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## Optimist Raffle...



Optimists Jan Winn and Steve Mead draw raffle tickets after the FFA show. The club holds a fundraiser each year, with the prizes sides of beef and pork.

### NEWS NOTES

#### Hawthorne Civic Club Meeting

The Club is looking for volunteers to step up and help move forward in 2018 and beyond. If you are interested in helping, please let them know.

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**  
For more information, please contact Paula Parshall at pparshall@independentplastic.com

#### Sheriff's Safety Forum, Feb. 13

Please join Captain K. Melancon and his staff for the HCSO District II Sheriff's Safety Forum. This forum presents an opportunity to meet and develop relationships with local Law Enforcement Officials in a question and answer discussion on local crime issues.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7 P.M. - 8 P.M. at East Aldine Mgmt. District, 5333 Aldine Mail Route Houston, TX. 77039. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

#### Aldine ISD announces plan to make up for days cancelled due to winter weather

The Aldine Board of Trustees approved the amended 2017-2018 school year calendar at the monthly meeting held Jan. 23. The changes will affect two days in February.

The changes will help recover the lost instructional time, due to this month's winter ice storm on, Jan. 16 and 17.

District leaders made the decision to make up for the time lost due to concern with the amount of days AISD students have missed this year already (close to two weeks).

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## FFA livestock show rewards student work

ALDINE – The FFA students from all five high schools held their 59th Annual Livestock Show and Sale of Champions last Friday night, with sales equalling last year's amounts, and in some cases exceeding last year's bids by a substantial number. There were 60 lots, including art, buckles, cakes, and the animals that the students raised all year.

The top grand champion steer was raised by Nick Cain, and sold for \$20,000. The buyer was First Construction Group, and Patrick Mouton.

Other notable sales were grand champion pig, raised by Ravone Gooden and sold for \$8000, an increase of \$2000 over the previous year. The buyer was AISD Operations Group.

The grand champion



The Grand Champion Steer was raised by Nick Cain, and sold for \$20,000, more than \$6000 above last year. The buyer was First Construction Group.

goat was raised by Alondra Lara, and sold for \$7000. The buyer was the Superintendents Group.

At the beginning of the show, director Franklin Higgins and FFA students presented special belt buckles to Superintendents Wanda Bamberg and Archie Blanson for their support of the program.

Auctioneer Ed Phillips, a graduate of Aldine ISD, kept the bidding lively and fun with his remarks.

The program opened with the national anthem sung by the MacArthur High School choral group.

After the show, the Optimist club raffles sides of beef and pork. Winners were David Bodden and Betty Simmons for the beef, and Avery Stewart and Letoya Beal for the pork sides.

## Congressman Gene Green invites families to College Financial Aid Workshop

HOUSTON, TEXAS – Congressman Gene Green invites Houston-area students and parents to a FREE Financial Aid Workshop on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium of MacArthur High School (Aldine ISD), 4400 Aldine Mail Rd., Houston, TX 77039.

During this free semi-

nar, representatives from The Sallie Mae Fund and Project GRAD Houston will speak to families on applying for scholarships, financial aid, and the important factors to consider when selecting the school that fits them. In addition, local colleges and universities will have representatives present with information about their in-

stitutions, giving students the chance to speak with them one-on-one. Several universities will award scholarships onsite to attending high school seniors at the end of the college prep PowerPoint presentation.

"I want every student to have the option to attend college, regardless of finan-

cial background," said Rep. Green. "This event is an opportunity to present our community with as many resources as possible, so that they are able to make the best educational and financial choices for themselves and their families. It is my hope that every student who attends this event walks away feeling more confident that the

cost of college can be made affordable."

Participating colleges: University of Houston, UH-Downtown, Texas Southern University, Houston Community College – Northeast, San Jacinto College North, and Lone Star College

## Flood Forum on TV explores solutions to flooding

HOUSTON – Television Channel 2 KPRC sponsored a forum last Monday night, featuring the two government leaders in the area, Mayor Sylvester Turner of Houston, and Judge Ed Emmett of Harris County.

The two leaders were discussing the devastation from the floods after Hurricane Harvey, and what the plans are to alleviate future disasters. In addition, they answered questions from viewers that were phoned into the program.

In general the leaders



Mayor Sylvester Turner and County Judge Ed Emmett were the featured speakers on the program. In general, they agreed that this was "a defining moment" and time for major funding with help from state and federal partners.



