 1912 Olympic legend
- 47 Relatives of loons

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- 2 Web addresses
- 3 Sheepish remarks
- 4 Choir members
- 5 From Ventiane
- 6 Personal
- 7 Make drunk
- 8 Casual eateries
- 9 Masked mammals
- 10 Lab gel
- 11 "Finding Nemo" fish
- 16 Killer whale
- 20 Motor City labor org.
- 23 Ghana's cont.
- 24 "The Bells" writer
- 25 Violent storms
- 27 Blackbird
- 29 Nero's 502
- 30 Since Jan. 1
- 32 Sightseer
- 34 Bafflers
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- 42 1965 march site
- 44 Capital of South Korea
- 45 "I did it!"
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Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eggs does an average queen bee lay in a day?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Kite Runner"?
- MOVIES: What is the main character's name in "Ratatouille"?
- ANATOMY: How much of the adult human body is made of water?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many countries make up Central America?
- SCIENCE: How old is the Earth?
- TELEVISION: Which decade is the drama "Mad Men" primarily set in?
- GAMES: In U.S. Monopoly, which properties are the least expensive?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is citrine, a type of quartz?
- MATH: What's the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals XXXIX?

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1. 1,000 to 2,000 a day; 2. Khalid Hossain; 3. Kenya; 4. 55%-60%; 5. Seven; Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Belize, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama; 6. 4-54 billion years; 7. The 1960s; 8. Mediterranean Avenue and Baltic Avenue, \$60 each; 9. Yellow; 10. 39

As the lights went down on the 2026 festival, residents left with full stomachs, tired feet, and a renewed sense of unity, already looking forward to next year's celebration. (Photo credit: EAMD website)

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