Shawna Roy, director of the Buckner Family Hope Center in Aldine, asked the speakers if there was a plan to centralize and coordinate disaster aid from non-profits and faith based organizations. She urged more neighborhood recovery centers.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### CITIZENSHIP CLASSES 2018

•SATURDAY FEB. 3 TO MARCH 17  
ST. CHARLES BORROMEO  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
(EVERY SATURDAY – 8 WEEKS)  
501 TIDWELL RD.  
HOUSTON, TX 77022

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EAST ALDINE DISTRICT  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
(EVERY SATURDAY – 8 WEEKS)  
5333 ALDINE MAIL ROUTE RD.  
HOUSTON, TX 77039

•SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3 TO MAR 24  
ST. LEO CATHOLIC CHURCH  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
(EVERY SATURDAY – 8 WEEKS)  
2131 LAUDER ROAD,  
HOUSTON, TX 77039.

•THURSDAY APRIL 5 TO MAY 24  
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### CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS

•HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2018  
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM  
16526 ELLA BLVD, HOUSTON, TX 77090

•HAMBRICK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2018  
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM  
4600 ALDINE MAIL ROUTE RD. HOUSTON, TX 77039

•ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018  
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•LONE STAR COLLEGE GREENSPPOINT CENTER  
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•ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SATURDAY MARCH 31ST  
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 AM  
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## Schools participate at Annual Invitational Choral Festival



Each year, the Houston Chamber Choir invites three outstanding choirs from the Greater Houston area to participate in their annual invitational choral festival. The elementary, middle, and high school choir featured serve to acknowledge and encourage high standards for all school choirs. Now entering its 19th year, thousands of students from over 40 of the area's finest school choral programs have participated in Hear the Future. This free community concert gives audience members a chance to show their support and appreciation for the outstanding work being done by music educators and their talented singers. This year's participants were the Aldine Children's Honor Choir, Colleen Riddle, director; the Fort Settlement Middle Varsity Choir directed by Kimala Ross; and the O. Davis High School Choir under the direction of Daryle Freeman. The performance was at South Main Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.. Zanoah Garcia and Zuri Torres from Mendel Elementary School are choristers with the Aldine Children's Honor Choir.

## Science Fair Success for Hambrick Middle School Students



Tara Wodzicki (far left), Science Fair staff sponsor and Clara Garza (far right), Science Skills Specialist share a moment with the 7th and 8th grade students from Hambrick Middle School who competed in the Aldine Independent School District Science Fair on January 27. The students performed extremely well, many of whom will be moving on to the Regional Science Fair next month.

"I cannot express how proud I am for the success of our Hambrick students at the district science fair," stated Clara Garza. Once Garza shared the results of the district competition, which was held at Aldine Middle School on January 27, the rest of the staff could truly understand her enthusiasm and excitement. Hambrick students performed well in all categories from experimental projects to digital imagery and even the science bowl. Garza, the campus Science

Skills Specialist, expressed a special thanks to Tara Wodzicki, who worked diligently with the students to make this success happen. Wodzicki will continue to work with the students to help them put forth their best work at the Regional Science Fair which will be held in February.

**Experimental Project Competition**  
Behavioral/ Social Sciences  
1st Place - Shonease Murphy and Sara Miller

**Individual Computer Science**  
1st Place - Arthur Galvan and Jose Hernandez

**Electrical and Mechanical**  
1st Place - Yaretsi Banda and Emily Villegas Garcia

**Materials & Bioengineering**  
1st Place - Bryan Gonzalez and Carlos Sanchez  
**Mathematics**  
3rd Place - Erika Diaz

**Plant Sciences**  
1st Place - Aimee Mahindaratne

**Digital Imagery Competition**  
1st place - Cesar Cordova  
2nd place - Jasmine Garza  
3rd place - Jasmine Wiley

**Science Quiz Bowl**  
1st Place - Aimee Mahindaratne and Bryan Gonzalez  
3rd Place - Shonease Murphy and Sara Miller

**Science Laboratory Notebook**  
1st Place - Aimee Mahindaratne

## AISD, Spring ISD to remain in District 16-6A after UIL realignment

Aldine ISD's five high schools will continue to compete against Spring ISD in District 16-6A, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced on Thursday, Feb. 1 during the UIL's biennial realignment.

Aldine ISD schools will compete with DeKaney High School, Spring High School and Westfield High School in athletics, performing arts and extra-curricular activities beginning in the fall of 2018.

District 16-6A will consist of Aldine High School, Davis High School, Eisenhower High School, MacArthur High School, Nimitz High School, DeKaney High School, Spring High School and Westfield High School for the next two years.

Aldine ISD and Spring ISD will compete in Region II for the next two years.

## Winter Days,

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"Closing schools during the winter storm warnings was in the best interest and for the safety of students and staff," Superintendent Dr. Wanda Bamberg said. "Now that the storm is behind us, we need to ensure we give students valuable instructional time. We need to ensure students don't miss out on lessons vital to their academic achievement."

The following changes have been approved for the 2017-2018 calendar:  
• Friday, February 16: Students will not have off on this day. It will now be a school day.  
• Presidents' Day (Monday, Feb. 19): This will not longer be a holiday for staff. Students will be off on this day. However, this will now be a professional development (PD) day. AISD will not need to make changes to the grading cycles or the last day of school, which will remain May 31, 2018 for students and June 1, 2018 for teachers.

## Flood Forum,

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agreed that this was the time for action to solve the flood problems of the area.

Emmett said that Harvey had changed our lives, and changes are needed in the regulations that govern building. He said they were based on a 100 year flood plain, when actually that most recent floods, 3 in 3 years, indicate a 500 year flood event instead. He said this change was being implemented in the county since January 1st.

Both leaders said that more money was needed, to help those who are suffering from the Harvey floods, and to improve infrastructure to minimizing flooding in the future.

Emmett said that a new third reservoir was needed, probably at a cost of more than \$500 million. He noted that these reservoirs are federal projects, not county.

Turner noted that the city's drainage fee was not intended to solve flooding problems, and flood projects would cost billions. Both speakers said that the state should re-

lease some of its "rainy day" fund to Houston.

"If this isn't a rainy day, what is?" they quipped.

Emmett noted that Congress had appropriated \$51 billion for flood, and had another bill that would release \$81 billion for natural disaster relief in four states. They urged quick action to pass this, but said it wouldn't be enough.

Emmett said that the County was planning on having a bond referendum later this year for the Flood Control District, and the public would have to decide whether they would pay for flood relief.

In the question period, Cynthia Neely asked why projects could not be required to retain 100% of their water run-off.

Environmentalist Jim Blackburn noted that Harvey was not a surge event but a rain and wind storm, and that a surge event would have been even more devastating. Plans for a so-called "Ike Dike" have been forwarded, but the cost is into many billions, he said.

## PREMIERE CINEMAS

FRIDAY-THURSDAY 2/2-2/8

Opens THURSDAY, February 8  
FIFTY SHADES FREED (R) 7:00 10:00

\* Winchester (PG-13) 12:25pm, 2:45pm, 5:15pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm  
Stadium Seating:CC-Closed Caption  
\* Maze Runner: The Death Cure (PG-13) 12:00pm, 3:05pm, 6:10pm, 9:15pm  
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12 Strong (R) 12:25pm, 3:25pm, 6:25pm, 9:25pm  
Stadium Seating:CC-Closed Caption  
Den of Thieves (R) 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm  
Stadium Seating:CC-Closed Caption  
\* Hostiles (R) 12:20pm, 3:20pm, 6:20pm, 9:20pm  
Stadium Seating:CC-Closed Caption  
The Commuter (PG-13) 12:30pm, 3:30pm, (6:30pm, 9:30pm) Not Shown Thursday  
Stadium Seating:CC-Closed Caption  
Condorito: The Movie (Condorito: La pelicula) (PG) 12:10pm, 2:50pm, 5:15pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm  
Paddington 2 (PG) 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

Stadium Seating:CC-Closed Caption  
Proud Mary (R) 7:45pm, 10:00pm  
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Insidious: The Last Key (PG-13) 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm  
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Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13) 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm  
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Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13) 12:15pm, 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm  
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\* Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle 3D (PG-13) 3:15pm, 9:15pm  
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Ferdinand (PG) 12:10pm, 5:45pm  
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Coco (PG) 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm  
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COMMUNITY NEWS

### Bonding Against Adversity held a Citizenship Workshop



Bonding Against Adversity, Inc held a Citizenship Workshop this past Saturday, January 27th, 2018 at the East Aldine District Office. 40 applications for new Citizens were completed, 10 registered for citizenship classes, and 15 had consultations with attorneys.

### Hawk Award recipients named at Hambrick Middle School



The Hawk Award recipients from Hambrick Middle School have exhibited great characteristics on campus and the staff is looking forward to them becoming excellent leaders as well. Pictured (bottom row, l to r) are Lorena Zuniga, Ariadny Zacarias, Roselin Paz, Cayetano Garza, (top row, l to r) Salma Alviter, Ana Toledo, Cierra Perkins and Yoana Fuentes.

## COMMUNITY WATCH

### Suspect arrested, charged in shooting of a man at Jensen Rd.

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the shooting of a man at 7202 Jensen Drive about 10 p.m. last Wednesday, January 31.

The suspect, Rubin David Carrasquillo, 26, is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and felon in possession of a firearm. He is accused in the shooting of Paul Fruge 44, who was transported to an area hos-

pital in critical condition. HPD Major Assaults Unit Officers R. Watson and J. Hasley reported that Mr. Fruge and Carrasquillo entered Carrasquillo's apartment. At some point, Carrasquillo shot Fruge one time in the chest. HFD paramedics arrived and transported Fruge to the hospital. Carrasquillo was then into custody at the scene by responding HPD officers.



Carrasquillo

### Man wanted for sexual assault

Crime Stoppers and the Houston Police Department's Special Victims Adult Sex Crimes Unit need the public's assistance identifying the suspect responsible for a Sexual Assault - Rape.

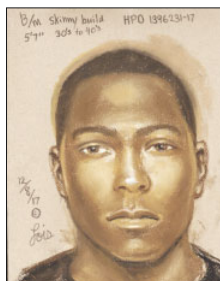
On Sunday, November 5, 2017, at approximately 4:55 a.m., a black male suspect sexually assaulted a female victim in an apartment complex located in the 13500 block of Northborough Drive in Houston, Texas. During this incident, the suspect grabbed the victim by her arm and forced her into a dark alley between the apartment building and perimeter fence. The suspect then raped and vi-

ously beat the victim. The suspect fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction.

Suspect is described as a Black male, approximately 5'07", skinny build.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and/or arrest of the suspect(s) in this case. Information may be reported by calling 713-222-TIPS (8477), submitted online at www.crime-stoppers.org or through the Crime Stoppers mobile app. All tipsters remain anonymous.

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Forensic sketch artist composed a drawing of the suspect.

of Houston. You never have to give your name or any other identification information.

Each grading period Hambrick students are nominated by their teachers to receive the Hawk Award. Those who are chosen have several exemplary qualities in common including behavior, helpfulness, citizenship, and attitude. These qualities are consistently observed by their teachers and other staff who interact with

- 7th Grade  
Cayetano Garza  
Cierra Perkins  
Yoana Fuentes  
Ariadny Zacarias
- 8th Grade  
Roselin Paz  
Ana Toledo  
Salma Alviter  
Lorena Zuniga

### DPS Ramping Up Move Over/Slow Down Enforcement

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is beginning enforcement efforts across the state focusing specifically on violations of the state's Move Over/Slow Down law. These periodic enforcement operations by DPS Troopers are planned throughout the year at various locations in Texas, with several operations planned in February.

The law, originally passed in 2003, requires motorists to move over or slow down when certain vehicles – including police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks – are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated.

"Our Highway Patrol Troopers and other officers risk their lives every day for the people of Texas, and their safety is particularly vulnerable while working on the side of the road, where the slightest mis-

take by a passing motorist can end in tragedy," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "While our officers are serving and protecting Texans, we're asking drivers to do their part by adhering to the law – simply move over or slow down."

Specifically, Texas law states that a driver must either:

- Vacate the lane closest to the applicable vehicles stopped on the side of the road (if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction), or
- Slow down 20 mph below the speed limit. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph, the driver must slow down to 5 mph.)

Drivers should only move over if they can do so safely and legally; otherwise, they should slow down.

"In light of the numerous vehicle crashes that occur in Texas and across the nation on a daily basis, and the unfortunate fact

the many still violate the state law that has been in effect for nearly 15 years, we are increasing our enforcement and education efforts related to this law," said Director McCraw. "In addition to complying with the law to protect those who work on the side of the road, we encourage motorists to show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along our roadways. Let's all get home safely."

Violations of the law can result in a fine of up to \$200; the fine increases to \$500 if there is property damage. If violators cause bodily injury, they can be charged with a Class B misdemeanor, resulting in possible jail time and a maximum fine of \$2,000.

Preliminary data from 2017 shows that DPS issued more than 10,650 warnings and citations to motorists violating the Move Over/Slow Down law.

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OPINION PAGE

## Brady Briefing: Building American Prosperity

By U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady

President Trump will deliver his first State of the Union Speech this week. My guest is Jim "Mac" McInvale, a successful businessman, founder of Gallery Furniture and world-class philanthropist who embodies the American Dream.

President Trump's first year has energized the sluggish U.S. economy he inherited by balancing regulation and enacting the first tax reform bill in 31 years—which I'm proud to have authored.

In just one month since the tax cuts were signed into law, more than 250 American businesses have announced pay raises, bonuses, expanded maternity and paternity leave, and increased 401(k) contributions. Some have already announced major new investments here in the U.S. exceeding 30,000 new jobs, and others have reversed their decision to move their company overseas—now they are staying here in America.

These daily reports underscore the steady progress our economy is making under President Trump's leadership and the Republican-led Congress. With a new tax code built for growth, I'm confident our economy will continue to improve. In fact, the next boost is just around the corner.

In the coming days, Texans and all American workers will begin to receive their first paycheck since the Tax Cut and Jobs Act went into effect. Under the new law—which lowers rates for Americans at all income levels and nearly doubles the standard deduction—the federal government will take less of your paycheck for income taxes. For a family of 4 living in Conroe or The Woodlands making \$92,113 that could be as much as \$2,632 in 2018—that's a big deal!

Letting hard-

working taxpayers keep more of their income is just one of the many ways the new tax cuts bill is improving lives in our nation—and it's only the beginning. As each new part of the tax law takes effect, families will see more of the benefits. That means a stronger economy with more jobs, fairer taxes, and bigger paychecks for Texans and taxpayers nationwide.

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I'm relieved Senator Schumer and Congressional Democrats reversed course and joined Republicans to reopen the government. What a needless shutdown—and for what? An unrelated agreement on immigration with a deadline weeks from now?

The shutdown hurt our troops, delayed crucial Harvey disaster aid, and risked children's health insurance for more than 400,000 Texas children and pregnant mothers. With tens of thousands of Texas victims of Hurricane Harvey waiting for assistance, Senate Democrats, led by Schumer, are still refusing to approve the \$81 billion disaster relief bill passed by the GOP House last year.

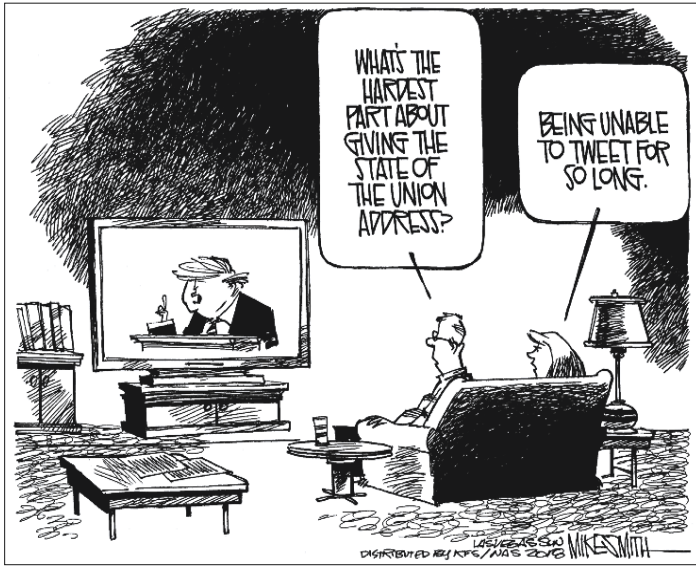
Regardless of where you stand on illegal immigration and DACA—is it reasonable to shut down the government over it or hold crucial Harvey disaster aid hostage?

Regrettably, too many Democrats in Congress have their priorities wrong. Instead, they should be working with Republicans and the President in a bi-partisan way to find common solutions.

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After reading the classified memo on the political abuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act I am calling for its release to the public. The memo is disturbing and raises serious concerns. A full, thorough investigation into possible privacy, procedural and criminal violations is needed. This is not how FISA should work.

U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady chairs the House Ways and Means Committee



## Governors urge congressional leaders to pass disaster aid funding

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and the governors of California, Puerto Rico and Florida on Jan. 24 asked U.S. House and Senate leaders to hurry up and pass supplemental disaster funding, and to send the legislation to President Trump.

"Over the past several months, we have received numerous assurances that adequate disaster funding was imminent," the governors wrote in a joint letter. "Its continued delay only exacerbates ongoing uncertainty in devastated areas. Simply put, the communities devastated by these storms cannot be completely put back together until the federal government makes good on its promise to our citizens. If ever there was a time and role for the federal government to urgently help its citizens rebuild communities damaged by epochal disasters, now is the time to step up and fill that role."

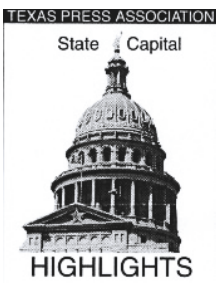
The letter, signed by Abbott, California Gov. Jerry Brown, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Roselló, and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, was addressed to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California.

The governors also said in their letter, "While no longer front page news in Washington D.C., ongoing suffering becomes more acute the longer Congress waits to finish its work and pass a substantial disaster supplemental funding package" for critical relief measures in communities damaged by "epochal disasters."

### Paxton files DACA brief

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Jan.

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling



25 was joined by 12 other states in filing a court brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling that would prevent the Trump administration from phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in March.

The ruling, issued by a U.S. District Court in California earlier in January, blocked the federal government from phasing out DACA, an Obama-era policy.

Paxton, in the text of the 36-page brief, informed the Supreme Court that Texas would be forced to consider whether to file suit challenging the June 15, 2012 memorandum by President Obama that created DACA and provided for its continued implementation. It is furthermore stated that such a challenge would be brought by June 15, 2018, in order to avoid issues about the possible application of a six-year statute of limitations.

"Without this court's prompt intervention, the district court's injunction could last for over a year, frustrating the very purpose of the executive's decision here of promptly terminating disputes about the legality of a past policy by taking an undisputedly

lawful course going forward," Paxton said.

### Special Ed: Survey open

The Texas Education Agency on Jan. 23 made available an online survey to solicit feedback from the public on its draft corrective action plan for special education.

The survey, available on the agency's website, is open to anyone wishing to provide input on the draft plan.

At the direction of Gov. Abbott, the TEA drafted an initial corrective action plan concerning support and delivery of special education services in public schools. The draft addresses issues identified in a recent federal monitoring report, including the proper identification of special education students and assuring access to services at the local level.

### Reported: 6 measles cases

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Jan. 23 announced that six measles cases among unvaccinated people in Ellis County were being investigated.

DSHS officials have advised health care providers in the area to take precautions and consider measles as a possible diagnosis in patients with a fever and rash in addition to a cough, runny nose or conjunctivitis.

The highly contagious nature of measles means it is possible that more cases will occur in the community. People involved in the outbreak have connections to Waxahachie and Midlothian, state health officials said.

### DPS implements HB 1729

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 25 announced that customers applying for or renewing a driver license, identification card or commercial driver license may donate \$1 or more to the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant program.

As of Jan. 8 the program — administered by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor — had received more than 8,900 donations for a total of nearly \$25,000, the DPS reported.

## Rep. Al Green's statement on the State of the Union

Washington, DC -- On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, Congressman Al Green (D-TX) released a statement on the State of the Union:

"The state of our union is one of devolution.

"We are devolving into the normalization of income inequality, as evinced by a \$1.5 trillion tax giveaway that rewards the rich for being rich and punishes the poor for being poor. We are devolving into the normalization of hyper-partisan politics, as evidenced by the hijacking of a seat on the Supreme Court for Justice Gorsuch.

"Literally, we are devolving into the hijacking of justice itself, as manifested by the deep state conspiracy inanity and a direct assault on the Department of Justice. When the President proclaimed the bigots in Charlottesville were 'very fine people,' he set into motion the genesis of a policy of legitimization of bigotry from the Presidency.

"We are devolving into the normalization of bigotry masquerading as policy, as exhibited by the President tweeting a policy of transgender persons not serving in the military, by an attempt to ban Muslims from our country based on their religion, by his stating that countries of color are 's\*\*\*hole countries,' and by attempting to implement a race-based immigration policy masquerading as merit-based.

"The constitutional solution to this onerous devolution is the impeachment of an unfit president."

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# SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Wayne Crawford is the new head football coach at MacArthur High School

Wayne Crawford has been named the new head football coach and campus athletic coordinator at MacArthur High School.

Crawford succeeds former head coach Andy Garza.

Crawford, 51, spent last season as the Generals' quarterback coach and brings 30 years of coaching experience to his new job.

The Los Angeles native spent 28 years coaching in California but had the desire to coach high school football in Texas.

"A friend told me, 'you haven't coached high school football until you've coached high school football in Texas.' So, an opportunity came open here and I decided to make the move. Texas is definitely a great football state."

During his tenure in Los Angeles, Crawford was the head coach at Locke High School for two years and Rancho Domingue Prep for five years. He made the playoffs six of the seven years he served as a head coach in LA.

Crawford said the Generals will run a spread offense and hopes to feature the running game and the 3-4 defense.

"We want to run the ball downfield and create running lanes," he said. "We think we have the kids in place to be able to do that."

Crawford said he wants the Generals to be aggressive on both sides of the ball.



Wayne Crawford named Generals head football coach

"I believe in having a team that attacks on offense and defense," Crawford said. "We want to be an attacking defense."

Crawford played running back at Harbord College in Los Angeles and when his playing days were over, he decided to give coaching a try.

"I didn't know what I was going to do after college and so I decided to give coaching a shot. I'm happy with my decision."

Crawford said he wants to see the Generals become a 48-minute team. He said last year's team had lapses in some games that cost them in the long run.

"I want us to be a more consistent team," he said. "We were in most of our games last year, but we would have five or six minutes where we would have lapses. If we can get them to play a full 48 minutes, I think our fans will be happy with the results."

Crawford and his wife JoAnne have four children, a son Jacob (7) and one-year-old triplets Jaziah, Jeaterria and Jasiel.

Raising triplets and coaching doesn't leave much free time for the likable Crawford, but when he does get a break he likes to exercise and spend time with his family.

## Eric Jackson is the new head football coach at Eisenhower High School

Eric Jackson was named the new head football coach and campus athletic coordinator at Eisenhower High School after serving as the Eagles' defensive coordinator for the last seven years.

Jackson succeeds former head coach Kerry Bamberg.

Jackson, a Baton Rouge native, brings 24 years of coaching experience to Eisenhower. He has served on the staffs at Hastings High School, Beaumont Central, Beaumont Ozen, Willowridge and Fort Bend Terry.

Jackson is a graduate of Nichols State where he played linebacker.

He said he is excited about his new position.

"I'm looking forward to it (the new job)," Jackson said. "This is a job I have wanted because I love this school, the staff and the community. I want to be the best coach I can be for these kids."

Jackson said the Eagles will run a spread offense featuring a two-back set and the 3-4 defense that will feature multiple fronts.

The 54-year-old said he and his staff will spend and the offseason and spring drills preaching discipline and character to their charges.

"I want us to be more



Eric Jackson named head football coach at Eisenhower High

disciplined and we will also be a team that has character," Jackson said. "I want us to always play with great effort. We want our kids to have pride and be loyal to their school and community."

Eisenhower returns seven offensive and seven defensive starters and Jackson is excited about the prospects for the upcoming season.

"This could be one of our better teams," he said. "We have a solid group of sophomores and juniors (who

will be juniors and seniors heading into the 2018 season). This could be the two best groups we've had since I've been here."

Jackson said the transition from defensive coordinator to head coach has been a smooth one.

"I've been here seven years and the kids know me, so that's a big thing," he said.

Jackson and his wife Lisa have three children, Derrick, 19, Alexander, 27 and Davina, 28. When he isn't coaching, he and his wife like to travel.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Greek consonant
- 4 Cold War weapon
- 8 2000 election scrap
- 12 Fool
- 13 Law office worker, for short
- 14 "Les Miserables" author
- 15 Accelerator
- 17 Quite excited
- 18 Tidy (up)
- 19 Altar affirmative
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- 31 "American —"
- 32 Golfer Ernie
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- 8 Utter disorder
- 9 Embrace
- 10 Past
- 11 Pooch
- 16 Student
- 20 Rotation duration
- 23 Scoff
- 24 Sicilian spouter
- 25 Makes lace
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- 32 Betrothed
- 33 Rwandan tribe
- 35 Scull tool
- 36 Grocery areas
- 38 Hen
- 39 — profundo
- 42 "Zounds!"
- 43 From one end to t'other
- 44 Branch
- 45 Carte lead-in
- 46 Acknowledge applause
- 47 Listener
- 49 Foreman foe

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What was the title of the first James Bond movie?
- MUSIC: How old was Sid Vicious of the "Sex Pistols" when he died?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birthstone for the month of February?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What were the names of President Barack Obama's family dogs?
- TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the TV series "The Rockford Files"?
- TRANSPORTATION: What is the large airport in the world in terms of passenger traffic?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many acres are in a hectare?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Iceland?
- LANGUAGE: What does the word "cognoscente" mean?
- HISTORY: "The Summer of Love" in 1967 is associated with which U.S. city?

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1. "Dr. No." starting Sean Connery; 2. 21; 3. Amethyst; 4. Bo and Sunny; 5. James Garner; 6. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; 7. 100; 8. Reykjavik; 9. A connoisseur; 10. San Francisco



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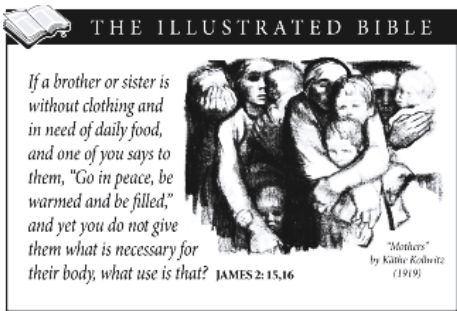
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by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin in the Old or New Testament or neither?  
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ..."? Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth  
3. Solomon and who exchanged the memorable line, "For love is strong as death."? The Shulamite, Delilah, Queen of Sheba, Rachel

4. From Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up stripes: but love covereth all ..."? Sins, Belongs, Creation, Enemies  
5. What couple's tragic death was comparable to Romeo and Juliet's fate? Samson/Delilah, Annanias/Sapphira, Jacob/Rachel, Hosea/Gomer  
6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship

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# Aldine ISD 2018 Rodeo Art winners announced

A total of nine student works will advance to the next level of the HLSR competition at the NRG.

Aldine ISD's winners in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) School Art Program were announced this week after two judging rounds.

The judges that selected the top artwork from AISD student artists included art teachers and members of the Texas Art Education board. The selections have been taken to NRG Arena for the next level of the contest.

A total of nine AISD winners in the high school, middle school and elementary school divisions will be displayed in the Hayloft Gallery at the NRG Center during the HLSR, Feb. 27-March 18.



"Lil' Betty" by Ire Jones from Nimitz HS won Best of Show in her division.

**HLSR District Contest Winners**

**High School Division**

**Best of Show**

"Lil' Betty" by Ire Jones  
Campus: Nimitz HS  
Teacher: Leslie Rowney

**Gold Medals**

"Rodeo Horses" by Eder González  
Campus: Nimitz HS  
Teacher: Leslie Rowney  
"Saddle Up" by Giselle Rubio  
Campus: Nimitz HS  
Teacher: Leslie Rowney  
"Silver Moonlight" by Karla Compean  
Campus: Carver HS  
Teacher: Jessica Oxenberg

**Special Merit**

"Sheep Garden" by Viridiane Miranda

**Campus: Davis HS**

Teacher: Chris Peel

**Middle School Division**

**Best of Show**

"Memory" by Shonease Murphy  
Campus: Hambrick MS  
Teacher: Israel Romero

**Gold Medal**

"Western Afternoon" by Reanna Henry  
Campus: Stovall MS  
Teacher: Cheri Collins  
Elementary School Division  
Best of Show  
"In Bloom" by Tia Norman  
Campus: Houston Academy  
Teacher: Cathy Cooper  
Gold Medal  
"Enchanted Cactus" by Jacob Boyd

Campus: Kujawa Elementary School  
Teacher: Kelly Patterson

Dr. Michaelann Kelley held a reception in January to recognize students across the District as well as to name the top winners advancing to the next level of the contest. Kelley is director of visual arts.

More than 600 people attended the reception including students, their families, art instructors as well as campus and District leaders. To view photos of the event, visit the Aldine ISD Facebook page (@AldineSchoolDistrict).

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## East Aldine District NEWS REPORT

# Progress Photos of Construction at the Town Center site

Construction is progressing well for three of the building projects at the East Aldine Town Center site: Harris County 9-1-1 Call Center, BakerRipley complex, and the road and drainage infrastructure on site. Construction is scheduled to start on the buildings for Lone Star College--North Harris, and the Aldine ISD Early College school, in a few months. An office building and commercial shops are in the planning stage. These progress photos were taken recently by evlproductions.



Drone photo in October showed road construction, and BakerRipley buildings framed out.



Recent photos show Harris County 9-1-1 Call Center in foreground, BakerRipley buildings beyond.



BakerRipley buildings well underway.



BakerRipley buildings receiving enclosing siding.



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The East Aldine Town Center is intended to reflect the needs and character of the East Aldine community. Moreover, it is an economic development catalyst designed to enhance the skill sets and business opportunities of area residents and to introduce a new paradigm in local commercial development.